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 Crawford

Electric Cooperative, Inc. for Approval of a

Written Territorial Agreement Designating the

Boundaries of Each Electric Service Supplier

Within Washington County, Missouri.

Case No. E0-99-146

ORDER AND NOTICE

On October 13, 1998, Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE (AmerenUE) and Crawford Electric Cooperative, Inc., hereinafter referred to as Applicants, pursuant to Sections 394.312 and 416.041.3, 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, and make such other findings as are appropriate under the circumstances.

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 "Second Territorial Agreement" (hereinafter, Territorial Agreement), which is attached to the Application and marked as Exhibit A. The Territorial Agreement contains a map and legal descriptions which, according to the Application, represent the respective boundaries. Applicants request that the Commission find that their designation of an electric service area is not detrimental to the public interest and that the Commission

approve implementation of the Territorial Agreement by Report And Order.

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 October 13, 1998, 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 Commission of Washington County, Missouri. 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 which should provide for the hearing to occur no later than December 18, 1998.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the Records Department shall send a copy of this order to the County Commission of Washington County, 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 November 10, 1998, 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
One Ameren Plaza
1901 Chouteau Avenue
Post Office Box 66149 (M/C 1310)
St. Louis, Missouri 63166-6149

Rodric A. Widger
Andereck, Evans, Milne, Peace
& Baumhoer
1111 South Glenstone
Post Office Box 4929
Springfield, Missouri 65808-4929

and

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

- That the Applicants, Staff and Public Counsel shall file a proposed procedural schedule on or before November 23, 1998, and such procedural schedule shall provide for a hearing to take place on or before December 18, 1998.
- That this order shall become effective on November 3, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Nancy Dippell, 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 21st day of October, 1998.