

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
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CASE NO: EM-96-149

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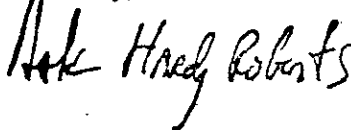
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Enclosed find certified copy of an **ORDER** in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 2nd
day of January, 2001.

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

ORDER DISMISSING PARTIES

On December 11, 2000, the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) issued an order setting a prehearing conference on December 20, 2000, and such notice was served upon the parties. The prehearing conference was held on December 20, 2000, and the following parties appeared by counsel of record:

Staff of the Commission
Office of the Public Counsel
Union Electric d/b/a AmerenUE
Barnes and Jewish Hospitals
Emerson Electric Company
Chrysler Motor Corporation
The Doe Run Company
Monsanto Company
Adam's Mark Hotel
Anheuser-Busch, Inc.
Alumax, Inc.
The Boeing Co.
General Motors Corp.
Mallinckrodt Inc.
Ralston Purina Company
Hussmann Refrigeration Co.

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Proctor & Gamble Manufacturing Co.
MEMC Electronic Materials, Inc.
UtiliCorp United Inc. d/b/a MPS
Trigen-St. Louis Energy Corporation
McDonnell-Douglas Corporation
Lincoln Industrial

The following parties failed to appear at the prehearing conference:

Missouri Gas Energy
The Empire District Electric Company
Laclede Gas Company
Illinois Power Company
State of Missouri ex rel. Attorney General Nixon
IBEW Local 309, 1455, 702 & 2
Kansas City Power & Light
Friendship Village of South County
Friendship Village of West County
Village North
Cardinal Ritter Institute
Orchard House Partnership

The Commission may dismiss a party from a case for failure to appear at any scheduled proceeding, including a prehearing conference. 4 CSR 240-2.116 Dismissals.

It is appropriate for the Commission to dismiss any party who does not appear at a prehearing conference because the absence of a party makes it difficult for the parties who do appear to enter into meaningful negotiations toward settlement of the issues. The Commission will dismiss the parties who failed to appear for the prehearing conference held on December 20, 2000.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Missouri Gas Energy is dismissed as a party from this case pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.116(3).

2. That The Empire District Electric Company is dismissed as a party from this case pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.116(3).

3. That Laclede Gas Company is dismissed as a party from this case pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.116(3).

4. That Illinois Power Company is dismissed as a party from this case pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.116(3).

5. That State of Missouri ex rel. Attorney General Nixon is dismissed as a party from this case pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.116(3).

6. That Locals 309, 1455, 702 & 2 of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers AFL-CIO are dismissed as parties from this case pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.116(3).

7. That Kansas City Power & Light is dismissed as a party from this case pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.116(3).

8. That Friendship Village of South County is dismissed as a party from this case pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.116(3).

9. That Friendship Village of West County is dismissed as a party from this case pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.116(3).

10. That Village North is dismissed as a party from this case pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.116(3).

11. That Cardinal Ritter Institute is dismissed as a party from this case pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.116(3).

12. That Orchard House is dismissed as a party from this case pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.116(3).

13. That this order shall become effective on January 12, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Lumpe, Ch., Drainer, Murray, Schemenauer,
and Simmons, CC., concur

Register, Regulatory Law Judge

ALJ/Sec'y: Reg. Ter/Boyce

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Lumpé, Chair

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Drainer, Vice Chair

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Murray, Commissioner

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Simmons, Commissioner

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Agenda Date

Action taken: 5-0 AS

Must Vote Not Later Than _____

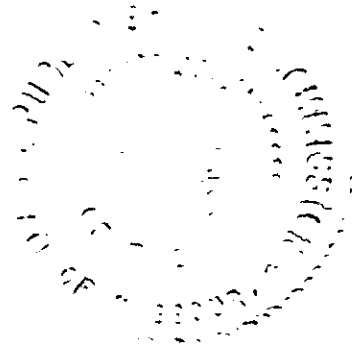
STATE OF MISSOURI

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 2nd day of Jan. 2001.

[Signature: Dale Hardy Roberts]
Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge



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