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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

EO-97-255

Re: In Re Union Electric Company's Application for
Variance and for Additional Time in Which to Submit
Depreciation Study, Data Base, and Property Unit
Catalog
Case No. _____

Dear Mr. Wright:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Union Electric Company in
the above matter are an original and fourteen (14) copies
of its Application for Variance from 4 CSR §240-20.030 and
4 CSR 240-40.040.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this filing by returning in
the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope a copy of the
filing letter.

Sincerely,

William J. Niehoff
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**APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE AND CONTINUANCE FROM
4 CSR § 240-20.030 AND 4 CSR §240-40.040**

COMES NOW Applicant, Union Electric Company, by counsel, and submits the following application for variance and continuance from certain filing dates, as follows:

1. Pursuant to 4 CSR § 240-20.030 AND 4 CSR §240-40.040, Union Electric was to submit its revised depreciation study, data base and property unit catalog on or before July 1, 1996.

2. Pursuant to 4 CSR §§ 240-20.030(5) and 240-40.040(5) Union Electric exercised its option to delay filing of the above items until December 31, 1996.

3. Union Electric respectfully requests that the Commission extend the time in which it has to file the depreciation study, data base, and property unit catalog by thirty (30) days, until January 31, 1997, because Union Electric has been involved in merger proceedings at various state and federal agencies which has prevented the timely completion and review of the depreciation studies.

4. Granting this short delay should not prejudice any party and will permit Union Electric to submit better quality information.

WHEREFORE, Union Electric respectfully requests that the Commission grant a variance from 4 CSR §§ 240-20.030(5) and 240-

40.040(5) and permit a thirty (30) day extension of time within which to file the depreciation study, data base and property unit catalog.

Respectfully submitted,

UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a copy of the foregoing was served to the Office of Public Counsel via first class U.S. mail on this 20th day of December, 1996.



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