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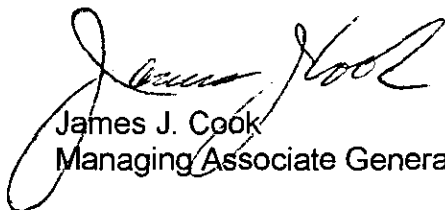
Re: MPSC Case No. EM-96-149

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE, in the above matter, please find an original and eight (8) copies of its **Request to Hold Pending Procedural Schedule in Abeyance**.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this filing by stamping a copy of the enclosed letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

Very truly yours,



James J. Cook
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cc: Ms. Shelly Register
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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In the Matter of the Monitoring 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

**REQUEST TO HOLD PENDING PROCEUDRAL
SCHEDULE IN ABEYANCE**

COMES NOW Union Electric Company ("UE" or "the Company") and requests the Missouri Public Service Commission ("the Commission") to hold in abeyance the procedural schedule in this matter. In support of this request, the Company states as follows:

1. The Commission recently issued an order setting a procedural schedule in this matter.
2. The Company, the Staff and the Office of Public Counsel ("OPC") have reached an agreement in principle on all outstanding issues in the second sharing period of the Second Experimental Alternative Regulation Plan (EARP) and have begun drafting a pleading to present to the Commission for its approval.
3. It is anticipated that the pleading will be similar to the "Joint Recommendation" or the "Stipulation and Agreement," which were filed at the conclusion of the first and second sharing periods, respectively, of the First EARP, and in the first sharing period of the Second EARP.
4. Because of the short time between the date that agreement was reached and the date set for the filing of testimony, it is not anticipated that the attorneys for the

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Staff, OPC and the Company will be able to finalize the settlement documents and file them until the week of February 26, 2001.

5. The Company suggests that if the settlement documents cannot be finalized and filed by March 1, 2001, the Company will file a notice with the Commission indicating the status of that effort and the then anticipated filing date.
6. The Company has been authorized to inform the Commission that the Staff and OPC join in this request, and no other party objects to it.

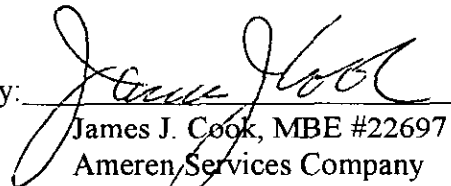
WHEREFORE, for the reasons set out above, the Commission is requested to hold this matter in abeyance, pending the filing of settlement documents, or a further status report, by March 1, 2000.

Dated: February 14, 2001

Respectfully submitted,

AmerenUE

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