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CASE NO: EM-96-149

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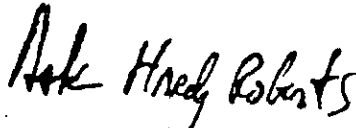
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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)
Property, Easements and Contractual)
Agreements to Central Illinois Public)
Service Company; and (3) in Connection)
therewith, Certain Other Related)
Transactions)

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ORDER GRANTING LEAVE TO FILE COMMENTS OUT OF TIME

On February 7, 2001, Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers (MIEC) requested that the Commission accept its late-filed comments filed in compliance with Section 7.g of the Stipulation and Agreement regarding the second Experimental Alternative Regulation Plan (EARP). MIEC stated that on January 31, 2001, its written comments in this case were prepared and sent to the Commission by Federal Express along with copies of the comments to be served on the parties to this case. On February 1, 2001, Federal Express delivered the package containing MIEC's comments intended for filing with the Commission to the Missouri Supreme Court. A copy of the Federal Express delivery receipt for this package was attached to MIEC's motion. No objections to this motion for leave were filed.

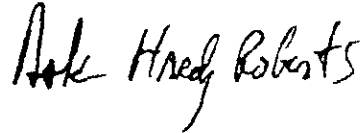
The Commission has reviewed the motion and finds that good cause exists for the Commission to accept MIEC's late-filed comments.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the comments filed out of time by Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers on February 7, 2001, are hereby accepted.
2. That this order shall become effective on March 3, 2001.

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 Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

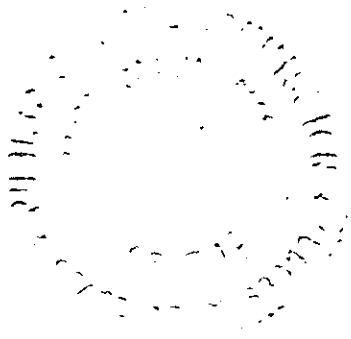
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 21st day of February, 2001.


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 21st day of February 2001.





Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge