

**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 THIRD 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. The 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. On January 3, 2012, the Commission issued an Order Directing Staff To File A Status Report. Said January 3, 2012, Order directed the Staff to file an additional status report no later than January 17, 2012. The Staff reported in its January 17, 2012 Status Report that the Staff submitted to the other parties for their review and comment a proposed stipulation and agreement, and Staff anticipated soon receiving comments and suggestions from Ameren Missouri respecting Staff's proposed stipulation and agreement.
3. Based on the comments and suggestions from Ameren Missouri respecting Staff's proposed stipulation and agreement, the Staff on February 8, 2012, submitted an additional data request to Ameren Missouri. On March 1, 2012, Ameren Missouri responded to the Staff's additional data request.

4. On February 8, 2012, the Commission ordered the Staff to “file a status report regarding Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri’s Application no later than March 1, 2012.” On March 1, 2012, the Staff filed Staff’s Second Status Report in which the Staff stated it would make another filing no later than March 16, 2012.

5. The Staff is still engaged in discussions with Ameren Missouri regarding the possibility of entering into a stipulation and agreement. As a consequence, the Staff requests additional time until March 28, 2012 to continue discussions with Ameren Missouri. At that time, the Staff will make a further status report to the Commission whether a stipulation and agreement or other Staff recommendation is imminent. The Staff hopes this planned procedure is acceptable to the Commission.

WHEREFORE, the Staff notifies the Commission, that the Staff is still engaged in discussions with Ameren Missouri regarding the possibility of entering into a stipulation and agreement, and requests additional time until March 28, 2012 to continue discussions with Ameren Missouri. At that time, the Staff will make a further status report to the Commission whether a stipulation and agreement or other Staff recommendation is imminent.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing *Staff's Third Status Report* have been transmitted electronically to all counsel of record this 16th day of March, 2012.

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