

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)	<u>Case No. GR-2007-0003</u>
Rates for Natural Gas Service Provided to Customers)	Tariff No. YG-2007-0008
in the Company's Missouri Service Area.)	

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SUSPENDING TARIFF,
SETTING HEARINGS, AND DIRECTING FILINGS

Issue Date: July 11, 2006

Effective Date: July 11, 2006

Procedural History

On July 10, 2006, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE, submitted to the Missouri Public Service Commission certain proposed tariff sheets, Tariff File No. YG-2007-0008. The purpose of the filing, according to AmerenUE, is to implement a general rate increase for retail electric service to customers in its Missouri service area. AmerenUE states that the new retail electric service rates are designed to produce an additional \$10,852,000 in gross annual electric revenues, exclusive of applicable gross receipts, sales, franchise or occupational fees or taxes.

AmerenUE states that the "rate increase sought by this filing is driven by several factors. These include infrastructure improvements and increases in operating expenses and other costs associated with providing safe and reliable gas service to AmerenUE's approximately 125,000 natural gas customers in Missouri." The tariff sheets attached to AmerenUE's pleading bear an issue date of July 7, 2006, and are proposed to become effective on August 6, 2006. Together with its proposed tariff sheets and other minimum

filing requirements, AmerenUE also filed prepared direct testimony in support of its requested rate increase.

The Commission's Authority to Suspend Proposed Tariffs:

Section 393.150, RSMo 2000, authorizes the Commission to suspend the effective date of a proposed tariff for 120 days plus an additional six months to allow for a hearing on the matter. So that the Commission will have sufficient time to study the effect of the proposed tariffs and to determine if they are just, reasonable, and in the public interest, the proposed tariffs will be suspended for a period of 120 days beyond the requested effective date. Furthermore, because a hearing on the proposed tariffs cannot be concluded within 120 days, the proposed tariffs will be suspended for an additional six months.

Test Year, True-up and Local Public Hearing Recommendations:

The direct testimony of AmerenUE's witness, Gary S. Weiss, filed in support of the proposed tariff tariff, indicates that AmerenUE used a test year ending June 30, 2006, utilizing nine months of actual and three months of forecasted information, as well as certain pro forma adjustments to include known and measurable items through September 30, 2006, for the purposes of its rate case filing. So that the test year and true-up questions can be quickly resolved, the Commission will require the other parties to promptly state their positions regarding AmerenUE's test year proposal.

In addition to test year and true-up recommendations, the Commission will direct the parties to file recommendations regarding the number, date, time, and location of local public hearings to be held in this matter.

Hearing Dates, Customer Notice, and Prehearing Conference:

The Commission will schedule an evidentiary hearing in this order and will reserve dates for a true-up hearing. By establishing the hearing dates now, the Commission will

ensure that this matter is heard as expeditiously as possible. Additionally, the early establishment of the hearing dates will allow ample time for notice to be sent to customers. The Company must give notice to customers as directed in the ordered paragraphs below.

The Commission will also set an early prehearing conference and require the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule, with additional filing dates for testimony, a second prehearing conference, the statement of issues, the position statements of the parties and/or pretrial briefs, and the reconciliation. Staff will have primary responsibility for preparing the proposed procedural schedule, but should coordinate the proposed schedule with the other parties as much as possible.

In addition, the Commission will direct the parties to file recommendations as to the number, date, time and location of local public hearings to be held in this matter. Local public hearings should not be scheduled until at least one week has passed after the filing of all direct testimony; that is, both revenue requirement and rate design.

Notice and Intervention:

The Commission's Data Center shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county in the Company's service area, as well as upon every party to AmerenUE's last natural gas rate case. In addition, the Commission's Public Information Office shall make notice of this order available to the media serving AmerenUE's service area and to the members of the General Assembly representing the residents of AmerenUE's service area. The Commission finds that proper persons should be allowed 20 days from the issuance of this order to file an application to intervene.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The proposed natural gas service tariff sheets submitted under Tariff File No. YG-2007-0008, on July 10, 2006, by Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE for the

purpose of increasing rates for natural gas service to customers, are suspended for 120 days, from August 6, 2006, to December 4, 2006. The specific sheets suspended are:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 2

3rd Revised Sheet No. 2, Cancelling 2nd Revised Sheet No.2
Original Sheet No. 3.1
6th Revised Sheet No. 5, Cancelling 5th Revised Sheet No. 5
5th Revised Sheet No. 6, Cancelling 4th Revised Sheet No. 6
Original Sheet No. 6.1
5th Revised Sheet No. 7, Cancelling 4th Revised Sheet No. 7
4th Revised Sheet No. 8, Cancelling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 8
2nd Revised Sheet No. 9, Cancelling 1st Revised Sheet No. 9
1st Revised Sheet No. 9.1, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 9.1
8th Revised Sheet No. 10, Cancelling 7th Revised Sheet No. 10
5th Revised Sheet No. 11, Cancelling 4th Revised Sheet No. 11
7th Revised Sheet No. 12, Cancelling 6th Revised Sheet No. 12
6th Revised Sheet No. 13, Cancelling 5th Revised Sheet No. 13
3rd Revised Sheet No. 13.1, Cancelling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 13.1
Original Sheet No. 13.2
7th Revised Sheet No. 14, Cancelling 6th Revised Sheet No. 14
9th Revised Sheet No. 15, Cancelling 8th Revised Sheet No. 15
7th Revised Sheet No. 16, Cancelling 6th Revised Sheet No. 16
3rd Revised Sheet No. 16.1, Cancelling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 16.1
1st Revised Sheet No. 16.2, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 16.2
1st Revised Sheet No. 16.3, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 16.3
1st Revised Sheet No. 16.4, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 16.4
1st Revised Sheet No. 16.5, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 16.5
1st Revised Sheet No. 16.6, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 16.6
3rd Revised Sheet No. 18, Cancelling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 18
2nd Revised Sheet No. 18.1, Cancelling 1st Revised Sheet No. 18.1
2nd Revised Sheet No. 19, Cancelling 1st Revised Sheet No. 19
1st Revised Sheet No. 20.1, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 20.1
1st Revised Sheet No. 20.2, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 20.2
1st Revised Sheet No. 20.3, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 20.3
1st Revised Sheet No. 20.4, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 20.4
1st Revised Sheet No. 20.5, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 20.5
1st Revised Sheet No. 20.6, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 20.6
1st Revised Sheet No. 20.7, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 20.7
1st Revised Sheet No. 20.8, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 20.8
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 1st Revised Sheet No. 20.22, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 20.22
 7th Revised Sheet No. 22, Cancelling 6th Revised Sheet No. 22
 6th Revised Sheet No. 24, Cancelling 5th Revised Sheet No. 24
 7th Revised Sheet No. 26, Cancelling 6th Revised Sheet No. 26
 7th Revised Sheet No. 27, Cancelling 6th Revised Sheet No. 27
 9th Revised Sheet No. 28, Cancelling 8th Revised Sheet No. 28
 10th Revised Sheet No. 29, Cancelling 9th Revised Sheet No. 29
 1st Revised Sheet No. 29.5, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 29.5
 1st Revised Sheet No. 29.6, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 29.6
 1st Revised Sheet No. 29.7, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 29.7
 1st Revised Sheet No. 29.8, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 29.8
 3rd Revised Sheet No. 29.9, Cancelling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 29.9
 92nd Revised Sheet No. 30, Cancelling 91st Revised Sheet No. 30
 5th Revised Sheet No. 30.1, Cancelling 4th Revised Sheet No. 30.1
 98th Revised Sheet No. 31, Cancelling 97th Revised Sheet No. 31
 93rd Revised Sheet No. 32, Cancelling 92nd Revised Sheet No. 32
 3rd Revised Sheet No. 36, Cancelling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 36
 4th Revised Sheet No. 37, Cancelling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 37
 5th Revised Sheet No. 38, Cancelling 4th Revised Sheet No. 38
 1st Revised Sheet No. 41, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 41
 1st Revised Sheet No. 42, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 42
 Original Sheet No. 42.1
 Original Sheet No. 44.1
 Original Sheet No. 44.2
 1st Revised Sheet No. 51, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 51
 1st Revised Sheet No. 55.1, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 55.1
 3rd Revised Sheet No. 63, Cancelling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 63
 2nd Revised Sheet No. 69, Cancelling 1st Revised Sheet No. 69
 1st Revised Sheet No. 69.1, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 69.1
 1st Revised Sheet No. 69.2, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 69.2
 1st Revised Sheet No. 69.3, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 69.3
 1st Revised Sheet No. 72, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 72
 1st Revised Sheet No. 73, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 73
 1st Revised Sheet No. 74, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 74

2. The proposed natural gas service tariff sheets suspended for 120 days in ordered paragraph 1, above, under Tariff File No. YG-2007-0008, are suspended an additional six months beyond December 4, 2006, to June 4, 2007, unless otherwise ordered by the Missouri Public Service Commission.

3. Any proper person or entity wishing to intervene shall file an application to intervene no later than July 31, 2006, with:

Colleen M. Dale, Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360

and send copies to:

James B. Lowery
Smith Lewis, LLP
111 S. Ninth Street, Suite 200
Post Office Box 918
Columbia, Missouri 65201

Steven R. Sullivan
Sr. Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary
Ameren Services Company
Post Office Box 66149
St. Louis, Missouri 63166-6149

Attorneys for Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE

and to:

Office of the Public Counsel
Post Office Box 2230
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-2230

4. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, the Office of the Public Counsel, and any persons or entities requesting intervention shall file, on or before August 7, 2006, a pleading either indicating concurrence in Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE's recommended test year or recommending alternatives to that test year.

5. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, the Office of the Public Counsel, and any intervenors shall file, on or before August 7, 2006, a pleading offering a recommendation concerning a true-up.

6. An early prehearing conference shall be held on August 17, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. The early prehearing conference will be held in Room 305 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

7. The parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule on or before August 25, 2006. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall have the primary responsibility for preparing and filing the proposed procedural schedule.

8. The Missouri Public Service Commission will conduct local public hearings on the proposed rate increase and will set the times, dates, and locations of these local public hearings in a subsequent order. The parties shall file recommendations as to the times, dates and locations for local public hearings regarding the proposed rate increases on or before August 16, 2006.

9. An evidentiary hearing is scheduled for March 12 through March 16, and March 19 through March 23, 2007, beginning at 8:30 a.m. April 16 and 17, 2007, are reserved for a true-up hearing, if such a hearing is ordered. The evidentiary hearing and any true-up hearing required will be held in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

10. Because the deadline for completion of the hearing process is fixed by law, the Commission is unwilling to continue the scheduled hearing at the last minute to allow the parties more time to negotiate a settlement. Therefore, the parties are put on notice that the Commission will not grant a motion for continuance of the hearing filed less than a month before the beginning of the hearing unless a stipulation and agreement is filed along with the motion for continuance.

11. Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE shall notify each affected customer of the scheduled hearings. The form and time of the notice shall be agreed upon by the parties and shall be filed for the Commission's approval no later than August 25, 2006

12. The Commission's Data Center shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county in Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE service area, and upon every party to Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE's last electric rate case.

13. The Commission's Public Information Office shall make notice of this order available to the members of the General Assembly representing the residents of Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE's Missouri service area and to the news media serving the residents of Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE's Missouri service area.

14. All hearings in this case will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If any person needs additional accommodations to participate in any hearing, please call the Missouri Public Service Commission's Hotline at 800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

15. This order shall become effective on July 11, 2006.

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BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 11th day of July, 2006.