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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application and)
Request for Expedited Treatment of)
Union Electric Company for Permission)
and Authority to Reroute an Existing)
161 kV Transmission Line, and in its) **Case No. EO-98-150**
Place to Construct, Operate and)
Maintain a New Double Circuit 161 kV)
Transmission Line in the County of)
Cape Girardeau, Missouri.)

ORDER AND NOTICE

On October 8, 1997, Union Electric Company (Applicant) filed an application with the Commission requesting authority to remove and reroute an existing 161 kilovolt (kV) transmission line and to construct in its place a new double circuit 161 kV transmission line in Cape Girardeau County. Applicant states that the proposed rerouting and replacement of transmission line is required because of a substantial increase in demand for electricity by Proctor and Gamble (P&G). Specifically, the present location of the single 161 kV line on P&G's property is blocking the construction of a proposed tissue and towel production facility to be located next to P&G's existing diaper plant north of the City of Cape Girardeau. Applicant proposes to reroute the transmission line outside of Applicant's certificated service area entirely on property owned by P&G. P&G will reimburse Applicant for all costs associated with the rerouting and replacement of line. Applicant requests expedited approval of the application so that an order approving the application may be issued by January 15, 1998.

The Commission has determined that proper parties should be given notice and opportunity to intervene in this matter. The Records Department of the Commission shall send a copy of this order to all county commissioners of Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. In addition, the Information Office of the Commission shall send notice of this application to the members of the General Assembly who represent Cape Girardeau County, and to the newspapers located in Cape Girardeau County, as listed in the newspaper directory of the current *Official Manual of the State of Missouri*.

Anyone wishing to intervene must submit an application to intervene to the Executive Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, on or before November 10, 1997. Copies of the application to intervene should be sent to:

Joseph H. Raybuck, Attorney
Union Electric Company
1901 Chouteau Avenue
Mail Code 1310
St. Louis, Missouri 63166-6149

The requirement of a hearing has been fulfilled when all those having a desire to be heard are offered an opportunity to be heard. If no proper party or governmental entity is granted intervention and neither the Commission's Staff nor the Office of the Public Counsel requests a hearing, the Commission may determine that a hearing is not necessary and that the Applicant may submit its evidence in support of the application by verified statement. State ex rel. Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. P.S.C., 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Information Office and the Records Department of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall provide notice as set out herein.

2. That any interested party wishing to intervene in this case shall file an application to do so no later than November 10, 1997. Such applications shall be filed with the Executive Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102, and copies shall be served upon the Applicant's representative as set forth herein.

3. That this order shall become effective on October 10, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cecil I. Wright", with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary**

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Gregory T. George, Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.120(1),
(November 30, 1995) and Section 386.240,
RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 10th day of October, 1997.