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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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 AND NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND ORDER DIRECTING VERIFICATION

On May 13, 1998, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE (AmerenUE) and Farmers' Electric Cooperative (Cooperative) filed a joint application with the Commission pursuant to Section 394.312, RSMo 1994, requesting approval of a territorial agreement between the joint applicants, authorizing the sale of certain of AmerenUE's assets associated with the customers transferred pursuant to the territorial agreement, and granting AmerenUE a certificate of convenience and necessity for certain portions of Chariton, Linn, and Ray Counties.

Section 394.312, RSMo 1994, requires both notice and an evidentiary hearing before the Commission may approve the proposed agreement. Unless

good cause for delay exists, the Commission is required to issue its report and order in this case no later than September 10, 1998.

The Commission finds it appropriate that notice of this application be made to the general public and interested parties and that a date for intervention of proper parties be set.

The Records Department of the Commission shall provide notice of this application to the county commissions of Caldwell, Carroll, Chariton, Clinton, Daviess, DeKalb, Linn, Livingston and Ray counties, to all regulated electric utilities in the state of Missouri, and to the unregulated electric suppliers listed by the joint applicants as follows: Grundy Electric Cooperative, Macon Electric Cooperative, United Electric Cooperative, Howard Electric Cooperative, Platte-Clay Electric Cooperative and the municipalities of Laclede, Linneus, Chillicothe, Pattonsburg, Trenton, Bethany, and Gallatin.

Notice of this application shall also be given by the Information Officer of the Commission to the members of the General Assembly representing Caldwell, Carroll, Chariton, Clinton, Daviess, DeKalb, Linn, Livingston and Ray counties, and to all publications of general circulation in Caldwell, Carroll, Chariton, Clinton, Daviess, DeKalb, Linn, Livingston and Ray Counties as set out in the *Official Manual of the State of Missouri*.

Proper persons wishing to intervene shall file an application to intervene with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 and deliver a copy to:

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P.O. Box 149 MC 1310
St. Louis, Missouri 63166-6149

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Under the Commission's rules, an application by a corporation must be verified by an authorized officer of the corporation, or by the attorney for the applicant if the application includes or is accompanied by a statement that the attorney is so authorized. (4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(F)). The verification of the application by Cooperative does not appear to comply with this rule.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Records Department and Information Officer of the Commission are directed to send notice as indicated in this order.

2. That any interested party wishing to intervene in this case shall file an application requesting intervention no later than the close of business July 9, 1998.

3. That Farmers' Electric Cooperative shall amend its verification to become in compliance with 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(F).

4. That this order shall become effective on June 19, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Lewis Mills, Deputy Chief 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 9th day of June, 1998.