## 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.

File No. GR-2010-0180 Tariff No. YG-2010-0377

## ORDER GRANTING EXPEDITED TREATMENT, GRANTING WAIVER, AND APPROVING INTERIM RATES

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Issue Date: December 28, 2009

Effective Date: January 1, 2010

On December 11, 2009, Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE, filed a revised tariff sheet with a proposed effective date of January 1, 2010, for the purpose of modifying its Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factor for its Rolla service area, which contains the cities of Rolla, Salem, and Owensville, Missouri. AmerenUE also requested a waiver of a provision of its PGA tariff and expedited treatment for that waiver.

Specifically, AmerenUE requested waiver of the provision that provides that the PGA is calculated using "the last charge(s) paid for such transportation service purchased during the base period . . . ."<sup>1</sup> AmerenUE requested the waiver to allow it to use the MoGas Pipeline LLC transportation charge in effect on January 1, 2010, as that charge will significantly increase for the Rolla area beginning on that date. AmerenUE represents that this would permit a closer matching of rates charged to customers to the costs AmerenUE pays to its suppliers.

The Commission established a filing deadline of December 24, 2009, at 12:00 p.m. for its Staff's recommendation and for any other responses to AmerenUE's tariff

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Section II(B)(5) of P.S.C. 6th Revised Sheet No. 25.

and motion for expedited treatment. Staff filed its recommendation on December 22, 2009. No other responses were filed.

Staff recommends that the Commission grant the waiver and authorize the tariff sheet to become effective on January 1, 2010, on an interim basis, subject to refund. In Staff's opinion, this tariff filing is in conformance with AmerenUE's PGA clause, with the exception of the provision for which it is requesting the waiver. Staff states that the change results in an increase in the firm customers' PGA factors from \$1.09 to \$1.30 per Ccf. This change is primarily due to an increase in the transportation charge by MoGas which the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has allowed MoGas to put into effect on an interim basis beginning January 1, 2010.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheets and Staff's recommendation. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff sheets conform to AmerenUE's Commission-approved PGA clause with the exception of the calculation of transportation charges for which AmerenUE requests a waiver. In addition, because AmerenUE will be subject to increased transportation charges pursuant to an interim rate increase by MoGas under its FERC tariff, the Commission finds good cause exists to grant AmerenUE a waiver from its tariff provision and to allow the PGA change to take effect on less than 30-days notice. The Commission concludes that the proposed tariff sheets should be approved to become effective on January 1, 2010, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in File Nos. GR-2010-0180, GR-2009-0337, GR-2008-0366, and GR-2008-0107.

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## THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE's Motion for Waiver of Tariff Provision and for Expedited Treatment is granted.

2. Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE, is granted a waiver from a portion of Section II(B)(5) of its P.S.C. 6th Revised Sheet No. 25, a part of Rider A, the Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause, so that it may use the MoGas Pipeline, LLC, transportation charge in effect on January 1, 2010, in the calculation of its PGA rate.

3. Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE's tariff, designated Tariff No. YG-2010-0377, is approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in File Nos. GR-2010-0180, GR-2009-0337, GR-2008-0366, and GR-2008-0107, for service rendered on and after January 1, 2010. The tariff sheet approved is:

## P.S.C. Mo. No. 2

11th Revised Sheet No. 30.1, Canceling 10th Revised Sheet No. 30.1

4. This order shall become effective January 1, 2010.

BY THE COMMISSION

Steven C. Reed Secretary

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Nancy Dippell, Deputy 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 December, 2009.