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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 18th
day of November, 1997.

In the Matter of the Application of Union)
Electric Company for Approval of an)
Experimental Retail Wheeling Pilot.) Case No. EO-98-95

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTIONS

On September 5, 1997, Union Electric Company (UE) filed an application with the Commission requesting approval of an experimental retail wheeling pilot program. On September 16 the Commission issued an order and notice in this matter providing for interested parties to apply for intervention no later than the close of business October 14. Timely requests for intervention were received by Trigen-St. Louis Energy Corporation (Trigen-St. Louis), Williams Energy Services Company (WESCO) and the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers (MIEC).

Trigen-St. Louis is the owner of a steam generation plant in the St. Louis area and, as such, purchases electric energy from UE to operate the plant. WESCO is a subsidiary of Williams Companies, Inc., which is engaged in various telecommunications and energy-related businesses. WESCO's core business includes natural gas, electric and other commodity trading activities as well as other energy-related financial and price-risk management products and services. MIEC are all large industrial or commercial customers of UE. No objections were made to the intervention requests of any of the above applicants.

The Commission finds that all of the above applicants have an interest in this proceeding different from that of the general public and will be granted intervention.

Two applications to intervene out of time were filed. On October 22 QST Energy Trading Company (QST) filed its application stating that it had made a timely filing which was rejected for failure to obtain local counsel. QST states that it moved as quickly as possible to obtain local counsel and refile its application. QST operates as a marketer and broker, at wholesale, of electric power and arranges services in related areas such as transmission and fuel supplies.

On October 27 Laclede Gas Company (LGC) filed an application to intervene out of time. LGC states that it did not receive a copy of the Commission's order of September 16 providing notice. In its order the Commission directed that all parties to Case No. EM-96-149 be sent a copy of the notice. LGC was a party to that case. LGC is a regulated public utility in the state of Missouri, engaged in the provision of natural gas service to the general public in its St. Louis service area.

No objections to either late-filed application to intervene were tendered. The Commission finds no prejudice to any other party to this proceeding will result from granting the late-filed applications. The Commission finds that both late-filed applicants have an interest in this proceeding different from that of the general public and that both have stated sufficient good cause for the late-filed applications. Therefore, intervention will be granted to LGC and QST.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the following parties are granted intervention in this proceeding pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075: Laclede Gas Company, the

Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers, QST Energy Trading Company, Trigen-St. Louis Energy Corporation and Williams Energy Services Company.

2. That this order shall become effective on November 18, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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

Derque, Regulatory Law Judge