

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
JEFFERSON CITY**

**March 22, 2001**

**CASE NO: EF-2001-476**

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

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office  
in Jefferson City on the 22nd  
day of March, 2001.

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 DENYING MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT**

On March 7, 2001, Citizens Electric Corporation (Citizens) filed an application for authority and approval from the Commission to borrow approximately \$6,700,000 from the Federal Financing Bank. Citizens also filed a Motion for Expedited Treatment, requesting that the Commission approve its financing request by March 23, 2001. Citizens notes that copies of the Rural Utilities Service Loan Contract, the Federal Financing Bank Note, the Reimbursement Note, and the Mortgage and Security Agreement, will be marked as Exhibits 4, 5, 6, and 7, and late filed once the documents are received by Citizens.

On March 15, 2001, the Commission issued an Order directing Staff to file a status report no later than March 20, 2001, notifying the Commission of the date Staff anticipates filing its recommendation and memorandum regarding the proposed transaction.

Staff filed its status report on March 20, 2001. Staff notes that Citizens' application states that Exhibits 4, 5, 6 and 7 would be "late filed once the documents are received by Citizens from RUS [Rural Utilities Service]." Staff indicates that it must review the information in these exhibits in order to properly complete its review and make its recommendation in this matter. Staff states that these exhibits have not

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yet been filed with the Commission and that counsel for Citizens expects to file the exhibits on or about March 29, 2001. If the exhibits are filed on or before March 29, 2001, and are complete and raise no serious questions requiring discovery, Staff estimates that it should be able to complete its recommendation and memorandum addressing the proposed transaction no later than April 12, 2001.

The Commission has reviewed Citizens' Motion for Expedited Treatment and Staff's status report, and finds that the Motion for Expedited Treatment should be denied. Citizens' application for authority to borrow funds from the Federal Financing Bank is not complete, in that copies of Exhibits 4, 5, 6, and 7 have not yet been provided to the Commission. The Commission is unable to make its decision regarding the proposed financing until after these documents have been properly filed and the Commission and its Staff have had an opportunity to review the late-filed exhibits. However, in order to ensure the prompt resolution of this matter, the Commission will direct Staff to file its memorandum and recommendation, or a status report, no later than 14 days after Citizens files Exhibits 4, 5, 6 and 7.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That Citizens Electric Corporation's Motion for Expedited Treatment is denied.

2. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission is directed to file either its recommendation and memorandum, or a status report, addressing the proposed transaction no later than 14 days following the date which Citizens Electric Corporation files copies of the Rural Utilities Service Loan Contract, the Federal Financing Bank Note, the Reimbursement Note, and the Mortgage and Security Agreement.

3. That this order shall become effective on April 1, 2001.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

*Dale Hardy Roberts*

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

( S E A L )

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

Ruth, Regulatory Law Judge

Att/Sec'y:

Ruth 18, 20

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Simmons, Commissioner

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Action taken:

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## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2001.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge