## STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 25th day of March, 2009.

In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE's Purchased Gas	)	File No. GR-2009-0337
	)	
Adjustment (PGA) Factors	)	Tariff No. JG-2009-0662

## ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT, MOTION FOR WAIVER, AND ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES

Issue Date: March 25, 2009 Effective Date: April 1, 2009

On March 17, 2009, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE (AmerenUE or Company) of St. Louis, Missouri, filed four (4) tariff sheets requesting changes in AmerenUE's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as the result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas. The tariff sheets are proposed to become effective April 1, 2009. The company concurrently filed a Motion for Waiver of Tariff Provision and for Expedited Treatment.

Implementation of the tariff rates results in changes in natural gas costs in the following AmerenUE PGA areas:

1. For the area served by Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company (PEPL), including the cities of Columbia, Jefferson City, Mexico, and Wentzville; and excluding the Rolla Service Area, the effects of these changes will decrease the PGA rate filed by AmerenUE on November 1, 2008 from \$0.9950 per hundred cubic feet (Ccf) to \$0.7500

per Ccf. This change represents a decrease of approximately 25% per Ccf.

- 2. For the Rolla Service Area, including the cities of Rolla and Owensville, the effect of these changes will decrease the PGA factor filed by AmerenUE on November 1, 2008, from \$1.2142 per Ccf to \$0.9500 per Ccf. This change represents a decrease of approximately 22% per Ccf.
- 3. For the area served by Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (TETCO), including the city of Cape Girardeau, the effect of these changes will decrease the PGA rate filed by AmerenUE on November 1, 2008 from \$0.9950 per Ccf to \$0.7500 per Ccf. This change represents a decrease of approximately 25% per Ccf.
- 4. For the area served by Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (NGPL), including the community of Marble Hill, the effect of these changes will decrease the PGA rate filed by AmerenUE on November 1, 2008 from \$0.9950 per Ccf to \$0.7500 per Ccf. The change represents a decrease of approximately 25% per Ccf.

The Commission's Staff filed its Memorandum and Recommendation on March 20, 2009. In its Memorandum and Recommendation, Staff supports the change in the costs and supports Commission approval and incorporation of the change in rates as expeditiously as possible, in that any rate change at this time is subject to true-up in the ACA process. Staff noted AmerenUE has filed its annual report, and is not delinquent on its PSC assessment. Staff notes that, because AmerenUE's PGA clause allows for PGA change filings to take effect on ten days' notice, good cause has been shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 2000, to permit the tariffs to become effective on less than 30 days' notice. Staff recommends that the rates be approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in ACA File

Nos. GR-2009-0337, GR-2008-0366 and GR-2008-0107.

Staff has also reviewed the Company's request for a waiver of a portion of Section II(B)(1) of its P.S.C. 6<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 24, a part of Rider A, the Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause, for the PGA calculation for the Rolla service area. Staff believes the request for waiver is reasonable and recommends the Commission approve the request for waiver and expedited treatment.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheets and Staff's Memorandum and Recommendation. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff sheets, with the exception of the request for waiver, conform to the Company's Commission-approved PGA Clause. After considering Staff's recommendation, and for good cause shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 2000, the Commission concludes AmerenUE's request for waiver, motion for expedited treatment, and the proposed tariff sheets shall be approved to become effective on April 1, 2009, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in ACA File Nos. GR-2009-0337, GR-2008-0366 and GR-2008-0107.

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE's Motion for Expedited Treatment, is granted.
- 2. Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE's request to waive the Section II(B)(1) PGA calculation requirements of AmerenUE's P.S.C. 6<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 24, is granted.
- 3. Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE's request for approval of the proposed tariff changes, is granted.

4. The proposed tariff sheets filed on March 17, 2009, by Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE are approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in ACA File Nos. GR-2009-0337, GR-2008-0366 and GR-2008-0107, for service rendered on and after April 1, 2009. The specific tariff sheets approved are:

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96th Revised Sheet No. 30, Canceling 95th Revised Sheet No. 30 9th Revised Sheet No. 30.1, Canceling 8th Revised Sheet No. 30.1 102nd Revised Sheet No. 31, Canceling 101st Revised Sheet No. 31 97th Revised Sheet No. 32, Canceling 96th Revised Sheet No. 32

- 5. This order shall become effective on April 1, 2009.
- 6. This file shall be closed on April 2, 2009.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

Clayton, Chm., Murray, Davis, Jarrett, and Gunn CC., concur.

Dale, Chief Regulatory Law Judge