

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office  
in Jefferson City on the 19th  
day of December, 1995.

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 ) **Case No. EM-96-149**  
estate, leased property, easements and contractual )  
agreements to Central Illinois Public Service )  
Company; and (3) in connection therewith, certain )  
other related transactions. )  
)

**ORDER DENYING STAFF'S MOTION  
FOR EARLY PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

On November 7, 1995, Union Electric Company (UE) filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) requesting an order from the Commission authorizing certain merger transactions involving UE.

On December 6, 1995, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a motion with the Commission requesting the Commission set an early prehearing conference for December 21, 1995, and to propose a procedural schedule for the litigation of this matter.

The Commission will deny the motion of the Staff for the following reasons. Numerous requests for intervention have been made in this matter. In accordance with the Commission's normal rule, the remainder of the parties have ten days to respond to applications to intervene. In fact, a party to this matter has objected to an application to intervene. Therefore, some of the parties to this matter are not known.

The Commission finds itself in the position of being unable to ascertain the parties to this matter prior to the requested setting of the

prehearing conference. The Commission sees no pressing reason to hold the requested prehearing conference with such haste. As one of the basic purposes of holding an early prehearing conference is to establish a procedural schedule for the remainder of the case, the Commission finds it wiser to rule on all requested interventions and objections to interventions prior to setting the prehearing conference.

The Commission finds it more reasonable to set the early prehearing conference for January 8, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 520B of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

The Staff and the remainder of the parties should then agree on a proposed procedural schedule. In this regard the Commission would note that, in the original Staff proposal, only seven days were allowed for the production of a transcript of the evidentiary hearing. The Commission would appreciate adherence to the normal rule of two weeks unless compelling reason exists for a shortened time period.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the motion of the Staff of the Commission proposing an early prehearing conference and procedural schedule is hereby denied for reasons as set out above.

2. That an early prehearing conference in this matter is hereby set for January 8, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 520B of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

3. That any person(s) with special needs as addressed by the Americans With Disabilities Act shall contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days prior to the prehearing conference at one

of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline -- 1-800-392-4211, or  
TDD Hotline -- 1-800-829-7541.

4. That this order shall become effective on the date hereof.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



**David L. Rauch  
Executive Secretary**

( S E A L )

Mueller, Chm., McClure and  
Drainer, CC., concur.  
Kincheloe and Crumpton, CC.,  
absent.

