BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Petition of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri for a Financing Order Authorizing the Issue of Securitized Utility Tariff Bonds for Energy Transitions Costs related to Rush Island Energy Center

File No. EF-2024-0021

REQUEST TO BE EXCUSED FROM HEARING

COMES NOW Natural Resources Defense Council ("NRDC") and files this Request to be Excused from Hearing, and in support thereof, respectfully states as follows:

1. On November 21, 2023, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri

("Ameren") filed a Petition for a financing order allowing the company to finance costs incurred as a result of the early retirement of its Rush Island Energy Center ("Rush Island") through the use of Securitized Utility Tariff Bonds.

- 2. On December 5, 2023, NRDC filed an Application to Intervene into this matter.
- 3. On December 21, 2023, the Commission granted NRDC's request to intervene.
- 4. NRDC has not filed testimony in this matter and does not intend to do so. It also does not intend to cross examine witnesses or participate in the hearing. Should it decide to file a brief, it would do so on the record as developed at hearing.

WHEREFORE, NRDC respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order excusing it from appearing at the hearing.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this __ day of April, 2024, a true and correct copy of the

foregoing pleading was filed on EFIS and sent by email to all parties of record.

/s/ Sarah Rubenstein