

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

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

**JOINTLY PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
AND REQUEST FOR OTHER PROCEDURAL ITEMS**

Come now Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE (AmerenUE), the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel), Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), and the State of Missouri (collectively the parties) and for their jointly proposed procedural schedule state as follows:

1. In its July 11, 2006 Order Directing Notice, Suspending Tariff, Setting Hearings, And Directing Filings, the Commission scheduled an early prehearing conference for August 17, 2006, and directed that the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule on or before August 25, 2006.
2. On August 1, 2006, the Commission issued an Order Granting Applications To Intervene of State of Missouri, and MDNR. On August 11, 2006, the Commission issued an Order Directing Applicants For Intervention To Appear At Prehearing.
3. On August 14, 2006, the Commission established the test year for this case, finding that the test year is through June 30, 2006 with updates for any known and measurable changes through September 30, 2006.

4. The above entities appeared at the August 17, 2006 early prehearing conference and participated in the development of the jointly proposed procedural schedule for both the electric and natural gas cases. The gas rate case procedural schedule follows:

Proposed Procedural Schedule	Gas Rate Case
<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Case Filed	July 7, 2006
AmerenUE will update its Direct Case, i.e., its forecasted data for Apr. to June 2006, to actual data, including limited Supplemental Direct Testimony *	September 29, 2006
Direct Testimony – non-AmerenUE Parties, excluding customer class cost of service and rate design	December 15, 2006
Direct Testimony – non-AmerenUE Parties, customer class cost of service and rate design	December 29, 2006
* Supplemental Direct Testimony filed on September 29, 2006 is to be concise and strictly limited to quantification of actual data. Such testimony shall not introduce a change of methodologies or changes in methodology. There will be no further update or true-up of costs in the natural gas case.	
Preliminary Reconciliation-distributed to parties only	December 29, 2006
Local Public Hearings (See Public Counsel's Recommendations For Notice And Public Hearings filed on 8/25/06)	January 2007
Technical/Settlement Conference	January 23-25, 2007
List of Issues for Rebuttal (Distributed to parties of Record)	January 26, 2007
Rebuttal Testimony – All parties, Except class cost of service and rate design	January 31, 2007
Rebuttal Testimony – All parties, class cost of service and rate design	February 5, 2007

Settlement Conference, as necessary or practical	February 5-9, 2007
Surrebuttal Testimony – All parties-all issues	February 27, 2007
List of Issues – Order of Witnesses – Order of Cross-examination	March 2, 2007
Final Reconciliation Filed	March 2, 2007
Statements of Position	March 7, 2007
Evidentiary Hearings	March 12-16, 19-23, 26 – 30, 2007
Initial Posthearing Brief – all parties	April 18, 2007
Reply Posthearing Brief – all parties	April 25, 2007
Operation of Law Date	June 6, 2007

5. All parties also have agreed to the following procedures and request that these agreed to matters be reflected in the Commission’s Order setting the procedural schedule:

(a) AmerenUE used a test year ending June 30, 2006, with nine months actual data and three months forecasted data. AmerenUE will update its case on September 29, 2006 to substitute actual data for the three months of forecasted data it filed in its July 7, 2006 direct testimony.

(b) Administrative consolidation of the electric and gas rate cases is requested by the parties where practical. For example, the parties are requesting that the Commission acknowledge in an Order that discovery in either the electric or the gas rate case can be used (subject to applicable evidentiary rules) in the other case and make any necessary revisions to the Protective Orders that have been issued by the Commission (paragraphs I and U of the Protective Orders). Also, the evidentiary record for certain issues, for example pensions and OPEBs, likely would be the same for both the electric and the gas rate cases. Nonetheless, the evidentiary record for certain other issues, for example the specific analysis relating to rate of return (the determination of the risk of a gas utility versus the determination of the risk an electric utility) would not be the same.

(c) All parties agree that they will provide copies of testimony (including schedules), exhibits and pleadings to other counsel by electronic means and in electronic form essentially concurrently with the filing of such testimony, exhibits or pleadings where the information is available in electronic format. Parties are not required to put information

that does not exist in electronic format into electronic format for purposes of exchanging it.

(d) An effort should be made to not include in data request questions either highly confidential or proprietary information. If either highly confidential or proprietary information must be included in data request questions, the highly confidential or proprietary information should be appropriately designated as such pursuant to the Protective Order issued in the case.

(e) Counsel for each party is to receive electronically from each other party, a copy of all data requests served by that party on another party in the case – if a party desires the response to a data request that has been served on another party, the party desiring a copy of the response must request a copy of the response from the party answering the data request – in this manner the party providing a response to a data request has the opportunity to object to providing the response to another party and is responsible for copying information purported to be highly confidential or proprietary – thus, if a party wants a copy of a data request response by AmerenUE to a Staff data request, the party should ask AmerenUE, not the Staff, for a copy of the data request response unless there are appropriate reasons to direct the discovery to the party originally requesting the material.

(f) Until the January 31 filing of rebuttal testimony on revenue requirement and other non-customer class cost of service and non-rate design pertinent issues, the response time for all data requests is 20 calendar days, and 10 calendar days to object or notify that more than 20 calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information. After January 31, the response time for data requests becomes 10 calendar days to provide the requested information, and 5 business days to object or notify that more than 10 calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information.

(g) Workpapers that were prepared in the course of developing a witness' testimony should not be filed with the Commission but should be submitted to each party within 2 business days following the filing of the particular testimony. Workpapers containing highly confidential or proprietary information should be appropriately marked. Since workpapers for certain parties may be voluminous and generally not all parties are interested in receiving workpapers or a complete set of workpapers, a party shall be relieved of providing workpapers to those parties indicating that they are not interested in receiving workpapers or a complete set of workpapers.

(h) The parties are hereby requesting that the Commission provide for expedited transcripts of the evidentiary hearings.

Wherefore in response to the Commission's July 11, 2006 Order Directing Notice, Suspending Tariff, Setting Hearings, And Directing Filings, the Staff files, on behalf of itself and

the other entities identified above, a jointly proposed procedural schedule, and certain other procedural matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 28th day of August 2006.

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