

Peter B. Howard,)
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Complainant,)
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v.)
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AmerenUE,)
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Respondent.)

File No. EC-2010-0285

ORDER EXTENDING TIME

Issue Date: August 11, 2010

Effective Date: August 11, 2010

The Missouri Public Service Commission is granting Peter B. Howard's request for an extension of time ("motion"). Mr. Howard sent the motion to the regulatory law judge ("RLJ") assigned to this case by email as instructed in the letter sent on July 9, 2010.¹ Mr. Howard asks for more time to file the reply form sent to him on June 11, 2010.

The Commission's regulations provide:

(3) When an act is required or allowed to be done by order or rule of the commission at or within a specified time, the commission, at its discretion, may—

(A) Order the period enlarged before the expiration of the period originally prescribed or as extended by a previous order [.²]

In the motion, Mr. Howard states that the responsive pleading of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren UE³ has not reached him, which supports an exercise of discretion in favor of

¹ That communication was within the contested case hearing process, so it does not constitute an ex parte contact under 4 CSR 240-4.020(1)(G), and requires no filing of a notice under 4 CSR 240-4.020(4). 4 CSR 240-4.020 became effective on July 30, 2010. A copy of the email is attached to this order.

² 4 CSR 240-2.050.

³ Filed on May 3, 2010, with a certificate of service showing transmittal to the address listed on the complaint as Mr. Howard's residence.

granting the motion. The Commission will also extend the time to respond to the *Order to Show Cause*.⁴

Therefore, the Commission will grant the motion, extend the time for filing the reply form, and extend the time for filing a response to the *Order to Show Cause*. Mr. Howard does not state how much time he needs to comply with Commission orders so the Commission will grant an extension based on the circumstances of this case. The Commission will also include a copy of the *Answer and Motion to Dismiss*, and a copy of the reply form, with this order. Further, all documents filed in this action are available in electronic format in the Commission's electronic filing and information system ("EFIS"). Moreover, assistance in using EFIS is available from the Commission's data center at 573-751-7496.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Peter B. Howard's request for an extension of time is granted.
2. No later than August 26, 2010, Peter B. Howard shall file the completed reply form and a response to the *Order to Show Cause*.
3. This order shall become effective immediately on issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

(S E A L)

Jordan, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 11th day of August 2010.

⁴ Issued on July 29, 2010.