

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

In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a )  
Ameren Missouri's Filing to Change Criteria for ) **File No. ET-2014-0076**  
Assessment of New Customer Deposits )

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
TO FILE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and in support of this *Request for Extension of Time to File Staff's Recommendation*, states:

1. On December 9, 2013, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Ameren Missouri") filed tariffs<sup>1</sup> to change the criteria the company uses to determine whether to assess a deposit on new customer accounts for natural gas and electric service.

2. On January 29, 2014<sup>2</sup>, the Commission issued its *Order Adopting Procedural Schedule* in which it set a settlement conference on February 21<sup>st</sup> and ordered that Staff file a recommendation in the matter no later than February 28<sup>th</sup> if the parties did not reach an agreement. The parties participated in settlement discussions on February 21<sup>st</sup>, and agreed to continue attempting to reach a resolution satisfactory to all parties.

3. At the time of the settlement conference Staff was working with Ameren Missouri to resolve outstanding data requests ("DR"). Staff needs time to receive and review the DR's before filing its recommendation. The parties plan to meet again on Tuesday March 4<sup>th</sup>, and to continue working towards a resolution to which all parties

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<sup>1</sup> MO.P.S.C Schedule No. 6, 1st Revised Sheet Nos. 139 and 141 for the electric utility and PSC Mo. No. 2, 1st Revised Sheet Nos. 61 and 63 for the natural gas utility.

<sup>2</sup> All dates herein refer to 2014 unless otherwise stated.

can agree. Accordingly, Staff requests the Commission extend until March 7<sup>th</sup> the date by which it is to file a recommendation, if the parties have not reached a stipulation and agreement on the filed electric and natural gas tariffs in this matter. Counsel for the parties have represented to Staff that they do not object to this request.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff respectfully requests an extension until March 7, 2014, in order to file its recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed with first-class postage, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

**/s/ Tim Opitz**