

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
March 15, 2001**

CASE NO: EF-2001-476

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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

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**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Citizens)
Electric Corporation for Authority to Borrow) Case No. EF-2001-476
\$6,700,000 from the Federal Financing Bank, to)
be Guaranteed by the Rural Utilities Service.)

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

On March 7, 2001, Citizens Electric Corporation (Citizens) filed a Joint Application and Motion for Expedited Treatment, requesting authority and approval from the Missouri Public Service Commission to borrow approximately \$6,700,000 from the Federal Financing Bank, to be guaranteed by the Rural Utilities Service (RUS). Citizens requests that the Commission approve its application by March 23, 2001, so as to allow Citizens to draw down a portion of the loan funds on March 26, 2001.

In order that the Commission may consider Citizens' application expeditiously, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) will be directed to file a status report no later than March 20, 2001, notifying the Commission of the date certain whereon Staff anticipates filing its recommendation and memorandum regarding the proposed transaction.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Staff of the Commission shall file a status report no later than March 20, 2001, notifying the Commission of the

date certain whereon Staff anticipates filing its recommendation and memorandum regarding the proposed transaction.

2. That this order shall become effective on March 20, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Vicky Ruth, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

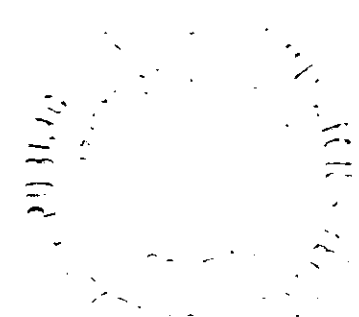
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 15th day of March, 2001.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and
I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,
Missouri, this 15th day of March 2001.



Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge