

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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CASE NO: GR-2000-512

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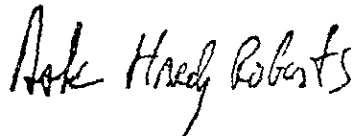
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**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 17th
day of October, 2000.

In the Matter of Union Electric Company)	
d/b/a AmerenUE for Authority to File)	<u>Case No. GR-2000-512</u>
Tariffs Increasing Rates for Gas Service)	Tariff No. 200000747
Provided to Customers in the Company's)	
Missouri Service Area.)	

ORDER APPROVING UNANIMOUS STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

On February 18, 2000, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE (AmerenUE) submitted to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) proposed tariffs reflecting increased rates for gas service provided to customers in AmerenUE's Missouri service area. The proposed tariffs contained a requested effective date of April 2, 2000, and were designed to produce an annual increase of approximately 14 percent (i.e., about \$12 million) in AmerenUE's revenues exclusive of applicable taxes. The proposed tariffs contained several rate design modifications, changes to the terms and conditions applicable to transportation service, and a clarification concerning the application of AmerenUE's Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause to interruptible service. The tariffs also contained proposed changes to AmerenUE's Gas Supply Incentive Plan (GSIP), including the expansion of the GSIP to incorporate a gas procurement incentive, and proposed an extension of the GSIP to March 31, 2004.

By order dated March 3, 2000, the Commission suspended the proposed tariffs for a period of 120 days plus an additional six months beyond the proposed effective date until January 27, 2001. The order established a

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schedule for interventions, the prefiling of direct testimony and exhibits, and an evidentiary hearing.

By order dated March 31, 2000, the Commission adopted a procedural schedule. The Commission issued subsequent orders granting the late-filed applications for intervention filed by the Midwest Gas Users' Association (MGUA) and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MoDNR), and scheduling five local public hearings which were subsequently held as scheduled.

Pursuant to the procedural schedule, a prehearing conference was convened on August 28, 2000. AmerenUE, the Staff of the Commission (Staff), the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel), MGUA, and MoDNR appeared and participated at the prehearing conference. During the prehearing conference, on August 30, 2000, MGUA filed a motion for leave to withdraw its intervention, which was granted by the Commission's order issued on September 12, 2000. As a result of the prehearing conference and subsequent negotiations, AmerenUE, Staff, Public Counsel, and MoDNR (collectively, Parties) filed a unanimous stipulation and agreement (agreement), which is attached hereto as Attachment A.

On September 21, 2000, the Commission issued a notice setting a hearing on the agreement for October 4, 2000, which was held as scheduled.

On September 27, 2000, Staff and MoDNR each filed their separate responses to the agreement, both stating that neither requested an evidentiary hearing and neither had any objections to the agreement.

Briefly explained, the agreement concurred on the following points:

1. AmerenUE shall be authorized to file revised tariff sheets containing rate schedules for natural gas service designed to produce an increase in overall Missouri jurisdictional gross annual gas revenues of \$4.2 million, exclusive of any applicable license, occupation, franchise, gross receipts taxes

or other similar fees or taxes, for services rendered on and after November 1, 2000;

2. The tariff sheets set out in Schedule 1 attached to the agreement reflect the Parties' agreements as to various rates, including:

- a. Revisions to AmerenUE's Residential Service Rate (Tariff Sheet No. 5);
- b. Revisions to AmerenUE's General Service Rate (Tariff Sheet No. 6);
- c. Revisions to AmerenUE's Interruptible Service Rate (Tariff Sheet Nos. 7 and 8);
- d. Revisions to AmerenUE's Natural Gas Transportation Service Rate (Tariff Sheet Nos. 10, 12, 13 and 15) and an addition to Miscellaneous Charges (Tariff Sheet No. 20.1);

3. AmerenUE shall establish a new weatherization program, to be funded by AmerenUE's ratepayers at an annual rate of \$125,000. This amount is allowed to be recovered from AmerenUE's ratepayers as outlined in the Stipulation and Agreement. The details of this program will be determined through a collaborative process among representatives of AmerenUE, Staff, Public Counsel and MoDNR;
4. AmerenUE shall be required to revise its depreciation rates to the depreciation rates set forth in Schedule 2 attached to the agreement;
5. AmerenUE shall continue to book, for financial purposes, expense levels associated with pensions and post-retirement benefits other than pensions in accordance with Financial

Accounting Standards Board Statements 87, 88 and 106, respectively;

6. The Parties agree that in AmerenUE's future natural gas rate cases, they will recommend that the annual revenues attributable to AmerenUE's existing special contract dated November 1, 1997 (which is the last special contract referenced in AmerenUE's response to Public Counsel's Data Request No. 34) be handled in specific ways set out in the agreement;
7. The Parties agree that AmerenUE's Gas Supply Incentive Plan, as set forth in Original Tariff Sheet Nos. 29.5 through 29.9, shall remain unchanged;
8. The agreement is being entered into solely for the purpose of settling this case only. None of the signatories to the agreement shall be deemed to have approved or acquiesced in any ratemaking or procedural principle, including, without limitation, any method of cost determination or cost allocation, depreciation or revenue related methodology or any service or payment standard, and none of the signatories shall be prejudiced or bound in any manner by the terms of the agreement in this or any other proceeding, except as otherwise expressly specified therein;
9. The agreement resulted from extensive negotiations among the signatories and the terms are interdependent. In the event the Commission does not approve the agreement or approves the agreement with modifications or conditions (other than a modification to the recommended effective date of the tariff sheets attached to the agreement as Schedule 1) that a Party to this proceeding objects to prior to the effective date of the order approving the agreement, then the agreement shall be void

and no signatory shall be bound by any of the provisions thereof;

