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STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 16th
day of July, 1998.

In the Matter of the Application of)
Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE)
and Farmers' Electric Cooperative for)
Approval of a Written Territorial)
Agreement Designating the Boundaries of)
Each Electric Service Supplier within)
Portions of Caldwell, Carroll, Chariton,)
Clinton, Daviess, DeKalb, Linn,)
Livingston and Ray Counties; Authorizing)
the Sale, Transfer, and Assignment of)
Certain Electric Distribution Facilities,) Case No. EO-98-511
Easements, and Other Rights Generally)
Constituting AmerenUE's Electric Utility)
Business Associated with Its Customers)
Transferred Pursuant to the Territorial)
Agreement; and AmerenUE's Application for)
a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity)
Authorizing It to Own, Control, Manage,)
and Maintain an Electric Power System for)
the Public in Certain Portions of Chariton,)
Linn, and Ray Counties.)

ORDER REGARDING ADDITIONAL NOTICE,
GRANTING INTERVENTION, REJECTING PROPOSED PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE AND SETTING EARLY PREHEARING CONFERENCE

On June 23, 1998, Farmers' Electric Cooperative (Cooperative) filed a motion for additional notice. In that pleading, Cooperative states that its application in this case overlooked North Central Electric Cooperative and the city of Meadville as entities potentially affected by the application. Cooperative also states that, upon realizing this oversight, it notified both of these entities. Since both have now received notice, the Commission finds that additional notice is not necessary.

On July 9, North Central Missouri Electric Cooperative (NCMEC) filed an application to intervene, or in the alternative, to participate without intervention. NCMEC states that a portion of its service territory is within and abutting the area covered by the application, and that the Commission's decision in this case could affect NCMEC's future operations, customers, and future territorial agreements. NCMEC states that it neither supports nor opposes the application as it has not fully evaluated the application. The Commission finds that NCMEC has an interest in this case different from that of the general public and that granting intervention would serve the public interest.

On June 16, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE, Cooperative, the Staff of the Commission, and the Office of the Public Counsel proposed a procedural schedule. Since the schedule was proposed before the close of the intervention period, NCMEC necessarily had no involvement in the proposal. In addition, the proposed schedule includes dates for the filing of testimony even though there is no indication that this case will be contested. Accordingly, the Commission will schedule an early prehearing to afford the parties the opportunity to discuss, define, and possibly resolve the issues presented in this case, to allow the parties to determine whether testimony will be necessary, and to allow NCMEC to participate in the development of the procedural schedule. The Commission will not adopt the proposed schedule at this time.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the application to intervene of North Central Missouri Electric Cooperative is granted.
2. That the procedural schedule proposed by Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE, Farmers' Electric Cooperative, the Staff of the

(Commission, and the Office of the Public Counsel on June 16, 1998 is rejected.

3. That an early prehearing conference will be held on July 28, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. at the Commission's offices on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

4. That anyone with special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days before the prehearing or hearing at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline - 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline - 1-800-829-7541.

5. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than August 11, 1998.

(6. That this order shall become effective on July 28, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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

Mills, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge