

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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CASE NO: EM-96-149

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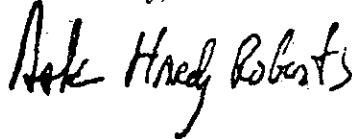
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 25th
day of January, 2001.

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)

Case No. EM-96-149

**ORDER GRANTING REINSTATEMENT AND RECONSIDERATION OF
ORDER DISMISSING PARTIES**

On January 2, 2001, the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) issued an order dismissing parties that did not appear for the prehearing conference on December 20, 2000, after proper notice was served upon the parties.

On January 3, 2001, the State of Missouri ex rel. Attorney General Jay Nixon (State of Missouri) filed a motion requesting that it be reinstated as a party. For its good cause, the State of Missouri stated that it did not receive its notice of the procedural schedule, and if it had received its notice, it would have at least contacted the Commission before the prehearing conference if its attendance was precluded because of conflict. The Commission finds good cause exists to set aside its order issued January 2, 2001, as to the State of Missouri and reinstate the State of Missouri as a party to this case.

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On January 11, 2001, Friendship Village of South County, Friendship Village of West County, Village North, Cardinal Ritter Institute and Orchard House Partnership (collectively known as Retirement Facilities Coalition or RFC) filed a request for reinstatement as parties. For good cause, RFC stated that counsel was out of the office from December 11 through December 28, 2000. Further, RFC stated that it was unable to locate a copy of the order setting prehearing conference and would have attended or arranged to be excused if counsel had known the early prehearing conference had been scheduled. The Commission finds good cause exists to set aside its order issued January 2, 2001, as to RFC and reinstates the parties known collectively as RFC to this case.

Also, in its Order Dismissing Parties issued on January 2, 2001, the Commission's order stated that Trigen-St. Louis Energy Corporation (Trigen) did appear at the prehearing conference on December 20, 2000. In fact, Trigen did not appear by counsel of record at the prehearing conference on December 20, 2000, and therefore, Trigen should also be dismissed pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.116 Dismissals.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Motion for Reinstatement file by the State of Missouri ex rel. Attorney General Nixon on January 3, 2001, is granted and the State of Missouri ex rel. Attorney General Nixon will remain a party to this case.

2. That the Motion for Reinstatement of Retirement Facilities as parties filed by Friendship Village of South County, Friendship Village of West County, Village North, Cardinal Ritter Institute,

Orchard House Partnership on January 11, 2001, is granted, and Friendship Village of South County, Friendship Village of West County, Village North, Cardinal Ritter Institute and Orchard House Partnership will remain parties to this case.

3. That Trigen-St. Louis Energy Corporation is dismissed as a party from this case pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.116(3).

4. That this order shall become effective on February 4, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Lumpe, Ch., Drainer, Murray, Schemenauer,
and Simmons, CC., concur

Register, Regulatory Law Judge

ALJ/Sec'y: Register/Boyce

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Drainer, Vice Chair

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Murray, Commissioner

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Simmons, Commissioner

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Agenda Date

Action taken: 5-OAS

Must Vote Not Later Than _____

OK

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 25th day of Jan. 2001.

[Signature]
Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

