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RE: Case No. EO-2001-684 – In the Matter of the Application of Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE for an Order authorizing it to Withdraw from the Midwest ISO to Participate in the Alliance RTO.

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of the STAFF RESPONSE TO UE MOTION TO REOPEN THE RECORD AND TO MAKE LATE-EXHIBIT FILING AND STAFF MOTION TO REOPEN THE RECORD AND MAKE LATE-EXHIBIT FILING.

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 OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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STAFF RESPONSE TO UE MOTION TO REOPEN THE RECORD AND TO MAKE LATE-EXHIBIT FILING AND STAFF MOTION TO REOPEN THE RECORD AND MAKE LATE-EXHIBIT FILING

COMES NOW the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"), in response to the October 18, 2001 Union Electric Company ("UE") Motion To Reopen The Record And To Make Late Filing Of Exhibit. As part of the instant reply, the Staff submits this pleading as its own motion, pusuant to 4 CSR 240-2.110(8) and 4 CSR 240-2.130(17), to reopen the record and receive into evidence the Initial Comments of various state commissions filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") in response to the Alliance Companies' Offer Of Settlement. In support thereof, the Staff states as follows:

- 1. On October 18, 2001, UE filed with the Commission a Motion To Reopen The Record And To Make Late Filing Of Exhibit pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.110(8) and 4 CSR 240-2.130(17). An Offer Of Settlement of the Alliance Companies filed with the FERC, respecting the formation of a Stakeholder Advisory Committee, is the subject of UE's Motion filed on October 18, 2001.
- 2. The Staff has no objection to UE's Motion so long as the Commission reopens the record and accepts as a late-filed exhibit the Initial Comments of the Illinois Commerce Commission, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, Michigan Public Service Commission,



Ohio Public Utilities Commission and Public Service Commission of West Virginia and the Initial Comments of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission filed with the FERC on October 23, 2001 and October 24, 2001, respectively, in response to the Alliance Companies' Offer Of Settlement. Both Initial Comments of the state commissions were downloaded from the FERC's website. The Initial Comments of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission were electronically filed with the FERC, and, as a consequence, the copy downloaded from the FERC website does not show signatures on the signature lines on the cover letter, the Initial Comments, or the certificate of service to the Initial Comments.

- 3. In its Motion, UE makes certain representations respecting the state commissions that participated in the discussions that occurred under the guidance of the FERC's Dispute Resolution Services. The Initial Comments of the state commissions are relevant to the representations of UE, and, thus, it is appropriate to receive them into the record for the record to be complete and accurate, if the Commission is to grant UE's Motion filed on October 18, 2001. The Staff refers to these Initial Comments in its initial brief being filed this date in this case. UE and any other party will have an opportunity in reply briefs to respond to anything in the Staff's initial brief; thus, no party will be disadvantaged by the Staff filing this date these Initial Comments of various state commissions.
- 4. Copies of the Initial Comments of the aforementioned state commissions are being provided to all parties of record and an "original" and eight copies are being provided to the presiding Regulatory Law Judge.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully states that it has no objection to the Motion of UE filed with this Commission on October 18, 2001, so long as the Commission grants this Motion of the Staff to reopen the record and admit into evidence the Initial Comments of various state

commissions submitted to the FERC in response to the Alliance Companies' October 12, 2001 Offer Of Settlement which is the subject of UE's Motion To Reopen The Record And To Make Late Filing Of Exhibit.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 29th day of October 2001.

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