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The Honorable Dale Hardy Roberts  
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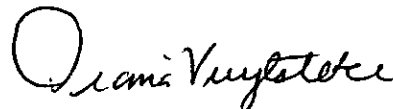
Re: Case No. E0-2001-684

Dear Judge Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced case are an original and fourteen (14) copies of the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers' Request to be Excused from Prehearing Conference.

Thank you for your assistance in bringing this filing to the attention of the Commission

Very truly yours,



Diana M. Vuylsteke

DMV:dv  
Enclosures  
cc: All parties

**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 an Order Authorizing	)	Case No. EO-2001-684
it to Withdraw from the Midwest ISO	)	
to Participate in the Alliance RTO	)	

**REQUEST OF THE MISSOURI INDUSTRIAL ENERGY CONSUMERS  
TO BE EXCUSED FROM PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

Comes now Adam's Mark Hotel, Alcoa Foil Products, Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc., The Boeing Company, Ford Motor Company, General Motors Corporation, Holnam, Hussmann Refrigeration, ISP Minerals, Mallinckrodt, Inc., MEMC Electronic Materials, Monsanto Company, Precoat Metals, Procter & Gamble Manufacturing, Ralston Purina and Solutia, hereafter referred to as the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers ("MIEC"), and requests to be excused from the Prehearing Conference held on July 31 in this case. In support of this request, the MIEC states as follows:

1. The Commission issued an order on Thursday, July 26 granting the MIEC intervention in this case and scheduling a prehearing conference for Tuesday, July 31 at 10:00 a.m.
2. Counsel for the MIEC received a copy of this order by U.S. Mail after 3:00 p.m. on Monday, July 30. Upon receiving the order, counsel for the MIEC telephoned Judge Lewis Mills and requested to be excused from the prehearing due to unavailability of counsel.
3. On Tuesday, July 31, after the prehearing conference had concluded, counsel for the MIEC was informed that Judge Mills was on vacation, that Judge Dippell presided at

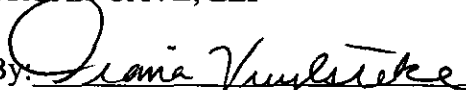
the prehearing conference, and that Judge Dippell and was unaware of the MIEC's request to be excused.

4. The MIEC is mindful that participation in prehearing conferences is mandatory for each party unless that party is excused. The MIEC wishes to participate fully in these proceedings and therefore requests to be excused from the July 31 prehearing conference.
5. It is the MIEC's understanding that no schedule was agreed upon at the prehearing and that a proposed schedule will be filed by the parties at a later date. For this reason, the MIEC respectfully suggests that there would no party would be prejudiced by MIEC's failure to appear at the prehearing conference.

WHEREFORE, the MIEC requests that the Commission grant its request to be excused from the July 31 prehearing conference in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing has been served by United States mail to all parties on the Commission's service list in this proceeding this 3rd day of August, 2001.

