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RE: GA-99-107 and GA-99-236

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and fourteen (14) conformed copies of a **JOINT RECOMMENDATION FOR PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE.**

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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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)
a certificate of public convenience and)
necessity authorizing it to construct,)
install, own, operate, control, manage)
and maintain natural gas pipeline)
facilities and a gas distribution system)
for the public in a portion of St. Charles)
County, Missouri, as an expansion of its)
presently certificated area..)

Case No. GA-99-107

In the matter of the application of)
Laclede Gas Company for a certificate)
of public convenience and necessity)
authorizing it to construct, install, own,)
operate, control, manage, and maintain)
a gas distribution system for the public)
in portions of the city of Wentzville,)
Missouri as an extension of its presently)
certificated area.)

Case No. GA-99-236

JOINT RECOMMENDATION FOR PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COME NOW the Parties to this proceeding, and in compliance with the Commission's Order Regarding Intervention and Scheduling Early Prehearing Conference, effective November 13, 1998, submit the following proposed procedural schedule. In support of their request that the Commission adopt this procedural schedule the Parties state:

1. On September 15, 1998, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE filed an application with the Commission requesting a certificate of public convenience and necessity for authorization to construct, own, and operate natural gas pipeline facilities and a gas distribution system for the public in a portion of St. Charles County. This case is designated as Case No. GA-99-107.

2. On October 19, 1998, Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede") filed an application to intervene in Case No. GA-99-107. The Commission granted Laclede's application in the Order.

3. In the Order, the Commission ordered a prehearing conference to be held on November 30, 1998, to, among other things, establish a proposed procedural schedule.

4. On November 24, 1998, Laclede filed an application with the Commission requesting authority to provide natural gas service to a portion of St. Charles County that consists of a portion of the city of Wentzville, Missouri. This case is designated as Case No. GA-99-236.

5. Along with its application, Laclede filed a Motion to Consolidate Case Nos. GA-99-107 and GA-99-236. None of the Parties attending the November 30, 1998 prehearing conference expressed any opposition to the Motion.

6. On December 3, 1998, the Commission issued an Order to Consolidate Proceedings and Provide Notice, effective December 14, 1998.

7. AmerenUE has indicated a need for an expedited schedule so that, if its proposed pipeline is approved by the Commission, AmerenUE may begin construction of the pipeline no later than July 1, 1999. Laclede is willing to agree to the expedited schedule proposed for this proceeding with the understanding that the Parties will cooperate to expedite discovery. If significant discovery problems are encountered, Laclede reserves the right to request an extension of this schedule.

8. The Parties, therefore, respectfully request that the Commission adopt the following procedural schedule for the consolidated cases:

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Applicant's, AmerenUE and Laclede Direct Testimony	January 5, 1999 3:00 p.m.
Rebuttal Testimony by all Parties	February 11, 1999 3:00 p.m.

Surrebuttal or Cross-Surrebuttal
all Parties

March 3, 1999
3:00 p.m.

Hearing Memorandum

March 8, 1999

Hearing

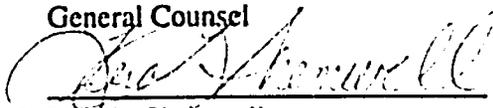
March 17-19, 1999
10:00 a.m. on March 17, 1999
9:00 a.m. thereafter

9. If an additional prehearing conference is necessary, a brief meeting just prior to the hearing will meet the needs of the parties.

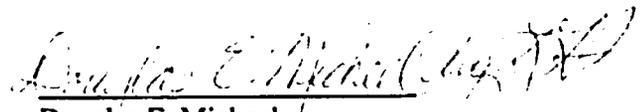
WHEREFORE, the parties to this case request that the Commission issue an order adopting the above proposed procedural schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

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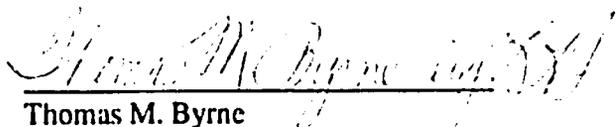
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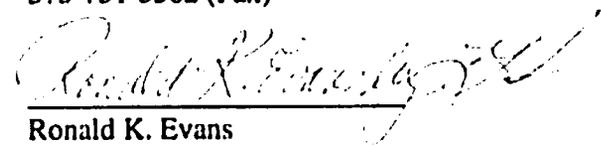
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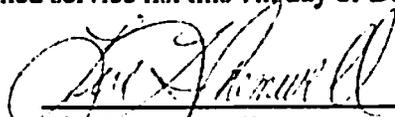
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, faxed, or hand-delivered to all parties of record as shown on the attached service list this 7th day of December, 1998.



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**SERVICE LIST FOR
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December 7, 1998**

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