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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 19th day of August, 1997.

In the Matter of the Application of Union Electric)
Company for a Variance for Congregation of the) Case No. EO-98-6
Mission Midwest Province.)
)

ORDER APPROVING VARIANCE

This application was filed on July 2, 1997 by Union Electric Company (UE), requesting a variance from the Commission's individual metering requirements contained in rule 4 CSR 240-20.050. In its application, UE states that it requests this variance for the Congregation of the Mission Midwest Province project in St. Louis County, Missouri. UE states that the planned project consists of a 24-unit retirement apartment building for retired priests and brothers. UE continues that the project consultant requested single metering for the building and that the owner of the building will be responsible for payment for the service. UE estimates an overall savings of approximately \$30,000 should master-metering be approved.

On August 8 the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed its recommendation, stating that UE and the owner of the project have agreed that the master-metered service will be billed on the Large General Service rate. The Staff notes that UE has stated that individual metering of the residential units will simply add costs to the project and obstruct the intent of the owner. The Staff recommends approval of the variance.

The Commission finds the request for variance to be reasonable and in the public interest for reasons of cost savings and practicality, and will approve the requested variance.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Union Electric Company is hereby granted a variance from the provisions of 4 CSR 240-20.050(2) for the purpose of allowing master-metering for the new building of the Congregation of the Mission Midwest province, to be billed at the Large General Service rate.

2. That this order shall become effective on August 29, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION



**Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary**

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

ALJ: Derque