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)	Case No. EO-2008-0134
lidwest Independent Transmission System Operator,)	
Inc)	

STAFF REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL TIME TO FILE RESPONSE

Comes now the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through the Office of General Counsel, and requests additional time to Friday, December 28, 2007 for the Staff, Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE (AmerenUE) and the other parties to file a recommendation regarding a procedural schedule and AmerenUE's December 17, 2007 request that the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) suspend further proceedings in this case. In support thereof, the Staff states as follows:

- 1. On November 1, 2007 AmerenUE filed an Application and a cost-benefit analysis respecting its continued participation in the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (Midwest ISO). On December 3, 2007, the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) issued an Order Scheduling A Prehearing Conference in which it scheduled a prehearing conference for December 17, 2007 for the purpose of the parties to meet to discuss a procedural schedule.
- 2. On December 17, 2007, in advance of the convening of the prehearing conference scheduled for December 17, 2007, AmerenUE filed a Notice Of Material Filing At the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission And Request To Suspend Further Proceedings In This Case. AmerenUE advised the Commission of a filing recently made at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) relevant to AmerenUE's November 1, 2007 filing establishing this case

and requested that the Commission suspend further proceedings in the instant case after the December 17, 2007 prehearing conference. AmerenUE asserted that due to the filing of the Midwest ISO and certain Midwest ISO Transmission Owners at the FERC establishing FERC Docket No. ER08-296-000, it believed it must reevaluate the recommendation it made in its Application that the Commission extend the Commission's authorization for it to participate in the Midwest ISO beyond April 30, 2009, when the Commission's current authorization expires.

- 3. At the December 17, 2007 prehearing conference, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge Morris L. Woodruff directed the parties to file on or before December 26, 2007 a recommendation respecting a procedural schedule and AmerenUE's request that the Commission suspend further proceedings in this case pending AmerenUE's reevaluation of the recommendation that it made in its Application.
- 4. Undersigned counsel has conferred with Counsel for AmerenUE and Counsel for the other parties whether they would have any objection to undersigned counsel requesting additional time until Friday, December 28, 2007 for submitting the requested response. None of the other Counsel indicated an objection to such a request for additional time.
- 5. Undersigned counsel apologizes for any inconvenience that the granting of the requested additional time may cause the Commission, the Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge or any of the parties. The additional time is not requested so as to unduly delay these proceedings.

Wherefore undersigned counsel on behalf of the Staff requests until Friday, December 28, 2007 for the Staff, AmerenUE and the other parties to file a recommendation respecting a procedural schedule and AmerenUE's request that the Commission suspend further proceedings in this case pending AmerenUE's reevaluation of the recommendation that it made in its

Application, in light of FERC Docket No. ER08-296-000.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 26th day of December 2007.

/s/ Steven Dottheim