## OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Staff of the Missouri Publi Service Commission,	lic	)	
	Complainant,	)	
vs.		)	CASE NO. EC-2002-1
Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE,		)	
	Respondent.	)	

## ORDER GRANTING LEAVE TO FILE RESPONSIVE PLEADING OUT OF TIME

This order will grant Doe Run's request for leave to file its responsive pleading out of time as filed on November 13, 2001.

On October 1, 2001, Doe Run was granted intervention by the Commission and ordered to file its responsive pleading not later than October 31. On November 8, during the prehearing conference, Doe Run's counsel was advised by the presiding judge that it was eight days out of time to file its responsive pleading, and that it had also failed to file for leave to file out of time.

On November 13, Doe Run filed its Motion For Leave To File Responsive Pleadings
Out Of Time and attached to that motion the required responsive pleading. Doe Run
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Doe Run went on in paragraph six and eight to state that it decided not to file a response in the interest of judicial economy. The parties are advised that prior to determining, on their own authority, what shall and shall not be filed, leave of the Commission should be requested in a timely manner and such request should cite with specificity the facts and/or controlling law in support of such request.

As of November 13, Doe Run has complied with the Commission's order, albeit 13 days late, and Doe Run's request shall be granted.

### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the Motion For Leave To File Responsive Pleadings Out of Time filed by Doe Run Company is granted.
  - 2. That this order shall become effective on November 19, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION

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(SEAL)

**Dale Hardy Roberts** 

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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 19th day of November, 2001.

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