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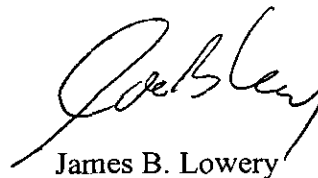
Re: MPSC Case No. EM-96-149

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 copies of its **Unopposed Request for an Extension of Time to Respond to The Staff's Proposed Procedural Schedule.**

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this filing by file-stamping the additional enclosed copy of this letter (with attached Request) and returning it to Mr. James Cook in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Very truly yours,



James B. Lowery

Enclosures

c: Ms. Shelly Register  
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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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

**UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY'S UNOPPOSED REQUEST  
FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO  
THE STAFF'S PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Union Electric Company ("UE") respectfully submits this request to extend the time for its response to the Staff's proposed procedural schedule, currently due June 9, 2000, by one week to June 16, 2000. Both the Staff and the Office of Public Counsel have advised UE that they have no objections to this extension. Though the parties have been working diligently to conclude an agreement concerning the dates for the procedural schedule, the number of different individuals who may be involved in various phases of these proceedings, along with their different schedules over the summer months, has made this process somewhat cumbersome and time-consuming. Though some procedural issues may not be susceptible to agreement, the actual dates of the various steps of the proceedings should be, and we are confident that, with the additional time the requested extension will allow, the parties will be able to reach agreement on those dates.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that the Commission extend the time for UE to respond to the Staff's proposed procedural schedule to the close of business on June 16, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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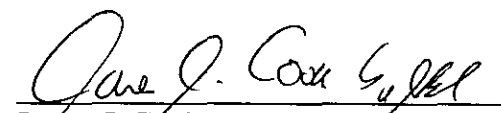
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