

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
December 26, 2000**

CASE NO: ES-2001-359

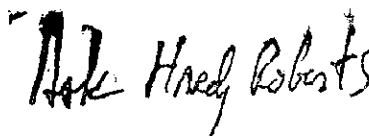
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Enclosed find certified copy of ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 26th
day of December, 2000.

In the Matter of Union Electric Company, d/b/a)
AmerenUE, Regarding an Incident at the Venice) **Case No. ES-2001-359**
Power Plant in Venice, Illinois, on August 10,)
2000.)

ORDER ESTABLISHING CASE

On December 8, 2000, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a Motion to Open Case. Staff states that Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE (AmerenUE), is an electrical corporation as defined in Section 386.020(15), RSMo Supp. 1999, subject to Commission jurisdiction under Section 386.020, RSMo. Staff states that on August 10, 2000, "fire and electrical faults occurred at AmerenUE's Venice Power Plant in Venice, Illinois" which resulted in extensive damage to facilities of AmerenUE. Staff states that no fatalities or major injuries were reported as a result of the incident.

Staff states that it has begun a formal investigation into the incident, and requests that this case be established for the purpose of receiving an incident report pertaining to Staff's investigation. Staff did not indicate when it anticipated that report might be completed.

The Commission determines that a case should be established to receive information relevant to the above-described incident and to determine what, if any, action by the Commission is warranted. Thus, the Commission will establish Case No. ES-2001-359.


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Case No. ES-2001-359 is hereby established for the purpose of receiving an incident report from the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission pertaining to the incident which occurred on August 10, 2000, and for receiving the response of Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE, to the report.

2. That the Commission's Staff shall file either its final incident report or an interim incident report no later than April 25, 2001.

3. That this order shall become effective on January 5, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Lumpe, Ch., Drainer, Murray,
Schemenauer, and Simmons, CC., concur.

Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

ATJ/Sec'y:

Duggill / Pope

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Lumpke, Chair

Draimer, Vice Chair

Murray, Commissioner

Schemenauer, Commissioner

Simmons, Commissioner

Agenda Date

12-26

Action taken:

5-OAS

Must Vote Not Later Than

STATE OF MISSOURI
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and

I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,
Missouri, this 26th day of December 2000.

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

