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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 Ozark Border Electric Cooperative for)
Approval of a Written Territorial Agreement)
Designating the Boundaries of Each Electric)
Service Supplier within Portions of)
Bollinger, Butler, Carter, Dunklin, Iron,)
Madison, New Madrid, Reynolds, Ripley)
Stoddard and Wayne Counties, Authorizing)
the Sale, Transfer, and Assignment of)
Certain Electric Distribution Facilities,)
Easements and Other Rights, Generally)
Constituting the Applicants' Electric)
Utility Business Associated with its)
Customers Transferred Pursuant to the)
Territorial Agreement)

Case No. EO-99-599

ORDER SCHEDULING LOCAL HEARING

On July 16, 1999, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE and Ozark Border Electric Cooperative (Joint Applicants) filed for approval of their agreement contained in a document entitled "Territorial and Exchange Agreement."

On July 9, 1999, the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) filed its *Request for Local Hearing*, citing consumer interest in this matter. Joint Applicants did not file a response. However, OPC orally informed the Commission on July 29, 1999 that the attorneys for the Joint Applicants did not oppose a public hearing.

Having considered OPC's motion, the Commission will schedule a local hearing in this matter. The Records Department of the Commission shall

send a copy of this order to the other Rural Electric Cooperatives and electric suppliers in the area which serve the territory covered by the territorial agreement, to-wit: Pemiscot-Dunklin Electric Cooperative, Scott-New Madrid-Mississippi Electric Cooperative, Howell-Oregon Electric Cooperative, Black River Electric Cooperative, Intercounty Electric Cooperative, plus the municipal electric supply systems of the cities of Poplar Bluff, Malden, Kennett, Sikeston, Jackson, Campbell, and New Madrid; the mayors of all municipalities located within Bollinger, Dunklin, Iron, Madison, New Madrid, Reynolds, Stoddard, and Wayne Counties; and to the county commissions of the aforesaid counties. The Information Office of the Commission shall send notice to the members of the General Assembly who represent the aforesaid counties, and to the newspapers, as listed in the newspaper directory of the current **Official Manual of the State of Missouri**, that serve the aforesaid counties.

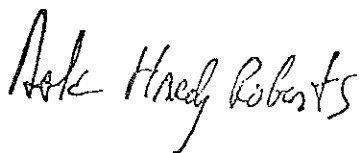
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That a local hearing shall be held on August 19, 1999, at 6:00 P.M. at the auditorium of the Dexter High School, 1101 West Grant, Dexter, Missouri.
2. That the Joint Applicants shall notify, by letter or billing insert, its customers of the time and place of the local hearing at least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled local hearing date.
3. That notice shall be given by the Records Department and the Information Officer of the Public Service Commission as set forth above.

4. That anyone with special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days before the local hearing at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline - 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline - 1-800-829-7541.

5. That this order shall become effective on August 3, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Bill Hopkins, 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 3rd day of August, 1999.

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