

**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 Efficiency Programs in	)	<b><u>File No. EO-2015-0029</u></b>
Furtherance of the Missouri Energy Efficiency	)	
Investment Act (MEEIA)	)	

**STAFF'S RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S  
MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND  
REQUEST FOR EVIDENTIARY HEARING**

**COMES NOW** Staff of the Missouri Public Commission ("Staff"), by and through the undersigned counsel, and for its *Response to the Office of the Public Counsel's Motion for Extension of Time and Request for Evidentiary Hearing* states as follows:

1. On January 2, 2015, the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC") filed its *Motion for an Extension of Time and Request for Evidentiary Hearing* ("Motion") stating that it needed an additional ten (10) days to review Staff's *Report of First MEEIA Prudence Audit*<sup>1</sup> ("Report") due to OPC's desire, but inability, to give proper scrutiny to the Report by January 2, 2015, because of other pressing matters. OPC also stated that it requests an evidentiary hearing in order to meet the Missouri Public Service Commission's ("Commission") January 5, 2015, deadline for requesting a hearing set out in the Commission's *Order Directing Notice, Establishing an Intervention Deadline, and Setting a Deadline for Requesting a Hearing*.

2. On January 7, 2015, the Commission, in its *Order Directing Filing Regarding Motion for Extension of Time*, ordered that any party wishing to respond or object to the Motion shall do so no later than January 9, 2015.

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<sup>1</sup> Report was filed on December 23, 2014.

3. Staff has no objection to OPC's Motion concerning a ten (10) day extension of time to respond to Staff's Report, but Staff objects to OPC's request for evidentiary hearing since OPC has not identified why an evidentiary hearing is needed. However, concurrent with a ten (10) day extension to respond to Staff's report, OPC should have an extension of time to request an evidentiary hearing.

4. The Commission's Rule 4 CSR 240-20.093(13) states that the Commission may grant a variance from any portion of this rule for good cause shown. Staff agrees that in this instance good cause does exist as a result of the two holidays (Christmas and New Year's Day) resulting in only six working days for OPC to respond to the Report.

5. For the reasons stated in OPC's Motion, Staff requests the Commission grant an extension to its deadline for requesting an evidentiary hearing by ten (10) days, so as to coincide with OPC's requested extension of time to respond to Staff's Report.

**WHEREFORE** Staff has no objection to OPC's Motion for an extension of time to respond to Staff's Report, but objects to OPC's request for an evidentiary hearing, and, in the alternative, requests the Commission to extend its deadline for requesting an evidentiary hearing for all parties, so as to coincide with OPC's requested extension of time to respond to Staff's Report.

Respectfully Submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed with first-class postage, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

**/s/ Alexander Antal**