

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

### **ORDER DIRECTING FILING**

Issue Date: October 20, 2006

Effective Date: October 20, 2006

On July 10, 2006, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE, submitted to the Missouri Public Service Commission certain proposed tariff sheets, Tariff File Nos. YE-2007-0008 and YE-2007-0007. The purpose of those filings, according to AmerenUE, is to implement a general rate increase for its natural gas service and retail electric service to customers in its Missouri service area. The Commission opened this case to address AmerenUE's natural gas service rate increase request, and Case No. ER-2007-0002 to address AmerenUE's retail electric service rate increase request.

The Commission issued notice of those filings on July 11, and established July 31 as the deadline for submission of requests to intervene in each case. On September 8, 2006, the Missouri Retailers Association (MRA) filed an application to intervene out of time in Case No. ER-2007-0002, which was granted by the Commission.

On October 12, 2006, the MRA filed an application to intervene out of time in Case No. GR-2007-0003 pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> MRA's requested intervention under 4 CSR 240-2.070, however, that Commission rule governs complaint case procedure. Accordingly, the Commission believes MRA intended to request intervention under 4 CSR 240-2.075.

In support of its request for the Commission to accept its filing out of time, MRA states that it was unable to determine whether or not it should intervene in this rate case proceeding prior to the initial intervention deadline. MRA further states that it filed its intervention request as soon as possible after determining that it should intervene.

In its motion to intervene filed in this case, MRA fails to offer any explanation as to why it was unable to determine whether to intervene in this rate case until over a month after filing for intervention in Case No. ER-2007-0002. The Commission would like this information prior to making a determination on whether to grant MRA intervention in this case.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. On or before October 30, 2006, the Missouri Retailers Association will file a supplement to its application to intervene out of time indicating why it was unable to determine whether to intervene in this case until October 12, 2006, but was able to determine that it should seek intervention in Case No. ER-2007-0002 on September 8, 2006.
2. This order shall become effective on October 20, 2006.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2006.