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STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 1st day of April, 1997.

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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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Case No. EM-96-149

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME

On February 21, 1997, the Commission issued its Report and Order in this matter approving a Stipulation and Agreement between the parties which provided, among other things, that Union Electric Company (UE) would file a proposed tariff implementing an Experimental Retail Wheeling Pilot Program no later than March 1. On March 14, UE filed a Motion for an extension of time in which to file the agreed-upon proposal. No objections to the proposed extension of time were tendered by the remainder of the parties to the Stipulation and Agreement.

In its Motion, UE states that it is currently planning to solicit substantive input from the parties to the Stipulation and Agreement as well as various other commercial, residential, and public interest groups. UE states that, due to the time involved in obtaining Commission approval of the Stipulation and Agreement, UE is unable to solicit input, and research and draft the proposed tariff within the time period originally contemplated in the Stipulation and Agreement. UE requests an extension, as was provided for in the original agreement. UE states that it does not believe that any other party to the Stipulation and Agreement will be prejudiced by the extension.

The Commission finds that no objection to the proposed extension has been made and that the time period originally contemplated in the Stipulation and Agreement is no longer feasible. The Commission further finds that no prejudice to any party will result from the proposed extension and, in fact, will allow all parties to the agreement and additional interested groups substantive input into the makeup of the proposed tariff. Therefore, the Commission will grant the proposed extension and order the proposed experimental tariff filed no later than September 1, as requested.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Union Electric Company's Motion for extension of time is hereby granted and tariff sheets to implement the proposed Experimental Retail Wheeling Pilot Program will be filed no later than September 1, 1997.

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

BY THE COMMISSION

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Cecil I. Wright Executive Secretary

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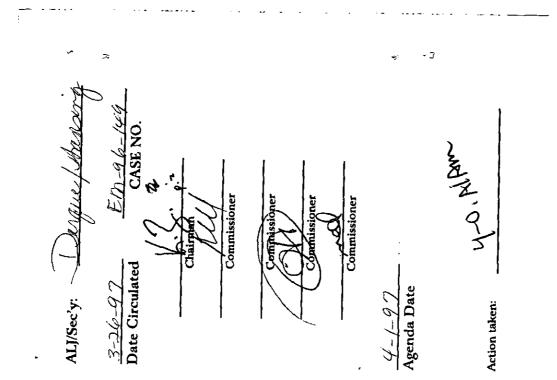
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> Zobrist, Chm., McClure, Crumpton, and Drainer, CC., Concur.

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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 1 AFRIL , 1997. day of

Cecil I. Wright Executive Secretary