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CENTRAL ILLINOIS PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

Petition for special permission to)
place rate schedules into effect on)
less than forty-five days' notice.)

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PETITION

Central Illinois Public Service Company ("AmerenCIPS" or the "Company"), by Bob Mill, Manager of the AmerenCIPS Regulatory Department, does hereby petition the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission") that it be permitted, pursuant to the provisions of Section 9-201 of the Illinois Public Utilities Act ("Act") (220 ILCS 5/9-201), to put in force and effect, on less than forty-five days after the filing hereof with the Commission, the attached:

Electric Delivery Service Schedule III. C. C. No. 14

1st Revised Sheet No. 14.001 canceling Original Sheet No. 14.001 - Rider PPOS

Petitioner further represents that said attached proposed filings will supersede:

Electric Delivery Service Schedule III. C. C. No. 14

Original Sheet No. 14.001 - Rider PPOS

Under Rider PPOS, the Company provides "Power Purchase Option" ("PPO") service pursuant to Section 16-1 10 of the Act. The PPO service allows delivery service customers to purchase power and energy from the company at a market value ("MV"). Presently, that MV is based on the "Neutral Fact Finder" values for the year 2000.

The Company's tariff prohibits customers from switching to Rider PPOS between May 15 and September 15 of any year (the "Summer Period"), due to reliability concerns. Since the Company only plans for its own load, if a delivery service customer switches from another

provider to the Company's Rider PPOS during the Summer Period, the Company may not have adequate capacity to serve that additional load. Accordingly, the Company would either have to reduce service to other customers (e.g., through brown-outs) or acquire additional capacity at prices that could far out-strip the revenue that it would receive under Rider PPOS.

AmerenCIPS has been engaged in discussions with the Commission Staff regarding the appropriateness of restricting switches to Rider PPOS during the Summer Period. To date, the Company and the Staff have not reached a solution that would both accommodate a customer's desire to switch and Ameren's reliability concerns. However, by this filing, Ameren proposes an interim solution that would accommodate customers this year, while a longer-term solution is developed.

In light of (i) the level of alternate energy supplier activity and switching in our service territory to date, (ii) the Company's available generating capacity for serving AmerenCIPS bundled retail load this summer, and (iii) our desire to accommodate customers requesting to move to Rider PPOS during this Summer Period, AmerenCIPS believes that it can permit switches to Rider PPOS this Summer Period (2000) without jeopardizing reliability.

Accordingly, AmerenCIPS requests that the Commission accept this filing and allow customers to commence service under Rider PPOS during the Summer Period of year 2000.

AmerenCIPS further requests that this filing be allowed to go into effect immediately. The earlier that the filing becomes effective, the greater the flexibility that customers will have for this Summer Period. It should be noted that the Commission Staff requested that AmerenCIPS make this filing in order to place these revisions to Rider PPOS into effect less than 45 days after the filing.

AmerenCIPS intends to continue discussions with Staff regarding the appropriateness of the Summer Period restrictions in 2001 and beyond. AmerenCIPS commits that it will not use the Commission's acceptance of this filing as a basis for challenging future inquiries of the Staff or of the Commission as to the appropriateness of Rider PPOS terms and conditions.

AmerenCIPS is hopeful that the Commission will recognize the benefits of accepting this revised tariff and the benefits that some customers may realize by being able to take service under Rider PPOS this summer without jeopardizing AmerenCIPS system reliability.

The Company requests that the attached revisions to Rider PPOS be made effective on less than 45 days notice in order to permit the Company to offer Rider PPOS to our customers during the period of May 15 through September 15, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

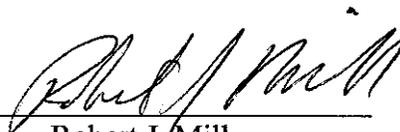
CENTRAL ILLINOIS PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

By: Robert J. Mill
Robert J. Mill, Manager
AmerenCIPS Regulatory Dept.

April 3, 2000

VERIFICATION

Robert J. Mill, being duly sworn upon his oath states as follows: (1) he is Manager of the Regulatory Department of AmerenCIPS; (2) he has read the attached Petition; (3) he is familiar with the facts contained therein; (4) the facts in the Petition are true and correct to the best of his knowledge; and (5) he is authorized to file this Petition on behalf of AmerenCIPS.


Robert J. Mill

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to this
Day of April, 2000.


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RIDER PPOS - POWER PURCHASE OPTION SERVICE

SERVICE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- * 1. **Notice.** On or before the first business day of any calendar month preceding the month in which service under the Rider is to commence, a customer may give notice to the Company that it will take service from the Company, under this Rider for the subsequent nominal twelve-month period (Service Period). In no event shall service under this Rider commence during the time period May 15 through September 15 of any year, beginning in 2001.
- * 2. **Commencement and Duration of Service.** Service shall commence on the first meter reading date following the first full calendar month after notice is given and continue for the period of twelve consecutive billing cycles. In no event shall service commence during the time period May 15 through September 15, beginning in 2001. Service hereunder shall continue to renew for terms of twelve consecutive billing cycles unless terminated in accordance with this Rider.
3. **Termination of Service.** Service may be terminated effective only at the end of a Service Period (twelve consecutive billing cycles) or any twelve-month billing cycle Service Period thereafter. Service shall continue to renew for terms of twelve billing cycles unless terminated pursuant to proper notice to the Company, as follows:
- a. **To a Retail Electric Supplier.** The customer may terminate service under this Rider in order to receive service from a Retail Electric Supplier pursuant to the Company's Delivery Services Tariff by the Retail Electric Supplier submitting the appropriate DASR within the required notice period prior to the scheduled meter read date at the end of a Service Period.
 - b. **To the Company's Bundled Service.** The customer may terminate service under this Rider in order to return to one of the Company's bundled services for which the customer is eligible, if available, by providing the Company thirty (30) days notice prior to the scheduled meter read date completing a twelve consecutive billing cycle Service Period. The customer shall thereafter take service from the Company pursuant to a bundled service tariff and shall not take Delivery Services pursuant to this Schedule for a period of twelve months. The customer may not, however, terminate service under this Rider to return to the Company's bundled services during the time period May 15 through September 15.
 - c. **Form of Notice.** The notice shall be in such form and contain such information as the Company may require. The Company may reject any notice that does not contain the required information.

Date of Filing,

* Asterisk denotes change

Date Effective,