

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission,

Complainant,

v.

Union Electric Company, doing business as AmerenUE,

Respondent.

Case No. EC-2002-1

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

On July 2, 2001, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed its Excess Earnings Complaint against Union Electric Company (UE), doing business as AmerenUE, alleging that UE's rates for electric service are not just and reasonable in that it has excess annual revenues between \$213,774,613 and \$250,071,725.

On November 29, 2001, the Missouri Retailers Association filed its Application to Intervene. The Association is composed of retailers who represent a cross section of businesses within Missouri that have purchased a substantial amount of electricity from UE. In support of its application, the Association asserts that allowing intervention is in the public interest in that the Commission's determination could have a significant impact on its members' cost of energy service and the manner in which it is supplied.

The Association further asserts that it may be adversely affected by the proposed transactions, explaining that it has a direct and immediate interest in the proceedings, different from that of the general public.

The Commission finds that the Association meets the requirements of 4 C.S.R. 240-2.075. Therefore, the Commission will grant the application to intervene.

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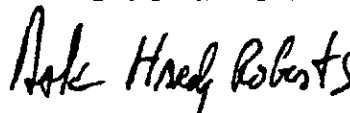
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the application to intervene filed on November 29, 2001 by the Missouri Retailers' Association is granted. The Commission's Records Department shall add the Association's counsel to the service list in this matter.

2. That the intervenor shall file a responsive pleading to Staff's Complaint within 30 days of the effective date of this order, admitting or denying each factual assertion or legal conclusion set out therein. In the event that UE files a responsive pleading asserting some new matter of fact or law, the intervenors shall within 30 days file a second responsive pleading, admitting or denying each factual assertion or legal conclusion set out in Union Electric's responsive pleading.

3. That this order shall become effective on Thursday, December 6, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION



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

(S E A L)

Dale Hardy Roberts, Chief
Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation
of authority pursuant to Section 386.240,
RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 6th day of December, 2001.