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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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) Case No. EM-96-149
Property, Easements and Contractual)
Agreements to Central Illinois Public)
Service Company; and (3) In Connection)
Therewith, Certain Other Related)
Transactions)

ORDER AMENDING BRIEFING SCHEDULE

On July 6, 1999, Union Electric Company (UE) filed its request for an extension of the briefing schedule. UE noted that it had contacted the active parties and that those parties were unopposed to the extension. At the conclusion of the evidentiary hearing, the parties agreed to the filing of initial briefs July 23 and the filing of reply brief on August 24. In order for its counsel to have sufficient time to prepare the post-trial briefs, given conflicting deposition schedules in two other cases, UE respectfully requests that the briefing schedule be amended to allow initial briefs to be filed on August 9 and the reply briefs to be filed on August 31. UE notes that this would ultimately only delay the procedural schedule by one week.

The Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) filed its response joining in UE's request to amend the briefing schedule on July 12. Public Counsel noted other cases also requiring its serious attention at this time to support its request to amend the briefing

schedule including the Kansas City Power & Light (KCPL)-Western Resources (WR) merger case before the Commission and before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) as well as the St. Joseph Light and Power (SJLP) electric case. Public Counsel also notes that the delay of one week overall is necessary to ensure that all issues in this case can be adequately addressed.

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed its response to UE's request for an amendment to the briefing schedule on July 14. Staff confirmed that it does not oppose the amendment of this briefing schedule as requested by UE. Staff joins in UE's request for an amendment of the briefing schedule due to the demands of other cases occupying Staff Counsel's attention including the KCPL-WR merger case, the affiliated transactions rulemaking cases, GST Steel Company complaint respecting KCPL, other Commission cases and various FERC dockets.


The Commission finds the request for amendment of the briefing schedule filed by UE and joined by Public Counsel and Staff is reasonable, and finds that a one-week delay will not unduly delay the proceeding or prejudice any party. The Commission will grant the request.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Request for Amendment of Briefing Schedule filed by Union Electric Company on July 6, 1999 is granted. The initial post-trial briefs shall be filed no later than 3 p.m. on August 9, 1999, and the reply briefs shall be filed no later than 3 p.m. on August 31, 1999.

2. That this order shall become effective on July 29, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Shelly A. Register, Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.120(1),
(November 30, 1995) and Section 386.240,
RSMo, 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 19th day of July, 1999.

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

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and
I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson
City,

Missouri, this 19TH day of JULY, 1999.



Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge