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RE: Case No. EO-2001-245

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of a **STAFF'S RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING**.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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In the Matter of the Application of Union)
Electric Company (d/b/a AmerenUE) for)
an Order to Approve the Change of)
Trustee for its Tax Qualified Nuclear)
Decommissioning Trust Fund and to)
Approve Related Changes to the Trust)
Agreement

Case No. EO-2001-245

STAFF'S RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its response states:

1. On October 12, 2000 Union Electric Company, doing business as AmerenUE ("AmerenUE"), filed its *Application of Union Electric Company For Approval to Change The Trustee of Its Tax Qualified Nuclear Decommission Trust Fund, For Approval of Related Changes To The Trust Agreement, For Approval of a New Investment Manager, And Motion For Expedited Treatment*.

2. On October 24, 2000 the Commission ordered Staff to file a pleading stating (1) whether or not it will be able to handle this case in an expedited manner if the Commission so orders and, (2) if so, giving suggested dates for the filing of a Staff report or recommendation.

3. The Staff's understanding, following a conversation with AmerenUE's counsel, is that AmerenUE is requesting a Commission Order authorizing the changes requested in AmerenUE's application by December 15, 2000. The normal ten day effective date for such Order would then give AmerenUE sufficient time to execute the changes mentioned in the application by January 1, 2001.

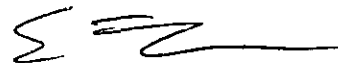
4. Staff expects to be able to meet its filing requirements for this case in an expedited manner if the Commission so orders.

5. Accordingly, Staff would suggest the date of Friday December 1, 2000 for the filing of a staff report or recommendation in this matter.

WHEREFORE, the Staff states that it expects to be able to meet the filing requirements of the expedited treatment of this case if the Commission so orders and suggests the date of December 1, 2000 for the filing of a report or recommendation in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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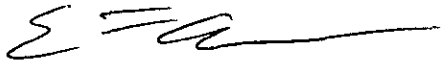


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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 24th day of October 2000.



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