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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 August, 1998.

In the Matter of the Application of Union)
Electric Company for Approval of an)
Experimental Retail Wheeling Pilot.) Case No. EO-98-95

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

On September 5, 1997, Union Electric Company (UE) filed an application with the Commission requesting approval of an experimental retail wheeling pilot (EWRP) program. On September 16, the Commission issued an Order and Notice providing for interested parties to apply for intervention no later than October 14.

On April 22, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed an application to intervene out of time. On June 25, the Commission issued an order directing MidAmerican to comply with rule 4 CSR 240-2.075 regarding intervention by filing a statement setting forth the good cause necessary for granting intervention filed out of time.

On July 13, MidAmerican filed its Statement of Good Cause. MidAmerican states that it is an energy company, with electric and natural gas public utility operations in the states of Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska and South Dakota, and unregulated energy-related operations in the midwestern states. Further, MidAmerican stated that it does not conduct Commission jurisdictional public utility activities in the state of Missouri. Therefore, information regarding Commission matters is not

routinely provided to MidAmerican. MidAmerican states that it did not learn about the ERWP in time to intervene on a timely basis. MidAmerican indicates that it learned of the initiation of the ERWP through the trade press well after the filing was made.

MidAmerican points out that there has been little activity on the ERWP. Therefore, MidAmerican would have the opportunity to participate fully in the entire proceeding, if allowed to intervene at this time. MidAmerican states that it will represent the perspective of an energy supplier in the ERWP proceeding. MidAmerican points out that the Commission will only receive useful information from the ERWP if an adequate number of interests participate. MidAmerican states that suppliers obviously have an interest distinct from utilities and large customers. Further, MidAmerican points out that only two potential suppliers have intervened in this proceeding to date. Those intervenors are QST Energy Trading Company and Williams Energy Service Company. MidAmerican states that the addition of another supplier as a party to this proceeding will enhance the record. MidAmerican further points out that the perspective that MidAmerican brings to the proceeding may be different from those already represented. Finally, MidAmerican correctly notes that there has been no objection to MidAmerican's application to intervene in this proceeding.

Given that no objections have been received by the Commission regarding this application to intervene, and that MidAmerican will only be the third potential supplier requesting intervention in this proceeding, and that good cause exists that MidAmerican did not learn of this proceeding in time to timely intervene, and that the EWRP investigation has not yet begun, the Commission finds that granting

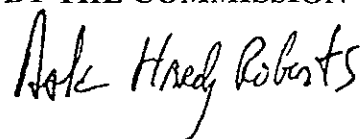
intervention to MidAmerican at this time is appropriate. Therefore, MidAmerican will be permitted to intervene in this proceeding.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the application for intervention filed by MidAmerican Energy Company filed on April 22, 1998, and supplemented on July 13, 1998, is granted.

2. That this order shall become effective on August 14, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts".

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Lumpe, Ch., Murray, Schemenauer
and Drainer, CC., concur.
Crompton, C., absent.

Register, Regulatory Law Judge

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