

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

In the Matter of the Application of Union Electric )  
Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri for Approval of )  
Decommissioning Cost Estimate for Callaway )  
Energy Center and Funding Level of Nuclear )  
Decommissioning Trust Fund. )

**File No. EO-2012-0070**

**STAFF'S FOURTH STATUS REPORT**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through the Missouri Public Service Commission's ("Commission") Staff Counsel Department, and notifies the Commission of the status of Staff's recommendation in the pending file as follows:

1. The Staff filed a Status Notice on December 1, 2011, advising the Commission that it anticipated the parties will enter into a stipulation and agreement.

2. On January 3, 2012, the Commission issued an Order Directing Staff To File A Status Report directing the Staff to file an additional status report no later than January 17, 2012. The Staff reported in its January 17, 2012 Status Report that the Staff submitted to the other parties for their review and comment a proposed stipulation and agreement, and Staff anticipated soon receiving comments and suggestions from Ameren Missouri respecting Staff's proposed stipulation and agreement.

3. Based on the comments and suggestions from Ameren Missouri respecting Staff's proposed stipulation and agreement, the Staff on February 8, 2012, submitted an additional data request to Ameren Missouri. On March 1, 2012, Ameren Missouri responded to the Staff's additional data request.

4. On February 8, 2012, the Commission issued an Order Directing Staff To File A Status Report directing the Staff to “file a status report regarding Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri’s Application no later than March 1, 2012.” On March 1, 2012, the Staff filed Staff’s Second Status Report in which the Staff stated it would make another filing no later than March 16, 2012.

5. On March 16, 2012, the Staff filed Staff’s Third Status Report in which the Staff stated it was still engaged in discussions with Ameren Missouri and would make another filing no later than March 28, 2012.

6. The Staff is still engaged in discussions with Ameren Missouri, the latest teleconference occurring on March 27, 2012. As a consequence of the discussion on March 27, 2012, the Staff has requested additional information and documents from Ameren Missouri. The Staff requires additional time to review this information, likely conduct further discussions with Ameren Missouri, and prepare a Staff recommendation. The Staff intends to provide a copy of the Staff recommendation to Ameren Missouri for comment before it files the Staff recommendation. The Staff therefore requests additional time up to and including April 27, 2012 to file a Staff recommendation. The Staff hopes this planned procedure is acceptable to the Commission.

**WHEREFORE**, the Staff notifies the Commission, that the Staff is still engaged in discussions with Ameren Missouri and the acquisition of information and documents from Ameren Missouri, and requests additional time up to and including April 27, 2012 to file a Staff recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing *Staff's Fourth Status Report* have been transmitted electronically to all counsel of record this 28th day of March, 2012.

**/s/ Steven Dottheim**