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

In Re: Union Electric Company's 2005	)	
Utility Resource Filing Pursuant to	)	Case No. EO-2006-0240
4 CSR 240—Chapter 22	)	

## MOTION TO CONTINUE MEETINGS FILED BY INTERVENORS SIERRA CLUB, MISSOURI COALITION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, MID-MISSOURI PEACEWORKS AND ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS FOR REFORM NOW (ACORN)

Come now Sierra Club, Missouri Coalition for the Environment, Mid-Missouri Peaceworks and ACORN (the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now), and for their motion state:

- 1. Ameren has scheduled four meetings to explain the IRP. The first meeting was held on Jan. 11, 2006. The others are scheduled for Jan. 20 and 27 and Feb. 1.
- 2. Intervenors have filed a Motion to Compel Disclosure on the grounds that Ameren should not have been allowed to claim high confidentiality for its entire IRP filing. This confidential status has so far precluded meaningful public participation in a process of great public interest: how Missouri's largest electric utility views its demand and generation needs for the next 20 years, which will affect the rates paid by the public. Also at issue are the public health effects and greenhouse gas emissions from the possible building of new coal-fired generation capacity, and the various dangers posed by nuclear and pumped storage generation facilities.
- 3. Even large industrial customers were unaware of the plan; Noranda Aluminum and Missouri Energy Group have filed late applications to intervene.

- 4. At the first meeting Ameren gave presentations of the various supply side aspects of its plan and opened itself to questions from those in the room and those joining by telephone. The ability to make particular inquiries is of great benefit beyond what can be learned from a mere reading of the IRP.
- 5. Intervenors propose that the public interest will be served by holding the meetings in abeyance until after the PSC has ruled on their Motion to Compel Disclosure. AmerenUE has filed a response to that Motion, and the PSC has ordered Intervenors to reply by January 19.
- 6. Any delay from the granting of this motion will be slight. Intervenors are not motivated by a desire to delay or impede the IRP process.

WHEREFORE, Movants respectfully request the Public Service Commission to order that Ameren continue the meetings it has scheduled on its IRP and reschedule them after the Commission has resolved the issue of confidentiality.

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I hereby certify that a true and correct PDF version of the foregoing was sent by email on this 17th day of January, 2006, to the parties listed below.

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