BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Charles Harter,)
Comp	lainant,)
V.) <u>File No. EC-2013-0491</u>
Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri,)))
Respo	ondent.)

ORDER DIRECTING COMPLAINANT TO SHOW CAUSE WHY COMPLAINT SHOULD NOT BE DISMISSED

Issue Date: July 17, 2013 Effective Date: July 17, 2013

Charles Harter filed a complaint against Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Ameren Missouri") on May 7, 2013. Ameren Missouri filed a timely answer to that complaint on June 6, 2013. A prehearing conference was scheduled for July 17, 2013, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Ameren Missouri and the Commission's Staff appeared for the conference by their counsel. Mr. Harter did not appear in person or by telephone and did not contact the Commission prior to the prehearing conference to request a continuance.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.090(5) provides that "[f]ailure to appear at a prehearing conference without previously having secured a continuance shall constitute grounds for dismissal of ...the party's complaint...unless good cause for the failure to appear is shown". The Commission will not dismiss the complaint without giving Mr. Harter an opportunity to explain his failure to attend the prehearing conference. Therefore, Mr. Harter will be ordered to file a pleading showing cause why his complaint should not be dismissed.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Charles Harter shall file a pleading no later than July 29, 2013, showing cause why his complaint against Ameren Missouri should not be dismissed.
 - 2. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 17th day of July, 2013.