BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In Re: Union Electric Company's)	
2008 Utility Resource Filing Pursuant)	Case No. EO-2007-0409
to 4 CSR 240- Chapter 22)	

MOTION FOR EXPANSION OF RESPONSE TIME

COMES NOW The Office of the Public Counsel and for its Motion for Expansion of Response Time states as follows:

- 1. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-22.080(9), Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE filed comments in response to other parties' comments on September 12, 2008.
- 2. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.080(15), Public Counsel would generally have until September 22 to respond to AmerenUE's September 12 filing. 4 CSR 240-2.080(15) provides that the Commission may establish a longer or shorter response time as circumstances dictate.
- 3. Public Counsel requests that it (and other parties) be allowed until September 26 to file its response. This minimal expansion of time is warranted by the following:
 - A. Much of the ten day period allowed by the rules has been occupied with the technical conference and local public hearings in AmerenUE's rate case, ER-2008-0318;
 - B. AmerenUE's September 12 filing is quite lengthy and raises a number of legal and technical issues:
 - C. The Commission's decision on issues raised by Public Counsel's (and other parties') unresolved deficiencies and AmerenUE's September 12 response have far-reaching consequences that will bear on other Integrated Resource Planning cases for AmerenUE and the other Missouri electric utilities;

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D. AmerenUE's September 12 response sets forth a number of proposed remedies for the unresolved deficiencies; and

E. The benefit to the Commission, and ultimately the public interest, from having a thoughtful and complete response far outweighs any perceived advantage to AmerenUE expediting the Commission's review of AmerenUE's IRP filing and parties' responses to that filing.

WHEREFORE Public Counsel respectfully requests that the Commission allow all parties until September 26, 2008 to respond to other parties' September 12, 2008 filings.

Respectfully submitted,

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