

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Union Electric Company, d/b/a)
AmerenUE, and Its Tariff Filing to Implement a)
General Rate Increase for Natural Gas Service) **Case No. GR-2003-0517**

ORDER GRANTING STAFF REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Issue Date: February 2, 2006

Effective Date: February 2, 2006

On January 30, 2006, Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE, filed tariff sheets to increase the amount of funding for its Energy Efficient Natural Gas Rebate Program. The tariff sheets bear an effective date of March 1, 2006, but AmerenUE contemporaneously filed a Motion for Expedited Treatment, in which it requests that the sheets become effective on February 13. The Commission ordered its Staff to file its Recommendation or, in the alternative, a pleading explaining why the Commission should not grant AmerenUE's Motion for Expedited Treatment, no later than February 3.

On February 1, Staff filed its Response of the Staff to Order Directing Filing. Staff stated that it does not object to AmerenUE's Motion for Expedited Treatment, but that it would like until February 6 to file its Memorandum. Staff explained that its employee most familiar with the rebate program and the related tariffs is out of the office and will return on February 6.

The Commission finds Staff's request reasonable, and will grant it.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Staff of the Commission's request to file its Memorandum on February 6, 2005, is granted.

2. That the Staff of the Commission shall file its Memorandum and Recommendation no later than February 6, 2006.

3. That this order shall become effective on February 2, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 2nd day of February, 2006.