

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

In the Matter of the Application of Entergy Arkansas,)
Inc. for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity)
Authorizing It to Own, Acquire, Construct, Operate,)
Control, Manage, and Maintain Certain Electric Plant)
Consisting of Electric Transmission and Distribution)
Facilities Within Dunklin, New Madrid, Oregon,)
Pemiscot and Taney Counties, Missouri and/or for)
Other Relief)

File No. EA-2012-0321

MAY 17, 2012 STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through counsel, and, as the Commission directed in its April 17, 2012, *Order Directing Filing*, reports that it is diligently working on its recommendation in this matter with the awareness that Entergy Arkansas, Inc. desires to have the planned interconnection in place and operating by September 1, 2012. Due to the heavy press of other matters Staff anticipates it may need until as late as June 14, 2012, to file its recommendation, but Staff will file its recommendation as soon as it can. Staff does not anticipate it will make a recommendation adverse to construction of the interconnection.

WHEREFORE, Staff reports that it anticipates filing its recommendation by June 14, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or by electronic mail to all counsel of record on this 17th day of May, 2012.

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