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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Union Electric Company and Ozark Border Electric Cooperative for an Order Approving the Change in Electric Supplier for Reasons in the Public Interest and Authorizing the Sale, Transfer and Assignment of Certain Electric Distribution Facilities, Easements and Other Rights Generally from Union Electric Company to Ozark Border Electric Cooperative.

Case No. E0-99-475

ORDER AND NOTICE

Union Electric Company (Company) and Ozark Border Electric Cooperative (Cooperative) filed a joint Application with the Commission on April 20, 1999, seeking: (1) authorization to change the supplier for electric service for approximately 320 structures in and around the City of Williamsville in Wayne and Butler Counties and the Mobil Pump Station near Doniphan in Ripley County from Company to Cooperative; and, (2) authorization to sell, transfer and assign certain electric distribution facilities, easements, and other rights of Company generally constituting Company's electric utility business associated with said structures to Cooperative.

Proper parties should be given notice and an opportunity to intervene in this matter. The Records Department of the Commission shall send a copy of this order to the mayor of the City of Williamsville and to the county government bodies of Wayne, Butler and Ripley Counties. In addition, the Records Department, pursuant to

Section 393.190, RSMo 1994, should send a copy of this order with Exhibit 4 to the Application (Tax Impact Statement) attached to the County Clerks of Wayne and Ripley Counties. The Information Office of the Commission shall send notice of this application to the members of the General Assembly who represent Wayne, Butler and Ripley Counties, and to the newspapers that serve Wayne, Butler and Ripley Counties as listed in the newspaper directory of the current Official Manual of the State of Missouri.

Anyone wishing to intervene must submit an application to intervene to:

Dale Hardy Roberts, Secretary Missouri Public Service Commission Post Office Box 360 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

Copies of the application to intervene should be sent to:

William B. Bobnar Ameren Services Company 1901 Chouteau Avenue Post Office Box 66149 (MC 1310) St. Louis, Missouri 63166-6149

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Office of the Public Counsel Post Office Box 7800 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 The requirement of a hearing has been fulfilled when all those having a desire to be heard are offered an opportunity to be heard. If no proper party is granted intervention and neither the Commission's Staff nor the Office of the Public Counsel requests a hearing, the Commission may determine that a hearing is not necessary and that the applicant may submit its evidence in support of the application by verified statement. State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the Information Office and the Records Department of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall provide notice as set out herein.
- 2. That any interested party wishing to intervene in this case shall file an application to do so no later than June 2, 1999. Such applications shall be filed with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, and copies shall be served upon the Applicant's representatives as set forth herein.
- 3. That the Staff of the Commission shall file a memorandum advising either approval or rejection of the matters presented in the application and the reasons therefor no later than June 17, 1999.

4. That this order shall become effective on May 13, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Keith Thornburg, 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 3rd day of May, 1999.