

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

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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	)	<u>Case No. EF-2000-385</u>
\$75,000,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of	)	
Additional Long-term Debt.	)	

**ORDER DIRECTING RESPONSE**

On December 23, 1999, Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE (UE), filed an application with the Commission requesting authority to 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 additional long-term debt for the purpose of refunding prior debt issues to obtain economic savings.

In a separate motion, UE has requested expedited treatment in order to avoid undue delay when redemption terms and market conditions make lower cost financing available. UE requested the Commission's decision on or before February 28, 2000. UE believes that the nature of the proposed financing and the form of related securities will be similar to previous transactions approved by the Commission.

The Office of the Public Counsel and any interested party may respond to this request for expedited treatment. In particular, before setting a time for expedited responses, the Commission desires the Commission's Staff to file a response to advise the Commission of the earliest date it could file a recommendation regarding the application.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and any other party wishing to respond to the request of Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE, for expedited treatment shall respond no later than January 12, 2000.

2. That this order shall become effective on January 5, 2000.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



**Dale Hardy Roberts**  
**Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

( S E A L )

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 5th day of January, 2000.