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Via Federal Express

The Honorable Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P. O. Box 360
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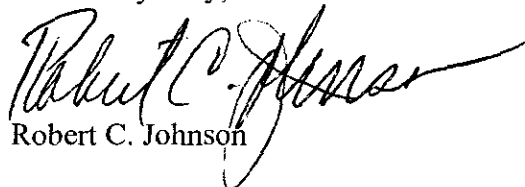
Re: **Case No. EM-96-149**

Dear Judge Roberts:

On behalf of the Missouri Energy Group, Barnes-Jewish Hospital, et al, I enclose herewith for filing an original and fourteen (14) copies of a statement in support of the Commissions Staff's proposed procedural schedule in the above matter. I would appreciate your bringing this filing to the attention of the Commission.

Copies of this filing are being mailed to all counsel of record.

Yours very truly,


Robert C. Johnson

Enclosure
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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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.)

Missouri Public
Service Commission
Case No. EM-96-149

**POSITION STATEMENT OF THE MISSOURI ENERGY GROUP IN
SUPPORT OF COMMISSION STAFF'S PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Comes now the Missouri Energy Group, Barnes-Jewish Hospital, et al. and in response to the May 17, 2000 Order Directing Filing of Direct Testimony and Proposed Procedural Schedule hereby states that it has reviewed the proposed Procedural Schedule filed by staff herein on May 30, 2000 and concurs with staff on such schedule. The Missouri Energy Group further urges the Commission to adopt the said procedural schedule as proposed by the commission staff.

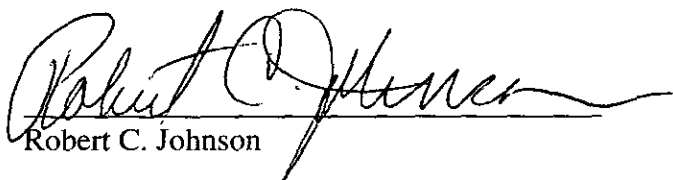
Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed to all counsel of record this 8th day of June, 2000.



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