

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

THE STAFF OF THE MISSOURI PUBLIC)
SERVICE COMMISSION,)

Complainant,)

vs.)

Case No. EC-2011-0420

UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY, DOING)
BUSINESS AS AMEREN MISSOURI,)

Respondent.)

STAFF'S STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and, for its Status Report required by the Commission in its Order issued November 25, 2009 states as follows:

1. On June 29, 2011, Staff filed its *Complaint* herein, charging that Union Electric Company, doing business as Ameren Missouri ("Ameren Missouri"), had violated Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.190(3) by failing to timely and fully report an incident that occurred on June 6, 2011, at the Taum Sauk Pumped Storage Plant, which resulted in property damage estimated at \$10 million and an outage expected to last until March 2012.

2. On July 29, 2011, Ameren Missouri filed its *Answer and Motion to Dismiss*, stating its opinion that the June 6, 2011, incident at Taum Sauk was not subject to the reporting requirements at Rule 4 CSR 240-3.190(3) and urging the Commission to dismiss Staff's *Complaint*.

3. On December 5, 2011, the Commission ordered Staff to file a status

report not later than December 16, 2011.

4. Attached hereto is Staff's status report on the progress of repairs at Taum Sauk and Ameren Missouri's 90-day status report.

5. Staff has discussed this incident and the company's reporting obligations under the rule with Ameren Missouri. Although Ameren Missouri has agreed to report similar events as a matter of courtesy, Ameren Missouri maintains that the Taum Sauk incident was not properly reportable under the rule. Staff believes that it is important to obtain Commission guidance as to the proper interpretation of the rule.

6. Staff and Ameren Missouri are currently engaged in settlement discussions. Staff anticipates filing either a stipulation and agreement or proposed procedural schedule on or before December 30, 2011.

WHEREFORE, Staff submits this Status Report for the Commission's information and consideration, and states it will file a Stipulation and Agreement or Motion to Establish Procedural Schedule no later than December 30, 2011.

Respectfully submitted

s/ Kevin A. Thompson

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served, either electronically or by hand delivery or by First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, on this **16th day of December, 2011**, on the parties of record as set out on the official Service List maintained by the Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission for this case.

s/ Kevin A. Thompson