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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge Missouri Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65012

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Missouri Public Service Commission

Re: U.E. Docket EM-96-149

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Dear Mr. Roberts:

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Enclosed for filing please find the original and fourteen (14) copies of the Position Statement of the Missouri Energy Group.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours very truly,

Robert C Johnson

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Service Commission BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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 agreements to) Central Illinois Public Service Company.) and (3) in connection therewith, certain) other related transactions.)

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Case No. EM-96-149

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THE MISSOURI ENERGY GROUP'S STATEMENT OF POSITION

The Missouri Energy Group, Emerson Electric, et al., supports the position of the Staff of the Commission with respect to the amount of the refunds payable to the customers for the fiscal period ended June 30, 1998 and the amount of the rate reduction for the customers of AmerenUE ("U.E.") to be allocated in accordance with the Commission decision in the U.E. rate design case EO-96-15.

On all other issues, the Missouri Energy Group supports the Commission Staff subject to the Stipulation and Agreement entered into by all active parties in case No. EO-96-14. The Missouri Energy Group further urges the Commission to determine the amount of the refund to the U.E. customers and the amount of the rate reduction for U.E. customers at the earliest possible time and direct implementation of the original Stipulation and Agreement entered into on June 12, 1995.

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Respectfully Submitted:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that on this $\underline{19^{th}}$ day of May, 1999, a copy of the foregoing was mailed, by United States Postal Service, first-class postage affixed, to all counsel of record.

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