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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
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Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street
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Re: MPSC Case No. EC-2002-1

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE, in the above matter, please find an original and eight (8) copies of its Status Report to the Commission Concerning Collaborative Efforts, and Request to Extend Time to Meet Requirements of Stipulation.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this filing by stamping a copy of the enclosed letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

cc: Parties on Attached Service List

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

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The Staff of the Missouri Public
Service Commission

Complainant,

v.

Union Electric Company, d/b/a
AmerenUE,

Respondent

Case No. EC-2002-1

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STATUS REPORT TO THE COMMISSION
CONCERNING COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS
AND
REQUEST TO EXTEND TIME TO MEET REQUIREMENTS
OF STIPULATION

COMES NOW Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE ("the Company") and submits this Status Report to the Missouri Public Service Commission and the parties to this case.

On July 25, 2002, the Commission issued its Report and Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement ("Order"). That Order became effective on August 4, 2002.

The Stipulation and Agreement (Stipulation), signed by most of the active parties in this case, included 16 specific stipulations. Stipulation No. 11 is entitled "Collaborative Efforts." That Stipulation refers to the following matters for which collaborative groups were established: (a) low-income weatherization; (b) residential and

commercial energy efficiency; (c) economic development; (d) residential time of use pilot project; and (e) demand response options.

The Stipulation indicates that within ninety (90) days following the date on which the Report and Order approving the Stipulation shall become final and unappealable, certain milestones are expected to be reached in each of the collaborative efforts, except for the Demand Response Options group (which is to report within 120 days). These milestones differ for each collaborative. Ninety days following August 4 is November 2, 2002, a Saturday. This pleading is being submitted to inform the Commission and the parties of the status of each of these collaboratives and, where necessary, request additional time to complete the requirements of the Stipulation.

The status of each collaborative effort is:

(a) Low-income weatherization

The low-income weatherization collaborative has held three meetings to discuss the implementation of the provisions of the Stipulation addressing this issue. The discussions have primarily focused on the development of a formula to allocate the funds committed to weatherization among the local social service agencies that provide weatherization services in the Company's Missouri electric service territory. The participants generally agree that the formula should take into account the distribution of the Company's customer population throughout its service territory, as well as the need of customers in each area that comprises the Company's service territory. The participants in the collaborative expect to reach agreement on the allocation formula at the next meeting on November 5, 2002. Thereafter, the weatherization funds will be

distributed and used for weatherization in accordance with federal and state standards which govern the use of public weatherization funds.

(b) Residential and commercial energy efficiency fund

This collaborative has also held three meetings. The participants have been working to identify which residential and commercial energy efficiency initiatives should be funded with the money allocated for that purpose by the Stipulation. The parties have agreed that the funds should be allocated to several specific programs, including programs to be administered by the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance that will provide financial incentives to consumers in the Company's Missouri service territory encouraging them to purchase energy efficient lighting and appliances, a program to provide training to building operators that will teach energy efficient practices, an assessment addressing the housing stock and other factors that affect energy efficiency in Eastern Missouri and a program that will provide solar energy to schools along with a related curriculum. In addition, the collaborative is considering other initiatives which may be allocated some of the funds. The next meeting for this collaborative is scheduled for November 5, 2002.

(c) Economic development

The economic development group will hold its first meeting on November 7, 2002.

(d) Residential time of use pilot project

The collaborative working to design and implement the residential time of use pilot program has met three times. In general, the participants have identified and discussed the universe of possibilities for a residential time of use program. Currently,

the participants are attempting to narrow the universe of possibilities to a manageable number of realistic options. Once a manageable number of realistic residential time of use options is identified, the parties will thoroughly analyze those options to design the exact parameters of the pilot program to provide the most useful information. Once the program is designed, the Company will begin to modify metering, billing and IT systems as necessary to accommodate the pilot program. Concurrently, customer education programs will be developed for the customers who are to participate in the program. The Company expects final design and implementation of the program to take approximately 12-18 months. The next two meetings for this collaborative are scheduled for November 8 and 25, 2002

(e) Demand response options

The Demand Response Options group has met twice. The Missouri Energy Group (MEG) has presented a specific tariff for consideration. Various other demand response options have been discussed very preliminarily. A literature search has been initiated to see what options have been suggested or tried in other jurisdictions. The Stipulation calls for this collaborative to report to the Commission within 120 days. The next two meetings of this collaborative are scheduled for November 8 and 25, 2002, and the Company proposes that it will next report to the Commission on January 31, 2003. This extends the deadline for the initial report on this collaborative from 120 days to 180 days. MEG does not object to this extension.

Dollar More

In addition to these groups, the Stipulation and Agreement also provided for contributions to the Ameren Dollar More Program. No collaborative was established for

this contribution. However, Ameren would like to inform the Commission and interested parties that as of August 31, 2002, the initial \$5 million contribution was made to the Dollar More account.

This Dollar More account is an internal fund where the money will be kept pending its distribution to the United Way for further distribution to customers. Because of the significant increase in the size of this account, and to ensure proper handling and accounting of those funds, the Company has, with the cooperation of the United Way, developed a specific plan to govern the new increased funding. The plan calls for the immediate distribution of \$1,000,000 to the United Way by the end of November 2002 for assistance this winter. In addition, the Company has been meeting with the United Way and other agencies receiving Dollar More funds to assure the most beneficial use of the funds. The Company has also agreed that agencies may use up to 5% of the funds to cover their increased administrative costs associated with this increased funding.

The plan calls for the remainder of the initial \$5 million initial contribution to be fully distributed during 2003. The Company will continue to work with the United Way and associated agencies to properly administer these funds, and will keep the Commission advised about the distribution of these funds.

**Request for Additional Time to Meet Requirements of the Stipulation
and Agreement**

As indicated above, the collaboratives working on various parts of the Stipulation are continuing their efforts to carry out the intent of the agreement.

Accordingly, the Company requests that the Commission approve this request for an additional 90 days from November 2, 2002 to January 31, 2003, in which these committees can endeavor to finalize their work. This will call for a report to the Commission on the low-income weatherization, residential and commercial energy efficiency, residential time of use pilot project and economic development collaboratives at the same time as the Demand Response Option collaborative report would be due as proposed above.

The Company has provided a copy of this Status Report to the signatories to the Stipulation and Agreement, as listed on the Certificate of Service attached hereto. The Company has not asked the signatories for their agreement with the descriptions of the status of these collaboratives. However, the Company is authorized to inform the Commission that the Staff, Office of Public Counsel, and MEG do not object to the Company's request to report again to the Commission after an additional 90 days concerning the status of these groups.

WHEREFORE, the Company submits this report to the Commission of the status of the various collaborative committees established by the Stipulation and Agreement in this case, and, further, requests an additional ninety (90) days to January 31, 2003, to endeavor to finalize those efforts and report back to the Commission.

Dated: November 4, 2002

Respectfully submitted,
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I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was served via first class U.S. mail on this 4th day of November, 2002, on the following parties of record:

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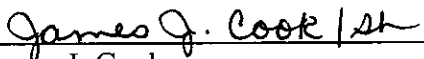
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