BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of the Application of Union Electric)	
Company, d/b/a AmerenUE, for Approval of)	Case No. EO-2009-0081
Decommissioning Cost Estimate for Callaway Plant)	
and Funding Level of Nuclear Decommissioning Trust)	
Fund.)	

STAFF'S STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and respectfully states:

- 1. On October 10, 2008, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Filing of Status Reports*. In this Order, the Commission directed the Staff to file no later than October 24, 2008, a pleading informing the Commission when the Staff will file its recommendation.
- 2. On October 24, 2008, the Staff filed a status report advising the Commission that because the Staff was still obtaining information, the Staff planned to file by November 30, 2008 either its recommendation or a status report advising of a new date by which it anticipates it will file its recommendation.
- 3. Due to the press of other matters, including the pending AmerenUE rate case, the Staff filed that status report on December 3, 2008. In that status report the Staff stated it had requested additional information from AmerenUE needed to complete its analysis and review of the application and advised the Commission that, if Public Counsel and AmerenUE concur, the Staff anticipates filing a stipulation and agreement or, if they do not, the Staff anticipates filing its recommendation soon after receiving and considering the information the Staff has requested; hopefully, by December 31, 2008. The Staff is now filing a status report.

4. Public Counsel and AmerenUE still concur in the filing of a stipulation and agreement; however, the Staff is waiting for AmerenUE to receive trust fund performance data through the end of the 2008 calendar year from the trustee. AmerenUE has committed to providing Staff this information as soon as it is available, which the Staff anticipates will occur in the next few weeks.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully advises the Commission that it anticipates filing by January 31, 2009 either a stipulation and agreement or a status report and, if the parties are unable to reach a stipulation and agreement, then the Staff will file its recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or emailed to all counsel of record this 8th day of January 2009.

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