

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Union Electric Company)	
d/b/a AmerenUE's Purchased Gas)	
Adjustment (PGA) Factors to be Audited)	<u>Case No. GR-2006-0333</u>
in its 2005-2006 Actual Cost Adjustment)	Tariff No. JG-2006-0640
Change)	

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXPEDITED
TREATMENT AND APPROVING INTERIM RATES

Issue Date: February 28, 2006

Effective Date: March 1, 2006

On February 23, 2006, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE filed proposed tariff sheets setting interim rates. This PGA filing reflects changes to the Regular Purchased Gas Adjustment (RPGA).

The proposed PGA rate of \$0.9500 in the area served by Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, including the cities of Columbia, Jefferson City, Mexico and Wentzville; and excluding the Rolla Service Area, reflects a decrease of \$0.0477 per Ccf over the PGA Rate currently in effect of \$0.9977.

The proposed PGA rate of \$1.3823 in the Rolla Service Area, including the cities of Rolla and Owensville, reflects a decrease of \$0.0163 per Ccf over the PGA Rate currently in effect of \$1.3986.

The proposed PGA rate of \$1.1111 in the area served by Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation, including the city of Cape Girardeau, reflects a decrease of \$0.1574 per Ccf over the PGA Rate currently in effect of \$1.2685.

The proposed PGA rate of \$0.7890 in the area served by Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, including the community of Marble Hill, reflects a decrease of \$0.0859 per Ccf over the PGA Rate currently in effect of \$0.8749.

On February 23, 2006, AmerenUE filed a Motion for Expedited Treatment. In that motion, AmerenUE requested the Commission permit the proposed PGA tariff sheets to take effect on March 1, 2006. In support of its motion, AmerenUE explains that approving the proposed tariff sheets will be beneficial to its customers by quickly reducing the natural gas rates for its customers, the RPGA rates will be consistent with the beginning of the March billing month, and the rates charged to the customers will be a closer match to the cost AmerenUE is paying its suppliers.

The Commission's Staff filed its Memorandum and Recommendation on February 24, 2006. In its Memorandum and Recommendation, Staff supports the decrease and supports Commission approval and incorporation of the reduction in rates as expeditiously as possible, in that any rate change at this time is subject to true-up in the ACA process. 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 immediately approved on an interim basis, subject to refund.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheets, AmerenUE's Motion for Expedited Treatment, and Staff's Memorandum and Recommendation. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff sheets 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 that the proposed tariff sheets shall be approved to become effective on March 1, 2006, on an interim basis, subject to refund.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion for Expedited Treatment filed by Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE, is granted.
2. The proposed tariff sheets filed on February 23, 2006, by AmerenUE is approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, for service rendered on and after March 1, 2006. The specific tariff sheets approved are:

P.S.C. MO. No. 2

**91st Revised Sheet No. 30, Canceling 90th Revised Sheet No. 30
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 30.1, Canceling Third Revised Sheet No. 30.1
97th Revised Sheet No. 31, Canceling 96th Revised Sheet No. 31
92nd Revised Sheet No. 32, Canceling 91st Revised Sheet No. 32**

2. That this order shall become effective on March 1, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Colleen M. Dale, Chief Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri
on this 28th day of February, 2006.