## 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 Approval
of the Transfer of Generating Assets by an

Affiliate to Another Affiliate.

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Case No. EA-2000-37

## ORDER SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND REQUIRING FILING OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On July 21, 1999, Union Electric Company, doing business as Amerenue (UE), filed its application for findings by the Commission under 15 U.S.C. § 79z-5a(c), the Public Utilities Holding Company Act (PUHCA), relating to Exempt Wholesale Generators. UE seeks these findings in connection with a proposed restructuring of its Illinois-based affiliate, Amerencips. According to UE's application, that restructuring proposes the transfer of all generating assets currently owned by Amerencips, and associated liabilities, to a new affiliate to be known as Genco. UE asserts that all of the generating assets involved are located in Illinois and none are located in Missouri. UE has requested that the Commission make these findings within 90 days of the date of filing.

On July 26, 1999, the Commission issued its Order Directing Notice, setting an intervention deadline of August 16, 1999. On July 27, 1999, the Commission directed the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission to respond by July 30, 1999, and state the earliest date by which it believed it would be able to recommend whether or not UE's application should be granted. On July 30, 1999,

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Staff responded. Staff did not state a date certain as directed by the order of July 27, 1999, but rather suggested that the Commission hold a prehearing conference soon after the close of the intervention period on August 16.

A prehearing conference shall be held on September 20, 1999. At that conference, Staff shall be prepared to state a date certain on which its recommendation will be filed. Staff shall also be prepared to state, on September 20, 1999, whether or not a hearing is likely to be necessary in this matter. If a hearing is necessary, the parties shall jointly prepare and file a proposed procedural schedule no later than September 27, 1999.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- prehearing conference shall be held That September 20, 1999, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The prehearing conference shall be held at the Commission's offices on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman Office Building, 301 West High Street, State Jefferson City, Missouri. Anyone wishing to attend who has special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days before the prehearing conference at: Consumer Services Hotline -1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline - 1-800-829-7541.
- 2. That the parties shall jointly prepare and file a proposed procedural schedule no later than September 27, 1999.

3. That this order shall become effective on September 14, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

Kevin A. Thompson, Deputy Chief 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 14th of September, 1999.

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