

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

In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a)	
Ameren Missouri's Request for Deferral and)	
Amortization Authority Relating to Certain)	File No. EU-2020-0114
Callaway Energy Center Operations and Maintenance)	
Expenses.)	

**AMEREN MISSOURI'S RESPONSE TO
JOINT MOTION FOR PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

COMES NOW Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Company" or "Ameren Missouri"), pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.080(13), and for its response to the above-referenced Joint Motion filed on November 27, 2019 by the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC"), the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers ("MIEC"), and the Midwest Energy Consumers Group ("MECG"), states as follows:

1. The Joint Motion raises certain questions or issues about the Company's application in this case and requests that "a prehearing conference be set in the near future to allow the parties to discuss the issues raised by Ameren's request . . . and whether an evidentiary hearing is necessary . . . [and possible discussion of a procedural schedule]".

2. Upon receipt of the Joint Motion shortly before the Thanksgiving holiday, counsel for Ameren Missouri immediately reached out to counsel for each of the joint movants and suggested that the parties have a call or meeting for the purpose of discussing the issues the Joint Motion raises rather than going through the formality of having the Commission schedule a prehearing conference. A conference call for that purpose has been agreed upon and scheduled for this Friday, December 6, 2019.

3. Consequently, Ameren Missouri suggests that the Commission deny the Joint Motion without prejudice to any parties' right to renew the request for the relief sought in the Joint Motion, or for such other relief as a party desires to request of the Commission.

WHEREFORE, Ameren Missouri respectfully requests that the Commission deny the relief requested in the Joint Motion without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Response has been e-mailed, this 4th day of December, 2019, to counsel for all parties of record.

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