## **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 Tariffs to Increase Its Revenues for Electric Service

Case No. ER-2012-0166

## **MOTION TO MODIFY BRIEFING SCHEDULE**

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel and for its Motion to Modify Briefing Schedule states as follows:

1. On March 13, 2012, the parties submitted a proposed procedural schedule. That schedule proposed that initial post-hearing briefs be filed on November 5, and post-hearing reply briefs on November 16.

2. On March 28, the Commission issued an order that adopted much of the parties' proposal, but changed the dates for initial and reply briefs to October 31 and November 14, respectively, citing the time needed for deliberation.

3. Many of the parties to this case are also involved in the rate increase cases for Kansas City Power & Light Company and KCP&L – Greater Missouri Operations Company (Case Numbers ER-2012-0174 and ER-2012-0175), which are scheduled for evidentiary hearings for much of the time between the close of the evidentiary hearing and the due date for initial briefs in this case. The KCPL and GMO hearings are scheduled to run through October 29, just two days before briefs are due in this case.

4. Public Counsel requests that the Commission extend the briefing schedule slightly, setting the deadline for initial briefs on November 2, and reply briefs on November 15. With this extension, the Commission loses one day of deliberation after the filing of reply briefs,

but the parties gain an extra two days to work on initial briefs after the close of the KCPL and GMO hearings.

5. The Staff of the Commission, the Midwest Energy Consumers Group, the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers, the Missouri Retailers Association, Natural Resources Defense Council, Renew Missouri, Sierra Club and Ameren Missouri support this motion. All other parties have stated that they do not oppose this motion.

WHEREFORE Public Counsel respectfully requests that the Commission modify the briefing schedule as discussed herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been emailed to all parties this 17th day of October 2012.

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