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CASE NO: EM-2001-233

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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

### 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 an Order	)		
Authorizing the Sale, Transfer and Assignment	)		
of Certain Assets, Real Estate Leased Property,	)	Case No.	EM-2001-233
Easements and Contractual Agreements to	)	·	
Central Illinois Public Service Company, d/b/a	)		
AmerenCIPS, and, in Connection Therewith,	)		
Certain Other Related Transactions.	)		

## ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION AND SETTING AN EARLY PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE (AmerenUE) filed an application to transfer assets and a motion requesting action by the Commission by February 1, 2000. On October 30, 2000, the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed responses.

Public Counsel's response indicated that it had not completed its investigation of the issues surrounding AmerenUE's application and therefore requested that the Commission set an early prehearing conference no sooner than November 29, 2000, so that the parties could confer regarding settlement and propose a procedural schedule. Staff also stated in its response that a prehearing conference was necessary. Staff further stated that it is opposed to the expedited schedule set out by AmerenUE.

On December 13, 2000, AmerenUE filed a request that a prehearing conference be set for December 20, 2000. AmerenUE stated

that all the parties to this case were involved in another case before the Commission which has a prehearing conference set for December 20, 2000. Counsel for AmerenUE stated that he had spoken with counsel for Staff, Public Counsel and the Missouri Industrial Consumers and none oppose this request.

On October 26, 2000, Adam's Mark Hotel, Alcoa Foil Products, Anheuser-Busch Companies, The Boeing Company, Ford Motor Company, General Motors Corporation, Holman, Hussman Refrigeration, Mallinckrodt, MEMC Electronics Materials, Monsanto, Proctor & Gamble Manufacturing, and Ralston Purina, (collectively referred to the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers or MIEC) filed an Application to Intervene. MEIC states that it has an interest in the Commission's decision because each of the companies is a large customer of Union Electric Company and as an organization of large customers, their interests differ from those of the general public. MEIC states that its intervention in this case "would serve the public interest by assisting the development of a more complete record for decision by the Commission."

The Commission has reviewed the application to intervene filed by the members of the MIEC and finds that it is in substantial compliance with Commission rules regarding intervention and that the applicants have an interest in this matter which is different from that of the general public. The Commission concludes that the request for intervention should be granted.

The Commission has reviewed the requests for setting an early pre-hearing conference and finds that in the interest of expediency, a

procedural schedule should be established immediately. The Commission finds that an early prehearing conference shall be scheduled as requested.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the interventions of the members of the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers are granted.
- 2. That a prehearing conference shall be held on December 20, 2000, immediately following the prehearing conference in Commission Case No. EM-96-149, which is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. The prehearing conference shall be held in Suite 310, located in the office of the Missouri Public Service Commission in Jefferson City, Missouri, on the main floor of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street. The Governor Office Building meets the accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If any person needs additional accommodations to participate in the prehearing conference, please call the Missouri Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or 1-800-829-7541 (TDD) prior to the hearing.
- 3. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than December 29, 2000. The procedural schedule shall include dates for the filing of testimony and for a hearing.

4. That this order shall become effective on December 20, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts

Hak Hred Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Nancy Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 15th day of December, 2000.

### STATE OF MISSOURI OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this <u>15<sup>th</sup></u> day of December 2000.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge