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VIA HAND DELIVERY

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Service Commission



Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P. O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

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 **Unopposed Request for Prehearing Conference to Establish Procedural Schedule**.

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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Cook", written over the typed name and title.

James J. Cook
Managing Associate General Counsel

JJC/dhb
Enclosures

cc: Ms. Nancy Dippell (via fax)
Parties on Attached Service List (via fax)

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

**Union Electric Company's Unopposed Request
for Prehearing Conference to Establish Procedural Schedule**

COMES NOW Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE ("AmerenUE" or "Ameren") and respectfully requests the setting of a prehearing conference for December 20, 2000 to establish a procedural schedule in the above matter.

On October 6, 2000, Union Electric Company filed an Application for Transfer of Assets pursuant to Section 393.190 RSMo. 1994 and 4 CSR 240-2.060 and a Motion for Expedited Treatment in the above case. Specifically, Ameren requested the Commission to issue an Order authorizing the transfer of assets from AmerenUE to AmerenCIPS prior to February 15, 2001 to allow Ameren to make the necessary arrangements for its capacity and energy needs for the summer of 2001.

On October 30, 2000, the Missouri Public Service Commission Staff ("Staff") and the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC") individually filed responses in opposition to AmerenUE's Motion for Expedited Treatment. These responses suggest that expedited treatment, on the schedule requested by Ameren, might be difficult to obtain.

In order to determine as soon as possible, what schedule the parties believe is realistic; and in order for Ameren to have time to respond to that schedule in making its capacity and energy decisions for 2001, Ameren respectfully requests scheduling of a prehearing conference for December 20, 2000 to establish a procedural schedule in the above matter. Counsel has spoken with counsel for Staff, OPC and the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers. All have agreed to this request for a prehearing conference on December 20, 2000.

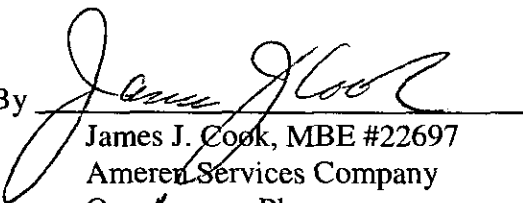
WHEREFORE, Ameren respectfully requests scheduling a prehearing conference for December 20, 2000 to establish a procedural schedule in the above matter. Another prehearing conference involving these parties is currently scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on December 20. The parties have agreed to request that the prehearing in this matter be scheduled on the same date but at 2:00 p.m. subject, of course, to the agreement and availability of the Regulatory Law Judge.

Dated: December 12, 2000

Respectfully submitted,

UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a
AmerenUE

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