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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge Missouri Public Service Commission Truman Building, Fifth Floor 301 West High Street, Room 530N Jefferson City, MO 65101

> Re: Union Electric Company (Ameren UE), Case Nos. EO-96-14 and EM-96-149

Dear Mr. Roberts:

In connection with the above-referenced matter, enclosed for filing with the Commission are an original and fifteen (15) copies of the Corrected Proposed Findings of Fact and Corrected Proposed Conclusions of Law of Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren UE.

Please "file-stamp" the additional copy and mail it back to me in the enclosed, self-addressed stamped envelope. Thank you for your assistance in bringing this filing to the attention of the Commission, and please call if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Monitoring of the Experimental Alternative Regulation Plan of Union Electric Company

Case No. EO-96-14 Case No. EM-96-149

UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY'S CORRECTED PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Union Electric Company respectfully submits the following corrected Proposed

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

CORRECTED PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT

96. A comparison of the counties in which service areas were exchanged reveals

that the number of customers increased from 10,891 in the year July 1, 1995

through June 30, 1996 (prior to territorial exchange) to 11,394 in the year

July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998 (after the territorial exchange).

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE:

- a) Exh. No. 29: Union Electric/Black River Coop Territory (late-filed exhibit).
- b) Exh. No. 28: UE's Response to Staff's Data Request 107.
- c) Tr. (Rackers), at 591(lines 9-12).

COMMENT:

No contrary evidence was introduced.

97. A comparison of the counties in which service areas were exchanged reveals that the customer load increased from 454,115,210 KWHR in the year July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1996 (prior to territorial exchange) to 477,922,388 KWHR in the year July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998 (after the territorial exchange).



SUPPORTING EVIDENCE:

- a) Exh. No. 29: Union Electric/Black River Coop Territory.
- b) Exh. No. 28: UE's Response to Staff's Data Request 107.
- c) Tr. (Rackers), at 591 (lines 13-20).

<u>COMMENT:</u>

No contrary evidence was introduced.

98. A comparison of the counties in which service areas were exchanged reveals that the revenue generated increased from \$23,533,998.06 in the year July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1996 (prior to territorial exchange) to \$24,002,294.24 in

the year July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998 (after the territorial exchange).

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE:

- a) Exh. No. 29: Union Electric/Black River Coop Territory.
- b) Exh. No. 28: UE's Response to Staff's Data Request 107.
- c) Tr. (Rackers) at 591-92 (lines 9-20).

<u>COMMENT:</u>

No contrary evidence was introduced.

99. An analysis of the service areas in which counties were exchanged pursuant to the Black River Agreement reveals that annual revenue increased in the amount of \$468,296.18.

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE:

a) Exh. No. 29: (subtracting "amount" in third column from right --

\$24,002,294.12 -- from column on right -- \$23,533,998.06).

COMMENT:

No contrary evidence was introduced.



120. The actual costs associated with the interstate merger have been less than originally anticipated. As of June 30, 1998, the Company had incurred approximately \$66 million in transaction costs as a result of the interstate merger.

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE:

a) Exh. No. 7: Gruner Direct, at Schedule 1.

COMMENT:

No contrary evidence was introduced.

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124. In accordance with the terms of the Agreement, the Company amortized the lesser of: (1) the Missouri jurisdictional portion of the total Ameren amount of \$7.2 million (\$6.2 million); and (2) the Missouri jurisdictional portion of the total Ameren unamortized amount of actual merger transaction and transition costs incurred to date (\$66 million).

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE:

- a) Exh. No. 14: Baxter Rebuttal, at 30 (lines 1-17), at 31-32 (lines 9-3).
- b) Exh. No. 12: Brandt Rebuttal, at 37 (lines 1-16).

COMMENT:

Mr. Gruner acknowledged that both sentences quoted in Finding of Fact No. 122 were relevant in determining the appropriate amortization amount in the Third Sharing Period. <u>See</u> Tr. (Gruner), at 879 (lines 3-4). However, he testified that the general statement reflected in the first sentence -- regarding the amortization period -- controlled the specific provision reflected in the second sentence -- providing the mechanism for



calculating the annual amortization amount. Exh. No. 8: Gruner Surrebuttal, at 2-3 (lines 1-18). See also Exh. No. 11: Robertson Rebuttal, at 12-17 (lines 13-4).

CORRECTED PROPOSED CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

26. In accordance with the terms of the Agreement, the Company amortized the lesser of (1) the Missouri jurisdictional portion of the total Ameren amount of \$7.2 million (\$6.2 million); and (2) the Missouri jurisdictional portion of the total Ameren unamortized amount of actual merger transaction and transition costs incurred to date (\$66 million).

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- a) Exh. No. 14: Baxter Rebuttal, at 30 (lines 1-17), at 31-32 (lines 9-3)
- b) Exh. No. 12: Brandt Rebuttal, at 37 (lines 1-16).





Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that on this 30th day of August, 1999, I caused copies of the

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