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## **VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS**

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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge Missouri Public Service Commission 200 Madison Street, Suite 100 Jefferson City, MO 65101

## RE: Application for permission to construct a new 345 kV transmission line to be known as Callaway-Franks; MPSC Case No. EO-2002-351

Dear Mr. Roberts:

In accordance with the requirements of the protective order issued in this case, this is to provide support for the proprietary treatment of Schedule 4 of the Direct Testimony of Charles Mitchell.

As set forth on page 18 of Mr. Mitchell's testimony, Schedule 4 contains information about other proposed lines, in addition to Callaway-Franks, that are under consideration by both AmerenUE and AECI. This information is sensitive and confidential from a commercial and business standpoint and if disclosed to the public, or to segments of the public, it could compromise the ability of AmerenUE and AECI to buy and sell electricity, and to provide transmission service, at reasonable prices. In particular, if these documents were obtained by Independent Power Producers (IPPs) or other users of the transmission system it would provide to them valuable information about the development of the AmerenUE and AECI transmission systems which might allow them to game the system to the detriment of AmerenUE and AECI and their customers. For example, if such IPPs and transmission users knew the location of a proposed line that had not been disclosed to the public it might allow them to build their generating facilities in a certain location, or to choose transmission service on certain paths, ahead of other users, including the Company and AECI, to their detriment. It could also be in conflict with FERC's regulations to provide non-discriminatory open-access transmission service.

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Kindly acknowledge receipt of this filing by stamping a copy of the enclosed letter.

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Thank you.

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Yours very truly,

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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, to the following parties on this 16th day of July, 2002.

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