BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of the application of Union Electric Company for an order authorizing: (1) certain merger transactions involving Union Electric Company; (2) the transfer of certain assets, real estate, leased property, easements and contractual agreements to Central Illinois Public Service Company; and (3) in connection therewith, certain other related transactions.

Case No. EM-96-149

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO LATE FILE TESTIMONY

COMES NOW The Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel") and for its Motion For Leave To Late File Testimony states as follows:

1. Due to the length of the testimony, the number of witnesses filing, and the added

complication of preparing public, highly confidential, and proprietary sets, Public Counsel was unable to file all testimony by the 3:00 P.M. deadline. One witness's testimony was filed after 3:00 P.M. but before 5:00 P.M. on the due date.

2. Public Counsel does not believe that this slight delay will harm any of the parties to the proceeding, nor unduly inconvenience the Commission.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully requests that the Commission grant leave to file one witness's testimony on the due date but after the 3:00 P.M. deadline.

Respectfully submitted,

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