BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

| Application of Union Electric Company, |) | |
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| d/b/a AmerenUE, for Approval of |) | |
| Decommissioning Cost Estimate for |) | Case No. EO-2006-0098 |
| Callaway Plant and Funding Level of |) | |
| Nuclear Decommissioning Trust Fund |) | |

STAFF'S SECOND STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"), and also on behalf of Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE ("AmerenUE") and the Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel"), the other two parties in this proceeding, respectfully states as follows:

- 1. On August 31, 2005, Union Electric 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 October 3, 2005, pursuant to Commission order, the Staff timely filed a status report indicating that the Staff expected to file by November 18, either a Recommendation or a Stipulation And Agreement in this proceeding.
- 3. In an Order dated October 6, 2005, the Commission directed the Staff to file "a Stipulation and Agreement, a Recommendation, including a proposed procedural schedule, or a Status Report stating when it plans to file its Recommendation, no later than November 18, 2005."

- 4. The parties have reached an agreement in principle in settlement of all issues in this case. At present, the parties are in the process of drafting a Stipulation And Agreement, which the Staff expects to be filed on or before December 15, 2005. In the unlikely event that the parties are unable to conclude a Stipulation And Agreement, the Staff will notify the Commission and will file its Recommendation along with a procedural schedule by December 15, 2005.
- 5. Both AmerenUE and Public Counsel have been contacted, and both have expressed their concurrence with this pleading.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully submits its Second Status Report

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 18th day of November 2005.

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