BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Union Electric Company,)	
d/b/a AmerenUE's Tariff to Increase Its)	<u>File No. ER-2011-0028</u>
Annual Revenues for Electric Service)	Tariff No. YE-2011-0116

STAFF'S RESPONSE TO COMMISSION'S ORDER SETTING TIME TO RESPOND TO AMERENUE'S RECOMMENDED TEST YEAR AND UPDATE (TRUE-UP) PERIOD

Comes now the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), through the Office of Staff Counsel, in response to the Missouri Public Service Commission's (Commission) September 7, 2010 Order Directing Notice, Suspending Tariff, Setting Hearings, And Directing Filings, in particular, the Commission's directive that the Staff shall file on or before October 4, 2010 a pleading indicating concurrence in AmerenUE's recommended test year and update (true-up) period, or recommending alternatives to the test year and update (true-up) period. In response, the Staff states as follows:

1. The Staff is not prepared at this date to propose acceptance or rejection of the request of Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE (AmerenUE) filed on September 3, 2010 for a test year ending March 31, 2010, to be updated (trued-up) for known and measurable changes through February 28, 2011.

2. The Commission has scheduled an early prehearing conference for October 12, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. The Commission has directed that the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule on or before October 19, 2010.

3. The Staff proposes that AmerenUE's proposed test year and update (true-up) period be discussed at the early prehearing conference and that a test year and update (true-up)

period jointly proposed by the parties be filed with the parties' proposed procedural schedule on or before October 19, 2010

Wherefore the Staff provides its response to the Commission's September 7, 2010 Order stating that that it neither proposes acceptance nor rejection of AmerenUE's proposed test year and update (true-up) period and recommends that these matters be addressed at the early prehearing conference scheduled for October 12, 2010 and in the filing to be made with the Commission on or before October 19, 2010 respecting a proposed procedural schedule by the parties, the parties jointly propose a test year and update (true-up) period to the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 4th day of October 2010.

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