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STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 1st
day of October, 1998.

Terry Ball,)	
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Complainant,)	
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vs.)	<u>Case No. EC-98-446</u>
)	
AmerenUE)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER SUSPENDING INVESTIGATION
AND ESTABLISHING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

On April 9, 1998, Terry Ball, (Complainant) filed a Complaint against Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE (Respondent or AmerenUE). Complainant alleges generally that amounts currently charged to him by AmerenUE are improper or incorrect. On April 10, Respondent filed an answer, in which it details how it determined the amounts currently charged to Complainant. On July 7, the Commission ordered its Staff to investigate the allegations set out in the complaint and file a report of its findings by August 20. On August 20, the Staff filed a motion asking the Commission to allow it to suspend its investigation. Staff states that it believes that the parties have reached a settlement, and expects a them to dismiss the case by September 18.

Since Staff believes that a settlement may be reached, the Commission will extend the filing date for the report on the results of

its investigation to afford the parties the opportunity to continue settlement discussions. However, since the parties have not yet dismissed the case, the Commission will set a prehearing conference to afford the parties the opportunity to discuss, define, and possibly resolve the issues presented in this case, and to discuss a procedural schedule. The Commission will also set a date for the filing of a proposed schedule in order to ensure that this case progresses. The Commission will order the staff to file the report on the results of its investigation on that same date.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the deadline for Staff to file a report of its findings in this case shall be extended to November 4, 1998.

2. That a prehearing conference will be held on October 22, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. at the Commission's offices on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

3. That anyone with special needs as addressed by the Americans With Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days before the prehearing or hearing at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline - 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline - 1-800-829-7541.

4. That, if the case has not been resolved, the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than November 4, 1998.

5. That this order shall become effective on October 14, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Lumpe, Ch., Crumpton, Murray,
Schemenauer and Drainer, CC., concur.

Mills, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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