## **BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

## OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE for Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric Service Provided to Customers in the Company's Missouri Service Area.

Case No. ER-2007-0002 Tariff No. YE-2007-0007

## **ORDER GRANTING APPLICATIONS TO INTERVENE**

Issue Date: August 28, 2006

Effective Date: August 28, 2006

On July 10, 2006, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE, submitted to the Missouri Public Service Commission certain proposed tariff sheets, Tariff File No. YE-2007-0007. The purpose of the filing, according to AmerenUE, is to implement a general rate increase for retail electric service to customers in its Missouri service area.

The Commission issued notice of that filing on July 11, and established July 31 as the deadline for submission of requests to intervene. On August 18, 2006, the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) filed a late application to intervene. In support of its application DED stated that it has a unique interest in the proposed tariff provisions relating to economic development. On August 21, 2006, the Commercial Group<sup>1</sup>filed an application for leave to intervene out of time. In support of its application the Commercial Group stated that it was not able to intervene until now because its members needed time to review the impact of Ameren's filing on their business interests and to finalize arrangements between the members.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Commercial Group includes: JC Penney Corporation, Inc., Lowe's Home Centers, Inc., and Wal-Mart Stores East, LP.

On August 22, 2006, the Commission issued an order requiring any objections to granting DED or the Commercial Group intervention to be filed on or before August 25, 2006. No party filed an objected to either intervention request.

The Commission finds that each of these applicants has an interest that is different than that of the general public and that each applicant's interest may be adversely affected by a final order arising from this case. Furthermore, the Commission finds that allowing these applicants to intervene will serve the public interest. Therefore, in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.075(4), the Commission will grant the applications to intervene.

## IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Missouri Department of Economic Development's Late Filed Application to Intervene is granted.

2. The Commercial Group's Application for Leave to Intervene Out of Time is granted.

3. This order shall become effective on August 28, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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Cherlyn D. Voss, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2006.