

**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

**JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
AND MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT**

COME NOW Union Electric Company, doing business as Ameren Missouri, and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for their *Joint Motion to Extend Procedural Schedule and Motion for Expedited Treatment*, state as follows:

1. This matter is a general rate case filed by Union Electric Company doing business as Ameren Missouri on February 3, 2012.

2. Pursuant to procedural orders issued by the Commission, the evidentiary hearing herein will begin on September 24, 2012.

3. According to the Commission's procedural schedule, a *Joint List of Issues, Order of Witnesses, Order of Cross-Examination, and Order of Opening* is due not later than tomorrow, September 14, 2012.

4. Likewise, the parties *Statements of Position* are due not later than September 18, 2012.

5. The parties are presently engaged in settlement discussions and are hopeful that several issues will be settled; however, they do not know which issues those will be. For that reason, the Joint Movants believe it would be

useful to delay the two filings enumerated above until Wednesday, September 19, and Thursday, September 20, respectively.

6. No party would be prejudiced by the granting of this motion; additionally, it will assist the Commissioners in their hearing preparation by reducing the volume of material that they must read.

7. The Joint Movants urge the Commission to take up this motion on an expedited basis in order to permit the relief requested to be granted.

8. The Joint Movants have inquired of counsel for all parties to this matter and none of them have any objection to the granting of this motion.

WHEREFORE, the Joint Movants pray that the Commission will extend the Procedural Schedule as requested herein; and grant such other and further relief as is just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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s/ Kevin A. Thompson