BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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 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.

Case No. GA-99-107

ORDER AND NOTICE

On September 15, 1998, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE (Applicant) filed an application with the Commission requesting authority to construct, own and operate natural gas pipeline facilities and a gas distribution system for the public in a portion of St. Charles County.

Proper parties should be given notice and an opportunity to intervene in this matter. The Records Department of the Commission shall send a copy of this order to the mayors of all municipalities and county commissions located within St. Charles County. The Information Office of the Commission shall send notice of this application to the members of the General Assembly who represents St. Charles County, and to the newspapers that serve St. Charles County as listed in the newspaper directory of the current Official Manual of the State of Missouri.

Anyone wishing to intervene must submit an application to intervene to the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360,

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Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. Copies of the application to intervene should be sent to:

Ronald K. Evans Managing Associate General Counsel Ameren Services Company P.O. Box 66149 (MC 1310) St. Louis, Missouri 63166-6149

The requirement of a hearing has been fulfilled when all those having a desire to be heard are offered an opportunity to be heard. If no proper party is granted intervention and neither the Commission's Staff nor the Office of the Public Counsel requests a hearing, the Commission may determine that a hearing is not necessary and that the Applicant may submit its evidence in support of the application by verified statement. State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the Information Office and the Records Department of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall provide notice as set out herein.
- 2. That any interested party wishing to intervene in this case shall file an application to do so no later than October 28, 1998. Such applications shall be filed with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, and copies shall be served upon the Applicant's representative as set forth herein.

3. That this order shall become effective September 28, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Morris L. Woodruff, 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 18th day of September, 1998.

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COMMISSION COUNSEL

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION