

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

In the Matter of the Application of Union)
Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE for an)
Order Authorizing the Issue and Sale of)
up to \$750,000,000 Aggregate Principal)
Amount of Additional Long-Term Debt.)

Case No. EF-2000-385

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF DEADLINE
FOR STAFF TO FILE RECOMMENDATION**

COMES NOW, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE (“AmerenUE”), pursuant to 4 CSR 240.2.080, by and through its counsel, hereby requests that the date for the filing of the Staff Recommendation in this matter be extended from March 21, 2003, until March 28, 2003.

In support of its Motion, AmerenUE respectfully states as follows:

1. On December 23, 1999, AmerenUE filed its Application requesting authority to issue and sell up to \$750,000,000 aggregate principal amount of additional long-term indebtedness (“New Securities”).

2. On February 17, 2000, the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an order approving AmerenUE’s request, but requiring that the New Securities issuance activity be completed by March 1, 2003. The Commission further ordered that, in the event AmerenUE desired an extension of the deadline, a request for such extension be filed no later than December 1, 2002.

3. On November 26, 2002, AmerenUE filed its Application for Extension Of Deadline For Completion Of Securities Issuance Activity, wherein AmerenUE stated that it did not expect to complete issuance of the New Securities by March 1, 2003. AmerenUE requested

that the Commission extend to March 1, 2005, the deadline for completion of the issuance activity.

4. On January 8, 2003, the Commission issued an order directing the Staff of the Commission to file by February 7, 2003 either its Recommendation regarding AmerenUE's request for an extension or a Status Report.

5. On February 7, 2003, the Staff filed its Status Report and Motion For Extension Through May 1, 2003 of Deadline For Completion of Securities Issuance Activity, wherein the Staff stated that it was engaged in discovery and intended to file its Recommendation regarding the AmerenUE's request on or before March 21, 2003 after such discovery was concluded. In its filing, the Staff also requested that the Commission grant an interim extension of the March 1, 2003 deadline for completion of the New Securities issuance to May 1, 2003, so that the authorization to issue and sell additional long-term debt remains in effect while AmerenUE's request for an extension to March 1, 2005 continues to be processed.

6. On February 28, 2003, the Commission issued an order granting the Staff's motion dated February 7, 2003 thereby extending the deadline for issuing securities until May 1, 2003 and directing the Staff to file its Recommendation no later than March 21, 2003.

7. On March 19, 2003, the Staff provided to AmerenUE for its consideration a draft of the Staff Recommendation and has afforded AmerenUE with the opportunity to review and comment upon the Staff Recommendation before it is filed. AmerenUE greatly appreciates this opportunity to provide the Staff with informal input since this process may result in a resolution of this matter. Discussions of the draft Staff Recommendation have commenced, but due to the current unavailability of key personnel at AmerenUE, discussions cannot be completed before the March 21 filing deadline. Although the Staff is prepared to file its Staff Recommendation on

March 21, 2003, as directed by the Commission, AmerenUE needs additional time to provide the Staff with its suggestions and comments, and otherwise work with the Staff and the Office of Public Counsel to resolve any remaining issues. In order to afford AmerenUE with the needed time to accomplish this review, AmerenUE requests that the date for the filing of the Staff Recommendation be extended from March 21, 2003 to March 28, 2003.

8. Counsel for both the Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel have been consulted regarding this motion. The Staff and Office of Public Counsel state they have no objection. Therefore, no party, including AmerenUE, will be prejudiced by this request.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated herein, AmerenUE respectfully moves that the Commission issue an Order extending the deadline for the Staff to file its Recommendation in this proceeding from March 21, 2003 to March 28, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or e-mailed to all counsel of record this 21st day of March 2003.


