## **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 DIRECTING FILING**

Issue Date: September 7, 2006

Effective Date: September 7, 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 31, 2006, the UE Joint Bargaining Committee (Joint Committee) filed an application to intervene out of time pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075 states that the Commission may grant interventions if the proposed intervenor has an interest which is different from that of the general public and which may be adversely affected by a final order arising from the case, or if granting intervention would serve the public interest.

The Joint Committee identifies itself as "a group of associated labor unions that represent the health, welfare and safety interests of the men and women who work for AmerenUE." In its application, the Joint Committee states that it has an interest in this case that is different from that of the general public, and that may be adversely affected by a final order in this case. Specifically, the Joint Committee claims that its "interest in this matter relates to the impact of AmerenUE's proposed rates on their members and the impact tariffed rules for the provision of service may have on the health, welfare or safety of AmerenUE employees." The Joint Committee further contends that denying it intervention would result in manifest injustice, because it would deny it the opportunity to "review, respond to or comment on AmerenUE's cost of service proposals, which directly or indirectly affect the health, welfare and safety of those employees."

Having reviewed the Joint Committee's application, the Commission finds no argument as to how the Joint Committee's is interest is different from the general public or why it cannot be adequately protected by the Office of the Public Counsel, who is already a party to this action. Before considering the Joint Committee's application to intervene, the Commission will require it to file a supplemental pleading indicating how AmerenUE's tariffed rates and cost of service proposals would affect the health, welfare and safety of its members in a different manner than the general public.

## **IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The UE Joint Bargaining Committee will file a supplement to its application to intervene out of time indicating how Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE's tariffed rates and cost of service proposals would affect the health, welfare and safety of its members in a different manner than the general public on or before September 14, 2007.

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2. This order shall become effective on September 7, 2006.



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 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006.