

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)
in the Company's Missouri Service Area.)

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

Issue Date: July 6, 2006

Effective Date: July 6, 2006

This order grants the request for the Commission's standard protective order.

On July 3, 2006, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE filed a Motion to Open Case, to Establish Protective Order and Motion for Expedited Treatment. In its motions, AmerenUE states that it intends to file rate schedules and the minimum filing requirements prescribed by 4 CSR 240-3.030 on July 7, 2006. In preparation for that filing, AmerenUE requested that the Commission open a case to create a docket and case number for use in making its upcoming general rate increase request filing.

In accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.085, AmerenUE also requested that the Commission issue its standard protective order to protect AmerenUE's proprietary and highly confidential information. AmerenUE asserts that disclosure of such information will harm the financial and competitive interests of the company, and that none of the information for which a claim of confidentiality is made can be found in any format in any other public document.

Upon review of the company's motion, the Commission finds that there is a need to protect confidential information and the request for a protective order is reasonable. The

Commission has previously recognized the need to protect proprietary and confidential information, and the issuance of protective orders has helped to minimize disputes in past cases. Therefore, the Commission concludes that a protective order shall be granted.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion for Protective Order filed by Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE on July 3, 2006, is granted, and the protective order attached to this order (Attachment A) adopted.
2. This order shall become effective on July 6, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

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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 6th day of July, 2006.