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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 Farmers' Electric Cooperative for Approval of a Written Territorial Agreement Designating the Boundaries of Each Electric Service Supplier within Portions of Caldwell, Carroll, Chariton, Clinton, Daviess, DeKalb, Linn, Livingston and Ray Counties; Authorizing the Sale, Transfer, and Assignment of Certain Electric Distribution Facilities, Easements, and Other Rights Generally Constituting AmerenUE's Electric Utility Business Associated with Its Customers Transferred Pursuant to the Territorial Agreement; and AmerenUE's Application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity Authorizing It to Own, Control, Manage, and Maintain an Electric Power System for the Public in Certain Portions of Chariton, Linn, and Ray Counties.

Case No. E0-98-511

ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On August 11, 1998, the parties to this case Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE, Farmers' Electric Cooperative, the Staff of the Commission, North Central Missouri Electric Cooperative, and the Office of the Public Counsel proposed the following procedural schedule:

Stipulation and Agreement August 17, 1998

Staff Suggestions in Support

of Stipulation and Agreement August 17, 1998

Evidentiary Hearing August 26, 1998

In the pleading containing the proposed schedule, the parties state that they are in the process of finalizing a Stipulation and

Agreement for presentation to the Commission. The parties also state that the proposed schedule will allow compliance with the statutorily mandated 120-day period for action by the Commission. By law the Commission must act by September 10.

The parties filed a Stipulation and Agreement, and Staff filed its suggestions in support of that Stipulation and Agreement, on August 17, so the Commission need not adopt that portion of the proposed schedule. The Commission has reviewed the proposed schedule and determines that the date for hearing is appropriate for this case. The following conditions should be applied to the schedule:

All parties are required to bring an adequate number of copies of exhibits which they intend to offer into evidence at the hearing. If an exhibit has been prefiled, only three copies of the exhibit are necessary for the court reporter. If an exhibit has not been prefiled, the party offering it should bring, in addition to the three copies for the court reporter, copies for the five Commissioners, the regulatory law judge, and opposing counsel.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the evidentiary hearing in this case shall be held on August 26, 1998 at 9:00 a.m.
- 2. That the hearing will be held on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. Any person with special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline -- 1-800-392-4211, or TDD Hotline -- 1-800-829-7541.

2. That this order shall become effective on August 18, 1998.

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Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Lewis Mills, Deputy Chief 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 18th day of August, 1998.

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COMMISSION COUNSEL PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION