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RE: Case No. EM-96-149 - In the Matter 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

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and fourteen (14) conformed copies of a **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**.

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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Enclosure
cc: Counsel of Record

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Case No. EM-96-149

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its recommendation states:

1. In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled Appendix A, the Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission issue an Order approving the proposed tariff sheets in Tariff File No. 200000865, as filed on March 23, 2000, to become effective on March 30, 2000.

2. The Staff, after reviewing the proposed tariff sheets, finds the proposed tariff sheets to be in compliance with the Commission's Orders in both Case No. EO-96-15 and Case No. EM-96-149. The Staff would note that the effective date of the proposed tariff sheets is March 30, 2000 rather than April 1, 2000. The Staff previously recommended that the Commission direct Union Electric Company (UE), d/b/a AmerenUE to file tariff sheets to effectuate a \$16.321 rate reduction commencing April 1, 2000. The Commission subsequently ordered that UE should file tariff sheets to effectuate a \$16.321 million dollar rate reduction commencing April 1, 2000.

3. Since the proposed tariff sheets effectuate a rate reduction,¹ the Staff does not believe that the March 30, 2000 effective date, instead of an April 1, 2000 effective date, causes any problems. As noted in the attached Staff recommendation, March 30, 2000 is the first scheduled meter reading date of UE's April billing month.

4. The Staff would note that while the proposed tariff sheets are consistent with the Commission's Orders in both Case No. EO-96-15 and Case No. EM-96-149, substitute pages will have to be filed for the summer rates in said proposed tariff sheets in order for them to be consistent with the instructions given by Judge Thomas J. Brown, III in Case No. 00CV323273cc yesterday. Judge Brown has stayed from going into effect the full effect of the proposed tariff sheets. Judge Brown has stayed approximately \$.370 million of the total \$16.321 million rate reduction from going into effect. The manner in which the staying of \$.370 million of the \$16.321 million rate reduction will be effectuated is that UE, in the near term, will file proposed tariff sheets to adjust the summer rates in the tariff sheets being recommended for approval this date. In this manner, the proposed tariff sheets filed by UE on March 23, 2000 can be permitted to go into effect on and after March 30, 2000 and those tariff sheets, in the near term, can be consistent with the instructions given by Judge Brown in Case No. 00CV323273cc yesterday.

WHEREFORE the Staff recommends that the Commission issue an Order approving the proposed tariff sheets effective March 30, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ The Staff wants to note for informational purposes that although in the aggregate the filing of UE effectuates a \$16.321 million rate reduction, individual customers may experience an increase in their rates.



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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 29th day of March, 2000.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. EM-96-149, File No. 200000865, Union Electric Company

FROM: James Watkins, Regulatory Economist III, Project Coordinator
Mack McDuffey, Rate & Tariff Examiner II SM
Janice Pyatte, Regulatory Economist III ⁸

James Watkins 3/29/00 *Steven A. Str...* 3/29/00
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SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation for **Approval** of Tariff Sheets Filed to Comply With The
Commission's ORDER DIRECTING RATE REDUCTION Issued February 29, 2000

DATE: March 29, 2000

On March 23, 2000, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE filed with the Commission rate tariff sheets with a proposed effective date of March 30, 2000 to implement a permanent rate reduction to its Missouri customers as directed by the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) in its ORDER DIRECTING RATE REDUCTION in Case No. EO-96-15 and ORDER DIRECTING RATE REDUCTION in Case No. EM-96-149 (Orders).

In its Orders the Commission directed Union Electric Company to file tariff sheets by no later than March 27, 2000 with an effective date of April 1, 2000 implementing the permanent rate reduction in the amount of \$16,321,000. These tariff sheets will also implement the rate design approved by the Commission in Case No. EO-96-15. The tariff sheets were filed prior to the deadline set by the Commission. The effective date on all filed tariff sheets is two (2) days prior to the date Ordered by the Commission. Union Electric Company is proposing to implement the revised tariff sheets on the earlier date of March 30, 2000, which is the first scheduled meter reading date of its April billing month, in order to facilitate the calculation and crediting of the credit for the excess revenues billed between September 1, 1998 and the effective date of the permanent rate reduction. In order to commence crediting customers' bills in the May billing month, as ordered by the Commission, it is necessary to implement the rate change with the first billing cycle of the April billing month.

The Missouri Public Service Commission Electric - Tariff / Rate Design Staff (Staff) has reviewed the filed tariff sheets, and is of the opinion that they are in compliance with the Commission's Orders in Case No. EO-96-15 and Case No. EM-96-149. Staff therefore recommends that the Commission approve the following proposed tariff sheets to become effective on March 30, 2000:

P.S.C. MO. SCHEDULE NO. 5

23rd Revised SHEET NO. 27 CANCELLING 22nd Revised SHEET NO. 27
33rd Revised SHEET NO. 28 CANCELLING 32nd Revised SHEET NO. 28

20th Revised SHEET NO. 32	CANCELLING	19th Revised SHEET NO. 32
22nd Revised SHEET NO. 34	CANCELLING	21st Revised SHEET NO. 34
10th Revised SHEET NO. 62	CANCELLING	9th Revised SHEET NO. 62
20th Revised SHEET NO. 63	CANCELLING	19th Revised SHEET NO. 63
19th Revised SHEET NO. 64	CANCELLING	18th Revised SHEET NO. 64
5th Revised SHEET NO. 65	CANCELLING	4th Revised SHEET NO. 65
26th Revised SHEET NO. 66	CANCELLING	25th Revised SHEET NO. 66
31st Revised SHEET NO. 67	CANCELLING	30th Revised SHEET NO. 67
6th Revised SHEET NO. 67.1	CANCELLING	5th Revised SHEET NO. 67.1
3rd Revised SHEET NO. 67.4	CANCELLING	2nd Revised SHEET NO. 67.4
16th Revised SHEET NO. 99	CANCELLING	15th Revised SHEET NO. 99
12th Revised SHEET NO. 100	CANCELLING	11th Revised SHEET NO. 100

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