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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 Approval )  
of Decommissioning Cost Estimate and ) **CASE NO. EO-97-86**  
Funding Level of Nuclear )  
Decommissioning Trust Fund, and )  
Contingent Request for Waiver of )  
Quarterly Funding Requirement. )

**ORDER GRANTING SECOND EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE**  
**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF STIPULATION**

Union Electric Company (UE) filed an application for approval of the funding level of nuclear decommissioning costs for its Callaway Plant with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) on September 3, 1996. In an order issued on November 6, 1997, the Commission granted Staff an extension of time to file testimony in support of the Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement (Stipulation), which was previously filed on April 22.

On November 7 Staff filed another motion for additional time to file testimony. Staff explains that the supporting testimony has been drafted, but has been distributed to UE and the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) for their review. Staff's draft of its testimony in support has prompted certain discussions among Staff, UE, and Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCPL) about several matters relating to the decommissioning trust funds. Staff maintains that it would be beneficial for these discussions to continue before Staff files its testimony in support. In addition, Staff references several prior commitments which would also require some additional time. Given these considerations, Staff requests that it be granted a further extension of time in which to file its testimony in support of the Stipulation, from November 6 to November 14.

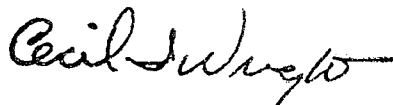
The Commission has considered Staff's request and finds the request to be reasonable. The Commission notes that no one has objected to the request for additional time. The Commission finds that the Staff should be granted until November 14 to file testimony in support of the Stipulation.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Staff of the Commission is granted until November 14, 1997, to file testimony in support of the Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement.

2. That this order shall become effective on November 14, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION



Cecil I. Wright  
Executive Secretary

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Elaine E. Bensavage, 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 14th day of November, 1997.