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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.

James J. Cook
Managing Associate General Counsel

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. 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**

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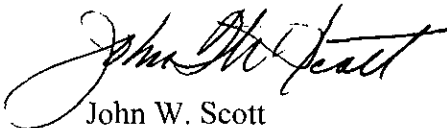
This report details specific progress made by Ameren/UE, Venice Plant in response to the Missouri Public Service Commission Staff recommendations outlined in the incident report of April 25, 2001. The following recommendations have been implemented as noted below.

Report to Staff the completion of:

e. Fire control upgrades.

The new Venice Plant fire protection system was placed in service on October 1, 2001, as scheduled. This system meets all NFPA standards and OSHA requirements. The system is equipped with two pumps. Each pump is capable of delivering the required pressure for fire system service. One pump is electrically operated and the other "emergency" pump is driven by a diesel engine. The system is also equipped with two jockey pumps to maintain system pressure when the primary pumps are idle. A drawing of the new fire system is included for your reference. Final drawings of the system are not complete but contain only minor revisions. All installation specifications and revision specifications were approved by our Ameren Fire Protection Engineer with oversight from AON Risk Services Inc.

Submitted by:



John W. Scott
Plant Manager
Venice Plant

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