

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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Missouri Public
Service Commission

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)
UtiliCorp United Inc. and St. Joseph)
Light & Power Company for Authority to)
Merge St. Joseph Light & Power Company)
With and into UtiliCorp United Inc., and, in)
Connection Therewith, Certain Other)
Related Transactions.)

Case No. EM-2000-292

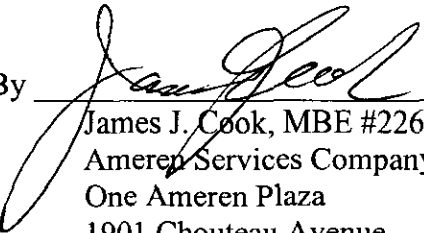
STATEMENT OF POSITION

COMES NOW Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE ("Ameren"), and informs the Commission and the parties to this matter that it takes no position on any of the issues in this matter at this time. Ameren reserves the right to submit a brief or briefs at the conclusion of the hearings, but Ameren does not anticipate taking an active role in those hearings.

Respectfully submitted,

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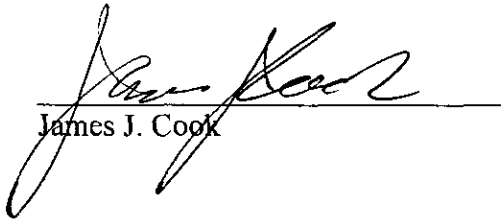
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