## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE's Tariffs to Increase its Annual Revenues for Gas Service

File No. GR-2010-0363

## ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

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Issue Date: July 13, 2010

Effective Date: July 13, 2010

On July 2, 2010, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) filed a timely application to intervene. Under Commission rule,<sup>1</sup> any response to the DNR's application would have to have been filed by July 12. There were no responses to the application.

In its application, in addition to stating that it has an interest which is different from that of the general public and that its participation would serve the public interest, DNR states that it has the following duties under Missouri law:<sup>2</sup> to plan for energy resource development; analyze energy management issues; consult and cooperate with all state and federal government agencies on matter of energy research and development, management, conservation and distribution; assess the potential impacts on environmental quality; and, analyze the potential for increased use of energy alternatives and making recommendations for the expanded use of such alternate energy sources and technologies.

The Commission's rule<sup>3</sup> governing intervention permits the Commission to grant intervention to an applicant whose participation would serve the public interest. DNR

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(15) states that parties shall have no more than 10 days to file responsive pleadings.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Section 640.150 RSMo.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.075(3)(B).

satisfies this requirement. However, the rule<sup>4</sup> also requires that the applicant for intervention state its position with regard to the relief sought; whether it supports the relief, opposes it, or is unsure of its position. In its application, DNR's fails to make this statement.

Because there is no opposition to DNR's application and in substance, it satisfies the Commission's rule, the Commission will grant intervention. However, the Commission will require DNR to comply with the Commission's rule by filing a statement that complies with the rule as discussed above.

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The Department of Natural Resources' application to intervene is granted.
- 2. The Department of Natural Resources shall file no later than July 28, 2010, a statement in compliance with Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.075(2).

3. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

## BY THE COMMISSION

Steven C. Reed Secretary

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Kennard L. Jones, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 13th day of July, 2010.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.075(2).