

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

In the Matter of the Application of Union Electric)
Company for Authority to Continue the Transfer)
of Functional Control of Its Transmission System)
to the Midwest Independent Transmission System)
Operator, Inc.)

File No. EO-2011-0128

**ORDER GRANTING PUBLIC COUNSEL'S MOTION TO CONTINUE
HEARING**

Issue Date: November 18, 2011

Effective Date: November 18, 2011

On Friday morning, November 18, 2011, the Office of the Public Counsel filed a motion asking the Commission to continue the evidentiary hearing scheduled to begin on Monday, November 21, 2011. Public Counsel indicates it needs a continuance to adjust the case it presents in light of the non-unanimous stipulation and agreement filed by Ameren Missouri, Staff, the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers, and Midwest ISO after 5:00 p.m. on November 17. Because of the short time remaining before the start of the hearing, the Commission allowed the parties until 2:30 p.m. on November 18 to respond to Public Counsel's motion.

The Staff of the Commission and the Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission (MJMEUC) filed pleadings indicating they do not oppose the requested continuance. MIEC filed a pleading indicating its support for a continuance. Ameren Missouri, supported by Midwest ISO, responded with a filing indicating its opposition to the continuance.

The Commission will grant the continuance requested by Public Counsel. The non-unanimous stipulation and agreement was filed shortly before the beginning of the hearing

and it is reasonable to allow the non-signatory parties an opportunity to digest that document before forcing them to go to hearing. This case involves very important issues and the Commission wants to give all parties a fair opportunity to present their positions.

The hearing will need to be rescheduled as soon as practical. To that end, the Commission will convene a conference among the parties to discuss rescheduling at the time previously set for the start of the evidentiary hearing.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Public Counsel's Motion to Continue Hearing is granted and the evidentiary hearing scheduled to begin on November 21, 2011, is indefinitely continued.

2. The parties are directed to appear for a conference to discuss rescheduling the evidentiary hearing on November 21, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. at the Governor Office Building, Room 310, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

2 This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



**Steven C. Reed
Secretary**

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Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 18th day of November, 2011.