

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a	)	
AmerenUE's Tariffs Increasing Rates for	)	<b><u>Case No. GR-2007-0003</u></b>
Natural Gas Service Provided to Customers	)	Tariff No. YG-2007-0008
in the Company's Missouri Service Area	)	

**ORDER DIRECTING RESPONSE**

Issue Date: March 6, 2007

Effective Date: March 6, 2007

On February 8, 2007, the Commission granted a joint motion filed by Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE; the Staff of the Commission; the Office of the Public Counsel; the Missouri Department of Natural Resources; the Missouri School Boards Association; the Missouri Retailers Association; and the State of Missouri to suspend the remaining procedural schedule. The joint motion explained that the parties had reached an agreement in principle and were drafting a written stipulation and agreement that would resolve all issues in this case. Their motion indicated that the parties anticipated filing the stipulation and agreement no later than February 16. That date is now long past and no stipulation and agreement has yet been filed.

The hearing in AmerenUE's electric rate case, Case No. ER-2007-0002, is set to begin on March 12. If the gas case cannot be resolved by stipulation and agreement, it will need to be heard in conjunction with the electric case so that the Commission will have time to approve or reject AmerenUE's rate increase request before the June 4 operation of

law date. Therefore, the Commission will direct the parties to file either their stipulation and agreement or a proposed procedural schedule by March 8.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. If some or all of the parties have reached an agreement, they shall file their proposed stipulation and agreement by March 8.
2. If the parties are unable to file their proposed stipulation and agreement by March 8, they shall instead file a proposed procedural schedule by that date.
3. This order shall become effective on March 6, 2007.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

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Morris L. Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant  
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 6th day of March, 2007.