

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

Craig Mershon,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	<u>Case No. EC-2013-0521</u>
)	
Union Electric Company d/b/a)	
Ameren Missouri,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

STAFF RESPONSE TO NOVEMBER 13 ORDER DIRECTING FILING

COMES NOW the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"), by and through the undersigned counsel, and for its Response to the Commission's *Order Directing Filing* issued herein on November 13, 2013 (the "Order") respectfully states as follows:

1. On November 13, 2013, the Commission issued an *Order Directing Filing* in this case which ordered each party to file a proposed procedural schedule no later than November 22, 2013.

2. Pursuant to the Order, on November 14, 2013, Respondent Ameren Missouri filed the following proposed schedule on its behalf:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Evidentiary Hearing	December 16, 2013
Close of Time to File Optional Post-Hearing Briefs	December 30, 2013

3. Staff concurs with the procedural schedule proposed by Ameren Missouri, since the necessary Staff members (technical Staff and Staff counsel) currently have no conflicts on those dates, the NARUC annual meeting is November 17-20, 2013, and

Missouri state offices are closed November 28-29, 2013. For the six-week period beginning with the first of December one or more of the necessary Staff members (technical Staff and Staff counsel) are **not** available on the following dates for an evidentiary hearing in this matter due to holidays and previously scheduled conflicts: **December 3-5, 11-13, 19-20, and 23-27, and January 1-3, 6-7, and 9.** Also, later in the month of January, Staff counsel will be involved with the preparation and filing of direct testimony in the Missouri Gas Energy rate case.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this Response to the Commission's *Order Directing Filing* issued herein on November 13, 2013 and concurs with the proposed procedural schedule filed herein by Ameren Missouri on November 14, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all parties of record this 15th day of November, 2013.

/s/ Jeffrey A. Keevil