

AmerenUE's Response to
OPC Staff Data Request
Case No. EO-2003-0271

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AmerenUE's request to participate in MISO
through its contractual relationship with GridAmerica

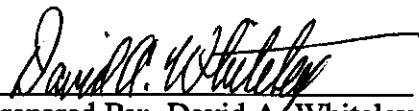
No. 578:

Does UE believe that it will be necessary for (1) the Missouri Commission to determine the transmission cost component of each of UE's bundled retail rates for serving retail customers in Missouri and (2) UE to seek to enter into a FERC approved wholesale contract between UE and the MISO that maintains the current level of transmission costs (as determined by the Missouri Commission) associated with serving Missouri retail customers? Please fully explain the basis for your answer. If your answer is affirmative, please fully describe the process that UE intends to pursue to get such a wholesale contract into effect.

Response:

It may be necessary to determine the transmission cost component of AmerenUE's bundled retail rates and to enter into a FERC approved wholesale contract with MISO regarding that rate component depending on the details of the final Standard Market Design rule issued by the FERC. However, if these actions are necessary, they would be necessary regardless of whether AmerenUE is a member of the Midwest ISO directly or through a contractual relationship with GridAmerica. Because the details of SMD have not been developed and a final rule approved by the FERC, AmerenUE has not developed a process by which such a contract could be negotiated and approved.

Signed By:


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