

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

In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren)
Missouri's Filing to Implement Regulatory Changes in) File No. EO-2012-0142
Furtherance of Energy Efficiency as allowed by MEEIA.)

AMEREN MISSOURI'S REQUEST TO MODIFY HEARING DATES

COMES NOW Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri (Ameren Missouri or Company) and, for its *Request to Modify Hearing Dates*, states as follows:

1. Ameren Missouri filed its *Application* in this case on January 20, 2012.
2. On February 29, 2012, the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) set a procedural schedule which included scheduling the hearing in this case on May 24th and 25th.
3. On April 13 and 20, 2012, a total of thirteen witnesses filed rebuttal testimony. The Company also expects to file the testimony of several witnesses, meaning the total number of witnesses in this case could certainly approach 20. While the Company is willing to work hard to complete the hearings in the least number of days possible, given the number of witnesses the Company believes that the hearings probably cannot be completed in two days while also affording all parties an adequate opportunity to conduct their examinations of witnesses, as well as allowing the Commissioners an adequate opportunity to ask their questions. Consequently, the Company believes it is prudent to schedule two additional days for hearing.
4. It is the Company's understanding that the Commission's hearing calendar is available May 23, 2012. Accordingly, the Company requests the Commission reschedule the start of the hearings to May 23, 2012, which would produce a hearing schedule running from May 23 through 25, 2012. The Company also recommends that the Commission reserve an

additional date, either June 4, 7 or 8, in case the hearings cannot be completed by May 25.¹ Given that there may be approximately 20 witnesses, and accounting for opening statements and other ancillary matters that ordinarily arise in hearings, even with an extended hearing day it is quite possible that not all of the witnesses can be completed in three days as it is often the case that 6-7 witnesses cannot be completed in just one day. Corresponding adjustments in the procedural schedule to extend the post-hearing milestones by approximately two weeks will also have to be made if the hearings are not completed by May 25. The Company recommends that the issue of adjusting the post-hearing milestones be taken up during the evidentiary hearings on May 25, if the need arises.

5. Counsel for all of the parties - the Staff, the Office of the Public Counsel, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, NRDC/Sierra Club/Renew Missouri, Kansas City Power & Light Company, and Laclede Gas Company have indicated that they do not object to scheduling hearings May 23 to 25 and to scheduling, in case it is needed, an additional hearing day on June 4, 7, or 8.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above, Ameren Missouri respectfully requests that the Missouri Public Service Commission reschedule the start of the evidentiary hearings to May 23, 2012, resulting in a hearing schedule running from May 23 through May 25, 2012, and that the Commission schedule one additional day (either June 4, 7 or 8) in case it is needed.

¹ According to the online Commission hearing calendar, these three days are open on the Commission's calendar. One party to this case has expressed a slight preference for June 7, but any of those three days are acceptable.

Respectfully submitted,

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The undersigned certifies that true and correct copies of the foregoing have been e-mailed or mailed, via first-class United States Mail, postage pre-paid, to the service list of record this 24th day of April, 2012.

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