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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
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Service Commission

Re: MPSC Case No. EM-96-149
UE/CIPSCO Merger

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 fourteen (14) copies of its Unopposed Request For Amendment Of Briefing Schedule.

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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Enclosure(s)
cc: All Parties of Record

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

Missouri Public
Service Commission

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)	Case No. EM-96-149
Estate, Leased Property, Easements and Contractual)	
Agreements to Central Illinois Public Service)	
Company; and (3) in connection therewith, certain)	
other related transactions.)	

**UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY'S UNOPPOSED
REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT OF BRIEFING SCHEDULE**

Comes now Union Electric Company ("Company") to request an amendment to the briefing schedule agreed at the conclusion of the hearing in this matter. Initial Briefs were to be filed by all parties on July 23, 1999; and Reply Briefs were to be filed by all parties on August 24, 1999. The Company respectfully requests that this schedule be amended, and that the due date for the Initial Briefs be set for August 9, 1999, and the due date for the Reply Briefs be set for August 31, 1999. The Company has spoken with attorneys for the Commission Staff, the Office of Public Counsel Staff, and the other active parties¹ in this proceeding, and all have represented that they have no objection to such a change.

The Company requests this extension of time in order to afford its counsel sufficient time to prepare the post-trial briefs. Conflicting deposition schedules in two other cases would make it impossible, within the time period originally set for Company's counsel to submit a brief that would adequately treat the legal and factual issues raised in this proceeding.

¹ Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers and Missouri Energy Group, Emerson Electric, et al., and The Doe Run Resources Group.

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In support of this request, the Company notes that, although the Initial Briefs would be delayed a little more than two weeks, the reply briefs would be postponed only one week, from August 24 to August 31. Thus, the briefing schedule would, if the Commission grants this request, be extended only one week. As a result, the Company submits that no significant harm would result from amending the briefing schedule in the manner herein proposed.

WHEREFORE, the Company respectfully requests that the Commission grant this unopposed amendment to the briefing schedule.

Respectfully Submitted,

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d/b/a AmerenUE

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was served via first-class, U.S. mail, postage prepaid, on this 6TH day of July, 1999, to all parties on the attached service list.

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