

October 19, 2005

Mr. Warren T. Wood
Director, Utility Operations Division
Missouri Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102



RE: EW-2004-0583 Tree Trimming Status

Dear Mr. Wood:

As you know, in case EW-2004-0583, AmerenUE committed to increasing its tree trimming budget and to provide a quarterly update on progress made on its tree trimming schedule. To date, AmerenUE's quarterly reports have shown that we are on schedule. Recent developments, however, will negatively impact the completion of the next quarter's schedule and AmerenUE wanted to inform you of these developments prior to our next quarterly filing.

There are three factors which have slowed our progress this quarter. First, AmerenUE was impacted by the storms of August 13, 2005 and September 19, 2005. It was necessary to pull crews from the normal trimming schedule to work on the restoration of service to AmerenUE customers.

Second, Ameren received a mutual assistance request to provide tree trimming crews for restoration to Entergy's transmission and distribution systems in Mississippi and Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina damaged its territory. This request was received on August 25, 2005, and we released fourteen tree trimming crews on August 28, 2005. The crews returned on a staggered basis. We added four crews the third and fourth week of September in an attempt to lessen the impact on the trimming schedule.

Finally, we were asked to provide assistance after Hurricane Rita hit Louisiana and Texas. We released two crews on September 25, 2005, and eight additional crews on October 1, 2005. We anticipate these crews being unavailable to us for three weeks.

These events will likely result in Ameren not meeting the 2005 trimming schedule in certain divisions. Ameren will continue to assess its work plan

for the remainder of the year, and will work with our suppliers in order to minimize the impact of these events. In the event that certain targets are not met, Ameren will adjust the 2006 schedule in order to make up the difference.

Ameren wants to assure the MPSC and its Staff of its continued commitment to meeting the December 2008 timeline for tree trimming. Ameren also believes in light of the extraordinary events of this year's hurricane season that has affected our country, that we were obligated and duty bound to provide assistance in the recovery efforts. We will continue to keep Staff informed as we continue through this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RC Zdellar". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

R. C. Zdellar
Vice President
Energy Delivery

cc: Steven Dottheim
Lewis Mills