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Missouri Public  
Service Commission

RE: *In the Matter of the Tariff Filing of Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE,  
to Implement a General Rate Increase for Natural Gas Service*  
Case No. GR-2003-0517, Tariff No. YG-2003-2058

Dear Judge Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced case are the original and 14 copies of the Missouri Department of Natural Resource's Application to Intervene. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

cc: All Parties on the Service List

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In the Matter of the Union Electric Company,	)	
d/b/a AmerenUE, and its Tariff Filing to	)	Case No. GR-2003-0517
Implement a General Rate Increase for	)	Tariff No. YG-2003-2058
Natural Gas Service	)	

**MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF**  
**NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**APPLICATION TO INTERVENE**

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075, respectfully requests that the Commission grant its application to intervene in the above-styled matter. This application is made for the following reasons:

1. On May 23, 2003, Union Electric, d/b/a AmerenUE, (the Company) filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) proposed tariff sheets to implement a general rate increase for natural gas service.
2. MDNR, and specifically its Energy Center, is a state agency vested with the powers and duties set forth in Section 640.150, RSMo.
3. MDNR has an interest different than that of the general public, and its intervention will serve a public interest in that the Energy Center will be looking at the proposed filing from a formal policy and planning perspective as well as looking at the potential impacts on environmental quality. In particular, the Energy Center will look at the proposed filing to assess the commitment by the Company to provide low or no cost weatherization to low income families. The Energy Center's review also will be in relation to the mandate set forth in Section 640.150, RSMo. The mandate set forth in the statute includes planning for energy resource

development; analyzing energy management issues; consulting and cooperating with all state and federal governmental agencies on matters of energy research and development, management, conservation and distribution; assessing the potential impacts on environmental quality; and analyzing the potential for increased use of energy alternatives and making recommendations for the expanded use of such alternate energy sources and technologies.

4. The Energy Center takes no position on the filing as filed, but would welcome the opportunity to work with the Company, Staff and OPC to explore whether the Company is interested in developing a program that has meaningful benefits to consumers and the environment.

WHEREFORE, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources respectfully requests that it be allowed to intervene in the above-styled matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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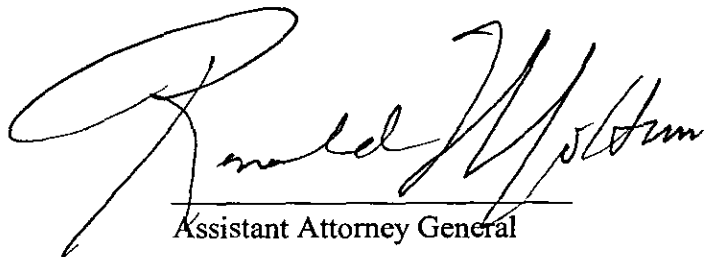
I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was mailed, postage prepaid,  
by United States mail, this 20th day of June, 2003, to:

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