

**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  
Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator,                )  
Inc.    )

**STAFF STATUS REPORT**

Comes now the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through the Office of General Counsel, submits the following status report on behalf of itself, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE (AmerenUE), the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (Midwest ISO), the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel), Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (SPP), Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCPL), Aquila, Inc. (Aquila), The Empire District Electric Company (Empire) and Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers (MIEC), and states as follows:

1. In a January 24, 2008 Order, the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) scheduled a prehearing conference for February 6, 2008 for the purpose of the Commissioners asking the parties and their subject matter experts questions regarding the various filings that have been made in this case and before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in Docket No. ER08-296-000. The Commissioners expressed concern in their January 24, 2008 Order that the hiatus in procedural schedule requested by AmerenUE and supported or not opposed by other parties, except the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (Midwest ISO), not permit the issue to languish for several months, only to require the Commission to hastily resolve the issue thereafter when the parties are unable to do so.

2. On February 6, 2008 the Commission convened the prehearing conference it had

scheduled. The Commissioners asked their questions, and the issue of whether the Commission might be in a position of being forced to hurriedly resolve the issue of AmerenUE participation in an RTO/ISO if no formal proceedings are now scheduled in EO-2008-0134 was discussed. At the conclusion of the prehearing conference on February 6, 2008, the Presiding Officer directed the parties to file a status report by February 13, 2008, which status report could, but was not required to, include a proposed procedural schedule.

3. At the conclusion of the prehearing conference on February 6, 2008, the parties in attendance met to discuss the Presiding Officer's directive and agreed that a procedural schedule need not be proposed or adopted at this time. The parties in attendance also agreed to hold technical conferences at AmerenUE's offices at 1901 Chouteau Avenue in St. Louis on February 22 and March 20, starting at 10:00 a.m. on both days, to which all parties are welcome to send representatives. Finally, the parties discussed their expectation that additional technical conferences would likely be held by agreement between March and June 30, which is the end of the period for which AmerenUE requested (and all other parties with the exception of the Midwest ISO either did not oppose or supported) a suspension of further proceedings in this case.

4. In the Status Report the Staff filed on February 13, 2008, the Staff stated that it would file another status report with the Commission by March 27, 2008 and file additional status reports periodically thereafter. Due to the press of other matters the Staff did not file its second status report by March 27, 2008, but does so now.

5. Since the Status Report the Staff filed February 13, 2008, as planned, the parties met on February 22, 2008 identify the future uncertainties that could impact the results of the cost-benefit study and again on March 20, 2008 where they discussed the quantification of

several of those uncertainties. The parties plan to meet again on April 25, 2008 to further discuss quantification of the uncertainties and the impacts of these uncertainties on the cost-benefit study results.

Wherefore the Staff files the instant status report.

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 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 2008.

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