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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 SECOND EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
NOTICES OF AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT

The Commission approved a Stipulation and Agreement in this case on July 12, 1996, allowing signatory parties 30 days after the filing of the company's Final Earnings Report to provide notice of the areas of disagreement to the Commission. Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE (AmerenUE) filed its Final Earnings Report on February 17, 2000. The other signatories parties were permitted to file notice with Commission of the areas of disagreement with the final earnings report by March 19, 2000. On March 17, 2000, the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a request for extension. On March 29, 2000, the Commission granted Public Counsel's and Staff's request, extending the filing deadline from March 19, 2000 to April, 11, 2000.

On April 18, 2000, Public Counsel and Staff filed a second joint motion requesting an extension of the deadline to file notice of the

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areas of disagreement with the Final Earnings Report filed by AmerenUE. The Joint Motion requested that the deadline for filing notice of the areas of disagreement as required by paragraph 7.f.x. of the Stipulation and Agreement be extended from April 11, 2000 to April 25, 2000.

In their Joint Motion, Public Counsel and Staff indicated that due to other matters related to the third sharing period of the First EARP pending in Cole County Circuit Court, the parties were only just recently able to confer. The Joint Motion states that all three parties believe that further review and discussion would be beneficial allowing certain areas of disagreement to be eliminated, narrowed or clarified based on further discussions.

On April 12, 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 the areas of disagreement to April 25, 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 April 10, 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 of the Commission that need be resolved no later than April 25, 2000.

3. That this order shall become effective on May 2, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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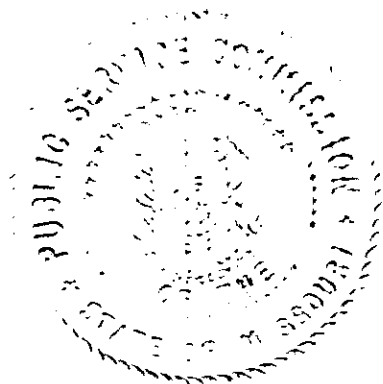
Shelly A. Register, Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of
authority pursuant to 4 CSR
240-2.120(1), (November 30, 1995)
and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 21st day of April, 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 21st day of April 2000.



Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge