

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
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CASE NO: EO-2002-178

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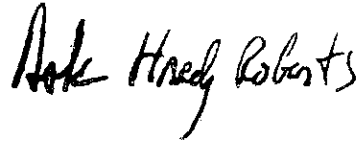
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

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

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

Uncertified Copies:

County Commissions of Camden and Miller Counties in Missouri

Electric Suppliers the serve the territory covered by the Territorial Agreement

County Clerks of Camden and Miller Counties

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Union Electric)	
Company and Gascosage Electric Cooperative for an)	
Order Approving a Change in Electric Service Supplier)	
for Certain Union Electric Company Customers for)	
Reasons in the Public Interest; Authorizing the Sale,)	
Transfer, and Assignment of Certain Electric Distribution)	<u>Case No. EO-2002-178</u>
Facilities, Substations, and Easements from Union)	
Electric Company to Gascosage Electric Cooperative;)	
and Approving the First Amendment to the Union)	
Electric Company and Gascosage Electric Cooperative)	
Territorial Agreement.)	

ORDER AND NOTICE

This order directs notice, sets dates for filing requests for intervention, and sets dates for the filing of proposed procedural schedules.

On October 10, 2001, Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE (AmerenUE) and Gascosage Electric Cooperative (Cooperative), hereinafter jointly referred to as Applicants, pursuant to Sections 394.312 and 393.106, RSMo 2000, filed a Joint Application requesting that the Commission: (1) approve a change in the supplier for electric service for approximately 1200 structures in and around the City of Brumley and the City of Ulman; (2) authorize the sale, transfer, and assignment of certain substations and electric distribution facilities, easements, and other rights of AmerenUE generally constituting Company's electric utility business associated with the structures to the Cooperative; and (3) approve the Applicant's First Amendment to their existing territorial agreement that was approved by the Commission by Report and Order in Case

No. EO-98-279. The Applicants submit that their request is not detrimental to the public interest, and request that the Commission issue an order approving the First Amendment, authorizing the Applicants to perform according to their territorial agreement as amended, finding that the Agreement shall not impair AmerenUE's certificates of public convenience and necessity, except as limited by the First Amendment, and approving related changes to AmerenUE's tariffs.

Applicants submitted their First Amendment as Exhibit A to their application. The Applicants also submitted metes and bounds descriptions and maps, which, according to the Application, represent the boundaries of each of the Applicants' respective service areas according to their First Amendment. The Applicants also submitted their board authorizations for the First Amendment and AmerenUE's sample tariff sheets related to the First Amendment.

Notice of this Application should be sent to interested persons, an intervention date set and an expedited procedural schedule established, as the Commission must rule on the Application within 120 days from October 10, 2001, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission for good cause shown.

The Commission determines that notice of this Application should be given by the Commission's Data Center sending a copy of this order to the County Commissions of Camden and Miller Counties in Missouri. In addition, the Commission's Data Center should send a copy of this order to the other electric suppliers that serve the territory covered by the Territorial Agreement as listed in the application.¹ The Commission further determines that the Information Officer of the Commission should provide notice to the members of the

¹ Laclede Electric Cooperative and Three Rivers Electric Cooperative.

General Assembly representing the Applicants' service areas and to the newspapers which serve Applicants' service areas as listed in the newspaper directory of the current *Official Manual of the State of Missouri*. In addition, the Data Center, pursuant to Section 393.190, RSMo 2000, should send a copy of this order with Exhibit 4 to the Application (Tax Impact Statement) attached to the County Clerks of Camden and Miller Counties.

Proper persons wishing to intervene shall have 20 days from the date of this order to file an application to intervene with the Secretary of the Commission and shall send a copy of the application to intervene to all parties as directed below.

The Commission will set a prehearing conference in this matter as directed below and will require the parties to file proposed procedural schedules. At the prehearing conference, the parties should be prepared to discuss dates for a local public hearing and for an evidentiary hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Data Center shall send a copy of this order to the County Commissions of Camden and Miller Counties in Missouri. In addition, the Commission's Data Center shall send a copy of this order to the following electric suppliers that serve the territory covered by the Territorial Agreement: Laclede Electric Cooperative and Three Rivers Electric Cooperative.

2. That the Data Center shall send a copy of this order with Exhibit 4 to the Application (Tax Impact Statement) attached to the County Clerks of Camden and Miller Counties.

3. That the Information Officer of the Missouri Public Service Commission be directed hereby to send notice the members of the General Assembly representing the

Applicants' service areas and to the newspapers which serve Applicants' service areas as listed in the newspaper directory of the current *Official Manual of the State of Missouri*.

4. That any interested person wishing to intervene in this case shall file an application to intervene on or before November 26, 2001, with:

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and serve a copy on:

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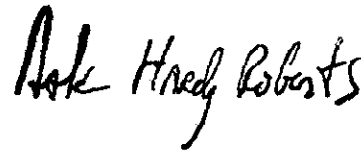
5. That a prehearing conference shall be held on November 28, 2002, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The prehearing conference shall be held in Suite 305, located in the office of the Missouri Public Service Commission in Jefferson City, Missouri, on the main floor of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street. The Governor Office Building meets the accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If any person needs additional accommodations to participate in the prehearing conference,

please call the Missouri Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or 1-800-829-7541 (TDD) prior to the prehearing.

6. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than November 30, 2001, and such procedural schedule shall provide for an evidentiary hearing to take place on or before January 8, 2002.

7. That this order shall become effective on November 16, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION

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

(S E A L)

Nancy Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 6th day of November, 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 6th day of Nov. 2001.



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge