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**Re: Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri and Missouri Central Railroad Company v. Union Pacific Railroad Company, STB Docket No. NOR 42126; Missouri Central Railroad Company – Acquisition and Operation Exemption – Lines of Union Pacific Railroad Company, STB FD No. 33508; and GRC Holdings Corporation – Acquisition Exemption – Lines of Union Pacific Railroad Company, STB FD No. 33537**

Dear Chairman Elliott:

Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri (“Ameren”) and the Missouri Central Railroad Company (“MCRR”) filed the Rebuttal Evidence and the record closed in the above-captioned proceeding on July 18, 2011, over 14 months ago, but the Board has not yet issued a decision. Ameren and MCRR respectfully request that the Board act promptly in this case.

Board action is needed to enforce the common carrier obligation and ensure that Ameren and MCRR can properly plan for the future. Railroads and electric generating utilities are capital-intensive industries. As such, they must constantly engage in long-term strategic planning, a process that has been interrupted by the uncertainty surrounding the paper barrier. In this case, the planning process includes both fuel source decisions and environmental capital decisions among others (both of which have long term planning and procurement implications). Ameren and MCRR request that the Board follow the directive of the National Transportation Policy and issue a decision “expeditious[ly].” See 49 USC §§ 10101(2) and (15).

Sincerely,



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