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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Union)
Electric Company for an Order Authorizing:)
(1) Certain Merger Transactions Involving)
Union Electric Company; (2) the Transfer)
of Certain Assets, Real Estate, Leased) Case No. EM-96-149
Property, Easements and Contractual)
Agreements to Central Illinois Public)
Service Company; and (3) in Connection)
therewith, Certain Other Related)
Transactions)

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE NOTICE

On March 17, 2000, the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a joint motion requesting an extension of the deadline to file notice of areas of disagreement with the Final Earnings Report filed by Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE (AmerenUE) on February 17, 2000. The Stipulation and Agreement approved by the Commission in this case on July 12, 1996, allowed signatories 30 days after the filing of the Final Earnings Report to provide notice of areas of disagreement to the Commission. The Joint Motion requested that the deadline for the filing of the notice of areas of disagreement as required by paragraph 7.f.x. of the Stipulation and Agreement be extended from March 17, 2000 to April 11, 2000.

In their joint motion, Public Counsel and Staff state that they would like to meet with AmerenUE to discuss areas of disagreement before Public Counsel and Staff file their separate notices with the

Commission. The Joint Motion also states that it is possible that certain areas of disagreement could be eliminated, narrowed or clarified at a meeting of the parties.

On March 20, 2000, the Commission issued a notice directing the parties to file responsive pleadings no later than 4:00 p.m. on March 24, 2000. This notice was served on all parties by telefacsimile transmission, where available, or by U.S. Postal Service on March 20, 2000. On March 20, 2000, AmerenUE filed a letter indicating that it had no objection to the extension of time requested by Public Counsel and Staff. No other responses were received.

The Commission has reviewed the file and finds that there is good cause to extend the deadline for filing the notice of areas of disagreement to April 11, 2000.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Joint Motion for Extension of Deadline to File Notice of Areas of Disagreement filed by the Office of the Public Counsel and the Staff of the Commission on March 17, 2000, is granted.

2. That signatory parties to the Stipulation and Agreement approved by the Commission on July 12, 1996, may file notice of any areas of disagreement not previously brought to the attention the Commission that need be resolved no later than 4 p.m. on April 11, 2000.

3. That this order shall become effective on April 10, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Shelly A. Register, 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 29th day of March, 2000.

**STATE OF MISSOURI
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and
I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,
Missouri, this 29th day of March 2000.

Dale Hardy Roberts

**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

