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RE: Case No. GR-2000-512

Dear Mr. Roberts:

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Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and fourteen (14) conformed copies of a JOINT PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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Missouri Public Service Commission

In the Matter of Union Electric Company) d/b/a Ameren UE for Authority to File) Tariffs Increasing Rates for Gas Service) Provided to Customers in the Company's) Missouri Service Area

Case No. GR-2000-512

JOINT PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COME NOW the Parties to this proceeding, and respectfully asks the Commission to enter an Order adopting this proposed procedural schedule. In support of this request, the Parties state the following:

- 1. On February 18, 2000, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren UE (Company) filed tariffs with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) reflecting increased rates for natural gas service in the Missouri service area of the Company.
- 2. On March 3, 2000; the Commission issued its Suspension Order and Notice suspending the tariffs until January 27, 2001.
- 3. That the parties have agreed upon and respectfully request that the Commission adopt the following procedural schedule:



PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

AmerenUE file direct testimony, Test year recommendation and true-up request	April 3, 2000 3:00 p.m. (Mon.)
Staff, OPC and any intervenors file response to test year and update period recommendation for known and measurable changes	May 1, 2000 3:00 p.m. (Mon.)
Staff, OPC and any Intervenors file direct testimony on revenue requirement issues	August 8, 2000 3:00 p.m. (Tues.)
Staff, OPC, and any intervenors file direct testimony on rate design issues	August 15, 2000 3:00 p.m. (Tues.)
Prehearing Conference	August 28, 2000- September 1, 2000 (MonFri.)
All parties submit list of issues	September 8, 2000 3:00 p.m. (Fri.)
All parties file rebuttal testimony	September 26, 2000 3:00 p.m. (Tues.)
All parties file surrebuttal testimony	October 17, 2000 3:00 p.m. (Tues.)
Hearing memorandum	October 23, 2000 3:00 p.m. (Tues.)
Evidentiary Hearing	October 30, 2000 - November 3, 2000 (MonFri.)

- 4. The parties also respectfully request that the Commission issue an Order adopting the above procedural schedule, including specifically a change in the due date of Staff, OPC and any Intervenors' response to test year and update period recommendation for known and measurable changes to May 1, 2000.
- Counsel for Midwest Gas Users' Association (MGUA) has indicated no objection to this Motion.

WHEREFORE, the parties respectfully request that the Commission issue an Order adopting the aforementioned procedural schedule, and modifying the due date of Staff, OPC and any Intervenors' response to test year and update period recommendation for known and measurable changes to May 1, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this day of March, 2000.

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