

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

In the Matter of Union Electric Company)	
d/b/a AmerenUE for Authority to File)	
Tariffs Increasing Rates for Gas Service)	Case No. GR-2003-0517
Provided to Customers in the Company's)	
Missouri Service Area.)	

RESPONSE OF THE STAFF TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its Response to the Commission's January 31, 2006 Order Directing Filing states:

1. On January 30, 2006, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE (UE or Company) filed tariff sheets designed to increase the funding level for its Energy Efficiency Natural Gas Rebate Program.

2. At the same time the Company requested expedited treatment to allow the tariff changes to become effective on February 13, 2006.

3. The Commission ordered the Staff to respond no later than February 3, 2006.

4. The Staff does not object to the Request for Expedited Treatment and will file its Memorandum no later than Monday, February 6, 2006. The Staff person who is most familiar with this program and the related tariffs, and who has had prior discussions with the company when this program was implemented, is out of the office and will return on Monday.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests that the Commission permit the Staff to file its recommendation in this case on Monday, February 6, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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