STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 27th day of August, 1998.

In the Matter of a Commission Inquiry into Retail Electric Competition.

) Case No. EW-97-245

ORDER CLOSING CASE

This case was opened to allow the Commission to focus on issues regarding electric industry restructuring of particular concern to Missouri and to permit the public to participate in the discussion of these issues. To that end the Commission appointed a Task Force, which filed its Final Report on May 1, 1998. On June 12, the Commission Staff filed its proposed competitive restructuring plan.

By order dated June 17, the Commission appointed an Education Working Group. Its task was to prepare a plan to educate the public about the Task Force Report. The Commission set a deadline of August 14 for this working group to submit its plan. In that same order, the Commission set a deadline of August 14 for any Task Force member to respond to the Staff plan filed on June 12, or to submit its own plan.

In its June 17 order, the Commission noted:

Once the education working group has submitted its report, and Task Force members have had the opportunity to submit plans or comment on the Staff plan, the purposes for which this docket was opened will have been accomplished, and the case will be closed.

Since these filings have been timely made, the Commission will close this case. The Commission appreciates the time and hard work that the Task

Force and working group members devoted to this case. The reports that have been filed and the dialogue that has taken place will prove invaluable to the Commission as the General Assembly debates restructuring Missouri's electric utility industry.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That this order shall become effective on September 9, 1998.
- 2. That this case may be closed after September 10, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Lumpe, Ch., Crumpton, Murray, Schemenauer and Drainer, CC., concur.

Mills, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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