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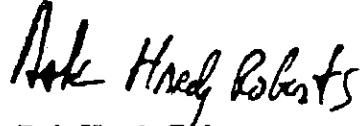
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

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 SUSPENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On February 15, 2001, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE (AmerenUE) filed a request that the Commission hold the pending procedural schedule in abeyance.¹ AmerenUE stated in its motion that Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and AmerenUE had reached an agreement in principle on all outstanding issues in the second sharing period of the Second Experimental Alternative Regulation Plan (EARP). Because of the short time between the date set for the filing of testimony and the date the agreement was reached, the parties were unable to complete settlement documents for filing. Therefore, AmerenUE, Staff and Public Counsel join in this request to suspend the

¹ The Commission adopted a procedural schedule in this case on February 8, 2001. The procedural schedule required Staff and Public Counsel to file direct testimony on February 15, 2001, scheduled a prehearing conference on March 1, 2001, and required AmerenUE to file rebuttal testimony on March 27, 2001.

procedural schedule to allow the parties sufficient time to finalize and submit settlement documents.

AmerenUE stated that it was anticipated that the parties would be able to finalize the settlement documents and file them no later than March 1, 2001. If the parties are unable to complete the settlement documents by March 1, 2001, AmerenUE stated that it will file a notice with the Commission indicating the status and a new anticipated filing date. AmerenUE stated that it had been authorized to inform the Commission that the Staff and Public Counsel join in this request, and that no other party objected to the request. No objections were received.

After review of AmerenUE's request, the Commission shall suspend the procedural schedule adopted on February 8, 2001. If no stipulation and agreement has been filed by March 1, 2001, the Commission will direct the parties to submit a case status report which shall include the date the parties anticipate filing their stipulation and agreement.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the procedural schedule adopted on February 8, 2001, is suspended until further order of the Commission.
2. That the parties shall file a case status report no later than March 1, 2001, if a stipulation and agreement resolving all the contested issues in this case has not been filed on or before March 1, 2001.
3. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file with the Commission a memorandum explaining its rationale

for entering into the proposed stipulation and agreement between the signatory parties, within five days following the filing of the stipulation and agreement of the parties.

4. 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

