

August 4, 2000

VIA HAND DELIVERY



Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P. O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Re: MPSC Case Nos. EM-96-149

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE, in the above matter, please find an original and eight (8) copies of its **Settlement Status Report**.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this filing by stamping a copy of the enclosed letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

Very truly yours,

James J. Cook / sh

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Enclosures

cc: Ms. Shelly Register
Parties on Attached Service List

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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)

Case No. EM-96-149

SETTLEMENT STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW Union Electric Company ("UE" or "the Company") to submit its Settlement Status Report.

A draft of the Stipulation and Agreement has been provided to the Commission Staff and the Office of Public Counsel. Those offices are reviewing the draft and are expected to provide comments to the Company in a few days. The Company currently anticipates that it will be able to file the Stipulation and Agreement by August 18, but will attempt to file it prior to that date.

WHEREFORE, the Company hereby informs the Commission of the status of the finalization of the settlement documents, and unless directed otherwise, will either file those documents with the Commission on or before August 18, 2000, or report on that date as to the status of those documents.

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Dated: August 4, 2000

Respectfully submitted,

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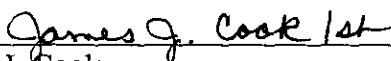
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