

**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)	<u>File No. EA-2012-0321</u>
Consisting of Electric Transmission and Distribution)	
Facilities Within Dunklin, New Madrid, Oregon,)	
Pemiscot and Taney Counties, Missouri and/or for)	
Other Relief)	

SECOND STATUS REPORT
AND NOTIFICATION OF NEED FOR ADDITIONAL TIME

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, and requests until June 26, 2012 to file its recommendation in this matter. On April 17, 2012, in an *Order Directing Filing*, the Commission directed the Staff to file a Recommendation, or, in the alternative, a Status Report, no later than May 17, 2012.

On May 17, 2012, the Staff filed a Status Report in which the Staff stated that it anticipated that it would file its recommendation by June 14, 2012. The Staff has continued to diligently work on its recommendation, but in addition to the continued heavy press of other Commission matters, a significant member of the technical Staff, who has been involved in the review and analysis of the Entergy Arkansas, Inc. (“EAI”) application, is out of the United States this week on NARUC business. Although the Staff thought that it could work around this individual’s absence from the Commission’s offices, such a belief has not proved to be the case. The Staff still does not anticipate that it will make a recommendation adverse to construction of the interconnection.

EAI’s application states that it desires to have the planned interconnection in place and operating by September 1, 2012. In a conversation with local counsel for EAI last month,

undersigned counsel was advised that September 1, 2012 has not remained the operative schedule for some period of time.

WHEREFORE, the Staff reports that it anticipates filing its recommendation by June 26, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 14th day of June, 2012.

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