<u>Close of Comment Period for</u> Taum Sauk Independent Panel of Consultants Report

The public comment period, May 25, 2006 through June 26, 2006, for the FERC Independent Panel of Consultants (IPOC) report titled, <u>Technical Reasons for the Breach of December 14, 2005</u>, ended. The Commission received 14 letters and Emails commenting on the IPOC report. None of the comments submitted raised any technical issue with the information provided in the IPOC report or the conclusions reached in the IPOC report and no additional information was provided by the reviewers that would need to be considered by the Independent Panel of Consultants.

Of the 14 responses received, 12 are from private citizens, one from the Eastern Missouri Group of the Ozark Chapter of the Sierra Club, and one from the Missouri Coalition for the Environment. In summary, 12 of the responders requested that Ameren not be allowed to rebuild and two of the responders requested that Ameren management of the project be corrected prior to allowing them to rebuild. Since no comments were received that require any further consideration by the IPOC or revision to the report, the IPOC report dated May 24, 2006, is final and will stand as the official IPOC report on the Taum Sauk incident.