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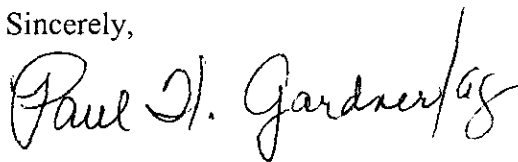
**Re: In the Matter of the Application of
Union Electric Company for an Order
Authorizing: (1) Certain Merger Transactions
Involving Union Electric Company; (2) the
Transfer of Certain Assets, Real Estate, Leased
Property, Easements and Contractual Agreements
to Central Illinois Public Service Company; and
(3) In Connection Therewith, Certain Other
Related Transactions., Case No. EM-96-149**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed with this letter please find the original and 9 copies of our Motion for Reinstatement of Retirement Facilities as Parties to be filed with your office.

If you should have any questions or require any further information please feel free to contact me at the above number.

Sincerely,



Paul H. Gardner

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Enclosure(s)

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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**MOTION FOR REINSTATEMENT OF
RETIREMENT FACILITIES AS PARTIES**

COME NOW Friendship Village of South County, Friendship Village of West County,
Village North, Cardinal Ritter Institute and Orchard House (collectively referenced as
"Retirement Facilities") and for their Motion for Reinstatement of Retirement Facilities as
Parties state as follows:

1. On or about January 2, 2001 counsel for the Retirement Facilities received an
ORDER DISMISSING PARTIES which dismissed the Retirement Facilities from the above-
styled proceeding on the ground that they did not attend an early prehearing conference
scheduled by this Commission for December 20, 2000 in its ORDER GRANTING JOINT
MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF DEADLINE, SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE
AND DIRECTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE issued December 11, 2000.

2. The December 11, 2000 Order contained an effective date of December 21, 2000.

3. Counsel for the Retirement Facilities was out of the office from December 11,
2000 through December 28, 2000 and was unaware that the Commission had scheduled an early
prehearing conference for December 20, 2000 in the above-styled proceeding.

4. Counsel for Retirement Facilities has been unable to locate a copy of the Order

Setting prehearing conference and would have attended the prehearing conference or arranged to be excused if he had known such early prehearing conference had been scheduled.

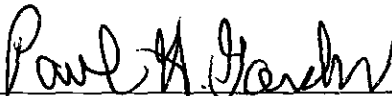
5. The failure of counsel for Retirement Facilities to attend the December 20, 2000 prehearing conference was inadvertent and not a reflection of the importance that the Retirement Facilities places on participation in the above-styled proceedings.

6. To the extent the parties who attended the December 20, 2000 prehearing conference have agreed upon a proposed Procedural Schedule and other matters at the December 20, 2000 prehearing conference, the Retirement Facilities will not disturb or challenge those matters agreed upon and reinstating the Retirement Facilities as parties in this case will not prejudice other parties in this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, the Retirement Facilities, jointly and individually, respectfully requests that they be reinstated as parties to these proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing document filed in the above captioned case has been sent to all counsel of record to Case EM-96-149 either by U.S. Mail, postage pre-paid, or by hand delivering the same this 11th day of January, 2001, to:

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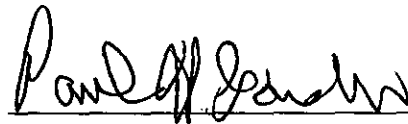
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