

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

In the Matter of the Application of Union)	
Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE for an)	
Order Authorizing the Issue and Sale of)	
up to \$1,500,000,000 Aggregate Principal)	Case No. EF-2003-0514
Amount of Additional Long-Term)	
Indebtedness.)	

STAFF'S RESPONSE TO COMMISSION'S MAY 11, 2005 ORDER

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

1. On May 10, 2005, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE ("UE" or "Company") filed with the Commission an Application for authority to supplement the borrowing authority AmerenUE received by Commission Order on June 24, 2003. At that time, pursuant to the Staff's June 19, 2003 Recommendation, the Commission authorized the Company to issue and sell up to \$1,050,000,000 in debt securities in order to refinance the Company's then-existing debt. The term of the authority was three years, with an expiration date of July 4, 2006. AmerenUE was also authorized to request a term extension provided that it did so at least 90 days before the expiration of the original term. In its May 10, 2005 Application, AmerenUE seeks an extension of the current three-year term, as well as authority to borrow an additional \$778,000,000 over the \$1,050,000,000 already authorized

2. On May 11, 2005, the Commission issued an Order directing the Staff to file a pleading no later than May 25, 2005, indicating when it would be able to file its recommendation regarding AmerenUE's request.

3. The Staff expects to be able to file its recommendation by June 24, 2005. AmerenUE has indicated that this date is acceptable. The Staff has submitted data requests and has received responses, but has not yet been able to review them. Analysis of those data requests will enable the Staff to determine if any follow-up data requests are required. If none are required, the Staff anticipates being able to file its recommendation before June 24, 2005.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully submits its Status Report in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile, or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 25th day of May 2005.

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