BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Consideration of Adoption) of the PURPA Section 111(d)(16) Integrated) Resource Planning Standard as Required by) Section 532 of the Energy Independence and) Security Act of 2007.)	<u>File No. EW-2009-0290</u>
In the Matter of the Consideration of Adoption of the PURPA Section 111(d)(17) Rate Design Modifications to Promote Energy Efficiency Investments Standard as Required by Section 532 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.	<u>File No. EW-2009-0291</u>
In the Matter of the Consideration of Adoption) of the PURPA Section 111(d)(18) Consideration) of Smart Grid Investments Standard as Required) by Section 1307 of the Energy Independence and) Security Act of 2007.	<u>File No. EW-2009-0292</u>
In the Matter of the Consideration of Adoption) of the PURPA Section 111(d)(19) Smart Grid) Information Standard as Required by Section) 1307 of the Energy Independence and Security) Act of 2007.)	<u>File No. EW-2009-0293</u>

ORDER GRANTING STAFF LEAVE TO RESPOND

Issue Date: May 6, 2009

Effective Date: May 6, 2009

On May 6, 2009, the Commission's Staff filed a motion requesting leave to file a response to Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE's ("AmerenUE") April 28, 2009 "Reply to the Staff's Response to Order Establishing Deadline for Responses." Staff respectfully observes that there should be a limit to the number of rounds of responsive filings, but asserts that the press of other business has prevented it from fully providing the Commission with pertinent information for its analysis of the application of prior state action

exemption to the new Public Utilities Regulatory Policy Act standards described in the caption to this order.

In conjunction with its motion, Staff has submitted its reply to AmerenUE's reply. The Commission finds Staff's request to be reasonable, values its input, and notes that these files involve workshops, not contested cases where delays in timely filing can be used as tactical advantage against another party.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission's Motion for Leave to Respond is granted.

2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issue.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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Harold Stearley, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 6th day of May, 2009.