

**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 Sale and Transfer)	<u>Case No. EO-2010-0263</u>
of Certain Assets of AmerenUE to St. James)	
Municipal Utilities and Rolla Municipal Utilities)	

PUBLIC COUNSEL’S RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel for its Response to Order Directing Filing states as follows:

1. In its second order issued on September 1, 2010, the Commission stated:

On September 1, the Commission issued an Order Regarding Order to Show Cause. That order dismissed a person who was the only party to voice opposition to the application. Because that person is no longer a party, the Commission will order the remaining parties to state whether they still wish to go to hearing on September 8-9.

2. Because the cities of Rolla and St. James have already stated that they wish to proceed with the hearing, and because Public Counsel is confident that the Commission will reconsider its dismissal of Ms. Hawley, Public Counsel cannot support cancellation of the hearing.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully submits its Response to Order Directing Filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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