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VIA HAND DELIVERY



Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
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Re: MPSC Case No. EM-2001-233

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE, in the above matter, please find an original and eight (8) copies of its **Request to Hold Procedural Schedule in Abeyance**.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this filing by stamping a copy of the enclosed letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

Very truly yours,

James J. Cook / sh

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Enclosures

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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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)
AmerenCIPS, and, in Connection Therewith,)
Certain Other Related Transactions.)

Case No. EM-2001-233

**REQUEST TO HOLD PROCEUDRAL
SCHEDULE IN ABEYANCE**

COMES NOW Union Electric Company ("UE" or "the Company") and requests the Missouri Public Service Commission ("the Commission") to hold in abeyance the procedural schedule adopted in these matters. In support of this request, the Company states as follows:

1. The current schedule calls for UE to file Supplemental Direct Testimony on February 8, 2001. This filing, requested by the Staff, requires significant effort by our witnesses once various forecasts are developed. Those forecasts have not been finalized, and thus, the testimony cannot be completed.
2. Although it is anticipated that this work will be completed in approximately two weeks, it is not possible to give the Commission, and other parties, any assurance of an exact date when that work will, in fact be completed. Accordingly, the Company hereby informs the Commission and all parties that the February 8, 2001 filing date cannot be met.
3. The remainder of the schedule previously submitted and approved by the Commission is, of course, dependent upon this February 8th filing. Since it is not

clear when that filing can be made, the Company respectfully requests that the remainder of the procedural schedule be held in abeyance until that filing is made.

4. The Company suggests that, at the time the Supplemental Direct Testimony is filed, it will request an expedited prehearing conference be scheduled, at which the remainder of the procedural schedule can be set.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set out above, the Commission is requested to hold this matter in abeyance, pending the filing of Supplemental Direct Testimony or a further status report, by February 20, 2001.

Dated: February 6, 2001

Respectfully submitted,

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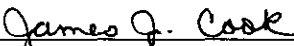
I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was served on the following parties of record via first-class mail on this 6th day of February, 2001:

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