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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge Missouri Public Service Commission P. O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102

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RE: Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE,

Case No. GR-2000-512

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above referenced case, please find the original and 8 copies of Public Counsel's Recommendation for Test Year. Please "file stamp" the extra enclosed copy and return it to this office. I have on this date mailed, faxed, or hand-delivered the appropriate number of copies to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Counsel of record cc:

Enclosure

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## OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of Union Electric Company db/a	)	
AmerenUE for authority to file tariffs increasing	)	Case No. GR-2000-512
Rates for gas service provided to customers in the	)	
Company's Missouri Service Area.	)	

## PUBLIC COUNSEL'S RECOMMENDATION FOR TEST YEAR

COMES NOW, the Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel") and for its Recommedation to proper test year to be utilized in this proceeding respectfully states as follows:

Public Counsel concurs with the recommendation of the Company for a test year ending June 30, 1999. Public Counsel also concurs in the proposal that the test year be updated with known and measurable changes through April 30, 2000.

Wherefore, the Public Counsel respectfully requests the Commission issue its order establishing a test year twelve months ending June 30, 1999 and updated for known and measurable changes through April 30, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing has been faxed, mailed or hand-delivered to the following counsel of record on this 2nd day of May, 2000:

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