## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI



In the Matter of the Application of Union	)		
Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE for an Order	)		
Authorizing the Issue and Sale of up to	)	Case No.	EF-2000-385
\$750,000,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of	)		
Additional Long-term Debt.	)		

## ORDER SETTING TIME FOR RESPONSE

On December 23, 1999, Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE (UE, Applicant or Company), filed an application with the Commission requesting authority under Sections 393.180 and 393.200, RSMo 1994, and 4 CSR 240-2.060, to issue and sell up to \$750,000,000 aggregate principal amount of long-term debt for the purpose of obtaining economic savings by refunding prior debt issues. In a separate motion, UE requested the Commission's approval on an expedited basis by February 28, 2000, in order to have the flexibility to respond to favorable market conditions when and as they arise to redeem and refinance existing debt.

On January 11, 2000, UE filed a motion to consolidate a prior financing case, Case No. EF-94-25, with this case. In the latter case, the Commission authorized UE to issue and sell up to \$310,000,000 principal amount of First Mortgage Bonds. UE has \$210,000,000 remaining unissued First Mortgage Bonds under that authority and UE requested that, in the event the Commission approves the current financing, the remaining authorization under EF-94-25 be canceled. The authorization under EF-94-25 would then be effective only with respect to the \$100,000,000 principal amount of First Mortgage Bonds previously issued and sold.

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On January 21, 2000, the Commission's Staff filed its memorandum, recommending that the Commission issue an order approving UE's application. The Staff stated that the Company's application meets the requirements of Sections 393.180 and 393.200, RSMo 1994, and 4 CSR 240-2.060(8). The Staff also suggested certain conditions be stated in the Commission's order. On February 2, 2000, Staff filed a revised memorandum to revise the fourth of four conditions proposed. Staff indicated that UE supports Staff's revised statement of condition four.

In order to facilitate the expedited schedule requested by UE and to assure that any interested party is not foreclosed from responding to the Staff's memorandum, the Commission will set a filing time for responses.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE, the Office of Public Counsel, or, any other party desires to file a response to the revised memorandum filed by Staff on February 2, 2000, shall do so no later than February 10, 2000.
  - 2. That this order shall become effective on February 7, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

Keith Thornburg, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.120(1), (November 30, 1995) and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 7th day of February, 2000.