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

In the Matter of the Application of Union)
Electric Company and Gascoage Electric)
Cooperative for Approval of a Written)
Territorial Agreement Designating the) CASE NO. EO-98-279
Boundaries of Each Electric Service)
Supplier Within Portions of Camden, Miller,)
Maries, Pulaski and Phelps Counties,)
Missouri.)

ORDER SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

The joint application for approval of a written territorial agreement was filed in this case on January 5, 1998. Pursuant to Section 394.312(3) the Commission must act on this application not later than May 5, 1998. Intervention was granted to Intercounty Electric Cooperative on March 4 and the current status of this case is unknown. Therefore, the Commission will schedule a prehearing conference for this matter. The parties are reminded that failure to appear for a prehearing conference is grounds for dismissal from the case. All parties should appear for the prehearing conference prepared to discuss the substantive issues involved in settlement. The Commission will convene a prehearing conference on this matter on April 2. The Commission will tentatively plan an evidentiary hearing for this matter for April 13.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That all parties shall appear for a prehearing conference in Room 520B of the Harry S Truman State Office Building on April 2, 1998, at 8:30 a.m.
2. That anyone with special needs as addressed by the Americans With Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission

at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline -- 1-800-392-4211, or TDD Hotline -- 1-800-829-7541.

3. That this order shall become effective on March 23, 1998.

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 4 CSR 240-2.120(1) (November 30, 1995) and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 23rd day of March, 1998.

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