

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Application of Union Electric Company, d/b/a	)	
Ameren Missouri for Approval of Decommissioning	)	
Cost Estimate for Callaway Energy Center and	)	<b><u>File No. EO-2015-0253</u></b>
Funding Level of Nuclear Decommissioning	)	
Trust Fund.	)	

## ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: December 15, 2015

Effective Date: December 15, 2015

On April 1, 2015,<sup>1</sup> Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri filed its 2014 cost study detailing its latest cost estimate for decommissioning the company's Callaway nuclear power plant. Ameren Missouri asks the Commission to accept its cost report, approve the company's decommissioning cost estimate, continue the company's annual accrual at current levels, and find that Callaway decommissioning costs are included in Ameren Missouri's current cost of service and are properly reflected in current rates for ratemaking purposes.

On November 2, Ameren Missouri filed a Status Report. That report indicated that Ameren Missouri plans to file a supplemental application no later than November 30. Staff responded on November 12. Staff did not agree with all of the characterizations made in the November 2 Status Report. However, Staff did not appear to object to Ameren Missouri's request to file a supplemental application. Ameren Missouri responded on December 1, stating that it is attempting to avoid increasing the cost to customers for decommissioning while still complying with Nuclear Regulatory Commission regulations.

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<sup>1</sup> Calendar references are to 2015 unless otherwise noted.

Ameren Missouri states that it believes it has found a way to meet both goals, and would like additional time to confer with Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel. Ameren Missouri requests until January 15, 2016 to file an amended application or a stipulation.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(13) allows parties ten days to respond to pleadings unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. The Commission issued no order to the contrary, more than ten days have elapsed since Ameren Missouri's December 1 response, and no party has objected.

The Commission will grant Ameren Missouri's request.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri shall file an amended application, a stipulation, or other pleadings stating how they would like to proceed no later than January 15, 2016.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Ronald D. Pridgin, Deputy Chief Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015