

**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 FIFTH 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 March 28, 2012, the Staff filed its Fourth Status Report in which it stated that the Staff is still engaged in discussions with Ameren Missouri, the latest teleconference with Ameren Missouri occurring on March 27, 2012. The Staff noted that as a consequence of the discussion on March 27, 2012, the Staff requested additional information and documents from Ameren Missouri, and the Staff required additional time to review this information, likely conduct further discussions with Ameren Missouri, and prepare a Staff recommendation. The Staff reported it intended to provide a copy of the Staff recommendation to Ameren Missouri for comment before it filed the Staff recommendation. The Staff therefore requested additional time, up to and including April 27, 2012, to file a Staff recommendation.

2. The Commission on March 29, 2012 issued an Order Directing Staff To File A Recommendation Or Further Status Report no later than April 27, 2012.

3. Because the Staff was not able to send a draft of its recommendation to Ameren Missouri before yesterday evening, April 26, 2012, and undersigned Staff counsel is involved in an evidentiary hearing in File No. EU-2012-0027 (an Ameren Missouri proceeding)

scheduled for May 3 and 4, 2012, the Staff requests additional time to Friday, May 11, 2012 to file the Staff's recommendation. The Staff hopes this planned procedure is acceptable to the Commission.

**WHEREFORE**, the Staff submits the instant status report and requests additional time to Friday, May 11, 2012 to file the Staff's recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing *Staff's Fifth Status Report* have been transmitted electronically to all counsel of record this 27th day of April, 2012.

**/s/ Steven Dottheim**