

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

In the Matter of the Application of Union Electric)
Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri for Approval of)
Decommissioning Cost Estimate for Callaway)
Energy Center and Funding Level of Nuclear)
Decommissioning Trust Fund.)

File No. EO-2012-0070

STAFF'S STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through the Missouri Public Service Commission's ("Commission") Staff Counsel Department, and notifies the Commission of the status of Staff's recommendation in the pending file as follows:

1. On September 6, 2011, the Commission ordered Staff to "file a recommendation regarding Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Application no later than December 1, 2011, [or] request additional time if it is unable to offer its recommendation by that date." Staff filed a Status Notice on December 1, 2011, advising the Commission that it anticipated the parties will enter into a stipulation and agreement.

2. January 3, 2012, the Commission issued an Order Directing Staff to File A Status Report. Said January 3, 2012, Order directs the Staff to file an additional status report no later than January 17, 2012. Staff has submitted to the other parties for their review and comment a proposed stipulation and agreement. Staff anticipates soon receiving comments and suggestions from Ameren Missouri respecting Staff's proposed stipulation and agreement.

3. Staff still anticipates the parties will enter into a stipulation and agreement, but if they do not, Staff will notify the Commission and file its recommendation shortly thereafter.

4. The recent holidays have slowed down the process. Staff apologizes for the delay, which has not been intentional or undue.

WHEREFORE, Staff notifies the Commission it still anticipates the parties will enter into a stipulation and agreement, and that if they do not, Staff will notify the Commission and file a recommendation shortly thereafter.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 17th day of January, 2012.

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