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RE: Case No. EM-2001-695

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of a JOINT PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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Service Commission

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Union Electric Company and Lewis County Rural Electric Cooperative for an Order Approving the Change in Electric Supplier for Reasons in the Public Interest and Authorizing the Sale, Transfer and Assignment of Certain Electric Distribution Facilities, Easements and other Rights Generally from Union Electric Company to Lewis County Rural Electric Cooperative

Case No. EM-2001-695

JOINT PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

- 1. On June 15, 2001, Union Electric Company and Lewis County Rural Electric Cooperative filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) a Joint Application for an order approving a change in electric supplier and for authorization to sale, transfer or assign electric distribution facilities, easements and other rights from Union Electric Company to Lewis County Rural Electric Cooperative.
- 2. On June 26, 2001, the Commission issued an Order Directing Notice to Customers.
- 3. On August 14, 2001, Union Electric Company filed its Notice of Customer Notification.
- 4. On September 14, 2001, the Commission issued an Order Setting Prehearing Conference and Requiring Filing of Procedural Schedule.
- 5. On September 28, 2001, the parties appeared for the Prehearing Conference.

 Prior to the Prehearing Conference and during the Prehearing Conference, the parties discussed

the possibility of filing a Joint Stipulation and Agreement in this case to resolve the issues. The parties are continuing to discuss the matter and are making progress, however, more time is needed.

6. Pursuant to the discussions at the Prehearing Conference, the parties proposed that a Joint Stipulation and Agreement be filed on or before November 9, 2001. The parties are currently unable to reach a Unanimous Joint Stipulation and therefore pursuant to the October 15, 2001, Order, hereby file a detailed procedural schedule.

Direct Testimony- all parties:

January 11th, 2002

Rebuttal Testimony - all parties:

January 25th, 2002

Surrebuttal Testimony - all parties:

February 8th, 2002

Statement of Issues:

February 15th, 2002

Statement of Positions:

February 22nd, 2002

Hearing:

March 1st, 2002

7. In the event that the parties file a Stipulation in this matter, and a hearing is not requested on the Stipulation, then the parties agree that a hearing will not be needed in this matter.

WHEREFORE, the parties respectfully request that the Commission approve the Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 16th day of November 2001.

Service List for Case No. EM-2001-695 Verified: November 16, 2001 (ccl)

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