10. In the event the Commission accepts the specific terms of the agreement, the Parties waive, with respect to the issues resolved therein: their respective rights pursuant to Section 536.080.1, RSMo 1994, to present testimony, to cross-examine witnesses, and to present oral argument and written briefs; their respective rights to the reading of the transcript by the Commission pursuant to Section 536.080.2, RSMo 1994; and their respective rights to judicial review pursuant to Section 386.510, RSMo 1994;
11. The Parties agree that all of the prefiled testimony submitted in this proceeding by AmerenUE, Staff, Public Counsel, and MoDNR shall be received into evidence without the necessity of their respective witnesses taking the stand.

The Parties requested that the Commission issue its order approving all of the specific terms and conditions of the agreement.

There is no need for an evidentiary hearing since no party requested an evidentiary hearing and the Commission will cancel the remainder of the procedural schedule, including the evidentiary hearing.

The requirement of a hearing has been fulfilled when all those having a desire to be heard are offered an opportunity to be heard. If no party requests an evidentiary hearing, the Commission may determine that an evidentiary hearing is not necessary and that the Commission may make a decision based on the agreement. See State ex rel. Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. P.S.C., 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989).

The Commission concludes that all issues were settled by the agreement. The Commission has the legal authority to accept a stipulation

and agreement as offered by the parties as a resolution of issues raised in a case, pursuant to Section 536.060 RSMo Supp. 1999.

The Commission will approve the agreement.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Missouri Public Service Commission approves the unanimous stipulation and agreement filed on September 20, 2000, signed by all the parties, and whose terms are set forth in Attachment A.

2. That those portions of the procedural schedule which have not been fulfilled, shall be canceled, including the evidentiary hearing which was scheduled to begin on October 30, 2000.

3. That this order shall become effective on October 27, 2000.

4. That this case may be closed on October 28, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Lumpe, Ch., and Drainer, C., concur with opinion
Murray and Simmons, CC., concur
Schemenauer, C., dissents with opinion

Hopkins, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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Missouri Public
Service Commission

In the Matter of Union Electric Company)
d/b/a AmerenUE for Authority to File)
Tariffs Increasing Rates for Gas Service)
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Missouri Service Area)

Case No. GR-2000-512

UNANIMOUS STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

On February 18, 2000, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE ("AmerenUE" or Company") submitted to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") proposed tariffs reflecting increased rates for gas service provided to customers in the Company's Missouri service area. The proposed tariffs contained a requested effective date of April 2, 2000, and were designed to produce an annual increase of approximately 14 percent (\$12 million) in the Company's revenues exclusive of applicable taxes. In addition, the proposed tariffs contained several rate design modifications, changes to the terms and conditions applicable to transportation service, and a clarification concerning the application of the Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment ("PGA") Clause to interruptible service. The tariffs also contained proposed changes to AmerenUE's Gas Supply Incentive Plan ("GSIP"), including the expansion of the GSIP to incorporate a gas procurement incentive, and proposed an extension of the GSIP to March 31, 2004.

By Order dated March 3, 2000, the Commission suspended the proposed tariffs for a period of 120 days plus an additional six months beyond the proposed effective date until January 27, 2001. In addition, the Order established a schedule for interventions, the prefilings of direct testimony and exhibits by AmerenUE and evidentiary hearings. By Order dated March 31, 2000, the Commission adopted a more detailed procedural schedule for this case. In addition,

the Commission issued subsequent orders granting the late-filed applications for intervention filed by the Midwest Gas Users' Association ("MGUA") and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources ("MoDNR"), and scheduling five local public hearings which were subsequently held in this proceeding.

Pursuant to the procedural schedule established by the Commission, a prehearing conference was convened on August 28, 2000. AmerenUE, the Commission Staff ("Staff"), the Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel"), the MGUA and the MoDNR appeared and participated at the prehearing conference. During the prehearing conference, on August 30, 2000, the MGUA filed a motion for leave to withdraw its intervention in the case, which was granted by the Commission's Order issued on September 12, 2000. As a result of the prehearing conference and subsequent negotiations, the undersigned parties ("Parties") have reached the following stipulations and agreements:

1. AmerenUE shall be authorized to file revised tariff sheets containing rate schedules for natural gas service designed to produce an increase in overall Missouri jurisdictional gross annual gas revenues of \$4.2 million, exclusive of any applicable license, occupation, franchise, gross receipts taxes or other similar fees or taxes, for services rendered on and after November 1, 2000. This amount includes \$125,000 for the annual funding of a weatherization program described in paragraph 3 herein. Subject to the provisions herein, the stipulated \$4.2 million rate increase resolves all revenue requirement issues in this case.

