AmerenUE's Response to State of MO - Atty General Data Request MPSC Case No. ER-2007-0002 AmerenUE's Tariff Filing to Increase Rates for Electric Service Provided to Customers in the Company's Missouri Service Area

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Ref: Direct Testimony of Timothy Finnell, page 9; Contract Off-system sales According to Mr. Finnell's testimony, ¿No contract off-system sales were modeled in PROSYM; however, there were short-term economic off-system sales modeled in PROSYM ¿, Please provide the following information:

Explain the business units and business processes within Ameren that are employed to а. identify and evaluate opportunities for making contract off-system sales on behalf of UE.

What is Union Electric's existing capability in Megawatts to engage in contract b. off-system sales either seasonally or year-around, given its recently acquired CT capacity and anticipated 2007 demand levels?

State whether Ameren has evaluated any opportunities for bidding to make or C. negotiating contract off-system sales on behalf of UE in periods subsequent to the expiration of the JDA.

Identify and briefly describe each of the UE contract sales opportunities that have been d. evaluated at any time since January 1, 2006 and explain why each of such opportunities were determined to be not appropriate.

Did Ameren participate in the recent Illinois Auction for Fixed Price or Hourly Price e. Energy? ¿ please explain the basis for any participation decisions made on behalf of UE. Explain whether any potential UE contract off-system sales opportunities are presently f. under consideration for periods subsequent to the expiration of the JDA and describe such opportunities.

## Response:

a) Ameren Energy acts as agent for AmerenUE in the sale of energy and power from AmerenUE's portfolio within the current month and the following 12 months. Starting in 2006, Ameren Energy also began the process of identifying and evaluating longer-term off-system sales opportunities for AmerenUE. Both short-term and long-term sales opportunities are conducted based on the current position of the AmerenUE portfolio, the risk associated with sales, and market conditions.

b) There is currently 237 MW of excess capacity available for sale from the AmerenUE assets provided the current AmerenUE load and resource projections and sales obligations for 2007.

c) Ameren Energy, as AmerenUE's agent, has done so.

d) This is a virtual impossibility since Ameren Energy is constantly evaluating opportunities within the trading and bilateral markets. There are usually offers and bids for the next 12 months making it impossible to list each and every offer and bid that has been evaluated and the reason that the opportunities were not pursued.

e) No. AmerenUE initially intended to participate in the Illinois Auction. Once AmerenUE became involved with the registration process and conducted further evaluation of the opportunity associated with the auction, it was determined that the fit of the auction product with the AmerenUE portfolio, and the time and effort required to participate in the auction, was not a good fit and AmerenUE therefore decided not to participate in the Illinois Auction.

f) As explained in d. above, Ameren Energy is constantly evaluating opportunities for off-system sales from AmerenUE's portfolio, which includes the off-system sales for periods beyond the expiration of the JDA. It is impossible to describe each off system sales opportunity since they are changing each minute of the trading day and would be too numerous to describe, as noted in response to subpart d.

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