

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

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water )  
Company's Request for Authority to )  
Implement a General Rate Increase for Water ) File No. WR-2017-0285  
and Sewer Service Provided In )  
Missouri Service Areas. )

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water )  
Company's Request for Authority to )  
Implement a General Rate Increase for Water ) File No. SR-2017-0286  
and Sewer Service Provided In )  
Missouri Service Areas. )

**AMEREN MISSOURI'S REQUEST TO BE EXCUSED**

COMES NOW Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Ameren Missouri" or "Company"), and for its Request to Be Excused states as follows:

1. The Missouri Public Service Commission (the "Commission") has scheduled an evidentiary hearing in the above-referenced matter for February 23 through March 9, 2018.
2. Ameren Missouri does not have any witnesses who will testify at the evidentiary hearing.
3. Ameren Missouri now gives notice to the Commission that it does not intend to participate in the evidentiary, in particular given the reduced Amended List of Issues submitted by the Staff today. Ameren Missouri waives its right to cross examination of all witnesses appearing at the hearing.
4. Ameren Missouri also waives its right to present opening statements at the evidentiary hearing.
5. Ameren Missouri expressly reserves its right to file post-hearing briefs in accordance with the Procedural Schedule.

WHEREFORE, Ameren Missouri respectfully requests that it be excused from the entire evidentiary hearing.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing Request to be Excused was served on all parties of record in this case via electronic mail (e-mail) or via regular mail on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2018.

/s/ James B. Lowery

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