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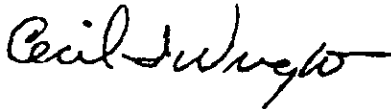
OCTOBER 29, 1996

CASE NO: EM-96-149

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Enclosed find certified copy of ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



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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 29th
day of October, 1996.

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) **Case No. EM-96-149**
Agreements to Central Illinois Public Service)
Company; and (3) in Connection Therewith, Certain)
Other Related Transactions.)
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ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

On October 21, 1996, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a motion for extension of time in which to present testimony regarding the issue of market power, as requested by the Commission's order of September 25. This motion was supported by the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC). Both parties stated that it was necessary for them to employ an outside consultant to respond to the order, and that an extension of 25 days, from November 1, 1996 to November 26, 1996, would be necessary to prepare and submit such testimony. The original Commission deadline was November 1.

On October 25, 1996, Union Electric Company (UE) filed a response to the Staff motion, objecting to the extension of time. Alternatively, UE requested the Commission to allow UE to file its testimony on November 1, but allow the Staff and OPC to respond by November 26, 1996.

The Commission will grant the motion of the Staff for an extension of time in order to ensure that the testimony submitted will be of

sufficient caliber to assist the Commission. UE shall file its response on November 1. Any other party taking advantage of the extension should address the substance of UE's filing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the motion of the Staff is granted and the deadline for the filing of the requested information on the market power issue by all parties is hereby extended to no later than 3:00 p.m., November 26, 1996.

2. That this order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION



**Cecil L. Wright
Executive Secretary**

(S E A L)

Zobrist, Chm., Kincheloe,
Crompton and Drainer, CC.,
concur.
McClure, C., absent.

ALJ: Derque

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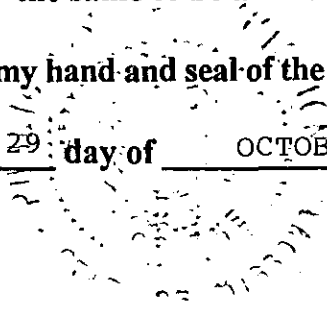
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Commissioner

**STATE OF MISSOURI
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and
I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,
Missouri, this 29 day of OCTOBER, 1996.



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Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary