

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

ORDER ESTABLISHING TEST YEAR
AND DEFERRING DECISION ON A TRUE-UP

Issue Date: August 14, 2006

Effective Date: August 14, 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 No. YE-2007-0008. The purpose of the filing, according to AmerenUE, is to implement a general rate increase for natural gas service to customers in its Missouri service area. In its order suspending that tariff, the Commission directed its Staff, the Office of the Public Counsel, and any intervenors to file a recommendation by August 7 regarding the test year and true-up proposed by AmerenUE.

For the purposes of its rate case filing, AmerenUE uses a test year ending June 30, 2006, adjusted and updated for any known and measurable changes through September 30, 2006. AmerenUE does not recommend there be a second hearing for purposes of "truing-up" items after the main evidentiary hearing presently scheduled in March of 2007. In their pleadings filed on August 7, Staff and Public Counsel concur with the test year proposed by AmerenUE. The Public Counsel notes that the test year proposed in this case is the test year it recommends in AmerenUE's pending electric rate

case and restates its position that the test year in both cases should be the test year ending June 30, 2006, updated through September 30, 2006.

The Staff and the State of Missouri concur with AmerenUE's recommendation that no true-up audit be conducted and no true-up hearing be held in this case for changes after September 30, 2006. Public Counsel recommends that the Commission defer a decision on a true-up until after the parties have had the opportunity to discuss the need for a true-up.

Since all parties agree on the test year, the Commission will adopt the test year proposed by AmerenUE. There is no need to decide on the need for a true-up at this stage of the proceedings. Therefore, the Commission will defer making a decision on that question until the parties are able to offer further recommendations.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. A test year ending June 30, 2006, adjusted and updated for any known and measurable changes through September 30, 2006, shall be used for purposes of this case.
2. This order shall become effective on August 14, 2006.

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BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 14th day of August, 2006.