

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
August 10, 2001**

CASE NO: GA-2001-657

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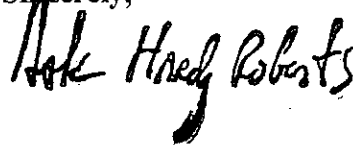
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**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 (d/b/a AmerenUE) for)
a Certificate of Public Convenience and)
Necessity Authorizing it to Construct,)
Install, Own, Operate, Control, Manage)
and Maintain Natural Gas Pipeline Facilities)
and a Gas Distribution System for the)
Public in the City of Flint Hill, Missouri, and)
Its Vicinity, as an Expansion of its Presently)
Certificated Area)

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ORDER DIRECTING FILING

On August 9, 2001, a prehearing conference was held in this case. The parties advised the Commission at that time that settlement discussions were going forward and were likely to be fruitful soon. The parties requested that the filing date for the proposed procedural schedule be deferred in view of the probable imminent settlement and resolution of this matter. Therefore, the Commission will defer the filing of a proposed procedural schedule until September 15, 2001.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the parties need not file a proposed procedural schedule by August 17, 2001, as previously ordered herein.
2. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than September 15, 2001. The procedural schedule shall include dates for the filing of testimony and for a hearing.

2. That this order shall become effective on August 17, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION

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

(S E A L)

Kevin A. Thompson, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

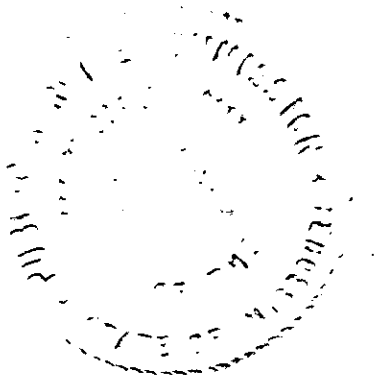
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 10th day of August, 2001.

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 10th day of August 2001.



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Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge