

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of)
Union Electric Company for Authority)
To Continue the Transfer of)
Functional Control of Its Transmission)
System to the Midwest Independent)
Transmission System Operator, Inc.)

Case No. EO-2011-0128

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri (“Ameren Missouri” or “Company”), by and through counsel, and hereby makes this filing to update the Commission on the status of the parties’ efforts to resolve this case via a possible stipulation and agreement or to develop a proposed procedural schedule for processing this case. In this regard, Ameren Missouri states as follows:

1. This case concerns Ameren Missouri’s request to extend its authority to continue the transfer of functional control of its electric transmission system to the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (“Midwest ISO”) beyond April 30, 2012, when Ameren Missouri’s current permission from the Commission expires.

2. Due to the pendency of several other matters at the Commission affecting some of the parties to this case (other pending rate cases, in particular the KCP&L and KCP&L-GMO cases), the parties have been delayed in being able to engage in substantive discussions regarding resolving this case via a possible stipulation and agreement. This delay occasioned both the Company’s and Public Counsel’s prior requests for additional time to file a stipulation or a procedural schedule.

3. After requesting the last extension of time on February 4, Public Counsel, on February 8, communicated with the parties about certain matters that might be part of a settlement. While the Company has given preliminary consideration to Public Counsel's communication, the undersigned counsel has not yet had the time to consult with the Company sufficiently to allow the Company to determine its position on these matters. Consequently, the Company is not yet in a position to substantively communicate with Public Counsel or the other parties about these matters. This is due in part to the fact that direct revenue requirement testimony in the Company's pending electric general rate increase case (Case No. ER-2011-0028) was also filed on February 8, as was direct rate design testimony on February 10.

4. As noted above, the Company's current permission from the Commission extends through April 30, 2012. While the Company will likely need a decision in this case early in the Fourth Quarter of this year, there remains sufficient time to work to develop a stipulated resolution of this case, if that ends up being achievable, or to otherwise set a procedural schedule to process this case if that becomes necessary.

5. It is the Company's intention to communicate with the other parties in the next few days, recognizing, however, that the Staff and Public Counsel in particular will be engaged in the KCPL-GMO hearings this week. Consequently, the Company believes it may take until approximately February 25 to be in a position to provide the Commission with a further status report, or to make a filing regarding a procedural schedule. The Company therefore requests leave, until February 25, 2011, to make another filing respecting the status of a possible resolution of this matter via a stipulation, or respecting when and whether a proposed procedural schedule would need to be filed.

6. On Friday, February 11, the undersigned counsel for the Company indicated the Company's intention to request until February 25, 2011 to make an additional filing to the other parties.¹ As of the time of making this filing, the Company has heard from three of the other six parties to this case (Staff, Southwest Power Pool, Midwest ISO), each of whom indicated they have no objection. While the Company cannot make any representation regarding the positions of the other three parties (Public Counsel, the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers or The Empire District Electric Company) on this request, the Company has no reason to believe they would oppose it.

7. This request is not made to unduly delay these proceedings or to prejudice any party.

¹ At the time of this communication the undersigned counsel was unaware that Friday was a State holiday.

WHEREFORE, the Company requests that the Commission accept this Status Report, and grant leave for an additional filing respecting the status of a possible resolution of this matter via a stipulation, or respecting when and whether a proposed procedural schedule would need to be filed, until February 25, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Status Report was served via e-mail to all counsel of record for the parties in this case on this 14th day of February, 2011.

/s/ James B. Lowery