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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
200 Madison Street, Suite 100  
Governor Office Building  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Re: MPSC Case No. GW-2001-398

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 **Application to Serve on Task Force and Participate in Case.**

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 black ink, appearing to read "Thomas M. Byrne".

Thomas M. Byrne  
Associate General Counsel

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Enclosures

cc: MPSC General Counsel  
Office of the Public Counsel

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
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In the Matter of a Commission Inquiry )  
Into Purchased Gas Cost Recovery )

Case No. GW-2001-398

Application to Serve on Task Force and Participate in Case

COMES NOW Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE ("AmerenUE") and in support of its Application to Serve on Task Force and Participate in Case states as follows:

1. On February 2, 2001, the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") issued its order initiating this proceeding. In that order, the Commission stated that it will be creating a Task Force to investigate the process for the recovery of natural gas commodity cost increases by local distribution companies from their customers, and to discuss options on this issue. The order stated that anyone wishing to serve on the Task Force or otherwise participate in this case should notify the Commission.

2. AmerenUE is a local distribution company that provides natural gas sales and transportation service to customers in Missouri. As such, AmerenUE has a significant interest in the process the Commission utilizes to permit local distribution companies to recover gas commodity cost increases from their customers. Moreover, AmerenUE's participation in this proceeding will assist the Commission in addressing this important issue. Consequently, AmerenUE requests authority to participate in this proceeding.

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3. AmerenUE would also like to nominate the following individual to serve on the Task Force:

Richard J. Kovach  
Manager, Rate Engineering  
Ameren Services Company  
1901 Chouteau Avenue (MC 1400)  
St. Louis, Missouri 63103  
(314) 554-3168

AmerenUE anticipates that members of its Gas Supply Department and Legal Department will also contribute to the Task Force from time to time.

WHEREFORE, AmerenUE respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order permitting AmerenUE to fully participate in this proceeding, and naming Richard J. Kovach to serve on the Task Force as AmerenUE's representative.

DATED: February 21, 2001

Respectfully submitted,  
UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY  
d/b/a AmerenUE



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was served via U.S. first class mail on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2001, on the following parties of record:

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thomas M. Byrne", written over a horizontal line.

Thomas M. Byrne