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RE: Case No. EO-2000-580

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of the **PROPOSED NEW HEARING DATES**.

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,

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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In the Matter of an Investigation into an)
Alternative Rate Option for Interruptible)
Customers of Union Electric Company)
d/b/a AmerenUE.)

Case No. EO-2000-580

PROPOSED NEW HEARING DATES

COMES NOW the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") and respectfully states as follows:

1. The evidentiary hearing in the above-captioned case was officially scheduled for October 19 and October 20, 2000. It is the understanding of the parties that the hearing has been canceled.

2. The parties have conferred for the purpose of proposing possible new dates for the hearing. Scheduling problems would suggest that a two-day hearing cannot be held until December of this year. However, the parties are now reasonably certain that the hearing can be completed in one day, which means it could be concluded in November. Accordingly, the Staff would propose that the hearing be scheduled for one day in November and that a subsequent day be reserved as well, in the event the hearing is not completed in one day.

3. The Staff hereby suggests, with the concurrence of the other parties to this case, that the hearing be re-scheduled for November 9, 2000, with December 13, 2000 to be reserved as a back-up date. If the November 9th date proves unacceptable, the parties would propose that the hearing be held on November 6th, again with December 13th reserved as a back-up date.

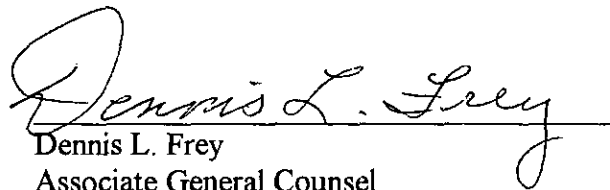
WHEREFORE, on behalf of the other parties, Staff respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order re-scheduling the evidentiary hearing in this case to November 9,

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2000, with December 13th reserved as a back-up hearing date. If the proposed November hearing date proves unacceptable, Staff would propose that the hearing be scheduled for November 6, 2000, again with December 13th reserved as the back-up date.

Respectfully submitted,

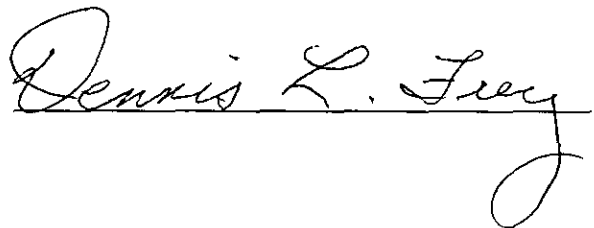
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Certificate of Service

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 18th day of October 2000.



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