## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Union Electric Company, ) d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Tariff to Increase ) Its Annual Revenues for Electric Service )

Case No. ER-2011-0028

## **NOTICE REGARDING EXTRA-RECORD COMMUNICATION**

Issue Date: March 1, 2011

On March 1, 2011, the attached letter was received from U. S. Representative Jo Ann Emerson, with attached correspondence from Rex Gould of Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Although communications from members of Congress and members of the public are welcome, the Commission's rules (4 CSR 240-4.020) require that when a written extra-record communication regarding a pending case is received, a copy must be filed in the official case file. Therefore, the attached communication is being filed in compliance with the Commission's rule.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Robert M. Clayton III, Commissioner Jeff Keevil, Advisor to Commissioner Clayton

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, On this 1st day of March, 2011. JO ANN EMERSON MEMBER OF CONGRESS 8TH DISTRICT, MISSOURI

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February 25, 2011

Mr. Robert Clayton Chairman Missouri Public Service Commission Truman State Office Building, Room 250 Post Office Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102

RE: Rex Gould ID # (ID\_Number)

Dear Mr. Clayton:

I am writing on behalf of the above-named constituent. As you can see by the enclosed papers, the concerns involve your agency.

I would be grateful if you or a member of your staff could review those concerns and advise me of your agency's actions and findings via my Cape Girardeau District Office. Should you need any additional information, please contact Leslie Herbst. The telephone number is (573) 335-0101.

Thanking you in advance for your prompt attention in this matter, I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind regards, mersof

JO ANN EMERSON Member of Congress

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## Rex W. Gould 1977 Eden Way Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Members of the Public Service Commission

As a 77 year old citizen of Cape Girardeau, MO, I wish to respectfully submit the following comments for your consideration:

In view of the present state of the ecomomy, I feel that it is an inappropriate time for an increase in rates by Ameren.

Perhaps the Company (Ameren) can do what many of Missouri citizens have done, "adjust our standard of living downward"?

I feel that the margin of profit of the Company (Ameren) is possibly large enough to provide adequate service to the customers without an increase in rates.

Many of the citizens of Missouri as well as other states have either not had rases in recent years or have had to take jobs paying lower wages than previously earned.

I feel that such a rate increase if approved and put into effect could cause the 'cost of goods and services' to increase resulting in additional hardships for those receiving no raises or working for a lower wage.

An increase in rates by Ameren would possibly have a negative effect on recruiting new industry and jobs to Missouri.

The request made to the Commission by Ameren in regard to a continuance of the 'fuel adjustment' clause should be addressed with caution or possibly eliminated entirely from the proposal. We as citizens of this State have no such protection in our work contracts that I am aware of ?

Apparently the Management of the Company (Ameren) has been more efficient recently as evidenced by fewer power outages than in the past. Such improvements are much appreciated, but perhaps Ameren will just have to accept a "thanks, job well done" without a rate increase (or margin of profit increase), until the economy improves like many of its customers have accepted ?

Your notice and attention to the above comments is most appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rex W. Gould

cc: U.S. Rep. Jo Ann Emerson MO State Senator Jason Crowell