BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE's Tariff to Increase Its Annual Revenues for Electric Service.

Case No. ER-2011-0028 Tariff No. YE-2012-0021

STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 393.275.1, RSMo. AND MOTION FOR LEAVE TO LATE FILE THE SAME

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and

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through counsel, and for its Recommendation Concerning Compliance with Section

393.275.1, RSMo, states as follows:

1. On August 1, 2011, the Commission issued its Order Directing Staff to File a

Recommendation Regarding Compliance with Section 393.275.1, RSMo:

The Commission will direct its Staff to file a report explaining whether this statutory provision applies to this case and indicating what steps, if any, Staff and the Commission will need to take to comply with the requirements of the statute.

2. Section 393.275.1, RSMo, provides:

The commission shall notify the governing body of each city or county imposing a business license tax pursuant to section 66.300, 92.045, 94.110, 94.270 or 94.360, or a similar tax adopted pursuant to charter provisions in any constitutional charter city with a population of at least three hundred fifty thousand inhabitants which is located in more than one county, on gross receipts of any gas corporation, electric corporation, water corporation or sewer corporation of any tariff increases authorized for such firm doing business in that city or county if the approved increase exceeds seven percent. The commission shall include with such notice to any city or county the percentage increase approved for the utility, together with an estimate of the annual increase in gross receipts resulting from the tariff increase on customers residing in that city or county. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to rate adjustments in the purchase price of natural gas which are approved by the commission.

3. The Commission recently authorized an increase of 7.11 percent in this case,

approving on July 27, 2011, the compliance tariffs submitted by Ameren Missouri for electric service rendered on and after July 31, 2011.

4. Staff believes that Section 393.275.1, RSMo, does apply to this case.

5. Staff recommends that the Commission direct Ameren Missouri to provide a list of the cities and counties in which it does business so that the Commission's Data Center may provide to the governing body of each a notice that the Commission has granted Ameren Missouri an increase of 7.11 percent in electric service revenues on an annual basis.

6. The Commission should further direct Ameren Missouri to provide an estimate of the annual increase in gross receipts resulting from the tariff increase on customers residing in each city or county in which it operates that imposes a gross receipts or similar tax upon its gross receipts. For guidance, Staff has attached sample filings from earlier cases.

7. Staff further moves the Commission to accept its recommendation one day out of time and explains that the press of other business caused the delay.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will accept its recommendation, allow it to file it one day late; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission deems just.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served, either electronically or by hand delivery or by First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, on this **16th day of August, 2011**, on the parties of record as set out on the official Service List maintained by the Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission for this case.

s/ Kevin A. Thompson