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RE: Case No. EO-2001-684 – In the Matter of the Application of Union Electric Company (d/b/a AmerenUE) for an Order authorizing it to withdraw from the Midwest ISO to participate in the Alliance RTO

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of a **STAFF REQUEST FOR EARLY PREHEARING CONFERENCE**.

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
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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STAFF REQUEST FOR EARLY PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Comes now the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) in response to (1) the Application Of Union Electric Company For An Order Authorizing It To Withdraw From The Midwest ISO To Participate In The Alliance RTO (Application), which was filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) on June 11, 2001, and (2) the Commission's Order And Notice issued on June 28, 2001. In its Application, UE states at paragraphs 43 and 45, respectively, as follows:

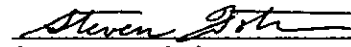
43. AmerenUE will be required to transfer control of its transmission assets to the Alliance RTO once the Alliance RTO is determined to be functionally operational. Until that time, which is projected to be on, or some short time after, December 15, 2001, AmerenUE will maintain complete control over its transmission assets. The transfer of control of its transmission assets to the Alliance RTO will have no impact on AmerenUE's other ownership rights in its transmission assets.
45. To facilitate the goal of the Alliance RTO and the Midwest ISO to be operational by December 15, 2001, AmerenUE respectfully requests that the Commission issue its order in this proceeding as soon as reasonably possible and preferably by a date no later than September 15, 2001.

The Staff requests that the Commission schedule, as soon as reasonably practicable, an early prehearing conference in this matter for the purpose of the parties determining a procedural schedule to propose to the Commission whereby evidence may be presented to address the Application of Union Electric Company filed herein.

Wherefore the Staff requests that the Commission schedule, as soon as reasonably practicable, an early prehearing conference for the purpose of the parties submitting a proposed procedural schedule to the Commission for the taking of evidence.

Respectfully submitted,


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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 18th day of July 2001.



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