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

In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren	)
Missouri's Tariffs to Increase Its Revenues for	) Case No. ER-2014-0258
Electric Service.	)

# JOINT MOTION OF AMEREN MISSOURI AND STAFF TO MODIFY TECHINCAL/SETTEMENT CONFERENCE DATES AND TIMES AND TO SCHEDULE A FURTHER SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE, AND JOINT MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT

**COME NOW** Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Ameren Missouri" on behalf of itself) and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") (collectively, the "Joint Movants"), and for their Joint Motions state as follows:

- 1. The Commission's August 20, 2014, order in this case scheduled (in accordance with the parties' August 15, 2014 Jointly Proposed Procedural Schedule) a technical/settlement conference on January 12 through January 14, 2015.
- 2. As a result of discussions between the Joint Movants, the Joint Movants do not believe three days are required for this conference. Consequently, the Joint Movants request the the technical/settlement conference be modified to hold a conference starting at 1 p.m., January 13, 2015, and again on January 14, 2015, starting at 8:00 a.m. The primary purpose of the technical/settlement conference will be to discuss potential errors in the parties' cases and to discuss issues not dependent on final true-up data.
- 3. The Joint Movants also believe that it would be beneficial to schedule additional settlement conferences on February 11 and 13, 2015, starting at 9:00 a.m. on each day. The primary purpose of these additional conferences would be to discuss possible settlement of the case as a whole, or in part.

4. As part of the Joint Movants' discussions, Ameren Missouri has agreed to provide

the True-Up Information (as described in a footnote to the parties' August 15 Joinly Proposed

Procedural Schedule) by January 27, 2015, instead of by the earlier agreed upon date of February

6, 2015.

5.

Joint Movants request expedited treatment of this motion. Insofar as the current

technical/settlement conferences are scheduled just 10 days from today, the Joint Movants request

that the Commission order that any responses to the requests made herein be required by Noon,

January 6, 2015, and suggest that the Commission rule on the requests by January 8, 2015. The

requests reflected herein are being made as soon as they could have been under the circumstances

as Joint Movants reached agreement on these requests late in the afternoon of December 31, 2014.

Granting these requests will benefit the parties by allowing more efficient use of their time in

handling the local public hearings and other responsibilities in this rate case, and by affording a

more orderly opportunity to discuss settlement. There will be no harm to customers or the general

public from granting these requests.

**WHEREFORE**, Joint Movants pray that the foregoing requests be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

SMITH LEWIS, LLP

/s/ James B. Lowery

**James B. Lowery**, #40503

111 South Ninth Street, Suite 200

P.O. Box 918

Columbia, MO 65205-0918

(573) 443-3141

(573) 442-6686 (Facsimile)

lowerv@smithlewis.com

2

### **Wendy K. Tatro**, #60261

Director & Assistant General Counsel Ameren Missouri One Ameren Plaza 1901 Chouteau Avenue P.O. Box 66149 (MC 1310) St. Louis, MO 63166-6149 (314) 554-3484 (314) 554-4014 AmerenMissouriService@ameren.com

Attorneys for Ameren Missouri

### /s/ Nathan Williams

Nathan Williams
Deputy Staff Counsel
Missouri Bar No. 35512
Attorney for the Staff of the
Missouri Public Service Commission
P. O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102
(573) 751-8702 (Telephone)
(573) 751-9285 (Fax)
nathan.williams@psc.mo.gov (e-mail)

Dated: January 2, 2015

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2015, served the foregoing either by electronic means, or by U. S. Mail, postage prepaid addressed to all parties of record.

James B. Lowery
James B. Lowery