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RE: EM-96-149

Dear Mr. Roberts:

MAY 3 0 2000

Missouri Public Service Commission

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of STAFF'S PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND REQUEST FOR LEAVE FOR OTHER PARTIES TO RESPOND and STAFF WITNESSES' DIRECT TESTIMONY AND STAFF MONITORING AND ACCOUNTING SCHEDULES, as indicated on the attached chart.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Steven Dottheim

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

MAY 3 0 2000

In the Matter of the Application of Union Electric Company	/)
for an Order Authorizing: (1) Certain Merger Transactions)
Involving Union Electric Company; (2) The Transfer of)
Certain Assets, Real Estate, Leased Property, Easements)
and Contractual Agreements to Central Illinois Public)
Service Company; and (3) In Connection Therewith,)
Certain Other Related Transactions.)

Missouri Public Service Commission

Case No. EM-96-149

STAFF'S PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND REQUEST FOR LEAVE FOR OTHER PARTIES TO RESPOND

Comes now the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) in response to the May 17, 2000 Order Directing Filing of Direct Testimony And Proposed Procedural Schedule of the Missouri Public Service Commission in the instant case. The Staff asks leave of the Commission for the other parties to respond to the Staff's proposed procedural schedule which reflects discussions with Union Electric Company (UE), d/b/a AmerenUE, and the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel). In fact it was UE that first proposed various dates that follow, but due to other proceedings and activities the Staff, UE and Public Counsel have not been able to finalize a common proposed procedural schedule as yet. Furthermore, UE has not had an opportunity to review the Staff's direct testimony and Complaint and the Public Counsel's direct testimony, all of which are being filed this date. Allowing UE, Public Counsel and other parties ten (10) days to respond to the proposed procedural schedule set out herein will permit UE an opportunity to review said testimony and Complaint, and would permit UE, the Staff, Public Counsel and other parties an opportunity to attempt to reach agreement on a procedural schedule. The Staff proposes the following procedural schedule respecting unresolved items relating to the first year of the second experimental alternative regulation plan (EARP), which include items covered by the Staff's Complaint filed this date:

Staff and Public Counsel File Direct	May 30, 2000
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Prehearing Conference June 23, 2000

UE Files Rebuttal July 18, 2000

List of Issues to be Heard, Order of Witnesses

and Order of Cross-Examination

August 8, 2000

Statements of Positions August 18, 2000

Staff and Public Counsel File Surrebuttal August 24, 2000

Evidentiary Hearings September 27-29, 2000

Wherefore the Staff proposes the procedural schedule indicated above for the unresolved items respecting the first year of the second EARP and the items relating to the Staff's Complaint filed this date. Again, the Staff asks leave that UE, Public Counsel and other parties be permitted ten (10) days to respond to the Staff's proposed procedural schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 30th day of May 2000.

Steven Dote

SERVICE LIST FOR CASE NOS. EC-2000-____ Revised: May 30, 2000

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