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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 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  
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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 )

Case No. EM-96-149

STAFF'S 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 these matters. In support of this request, the Staff states as follows:

1. On February 15, 2001, Union Electric Company ("UE") 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 shall file a case status report no later than March 1, 2001, if a Stipulation And Agreement resolving all the contested issues in this case has not been filed on or before March 1, 2001.
3. The delay in filing a Stipulation And Agreement and Staff Memorandum In Support within the period of time specified by the Commission is not due to any problem that has arisen in the resolution of any issues among the Staff, UE and the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC"). The delay is due to Staff counsel addressing other Commission

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matters, including cases pending before the Commission, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") and proposed legislation before the Missouri General Assembly. Staff counsel apologizes for the delay.

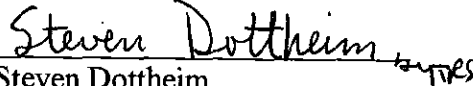
4. Staff counsel anticipates that a Stipulation And Agreement will be filed by March 9, 2001.

5. The Staff has been authorized to inform the Commission that UE and OPC join in the status report.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set out above, the Commission is requested to continue to hold this matter in abeyance, pending the filing of a Stipulation And Agreement or a further status report, by March 9, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: March 1, 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 1st day of March 2001.

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