BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Tariffs to Increase Its Annual Revenues for Electric Service.

Case No. ER-2012-0166

STAFF'S MOTION TO DECLASSIFY A PORTION OF THE SURREBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF JOHN CASSIDY AND MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its *Motion to Declassify a Portion of the Surrebuttal Testimony of John Cassidy and Motion for Expedited Treatment,* states as follows:

1. On September 7, 2012, pursuant to the procedural schedule adopted by the Commission herein, Staff expert witness John Cassidy filed Surrebuttal Testimony, which includes at page 4, lines 3-8, and Schedule JPC-SUR-1, a reference to Ameren Missouri's actual earned return on equity ("ROE") for the twelve months ending June 30, 2012, as reported by Ameren Missouri to the Commission on its required quarterly surveillance report, filed in EFIS on August 21, 2012. This information is designated "Highly Confidential" (HC).

2. Staff moves the Commission to declassify the cited portion of the surrebuttal testimony and schedule of John Cassidy due to the strong public interest in the information therein contained and the fact that its public availability will in no way harm Ameren Missouri or its shareholders.

3. Staff also moves for expedited treatment due to the imminent nature of the hearing in this matter, now scheduled to commence on September 27, 2012. In addition to other uses, Staff desires to use this information in its Opening Statement.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will declassify the designated portion of the *Surrebuttal Testimony* and schedule of John Cassidy and take up this matter on an expedited basis; and grant such other and further relief as is just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served, either electronically or by hand delivery or by First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, on this **25th day of August**, **2012**, to the parties of record as set out on the official Service List maintained by the Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission for this case.

s/ Kevin A. Thompson