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STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 3rd
day of November, 1998.

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE	)	
for a Certificate of Public Convenience	)	
and Necessity Authorizing it to Construct,	)	
Install, Own, Operate, Control, Manage	)	
and Maintain Natural Gas Pipeline	)	<u>Case No. GA-99-107</u>
Facilities and a Gas Distribution System	)	
for the Public in a Portion of St. Charles	)	
County, Missouri, as an Expansion of Its	)	
Presently Certificated Area.	)	

ORDER REGARDING INTERVENTION AND
SCHEDULING EARLY PREHEARING CONFERENCE

On September 15, 1998, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE (UE) filed an application with the Commission requesting a certificate of public convenience and necessity for authorization to construct, own and operate natural gas pipeline facilities and a gas distribution system for the public in a portion of St. Charles County. The Commission issued an Order and Notice on September 18, 1998, which set an intervention date of October 28, 1998. An application to intervene was filed by Laclede Gas Company (Laclede) on October 19.

Laclede states that it is a natural gas public utility serving approximately 610,000 customers in eastern Missouri. A division of Laclede, the St. Charles Gas Company Division, provides natural gas service in portions of St. Charles County. Laclede states that it has authority from this Commission to provide service in the unincorporated portions of UE's proposed service area by virtue of a certificate of

public convenience and necessity issued by the Commission on April 24, 1964 in Case No. 15,234. Laclede asserts that, as the incumbent certificate holder for a large portion of the area that UE has sought to certificate in this proceeding, Laclede has a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding which is different from that of the general public and that its interest cannot be adequately represented by any other party to this proceeding.

The Commission has reviewed the application to intervene filed by Laclede and finds that it is in compliance with Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.075(4) and that the applicant has an interest in this matter which is different from that of the general public. The Commission concludes that the application for intervention filed by Laclede should be granted.

The Commission will also schedule an early prehearing conference so the parties can identify the issues in dispute and develop a proposed procedural schedule. The parties should be prepared to discuss the facts and stipulate to those facts which are not in dispute. The parties shall then file a recommended procedural schedule or stipulation and agreement no later than December 7, 1998.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the application to intervene filed by Laclede Gas Company is granted.

2. That an early prehearing conference is now set in this matter for November 30, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission's offices on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Room 530, Jefferson City, Missouri. Any person 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.

4. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than December 7, 1998.

5. That this order shall become effective on November 13, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts".

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Lumpe, Ch., Murray, Schemenauer
and Drainer, CC., concur.
Crompton, C., absent.

Woodruff, Regulatory Law Judge

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