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RE: Case No. EM-2001-233 – In the Matter of the Application of Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE, for an Order Authorizing the Sale, Transfer and Assignment of Certain Assets, Real Estate Leased Property, Easements and Contractual Agreements to Central Illinois Public Service Company, d/b/a Ameren CIPS, and, in Connection Therewith, Certain Other Related Transactions.

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of a **STAFF RESPONSE TO UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY REPLY**.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

cc: Counsel of Record

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

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STAFF RESPONSE TO UNION ELECTIC COMPANY REPLY

Comes now the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) in response to the Reply To Staff Response filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) on April 19, 2001 by Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE (UE). In response, the Staff states that as a result of the information provided by UE in its Reply To Staff Response filed on April 19, 2001, and the information provided in the April 17, 2001, Ameren Energy Marketing Company (AEMC) filing at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) of an Application For Order Approving Power Sales Agreement, FERC Docket No. ER01-1810-000, the Staff now recommends that the Commission grant UE's Request For Leave To Withdraw Application For Transfer Of Assets filed on March 29, 2001. The Staff notes that the FERC has set a May 8, 2001 date for the filing of notices of intervention and protests in FERC Docket No. ER01-1810-000. Furthermore, the Staff states that it reserves the right to file for an investigation or complaint of, address in a ratemaking proceeding, or take any other appropriate action before the Missouri Public Service Commission concerning any of the matters relating to the transactions associated with Case No. EM-2001-233. The Staff's recommendation that the Commission now grant UE's Request For Leave To Withdraw Application For Transfer Of

Assets should not be taken in any way as acquiescence or agreement on the part of the Staff respecting the transactions associated with Case No. EM-2001-233.

Wherefore the Staff now recommends that the Commission grant UE's Request For Leave To Withdraw Application For Transfer Of Assets filed on March 29, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,
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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 30th day of April 2001.



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