BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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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

STAFF'S NOTICE OF LATE-FILING AND MOTION FOR LEAVE TO LATE-FILE STAFF'S REPLY BRIEF

COMES NOW, the Staff Counsel Department of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and files its Notice of Late-Filing and Motion For Leave to Late-File Staff's Reply Brief up to and including Monday, March 26, 2012. In support thereof, the undersigned Staff counsel states as follows:

1. The press of other Commission business precludes the filing of Staff's Reply Brief in this file this date, Friday, March 23, 2012.

The Staff requests an extension of time up to and including Monday, March 26,
2012 for the filing of the Staff's Reply Brief in this matter.

3. Staff counsel does not make this request to unduly delay these proceedings, and apologizes for any inconvenience this delay may cause.

WHEREFORE, undersigned Staff counsel provides notice of late-filing, and requests that the Commission grant leave to late-file Staff's Reply Brief in this matter up to and including Monday, March 26, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing filing of *Staff's Notice of Late-Filing And Motion For Leave To Late-File Staff's Reply Brief* was served via e-mail on counsel for all parties of record on this 23rd day of March, 2012.

<u>/s/ Steven Dottheim</u>