

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

In the Matter of the Application of Union Electric)
Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri for Approval of)
Decommissioning Cost Estimate for Callaway)
Energy Center and Funding Level of Nuclear)
Decommissioning Trust Fund.)

File No. EO-2012-0070

STAFF'S SECOND STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through the Missouri Public Service Commission's ("Commission") Staff Counsel Department, and notifies the Commission of the status of Staff's recommendation in the pending file as follows:

1. On February 8, 2012, the Commission ordered Staff to "file a status report regarding Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Application no later than March 1, 2012." Staff filed a Status Notice on December 1, 2011, advising the Commission that it anticipated the parties will enter into a stipulation and agreement.

2. On January 3, 2012, the Commission issued an Order Directing Staff To File A Status Report. Said January 3, 2012, Order directs the Staff to file an additional status report no later than January 17, 2012. The Staff reported in its January 17, 2012 Status Report that the Staff submitted to the other parties for their review and comment a proposed stipulation and agreement, and Staff anticipated soon receiving comments and suggestions from Ameren Missouri respecting Staff's proposed stipulation and agreement. Based on the comments and suggestions from Ameren Missouri respecting Staff's proposed stipulation and agreement, the Staff has submitted an additional data request to Ameren Missouri. Staff is waiting for an answer from Ameren Missouri to the Staff data request. The response time has run and Staff is hoping for an answer shortly from Ameren Missouri.

3. Staff still has some expectation that the parties will enter into a stipulation and agreement, but if they do not, Staff will notify the Commission and file its recommendation shortly after that determination is made. In any event, Staff will make another filing with the Commission no later than March 16, 2012. The Staff hopes this planned procedure is acceptable to the Commission.

WHEREFORE, Staff notifies the Commission, Staff is waiting for an answer from Ameren Missouri to an outstanding Staff data request and still has some expectation that the parties will enter into a stipulation and agreement, but if they do not, Staff will notify the Commission and file its recommendation shortly after that determination is made. In any event, Staff will make another filing with the Commission no later than March 16, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing *Staff's Second Status Report* have been transmitted electronically to all counsel of record this 1st day of March, 2012.

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