

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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| In the Matter of Union Electric Company |) | |
| d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Request for |) | |
| Deferral and Authorization Authority |) | Case No. EU-2020-0114 |
| Relating to Certain Callaway Energy |) | |
| Center Operation and Maintenance |) | |
| Expenses | | |

**THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL'S
MOTION TO CONTINUE PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

Comes now the, Office of Public Counsel ("OPC"), ("Movant") and respectfully requests the Commission continue the prehearing conference in this case until a later date. Other parties to the case, Midwest Energy Consumers Group ("MECG"), Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers ("MIEC") and Ameren Missouri support or do not oppose the Motion. In support of its motion, OPC states:

1. On November 27, 2019, several Joint Movants filed a request that the Commission set a prehearing conference, and on December 4, Ameren Missouri filed a response suggesting that a prehearing may not be necessary. Ameren Missouri asked the Commission to deny Joint Movants' request. On December 13, nine days after Ameren Missouri filed its response to Joint Movants' request, the Commission issued an order scheduling a prehearing conference for December 30.

2. In their November 27 filing, Joint Movants did ask that a "prehearing conference be set in the near future," and the operation of law date in Ameren Missouri's pending general rate case does present a reason to resolve this case expeditiously, so the Joint Movants appreciate the Commission's order setting an early prehearing conference. However, Joint Movants asked the

Commission to allow them sufficient time to review the Staff's December 27 Staff Recommendation. "In order to allow the parties to consider and analyze the Staff recommendation and to afford them the opportunity to respond to it, the Joint Movants suggest that the prehearing be continued to a date approximately two weeks after the filing of the Staff recommendation."

3. Upon review of the Staff Recommendation, the parties are in discussion concerning resolution of the case and may be able to resolve the matter without the need for additional formal procedures.

4. As noted above, the Staff of the Commission and the Company indicate they do not oppose this motion.



WHEREFORE, the parties to the case respectfully request that the Commission cancel the prehearing conference until a date near the end of January 2020 to allow for further discussions.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been emailed this 16th day of January, 2020, to all parties on the Commission's service list in this case.

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