## 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 Authority to	)	<u>File No.</u>	EO-2012-0158
Exchange SO2 Emissions Allowances for NOx	)		
Emissions Allowances	)		

## ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SETTING DEADLINE FOR RESPONSES AND DIRECTING STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: November 23, 2011 Effective Date: November 23, 2011

On November 22, 2011, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Ameren Missouri") submitted an application seeking authority from the Commission for:

- (1) a one-time exchange of surplus sulfur dioxide ("SO<sub>2</sub>") emission allowances for annual nitrogen oxide ("NOx") emission allowances, which would enable Ameren Missouri to acquire a sufficient number of annual NOx allowances to comply with the requirements of the United States Environmental Protection Agency's "Cross-State Air Pollution Rule," which takes effect January 1, 2012; and
- (2) authorization to defer to Account 254, Other Regulatory Liabilities, the revenues associated with the SO<sub>2</sub> portion of the proposed exchange of emissions allowances and to amortize the deferred amounts concurrently with the Company's use of the acquired NOx allowances.

Ameren Missouri did not file a motion for expedited treatment, but it does seek prompt action by the Commission. The Commission will direct notice, set a deadline for responses and a deadline for a recommendation from its Staff.

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county within Ameren Missouri's service area.

2. The Commission's Data Center shall serve a copy of this order upon all parties to File No. ER-2011-0028 (Ameren Missouri's most recent rate case) and add those parties to the certified service list for this file.

3. The Commission's Public Information Office shall make notice of this order available to the members of the General Assembly representing Ameren Missouri's service area and to the news media serving Ameren Missouri's service area.

4. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall, no later than December 5, 2011, file a recommendation regarding its examination and analysis of Ameren Missouri's application.

5. Any other party, or interested person or entity, that wishes to file a response to Ameren Missouri's application, or that wishes to request a hearing, shall file said response or request no later than December 5, 2011.

6. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

(SEAL)

Steven C. Reed

Secretary

Harold Stearley, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority under Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2011.