

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

In the Matter of the Propriety of the)
Rate Schedules for Electric Service of) **Case No. ER-2018-0226**
Union Electric Company, Doing Business as)
Ameren Missouri.)

In the Matter of the Propriety of the)
Rate Schedules for Electric Service of) **Case No. ER-2018-0228**
The Empire District Electric Company.)

Voluntary Dismissal

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through the Chief Staff Counsel, and for its *Voluntary Dismissal*, states as follows:

1. On May 16, 2018, Senate Bill 564 was truly agreed and finally passed the Missouri House of Representatives.
2. Section 393.137 contains an emergency clause, and shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.
3. Section 393.137.1 states, "This section applies to electrical corporations that do not have a general rate proceeding pending before the commission as of the later of February 1, 2018, or the effective date if this section.
4. It is Staff's belief that the legislature, and all interested stakeholders intended that Section 393.137 would provide the Commission the authority to immediately address the effects of the federal Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017 for those electrical corporations that do not have pending rate cases before the Commission.

5. Due to uncertainties as to whether the pending case (Case No. ER-2018-0226 or Case No. ER-2018-0228) Staff constitutes a “general rate proceeding pending before the commission”; thus, potentially rendering Section 393.137 inapplicable, Staff hereby voluntarily dismisses this case.

6. Rule 4 CSR 240-2.116(1) provides:

An applicant or complainant may voluntarily dismiss an application or complaint without an order of the commission at any time before prepared testimony has been filed or oral evidence has been offered by filing a notice of dismissal with the commission. Once evidence has been offered or prepared testimony filed, an applicant or complainant may dismiss an action only by leave of the commission, or by written consent of all the parties.

7. No written or oral testimony has been filed, offered or received in this case.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will dismiss this case forthwith.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served electronically on all parties of record or their representatives, pursuant to the Service List maintained by the Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission, on this 17th day of May, 2018.

/s/ Kevin A. Thompson