

**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) **File No. EO-2011-0128**
Transmission System to the Midwest)
Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.)

PARTIES' PROPOSAL RESPECTING ALTERNATIVE HEARING DATES

COMES NOW, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through the Staff Counsel Department of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") and submits the response of the parties¹ to File No. EO-2011-0128 to the Missouri Public Service Commission's November 22, 2011 Order Denying Motion To Reschedule Hearing And Directing Parties To Propose Alternative Hearing Dates. The Staff, on behalf of the parties, proposes that the Commission reschedule the evidentiary hearing in this proceeding for February 9-10, 2012. In support thereof, the Staff states as follows:

1. In its November 18, 2011 Order Granting Public Counsel's Motion To Continue Hearing, the Commission scheduled a November 21, 2011 conference to discuss rescheduling the evidentiary hearing. Counsel for the parties in File No. EO-2011-0128 encountered difficulty in finding mutually acceptable days for a two-day evidentiary hearing when looking at the calendar for December, 2011 and January, 2012, but eventually were able to settle on January 19-20, 2012 and proposed those dates. The parties were unaware that these dates created a conflict for the Commission and, as a consequence, the dates were not available for the evidentiary hearing. On November 22, 2011, the Commission issued its Order Denying Motion To Reschedule Hearing And Directing Parties To Propose Alternative Hearing Dates.

¹ Staff; Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Ameren Missouri"); Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. ("Midwest ISO"); Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel"); Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers ("MIEC"); Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission ("MJMEUC"); The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire"); and Southwest Power Pool, Inc. ("SPP").

2. Counsel for the parties in File No. EO-2011-0128 have continued to encounter difficulty in finding mutually acceptable days for a two-day evidentiary hearing even looking at the calendar for February, 2012. Counsel for the parties in File No. EO-2011-0128 were able to identify February 9-10, 2012 as dates that would be able to work for the parties, but February 9, 2012 is the second day of a two-day evidentiary hearing in File No. GE-2011-0218, In the Matter of Southern Union Company d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy's Application for Waiver/Variance. There are three parties in File No. GE-2011-0218: MGE, Public Counsel, and Staff. Counsel for MGE, Public Counsel, and Staff have conferred with their "clients" and they are amenable to moving their two-day evidentiary hearing from February 8-9, 2012 to February 7-8, 2012 so that the parties to File No. EO-2011-0128 can schedule their two-day evidentiary hearing for February 9-10, 2012.

3. Undersigned counsel will be filing a motion in File No. GE-2011-0282 requesting that the two-day evidentiary hearing presently scheduled for February 8-9, 2012 be moved to February 7-8, 2012.

4. The parties to File No. EO-2011-0128 do not propose these evidentiary hearing dates of February 9-10, 2012 to unduly delay these proceedings.

WHEREFORE the Staff submits this pleading on behalf of the parties to File No. EO-2011-0128 in response to the Commission's November 22, 2011 Order Denying Motion To Reschedule Hearing And Directing Parties To Propose Alternative Hearing Dates.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing filing of *Parties' Proposal Respecting Alternative Hearing Dates* was served via e-mail on counsel for all parties of record on this 29th day of November, 2011.

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