## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Union Electric	)	
Company's Market Power Study	)	<u> Case No. E0-98-261</u>
Required by MPSC Case No. EM-96-149.	)	

## ORDER GRANTING ADDITIONAL TIME TO FILE STUDY

On February 21, 1997, the Commission issued a Report and Order in Case No. EM-96-149, approving a stipulation and agreement and the merger of Union Electric Company (UE) and CIPSCO, Inc. As part of that order, UE accepted various conditions imposed by the Commission, among those being the condition that UE file "a report that assesses the potential ability of the merged companies to exercise vertical and especially horizontal market power in price deregulated retail generation." This report was ordered to be filed no later than January 1, 1998.

On December 22, 1997, UE filed a motion to extend the deadline for the filing of this report to March 1, 1998. UE states that the required study is very involved and detailed and the necessary time needed to complete the study has exceeded expectations. UE states that it has discussed the proposed extension of time with the Staff of the Commission (Staff) and the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) and neither party objects to the requested extension.

The Commission finds the requested extension to be reasonable and will grant UE's motion.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the motion of Union Electric Company is granted and the market power study required by the Commission's order in Case No. EM-96-149 will be filed no later than March 1, 1998.
  - 2. That this order shall become effective on January 9, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary\Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Joseph A. Derque III, 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 9th day of January, 1998.