

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of Union Electric	)	
Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri, for a Certificate	)	
of Convenience and Necessity Authorizing It to	)	
Construct, Install, Own, Operate, Control, Manage and	)	<b><u>File No. GA-2012-0096</u></b>
Maintain a Natural Gas Distribution System to Provide	)	
Natural Gas Service in Boone County, Missouri.	)	

**ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND SETTING DATE FOR SUBMISSION  
OF INTERVENTION REQUESTS**

Issue Date: September 30, 2011

Effective Date: September 30, 2011

On September 30, 2011, Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Ameren Missouri"), filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission, pursuant to Section 393.170, RSMo, requesting that the Commission grant it authority to construct, install, own, operate, control, manage and maintain a system for the provision of natural gas service to the public pursuant to its approved rates, rules and regulations, in Boone County, Missouri. Ameren Missouri asks for a certificate to serve an area of Boone County, Missouri between Columbia and Ashland as an expansion of its existing territory.

In compliance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.205, Ameren Missouri has provided a full legal description of the location for the proposed service area, a plat map, an estimate of the cost of construction and estimated annual margin to be received from the proposed customers in the development, and the names and addresses of ten residents or property owners of the proposed service area. Ameren Missouri also stated that there are no municipalities, public utilities or other governmental entities operating or rendering service within its proposed service area, and that

it will not require any other franchises or permits other than the usual and customary state highway, railroad and county road permits, which will be acquired prior to construction. Certified copies of franchises for the City of Ashland, Missouri and the City of Columbia, Missouri were included with the application.

The Commission finds that notice of this application should be given to the general public and interested parties and a date for intervention of proper parties should be set. The Commission's Data Center shall mail a copy of this notice to the County Commission of Boone County, and to the Department of Natural Resources of the State of Missouri. In addition, the Commission's public information officer shall make notice of this order available to the media serving Boone County and to the members of the General Assembly representing Boone County.

The requirement of a hearing has been fulfilled when all those having a desire to be heard are offered an opportunity to be heard. If no proper party or governmental entity is granted intervention and neither the Commission's Staff nor the Office of the Public Counsel requests a hearing, the Commission may determine that a hearing is not necessary.<sup>1</sup>

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Missouri Public Service Commission's Data Center is ordered to serve notice as described in the body of this order.
2. The Missouri Public Service Commission's information officer is ordered to serve notice as described in the body of this order.

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<sup>1</sup> *State ex rel. Deffenderfer v. Public Service Commission*, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo App. 1989).

3. Any proper person wishing to intervene in this matter shall file an application no later than October 20, 2011. Such applications shall be filed with:

Secretary  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
Post Office Box 360  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

4. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



Steven C. Reed  
Secretary

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Ronald D. Pridgin, Senior Regulatory Law  
Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.