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RE: Case No. EM-96-149

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of **STAFF'S MARCH 9, 2001 STATUS REPORT**.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Monitoring 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)

Missouri Public
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Case No. EM-96-149

STAFF'S MARCH 9, 2001 STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Missouri Public Service Commission Staff ("Staff") and requests the Missouri Public Service Commission ("the Commission") to continue to hold in abeyance the procedural schedule adopted in this matter respecting the second year of the second experimental alternative regulation plan of Union Electric Company ("UE" or "Company"). In support of this request, the Staff states as follows:

1. On February 15, 2001, the Company filed a "Request to Hold Pending Procedural Schedule in Abeyance" since settlement documents had not been finalized.
2. On February 21, 2001, the Commission ordered that the parties file a case status report no later than March 1, 2001, if a Stipulation And Agreement resolving all the contested issues in this case was not filed on or before March 1, 2001. On March 1, 2001, the Staff filed Staff's Status Report. Therein the Staff requested that the Commission continue to hold this matter in abeyance, pending the filing of a Stipulation And Agreement or a further status report, by March 9, 2001. Staff counsel anticipated that a Stipulation And Agreement would be filed by March 9, 2001.

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3. The Company, the Staff and OPC have reached agreement on language for the Stipulation And Agreement respecting the second year of the Company's second experimental alternative regulation plan, and this date will be sending to the other parties in this proceeding a copy of the Stipulation And Agreement. Since the Company, the Staff and OPC want to provide the other parties an opportunity to review the Stipulation And Agreement before it is filed with the Commission, said Stipulation And Agreement will be filed with the Commission on or before March 14, 2001. The Company, the Staff and OPC hope that they will be able to advise the Commission of the disposition of the other parties regarding said Stipulation And Agreement at the time that document is filed with the Commission on or before March 14, 2001.

WHEREFORE, the Staff submits the instant status report regarding the Stipulation And Agreement covering the second year of UE's second experimental alternative regulation plan and requests that the Commission continue to hold in abeyance the procedural schedule that it previously adopted in these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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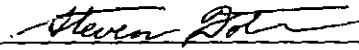


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Dated: March 9, 2001

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding. Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri this 9th day of March 2001.



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