

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

In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a        )  
AmerenUE's Tariffs to Increase Its Annual         )  
Revenues for Electric Service.                     )        Case No. ER-2008-0318

**RESPONSE TO STAFF'S SUGGESTION TO  
DELAY THE START OF THE HEARING**

COMES NOW Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE (AmerenUE or the Company) and states as follows:

1.        On October 29, 2008, the Commission Staff filed a pleading in this proceeding suggesting that the Commission delay the start of the evidentiary hearing. Specifically, the Staff asked the Commission to consider delaying the start of the hearing from November 17 to November 20, and adding hearing dates of December 10, 11 and 12 to the schedule.
2.        On October 31, 2008, the Commission issued an order stating that any party wishing to respond to the Staff's suggestion do so no later than November 3, 2008.
3.        AmerenUE supports the Staff's suggested revision to the procedural schedule. AmerenUE recognizes that at least some of the Commissioners will be at NARUC meetings for the first three days scheduled for the hearing. However, the Company believes that the issues being addressed in this case are very important, and is reluctant to schedule any issues for hearing when some Commissioners will be unable to attend. The revision to the procedural schedule suggested by Staff is a logical solution to this scheduling conflict and AmerenUE supports it.

WHEREFORE, AmerenUE respectfully requests that the Commission issue its order adjusting the schedule for the hearings in this case, as recommended by the Staff.

Respectfully submitted,

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