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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Tariff Filing of Union)	
Electric Company to Modify Interruptible)	Case No. ET-99-96
Power Rate Schedule (Service Classification)	(Tariff File 9900102)
No. 10(M).)	

ORDER CANCELING PREHEARING
AND GRANTING SUSPENSION OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On August 6, 1998, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE (UE) filed two tariff sheets with an effective date of September 7, 1998. The purpose was to modify the curtailment provisions concerning interruptible power and to reinstate the limited availability replacement energy pilot program of the Interruptible Power Rate Schedule (Service Classification No. 10(M)).

On September 4, 1998, River Cement Company (River Cement) and Holnam, Inc. (Holnam) filed their request for suspension of proposed tariff, for leave to intervene, and for a hearing.

On September 8, 1998, the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) issued its order denying request for suspension, intervention or hearing.

On September 17, 1998, River Cement and Holnam filed their applications for rehearing which was granted on December 15, 1998.

On January 29, 1999, the Commission issued its order adopting procedural schedule. The parties have complied with the Commission's

order to file direct testimony by January 21, 1999, and to file rebuttal testimony by February 16, 1999.

On March 5, 1999, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed its motion to suspend the procedural schedule. Staff stated that surrebuttal testimony is due March 8, 1999, but the parties agreed to deliver copies thereof to each other by no later than March 5, 1999. Staff noted that the hearing memorandum is due March 9, 1999, and the evidentiary hearing is scheduled for March 15-16, 1999.

Staff further stated that UE has informed the other parties that UE will rescind the tariff sheets that it filed on August 6, 1999. UE will then either request that the Commission reinstate the prior tariff sheets or file new tariff sheets. The new tariff sheets will be basically identical to the tariff sheets which were superseded when the current tariff sheets became effective on September 7, 1998, except that the previously expired limited availability replacement energy program will not be reinstated. Staff's motion implied that all parties have agreed that either of these actions will resolve all issues now in dispute.

The Staff requested that the Commission suspend the procedural schedule indefinitely so that the parties will not be required to file surrebuttal testimony and prepare for a hearing in this case. All other parties have informed counsel for the Staff that they join in this request. Staff stated that all parties have further authorized staff counsel to present its motion for an immediate order.

The Commission will suspend that part of the procedural not complied with:

Surrebuttal testimony of UE and cross-rebuttal testimony of all other parties	March 8, 1999
Hearing Memorandum	March 9, 1999
Hearing	March 15-16, 1999.

Also, the parties will be given until May 10, 1999 to file a new procedural schedule or otherwise dispose of this case.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Commission suspends that part of the procedural not complied with:

Surrebuttal testimony of UE and cross-rebuttal testimony of all other parties	March 8, 1999
Hearing Memorandum	March 9, 1999
Hearing	March 15-16, 1999.

2. That the parties shall have until May 10, 1999 to file an amended procedural schedule or otherwise dispose of this case.

3. That this order shall become effective on March 12, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale H. Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Bill Hopkins, Senior 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 12th day of March, 1999.

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