BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Jimmie E. Small,)	
Commission of)	
Complainant)	
vs.) <u>C</u> a	ase No. EC-2012-0050
)	
Ameren Missouri,)	
Respondent)	

PUBLIC COUNSEL'S REQUEST TO BE EXCUSED FROM MEDIATION

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel and for its Request to be Excused from Mediation states as follows:

- 1. On January 17, 2012, the mediator assigned to this case set a date for the initial mediation session of January 31. Although Public Counsel initially indicated no conflicts with this date, the Senate Appropriations Committee subsequently set a hearing for January 31 at 8:00 A.M. at which Public Counsel must be present.
- 2. Public Counsel does not object to the mediation session proceeding as scheduled without Public Counsel in attendance, and therefore requests to be excused from attending the mediation session scheduled for January 31.

WHEREFORE Public Counsel respectfully requests to be excused from the mediation session scheduled for January 31, 2012.

Respectfully submitted, OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been emailed to all parties this 23rd day of January 2012.

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