

STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
JEFFERSON CITY

July 24, 2001

CASE NO: ES-2001-359

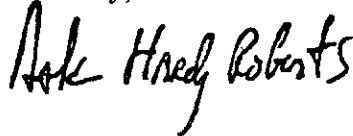
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Enclosed find certified copy of ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



**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 24th day  
of July, 2001.

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

**ORDER ADOPTING STAFF RECOMMENDATION  
AND MODIFYING PROTECTIVE ORDER**

This case was established to receive the investigation report of an electric incident occurring at Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE's Venice Power Plant in Venice, Illinois. AmerenUE is an electrical corporation subject to Commission jurisdiction under Sections 386.020(15) and 386.020(42), RSMo 2000. This order adopts the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission's recommendations as filed in its Electric Incident Report and modifies the protective order.

On August 10, 2000, a hydraulic oil line on turbine #1 at AmerenUE's Venice Power Plant ruptured, spilling approximately 3,150 gallons of oil. The oil ignited, requiring the plant to be evacuated and causing additional damage. Staff investigated the incident and in compliance with a Commission order, Staff filed an Electric Incident Report on April 25, 2001.

Staff initially requested that the Commission consider portions of its report to be confidential. AmerenUE filed a notice which stated that it also wanted the report to be kept confidential. The Commission granted the protective order as requested by Staff, but

directed that AmerenUE supplement its request for a protective order so that it complied with the Commission's rules. AmerenUE filed its response and a supplemental motion for a protective order on June 11, 2001. In its motion, AmerenUE states that only the financial information found on page 8 of the highly confidential version of the report needs to remain under the protective order of the Commission. AmerenUE stated that it would be harmed by the release of this financial information if other providers of generation services had access to this information relating to the costs of its power generation.

The Commission finds that it is reasonable to continue to treat the financial information on page 8 of Staff's report as highly confidential under the terms of the protective order. However, since AmerenUE has indicated that the remaining portions of the report do not need to be shielded from public disclosure, the Commission will direct that the other portions of the Electric Incident Report filed by Staff on April 25, 2001, be designated as public information.

The Commission also ordered AmerenUE to file its response to Staff's report. AmerenUE timely filed its response on June 11, 2001. On June 21, 2001, the Staff to replied to AmerenUE's response.

Staff states that in its opinion, AmerenUE has responded appropriately to each of its recommendations. Staff recommends that the Commission require AmerenUE to file updates to its report when repairs and upgrades are completed in each of four different areas: (a) weld inspection/repairs; (b) D.C. system upgrades; (c) substation upgrades; and (d) fire control systems. Staff recommended that these updates or a status report be filed no later than October 31, 2001. No response to Staff's June 21, 2001, recommendations

was filed. The Commission finds that the recommendations of Staff are reasonable and therefore, it will direct AmerenUE to file updates or a status report.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the portions of the Electric Incident Report filed by the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission on April 25, 2001, previously protected from public disclosure by the Commission's protective order shall be designated as public information, with the exception of the financial information found on page 8, which shall continue to be treated as "highly confidential" in accordance with the Protective Order issued on June 1, 2001.

2. That Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE, shall file an update as recommended by the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission upon completion of: (a) weld inspection/repairs; (b) D.C. system upgrades; (c) substation upgrades; and (d) fire control systems. That these updates or a status report shall be filed no later than October 31, 2001.

3. That this order shall become effective on August 3, 2001.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

(SEAL)



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

Simmons, Ch., Murray,  
Lumpe, and Gaw, CC., concur.

Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

Alt/Secretary: Dyggell, Joyce  
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KS  
Simmons, Chair  
Murray, Commissioner CM  
Lampe, Commissioner LA  
Gaw, Commissioner GA  
Commissioner  
Agenda Date 7-24  
Action taken: 4-0-AS  
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 24<sup>th</sup> day of July 2001.

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

