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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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Managing Associate General Counsel

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Enclosures

cc: Ms. Shelly Register  
Parties on Attached Service List

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

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**Missouri Public  
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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") and respectfully submits this request to extend by two weeks to on or before August 4, 2000, the time to file with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("the Commission") settlement documents or further notice indicating the status of settlement documents, currently due July 21, 2000. Due to the unavailability of Counsel for the Company, the Stipulation and Agreement is still in initial draft form.

The Company has been authorized to inform the Commission that the Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel concur with the Company's request.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set out above, the Commission is respectfully requested to extend the time for the submission of settlement documents or further notice indicating the status of settlement documents to on or before August 4, 2000.

Dated: July 21, 2000

Respectfully submitted,

AmerenUE

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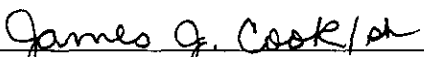
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