

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 12th day
of September, 2006.

In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a)	
AmerenUE for Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates)	<u>Case No. GR-2007-0003</u>
for Natural Gas Service Provided to Customers in the)	Tariff No. YG-2007-0008
Company's Missouri Service Area.)	

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION TO INTERVENE

Issue Date: September 12, 2006

Effective Date: September 12, 2006

On July 10, 2006, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE, submitted to the Missouri Public Service Commission certain proposed tariff sheets to implement a general rate increase for natural gas service to customers in its Missouri service area. The Commission issued notice of that filing on July 11, and established July 31 as the deadline for submission of requests to intervene.

The Missouri School Boards' Association filed an application to intervene out of time on August 30. More than ten days have passed since the application to intervene was filed and no party has objected.

In support of its application to intervene out of time, the School Boards' Association stated that it did not learn of the existence of the filing in time to intervene by the July 31, 2006 deadline. While, "we just found out" would not normally constitute "good cause" for failing to file a timely application to intervene under Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.075, the Commission believes this is not a normal applicant. Unlike most parties to Commission

cases, the applicant in this case represents the interests of school boards across the state and does not have reason to routinely keep abreast of Commission filings. Accordingly, to expect the School Boards' Association to closely follow all filings with the Commission would be unreasonable.

The Commission also finds that the School Boards' Association has an interest that is different from that of the general public and that interest could be adversely affected by a final order arising from this case. Furthermore, the Commission finds that allowing this applicant to intervene will serve the public interest. Therefore, in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.075(4), the Commission will grant the School Boards' Association's application to intervene out of time.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Missouri School Boards' Association's Application to Intervene out of time is granted.
2. This order shall become effective on September 12, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

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

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Davis, Chm., Murray, Gaw, Clayton,
and Appling, CC., concur.

Voss, Regulatory Law Judge