

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In The Matter of the Application of Union Electric)
Company for Authorization to Manage Sulfur)
Dioxide Emission Allowance Inventory)
File No. EO-98-401

ORDER ESTABLISHING TIME TO RESPOND TO MOTION TO EXTEND AUTHORITY

Issue Date: October 20, 2011

Effective Date: October 20, 2011

In December 1998, the Commission approved a stipulation and agreement in this case that authorized Union Electric Company to manage its inventory of sulfur dioxide (SO₂) emissions allowances issued under the federal Clean Air Act. Subsequently, the EPA issued its Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) that created similar emissions allowances for Nitrogen Oxide (NO_x). Union Electric has not previously sought authority to sell or trade its NO_x allowances, but NO_x allowances under CAIR will expire at the end of this year and Union Electric finds itself with more allowances than it needs to comply with CAIR. On October 19, 2011, Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri filed a motion indicating its belief that it can sell some of those NO_x allowances for the benefit of its customers if promptly given authority to do so.

Ameren Missouri represents that the other parties to this case, Staff, Public Counsel and Kansas City Power & Light Company, support its request for authority to sell its unused NO_x allowances. Since the market for these NO_x allowances will disappear at the end of the year, the company asks the Commission to approve its request for authority as soon as possible and no later than October 31.

If the Commission is to address Ameren Missouri's request by October 31, it will need to act at its October 26 agenda meeting. Since Ameren Missouri's motion represents that the other parties, including Staff, support its request, the Commission will not require Staff to file a formal recommendation. The Commission will however establish a date by which any party wishing to object to Ameren Missouri's motion shall do so.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Any party wishing to object to or otherwise respond to Ameren Missouri's Motion to Extend Authority to the Disposition of NOx Allowances and Motion for Expedited Treatment shall do so no later than October 25, 2011.

2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 20th day of October, 2011.