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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
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RE: Case No. EF-2000-385 – In the Matter of the Application of Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE for an Order Authorizing the Issue and Sale of up to \$750,000,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of Additional Long-Term Debt.

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and fourteen (14) conformed copies of a **STAFF'S RESPONSE TO COMMISSION ORDER AND UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY'S MOTION FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION AND MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE.**

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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Enclosure
cc: Counsel of Record

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

In the Matter of the Application of Union Electric)
Company d/b/a AmerenUE for an Order Authorizing)
the Issue and Sale of up to \$750,000,000 Aggregate)
Principal Amount of Additional Long-Term Debt)

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In the Matter of the Application of Union Electric)
Company for an Order Authorizing the Issue and)
Sale of up to \$310,000,000 Principal Amount of)
First Mortgage Bonds for the Purpose of Discharging)
Outstanding Long-Term Indebtedness)


Case No. EF-94-25

**STAFF RESPONSE TO COMMISSION ORDER AND
UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY'S MOTION FOR EXPEDITED
CONSIDERATION AND MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE**

Comes now the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) in response to the Order Directing Response issued on January 5, 2000 by the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission), the Motion For Expedited Consideration filed on December 23, 1999 by Union Electric Company (UE), and the Motion to Consolidate Proceedings filed on January 11, 2000 by UE. The Staff hereby states that it has no objection to either UE's Motion For Expedited Consideration or UE's Motion to Consolidate Proceedings. In addition, the Staff, in compliance with the Commission's January 5, 2000 Order Directing Response, advises the Commission that the earliest date that the Staff can file its recommendation regarding the Application of UE in Case No. EF-2000-385 is on January 21, 2000, and the Staff intends to file its recommendation on that date. The Staff hopes that this date is adequate to accommodate the Commissioners, the Regulatory Law Judge and Union Electric Company.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

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 12th day of January 2000.



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Case No. EF-2000-385
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