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RE: Case No. EC-2002-1

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of the **STAFF OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AND UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY'S JOINT STIPULATION WITH RESPECT TO PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND RELATED MATTERS.**

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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The Staff of the Missouri Public
Service Commission,)
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Complainant,)
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v.)
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Union Electric Company, d/b/a)
AmerenUE,)
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Respondent.)

Case No. EC-2002-1

**STAFF OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AND UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY'S
JOINT STIPULATION WITH RESPECT TO
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND RELATED MATTERS**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and Union Electric Company ("AmerenUE" or "Company") (Staff and AmerenUE/Company will collectively be referred to as the "Parties" herein) and for their Joint Stipulation, state as follows:

1. The Staff and the Company have jointly stipulated, subject to Commission approval, to the following procedural schedule:

EVENT	JOINTLY PROPOSED DATE	DAYS BETWEEN SUCCESSIVE EVENTS
Order Setting Forth Procedural Schedule & Test Year/Update Period	December 6, 2001	
		85 days
Staff files Direct Testimony	March 1, 2002	
		70 days
UE and OPC file Rebuttal Testimony	May 10, 2002	
		7 days

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EVENT	JOINTLY PROPOSED DATE	DAYS BETWEEN SUCCESSIVE EVENTS
MIEC, MEG, Doe Run, AG, MoRetailers & Laclede file Rebuttal Testimony	May 17, 2002	
		11 days
Prehearing Conference	May 28-31, 2002	
		27 days
Staff files Surrebuttal Testimony and UE, OPC, MIEC, MEG, Doe Run, AG, MoRetailers & Laclede file Cross- Surrebuttal	June 24, 2002	
		2 days
Joint filing of List of Issues, Order of Issues and Order of Cross- Examination	June 26, 2002	
		5 days
Parties file Statements of Position	July 1, 2002	
		10 days
Hearings	July 11-12, 15-19, 22-26, Aug. 1-2, 2002	

2. In addition, the Staff and the Company have jointly stipulated, subject to Commission approval, to the following matters:

- (a) the test year in this proceeding will be the twelve months ended June 30, 2001 (the "Test Year");
- (b) the Test Year may be updated through September 30, 2001;
- (c) the Company will be allowed to file an alternative rate regulation plan as part of its filing of Rebuttal Testimony on May 10, 2002;
- (d) the Company agrees that any reduction in rates ordered by this Commission will be retroactive to April 1, 2002;

- (e) within 20 days of Commission approval of this Stipulation, the Company will file tariff sheet(s) making rates charged on and after April 1, 2002, interim, subject to refund based upon a final non-appealable order of the Commission setting rates in this proceeding. Based upon further discussion, the Company will maintain appropriate records respecting customers on and after April 1, 2002 to facilitate any refund.
- (f) the Company agrees to file its revised depreciation study no later than January 31, 2002 and at that time provide all workpapers to the Staff; and
- (g) the Company agrees, without waiving its right to object to any specific data request, to use its best efforts to respond to Staff's data requests as quickly as possible.

WHEREFORE, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and Union Electric Company respectfully request that this Commission adopt the joint procedural schedule, as well as those related matters which have been jointly stipulated to by them.

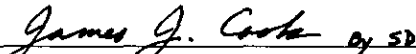
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