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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Union)	
Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE and Lewis)	
County Rural Electric Cooperative for Approval)	
of a Written Territorial Agreement Designating)	Case No. EO-2000-630
the Boundaries of Each Electric Service)	
Supplier Within Portions of Lewis, Clark,)	
Shelby, Knox, Adair, Schuyler, Scotland, and)	
Marion Counties in Missouri.)	

ORDER AND NOTICE

On April 7, 2000, Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE (AmerenUE) and Lewis County Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Cooperative), hereinafter jointly referred to as Applicants, pursuant to Section 394.312, RSMo 1994, filed a Joint Application requesting that the Commission find that the territorial agreement submitted by the Applicants is not detrimental to the public interest, issue an order approving such agreement and approving changes to AmerenUE's tariffs.

Applicants state that they have mutually agreed to displace competition between themselves as allowed by law and have set out the terms of their agreement in a document entitled "Territorial Agreement", which is attached to the Application and marked as Exhibit A. The Territorial Agreement contains maps and legal descriptions which, according to the Application, represent the boundaries of each of the Applicants' respective service areas.

Notice of this Application should be sent to interested persons, an intervention date set and an expedited procedural schedule

established, as the Commission must rule on the Application within one hundred twenty (120) days from April 7, 2000, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission for good cause shown.

The Commission determines that notice of this Application should be given by the Commission's Records Department sending a copy of this order to the County Commissions of Lewis, Clark, Shelby, Knox, Adair, Schuyler, Scotland, and Marion Counties in Missouri. In addition, the Commission's Records Department should send a copy of this order to the other electric suppliers that serve the territory covered by the Territorial Agreement as listed in the application. The Commission further determines that the Information Officer of the Commission should provide notice to the members of the General Assembly representing the Applicants' service areas and to the newspapers which serve Applicants' service areas as listed in the newspaper directory of the current Official Manual of the State of Missouri.

Proper persons wishing to intervene shall have twenty (20) days from the date of this order to file an application to intervene with the Secretary of the Commission and shall send a copy of the application to intervene to all parties as directed below.

The Applicants, Staff, and the Office of the Public Counsel shall file a proposed procedural schedule including a date for evidentiary hearing as ordered below.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Records Department shall send a copy of this order to the County Commissions of Lewis, Clark, Shelby, Knox, Adair,

Schuyler, Scotland, and Marion Counties in Missouri. In addition, the Commission's Records Department shall send a copy of this order to the following electric suppliers that serve the territory covered by the Territorial Agreement: Missouri Rural Electric Cooperative, Ralls County Electric Cooperative, Tricounty Electric Cooperative, Macon Electric Cooperative, and the municipalities of Hannibal, Kahoca, Memphis, Palmyra, and Shelbina, Missouri.

- 2. That the Information Officer of the Missouri Public Service Commission be directed hereby to send notice the members of the General Assembly representing the Applicants' service areas and to the newspapers which serve Applicants' service areas as listed in the newspaper directory of the current Official Manual of the State of Missouri.
- 3. That any interested person wishing to intervene in this case shall file an application to intervene on or before May 2, 2000, with:

Secretary Missouri Public Service Commission Post Office Box 360 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

and serve a copy on:

William B. Bobnar Ameren Services Company 1901 Chouteau Avenue Post Office Box 66149 (MC 1310) St. Louis, Missouri 63166-6149

Victor S. Scott
Rob Trowbridge
Andereck, Evans, Milne, Peace
& Baumhoer
305 East McCarty Street
Post Office Box 1438
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-1438

and

Office of the Public Counsel Post Office Box 7800 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

- 4. That the Applicants, Staff and Public Counsel shall file a proposed procedural schedule on or before May 12, 2000, and such procedural schedule shall provide for a hearing to take place on or before August 1, 2000.
 - 5. That this order shall become effective on April 25, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Nancy Dippell, Senior 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 12th day of April, 2000.