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RE: AmerenUE
Case No. EM-96-149

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced case please find the original and fourteen copies of **Public Counsel's Statements of Position**. Please "file" stamp the extra enclosed copy and return it to this office.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "JBCoffman".

John B. Coffman
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cc: Counsel of Record

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

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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

PUBLIC COUNSEL'S STATEMENTS OF POSITION

Comes now the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and for its Statements of Position states as follows:

Public Counsel supports the position of the Staff of the Public Service Commission (Staff) regarding the amount of rate reduction that is appropriate for AmerenUE's customers.

Respectfully submitted,

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