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Mr. Harvey G. Hubbs Secretary Missouri Public Service Commission Post Office Box 360 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

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Dear Mr. Hubbs:

Enclosed for filing are the original and fourteen copies of a Verified Motion of Union Electric Company For Waiver of Filing The Calendar Year 1986 Cost of Service Data.

Kindly acknowledge receipt by date stamping the duplicate copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Yourg

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Enclosures

cc w/encl: All parties



STATE OF MISSOURI

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



In the Matter of the investigation of the revenue effects upon Missouri utilities of the Tax Reform Act of 1980

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VERIFIED MOTION OF UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR WAIVER OF FILING THE CALENDAR YEAR 1986 COST OF SERVICE DATA

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Union Electric Company respectfully requests a waiver for filing the 1986 calendar year data for its electric business, as required by the Commission's November 3, 1986 Order Establishing Docket. In support of this Motion the Company states:

1. The Commission's November 3 Order requires, inter alia, that utilities file a jurisdictional cost of service study based on 1986 data, adjusted to reflect the Tax Reform Act. The due date for this information, as revised by subsequent Commission Order, is March 2, 1987.

2. The filing of this data, for the Company's electric business, should be waived for the following reasons:

(a) Commission Staff auditors are already at the Company's main office building, compiling a 1986 cost of service study for the Company's electric operations -- presumably with a view to the possibility of filing a complaint case against the Company. (It is somewhat ironic that the Company has been singled out for the initial Staff audit, in light of the responses to the Commission's November 3 Order). Staff has told the Company it plans to complete this study by March 9, 1986. The time spent by Company rate department personnel in

assisting Staff, particularly in responding to their numerous data requests, will make it difficult if not impossible to continue that work and also compile the Company's own 1986 cost of service study before March 2.

(b) To a great extent, if the Company filed the 1986 cost study on March 2, it would simply duplicate the work now being done by the Staff. It would save considerable time and effort if the Company (assuming it must file anything) simply submits adjustments to the Staff study now being compiled.

(c) In light of the fact that the Company has volunteered to promptly reflect the impact of the Tax Reform Act on its electric rates, there is no reason to file the 1986 data in this proceeding anyway. If any such data is deemed relevant in a subsequent complaint case, based upon factors other than the Tax Reform Act, then such a study could be ordered as part of that subsequent case. However, there is no reason at this point to order such a study in this case on the ground that it may be helpful later in a different proceeding where the subject matter of this case is not even in issue.

3. On a related matter, the Commission's Order of January 30, 1987 directed all utilities to file data "setting forth with specificity the offsetting cost increases or other factors which cause the companies to believe that their rates are not excessive in spite of the TRA..." Inasmuch as the Company has agreed to the rate reduction and made no mention of offsetting cost increases, it assumes it need not file a response to this part of the Commission's Order.

For the above reasons, the Company respectfully requests that it be granted a waiver for filing the 1986 cost study for its electric business.

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Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFICATION

Robert O. Piening, being duly sworn, states that the facts set forth in this Motion are true to the best of his information and belief.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of January, 1987.

MARY C. GUINN NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF MISSOURI ST. LOUIS CITY MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNE 16, 1990

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the foregoing was mailed this 3rd day of January, 1987, to Staff and to all other parties listed on the Commission's Order of January 30, 1987.