

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

In the Matter of the First Prudence Review)
of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren)
Missouri's Implementation of Energy) Case No. EO-2015-0029
Efficiency Programs in Furtherance of the)
Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment)
Act (MEEIA).)

**PUBLIC COUNSEL'S MOTION FOR AN EXTENTION
OF TIME AND REQUEST FOR AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING**

COMES NOW the Missouri Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC” or “Public Counsel”) and for its Motion for an Extension of Time and Request for an Evidentiary Hearing, states:

1. On July 30, 2014, the Commission issued its Order Directing Notice, Establishing an Intervention Deadline, and Setting a Deadline for Requesting a Hearing (“Order”). The Order set a deadline of January 5, 2015 for requesting a hearing.

2. On December 23, 2014, the Commission’s Staff (“Staff”) filed its Staff’s Report of First MEEIA Prudence Audit (“Report”).

3. OPC is currently reviewing the Staff's Report, but OPC does not believe it will have an ample opportunity to adequately respond to the Staff's Prudence Audit within ten (10) days as allowed by Commission rule for responses to pleadings. 4 CSR 240-2.080(13). Ten days from the December 23, 2014 filing date is January 2, 2015. As a result of the two holidays, this allows only six working days for OPC to respond to the Report. Due to OPC's desire to give proper scrutiny to the Report, and due to other pressing matters, OPC does not believe it will be able to respond adequately to the Report

by January 2, 2015. For this reason, Public Counsel requests a 10-day extension of time to respond to the Report.

4. Further, out of an abundance of caution and to meet the Commission's Order setting the deadline for requests for a hearing, OPC also requests an evidentiary hearing.

WHEREFORE, the Office of the Public Counsel respectfully requests an additional 10 days to respond to the Staff's Report, and requests an evidentiary hearing.

Respectfully,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, emailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record this 2nd day of January 2015:

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