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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
Truman Building
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Re:

In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE for Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for Gas Service Provided to Customers in the Company's Missouri's Service Area—Case No. GR-2000-512

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced case are an original and fourteen (14) copies of the direct testimony and schedules of Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE ("AmerenUE") as required by the Commission's Suspension Order and Notice ("Order") issued herein on March 3, 2000.

Also enclosed for filing are an original and fourteen (14) copies of a separate pleading entitled "Test Year and Update Period Recommendation of Union Electric Company" as required by Ordered Paragraph 3 of the Order.

In Ordered Paragraph 5 of the Order, the Commission directed AmerenUE to file concurrently with its direct testimony any request for a true-up audit and hearing. AmerenUE is not requesting a true-up and therefore, no separate pleading is being submitted.

On this same date, two copies of the above-mentioned documents are being sent to the Office of the Public Counsel and one copy to the Midwest Gas Users' Association which has filed a Late-Filed Application to Intervene. Five additional copies will be delivered to the Commission Staff's auditors upon their arrival at AmerenUE's St. Louis corporate offices on April 3.

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Please kindly acknowledge receipt of this filing by stamping as filed a copy of this letter and returning it to the undersigned in the enclosed, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE Case No. GR-2000-512

LIST OF DIRECT TESTIMONY WITNESSES AND ISSUES

Witness

<u>Issues</u>

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Richard J. Kovach

Policy

Test Year Rate Design Missouri Fub 3 Service Commission

Fair Value Rate Base

Kathleen C. McShane (Foster Associates, Inc.)

Rate of Return

Lee R. Nickloy

Rate of Return

Gary S. Weiss

Cost of Service

Robert J. Kenney

Depreciation Rates

Trended Costs/Current Value

James R. Pozzo

Weather Adjustment

Philip B. Difani, Jr.

Allocated Class Cost of Service

William M. Warwick

Revenue Adjustments

Rate Design

Miscellaneous Tariff Revisions

Scott A. Glaeser

Transportation Balancing Revision Revisions to Gas Supply Incentive Plan