BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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Application of Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE, for Approval of Decommissioning Cost Estimate for Callaway Plant and Funding Level of Nuclear Decommissioning Trust Fund

Case No. EO-2006-0098

STAFF'S STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") and respectfully states as follows:

1. On August 31, 2005, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE ("AmerenUE" or "Company") filed its Application For Approval Of Decommissioning Cost Estimate For Callaway Plant And Funding Level Of Nuclear Decommissioning Trust Fund. The Application requests, among other things, that the Commission approve AmerenUE's decommissioning cost estimate and the continuation of the Company's current funding level of its nuclear decommissioning trust fund.

2. On September 1, 2005, the Commission issued an Order directing the Staff to file by October 3, 2005, either a recommendation or a status report indicating when the Staff plans to file its recommendation.

3. The Staff expects it will file either a stipulation and agreement or a recommendation along with a proposed procedural schedule on or before November 18, 2005. In order to keep the case moving forward, the Staff plans to furnish AmerenUE and the Office of the Public Counsel with a draft of its position by October 14, 2005.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully submits its Status Report concerning the timing of the filing of its recommendation or a stipulation and agreement in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile, or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 3rd day of October 2005.

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