

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

In the Matter of Union Electric Company)	
d/a/AmerenUE for Authority to File)	
Tariffs Increasing Rates for Gas Service)	Case No. GR-2007-0003
Provided to Customers in the Company's)	
Missouri Service Area)	

MOTION OF THE PARTIES
FOR SUSPENSION OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND
MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, on behalf of the Parties to the case, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE, (Ameren or Company), the Office of Public Counsel, (OPC), and the Department of Natural Resources, (DNR), the State of Missouri, and the Missouri School Board's Association and jointly recommend that the procedural schedule be suspended. In support of this request Staff states:

1. Since the conclusion of the prehearing conference, the parties to the case have been negotiating and it appears that a settlement of the issues in the case may be possible. However, Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers (MIEC), the Missouri Retailers Association (MRA) have not been active in the negotiations of the natural gas case.

2. Settlement discussions have been productive and the Parties believe additional time may lead to a Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement. Either a status report or a Stipulation will be filed no later than February 5, 2007.

3. The Parties, with the exceptions noted above request that the Commission establish February 9 as the date that Rebuttal testimony is due in this case if the Parties are unable to reach resolution. The remainder of the schedule for this case should remain the same.

4. The parties to the case except MIEC and MRA have authorized the Staff to make this filing on their behalf.

5. Staff will attempt to reach MIEC and MRA on Monday to determine their positions on this issue.

6. This pleading was filed as soon as possible after the parties realized that it was possible that a settlement may be possible. No one will be harmed if the Commission grants this request because the remainder of the procedural schedule will not be changed.

WHEREFORE, the Parties to the case respectfully requests that the Commission suspend the procedural schedule in this case and order Rebuttal testimony be due on February 9 if the Parties have been unable to reach agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 26th day of January 2007.

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