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**Missouri Public
Service Commission**



Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street, Suite 100
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Re: MPSC Case No. ES-2001-359

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE, in the above matter, please find an original and eight (8) copies of its **Progress Report to the Public Service Commission of the State of Missouri.**

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this filing by stamping a copy of the enclosed letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Cook", written over the typed name and title.

James J. Cook
Managing Associate General Counsel

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Enclosures

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cc: Jim Ketter (MPSC)

Progress Report to the Public Service Commission of the State of Missouri
AmerenUE
Case No. ES-2001-359
Venice Plant Turbine #1 Fire
Venice, Illinois
August 10, 2000

This report details specific progress made by Ameren/UE, Venice Plant in response to the Missouri Public Service Commission Staff recommendations outlined in the incident report of April 25, 2001. The following recommendations have been implemented as noted below.

Report to Staff the completion of:

c. Substation upgrades including transformer replacement/repair, breaker upgrades/replacement and replacement of the 13.8 kv bus between the generators and substations;

Transformers

Replacement of the 13.8kv bus between Generators 3 and 4 is complete.

The new Generator 3 and Generator 4 Step-up Transformers have been installed and are in service. These transformers are equipped with new high side SF6 breakers. Generators 3 and 4 have been successfully connected to the system. Generator 3 is currently out of service due to a grounded stator. The grounded stator on Generator 3 is not related to the fire last August.

Transformer 7 which connects the 138kv and 69kv busses is installed and in service. This transformer was repaired by re-winding, (formerly Transformer 4). This transformer is equipped with a new breaker, position 5H that connects the transformer to the 69kv Bus 1.

Auxiliary Transformers 1 and 2 are currently in service. The Auxiliary Transformers 1 and 2 were borrowed from Keokuk Plant. New Auxiliary Transformers for Venice Plant are on site and will replace those borrowed from Keokuk beginning in mid September of this year.

Switchgear

New 13.8 kv switchgear has been installed and is in service. The switchgear consists of:

Bus 1000/2000 Tie Breaker
Bus 2A/3A Breaker
Bus 2B/3B Breaker
Bus 4A-6S Breaker
Bus 4B-5S Breaker
Grounding Transformer Breakers (2)
IP 3391 Breaker
IP 3392 Breaker
Venice-Cass-1 Breaker
Venice 76 Breaker
V-Mull-7 Breaker
Main Breaker for Bus 1000 (Aux. Trans. Breaker)
Main Breaker for Bus 2000 (Aux. Trans. Breaker)

A new electrical system drawing is attached for your reference.

Submitted by:



John W. Scott
Plant Manager
Venice Plant

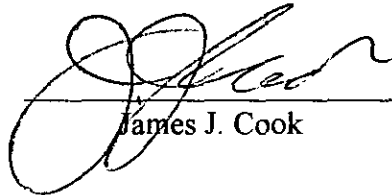
Cc J.J. Cook (w/o attachment)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was served on the following parties of record via U.S. First-Class Mail on this 18th day of September, 2001:

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