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STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 4th
day of January, 2000.

Application of Union Electric Company d/b/a)
AmerenUE for Approval of Decommissioning) Case No. EO-2000-205
Cost Estimate and Funding Level of Nuclear)
Decommissioning Trust Fund)

ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

On September 1, 1999, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE (AmerenUE) filed an application requesting that the Commission: A) approve its decommissioning cost estimate; B) approve the funding level at the current level; and C) find that decommissioning costs in the amount of \$509,451,856 are included in its current cost of service for ratemaking purposes¹.

The Commission issued notice of the application, and allowed interested entities the opportunity to intervene. Since no proper party filed an application to intervene and there are no outstanding requests for hearing, the Commission determines that an oral hearing is not necessary and AmerenUE may submit evidence in support of its application

¹ Although the title of AmerenUE's pleading is "Application and Request for Expedited Treatment and Contingent Request for Waiver," AmerenUE does not request expedited treatment, nor is there a request (contingent or otherwise) for any waiver.

by verified statement. State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989).

On November 2, 1999, AmerenUE filed a pleading entitled "Motion to Provide Additional Notice." AmerenUE stated that it had agreed, in a stipulation filed in Case No. EM-96-149, that all signatories to that stipulation would be notified of AmerenUE's filing of its application in this case. AmerenUE requested that the Commission provide notice to those signatories. However, as noted below, all signatories have been notified, and the Commission will deny the motion².

The Office of the Public Counsel, Staff, and AmerenUE (the parties) filed a unanimous stipulation and agreement on November 30, 1999. The parties agree that AmerenUE shall continue its Missouri retail jurisdiction expense accruals and trust fund payments at current levels without any change in its Missouri retail jurisdictional rates. The parties further agree that annual decommissioning costs in the amount of \$6,214,184 are, and should continue to be, included in AmerenUE's cost of service and reflected in its current rates for ratemaking purposes. The parties also agree that all signatories to the Stipulation and Agreement in Case No. EM-96-149 have been notified of AmerenUE's filing of its 1999 decommissioning cost case.

On December 1, 1999, Staff filed the testimony of David Broadwater in support of the stipulation. Mr. Broadwater testified that

² It is unclear why AmerenUE requested that the Commission provide notice, instead of simply providing notice itself.

Staff and AmerenUE have agreed to an amount of decommissioning expense of approximately \$509 million in 1999 dollars, and have also agreed upon the annual funding level. Mr. Broadwater reviewed AmerenUE's decommissioning options, and explained the current status of the fund.

Mr. Broadwater also testified that Staff intends to review the earnings and the level of decommissioning funding at the end of AmerenUE's experimental alternative regulation plan.

The Commission has considered the verified application, the unanimous stipulation and agreement, and the testimony of David Broadwater. The Commission finds that the parties' estimate of \$509,451,856 in 1999 dollars to immediately decommission Callaway upon the expiration of its forty year license is reasonable. The Commission also finds that AmerenUE's currently effective rates include an annual amount of \$6,214,184 for decommissioning expense.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement filed on November 30, 1999, is approved.

2. That Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE's retail jurisdiction annual decommissioning expense accruals and trust fund payments shall continue at the current level of \$6,214,184.

3. That the motion for additional notice filed on November 2, 1999, is denied.

4. That AmerenUE or its trustee shall file on a prospective basis in Case No. EO-2000-205 one copy of the quarterly reports required

by 4 CSR 240-20.070(5) and one copy of the annual reports required by 4 CSR 240-20.070(6).

5. That this order shall become effective January 14, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Lumpe, Ch., Crumpton, Murray,
Schemenauer, and Drainer, CC., concur

Mills, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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