OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Citizens Electric Corporation for Approval of Interim Rates, Subject to Refund, and for a Permanent Rate Increase.

Case No. ER-2002-217
Tariff No. 200200335

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

This order grants the intervention of Mississippi Lime Company.

Citizens Electric Corporation submitted tariff sheets on November 1, 2001, proposing to increase rates for electric service. The Commission directed on November 6, 2001, that any applications for intervention should be filed no later than November 26, 2001. The Commission issued an order granting interim rates but suspended the proposed permanent tariffs until September 30, 2002. The Commission also set a procedural schedule.

On April 16, 2002, Mississippi Lime Company filed an application to intervene. Mississippi Lime Company is a contract customer of Citizens Electric Corporation and therefore will be directly affected by any rate increase. In addition, Mississippi Lime Company's interest is different from that of the general public. Mississippi Lime Company states that due to the original emergency nature of the rate increase, it was unable to determine what impact the proposal would have on the company. Mississippi Lime Company says that it neither supports or opposes the rate increase, but that it does support the rate design. Mississippi Lime Company states that it is prepared to file Direct Testimony in compliance with the Commission's previous procedural order and therefore,

no party will be prejudiced by its late intervention. There were no objections to Mississippi Lime Company's application.

The Commission has reviewed the application to intervene and finds that it is in substantial compliance with Commission rules regarding intervention and that the Mississippi Lime Company has an interest in this matter which is different from that of the general public. The Commission concludes that Mississippi Lime Company's request for intervention should be granted. Mississippi Lime Company is directed to comply with all the previous Commission orders in this matter.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That Mississippi Lime Company Missouri, Inc. is granted intervention.
- 2. That Mississippi Lime Company shall comply with all previous orders in this matter.
 - 3. That this order shall become effective on May 6, 2002.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Nancy Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 2nd day of May, 2002.