BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren UE's Tariff to Increase Its Annual Revenues for Electric Service

Case No. ER-2011-0028

NOTICE REGARDING EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Issue Date: March 1, 2011

On February 28, 2011, we received the attached electronic mail message from Joe

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Don Burton P.E.

Respectfully Submitted,

Keyin D. Gunn, Chairman Robert M. Clayton III, Vice Chairman Jeff N. Davis, Commissioner Terry M. Jarrett, Commissioner Cherlyn Voss, Advisor to Chairman Gunn Jeff Keevil, Advisor to Vice Chairman Clayton

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 1st day of March, 2011.

Neuner, Joyce

From:Neuner, JoyceSent:Tuesday, March 01, 2011 9:46 AMTo:Neuner, JoyceSubject:FW: Extra-Record communication

From: joe burton <jdblfb@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Mon, 28 Feb 2011 11:35:10 -0800
To: <tom.imhoff@psc.mo.gov>; <ROBERT.CLAYTON@psc.mo.gov>; <jeff.davis@psc.mo.gov>;
<terry.jarrett@psc.mo.gov>; <keven.gunn@psc.mo.gov>
Subject: Ameren UE Rate Increases

Dear Sirs:

I am writing this e-mail to show my disdain for a public service company that would ask for increases in the amount of 7.8%,18% and 11% for three consecutive years in a row. Recently Ameren has advertise a public meeting in Dexter and Hayti regarding their most recent request for an increase. Tthe major residential users of electricity within 80 miles of Dexter and Hayti are the cities of Sikeston and Cape Girardeau. Why would Ameren advertise public hearings in remote areas? They know and the PSC knows that there are no justifications for increases of any magnitude are not merited. Besides, if they have public hearings in the areas where there are people who understand the laws governing the establishment of public utilities, Ameren would loose the argument forthright. The public knows that there are many reasons why a cost increase is not merited at this time when unemployment is near 10%, cost of living adjustments for the elderly SSC recipients is 0, and multiple other reasons exist. If Ameren needs \$250 milliion plus rate increase to fund maintenance and other expenses, why don't they reduce the dividend and sell bonds to establish capital as any other corporation would do. The corporations within the S & P 500 are not paying dividends of the magnitude of 4-5% as Ameren is doing or has done. It is my hope that the Public Service Commission will do their job of protecting the public from this absurdity.

Sincerely yours,

Joe Don Burton P.E.