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RE: Case No. EM-96-149 – 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

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of **STAFF'S REPLY TO UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY'S RESPONSE TO THE STAFF'S PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE** and **STAFF'S MOTION TO LATE-FILE REPLY TO UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY'S RESPONSE TO THE STAFF'S PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**.

This filing has been mailed, hand-delivered or sent by facsimile transmission this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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**STAFF'S MOTION TO LATE-FILE REPLY TO UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY'S
RESPONSE TO THE STAFF'S PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Comes now the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and requests leave to late-file its reply to Union Electric Company's (UE) June 16, 2000 response to the Staff's May 30, 2000 proposed procedural schedule. In support of the Staff's Motion To Late File Reply, the Staff states as follows:

1. On June 16, 2000, UE filed Union Electric Company's Response To The Staff's Proposed Procedural Schedule. The Commission's Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(16) provides that "[p]arties shall be allowed not more than ten (10) days from the date of filing in which to respond to any pleading unless otherwise ordered by the commission." Thus, the Staff's responsive pleading was required to be filed on or before June 26, 2000.

2. Due to the press of other Commission business, Staff counsel missed the Commission filing deadline, prescribed by 4 CSR 240-20.080(16). Staff counsel apologizes for any delay or inconvenience that this missed deadline has caused or may cause the Commission or any of the parties. Staff counsel takes filing deadlines seriously, although unfortunately that may not appear to be the case.

Wherefore the Staff requests that the Commission grant leave for the Staff to late-file Staff's Reply To Union Electric Company's Response To The Staff's Proposed Procedural Schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered or sent by facsimile transmission to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 27th day of June 2000.



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