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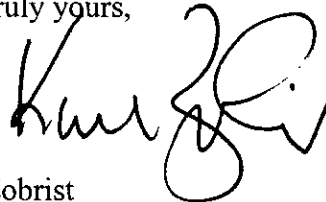
**Re:** Midwest ISO's Response in Support of AmerenUE's Motion to Approve  
Stipulation & Agreement and Motion for Expedited Treatment  
Case No.: EO-2003-0271

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Attached for distribution to the Commission are the original and nine (9) copies of Midwest ISO's Response in Support of AmerenUE's Motion to Approve Stipulation & Agreement and Motion for Expedited Treatment.

Please file stamp the extra copy and return it to me in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



Karl Zobrist

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Enclosures

cc: Counsel of Record

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**FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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Application of Union Electric Co.                     )  
for Authority to Participate in the                    )  
Midwest ISO Through a Contractual                  )  
Relationship with GridAmerica                        )

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**MIDWEST ISO'S RESPONSE IN SUPPORT OF  
AMERENUE'S MOTION TO APPROVE STIPULATION &  
AGREEMENT AND MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT**

Intervenor Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. ("Midwest ISO") hereby responds to AmerenUE's Motion to Approve Stipulation and Agreement, and Motion for Expedited Treatment as follows:

1. Midwest ISO fully supports the request of AmerenUE to approve the Stipulation and Agreement, and requesting expedited treatment of this matter. It is the goal of Midwest ISO, as well as AmerenUE and GridAmerica, to incorporate AmerenUE's transmission system into the GridAmerica footprint no later than May 1, 2004. Other state and federal regulatory approvals have already permitted Northern Indiana Public Service Company and FirstEnergy Corp. to become a part of the Midwest ISO footprint through their contractual arrangements with GridAmerica. These operations began October 1, 2003.

2. It is imperative that the operational and technical steps to achieve the integration of the AmerenUE transmission system with the other GridAmerica systems occur before the advent of hot weather. At the present time AmerenUE, Midwest ISO and GridAmerica officials are working together to achieve this integration. Prompt regulatory approval by both this Commission and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission would fulfill the goals of these entities, as well as bring the benefits of regional coordination and greater reliability to the Missouri customers of AmerenUE.

WHEREFORE, Midwest ISO respectfully requests that the Commission enter its Order scheduling an on the record presentation concerning the Stipulation and Agreement for Friday, February 20, 2004 at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, and respectfully requests that the Commission issues its Order considering the matters herein and approving the Stipulation and Agreement on or before March 1, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,



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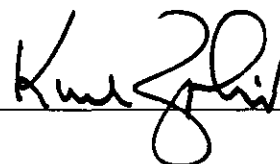
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