2. The tariff sheets set out in Schedule 1 attached hereto reflect the Parties' agreements as to various rates, including:

- A. Revisions to AmerenUE's Residential Service Rate (Tariff Sheet No. 5) as follows:

- (1) increase the monthly customer charge from \$8.00 to \$9.00; and
- (2) increase the delivery charge from 17.56 cents per Ccf to 19.56 cents per Ccf.

B. Revisions to AmerenUE's General Service Rate (Tariff Sheet No. 6) as follows:

- (1) increase the monthly customer charge from \$15.25 to \$20.80; and
- (2) increase the delivery charge from 17.46 cents per Ccf to 17.96 cents per Ccf for the first 7,000 Ccf of usage each month, and from 11.45 cents per Ccf to 11.80 cents per Ccf for all monthly usage above 7,000 Ccf.

C. Revisions to AmerenUE's Interruptible Service Rate (Tariff Sheet Nos. 7 and 8) to:

- (1) increase the monthly customer charge from \$100.00 to \$150.00; and
- (2) increase the delivery charge from 16.94 cents per Ccf to 17.96 cents per Ccf for the first 7,000 Ccf of usage each month, and from 10.28 cents per Ccf to 11.38 cents per Ccf for all monthly usage above 7,000 Ccf; and
- (3) increase Assurance Gas Surcharges from 0.52 cents per Ccf to 0.55 cents per Ccf for the first 250 Ccf per day, and from 0.72 cents per Ccf to 0.76 cents per Ccf for all Ccf over 250 Ccf per day; and
- (4) clarify the application of the PGA Clause to the interruptible rate schedule.

D. Revisions to AmerenUE's Natural Gas Transportation Service Rate (Tariff Sheet Nos. 10, 12, 13 and 15) and an addition to Miscellaneous Charges (Tariff Sheet No. 20.1) as follows:

- (1) increase the monthly Standard Transportation customer charge from \$19.75 to \$20.80; and
- (2) increase the Standard Transportation delivery charge from 16.16 cents per Ccf to 17.96 cents per Ccf for the first 7,000 Ccf of usage each month, and from 10.15 cents per Ccf to 11.11 cents per Ccf for all monthly usage above 7,000 Ccf; and
- (3) increase the Large Volume Transportation Service delivery charge from 16.16 cents per Ccf to 17.96 cents per Ccf for the first 7,000 Ccf of usage each month, and from 8.45 cents per Ccf to 9.40 cents per Ccf for all monthly usage above 7,000 Ccf; and
- (4) increase the monthly Electronic Gas Meter Administrative Charge, for both Standard and Large Volume Transportation Service (previously called the EGM Billing Charge), from \$25.00 to \$40.00; and
- (5) replace the one-time electronic gas meter installation charge of \$4,800.00 with a monthly meter equipment charge of \$21.00 for all new installations of such meters for transportation service, on and after the effective date of the tariffs; and
- (6) establish a tolerance level for transportation volumes of 5% for both positive and negative imbalances for portions of the

Company's service territory served by Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation and Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, because these pipelines do not offer burnertip balancing service.

3. AmerenUE shall establish a new weatherization program, to be funded by the Company at an annual rate of \$125,000. The details of this program will be determined through a collaborative process among representatives of the Company, Staff, the Public Counsel and the MoDNR. In the event that issues related to the weatherization program arise where consensus cannot be reached, those issues will be brought before the Commission for resolution. This program will continue to be funded by the Company each year until new natural gas rates are established for the Company pursuant to a rate case or complaint filed with the Commission. AmerenUE shall provide the entire annual funding amount, \$125,000, to social service agencies identified by the Parties as part of the collaborative process, which commit to use the funding for AmerenUE natural gas customers on: (1) the procurement of weatherization services or (2) energy audits provided in conjunction with the provision of weatherization services. As a condition precedent to receiving the weatherization funds from AmerenUE, the social service agencies must agree to provide to AmerenUE, Staff, Public Counsel and MoDNR certain reporting information developed in the collaborative process. The Company shall not be required to provide any form of evaluation report or analysis in connection with this ongoing weatherization program.

4. The Company shall be required to revise its depreciation rates to the depreciation rates set forth in Schedule 2 attached hereto. This change in depreciation rates shall be effective on the effective date of the tariffs implementing the rate increase agreed upon herein. In the event that a final, non-appealable decision is issued by a court of competent jurisdiction

(including any appeal of a decision issued by the Commission on remand) affirming the Commission's treatment of the net salvage component of Laclede Gas Company's depreciation rates in Case No. GR-99-315, AmerenUE shall again revise its depreciation rates to the rates set forth in Schedule 3. The revised depreciation rates shall automatically take effect the first full month following the date that such a decision becomes final and non-appealable.

5. AmerenUE shall continue to book, for financial purposes, expense levels associated with pensions and post-retirement benefits other than pensions ("OPEBs") in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Statements ("FAS") 87, 88 and 106, respectively. AmerenUE's accounting records shall continue to reflect: (a) the Market-Related Value of the pension fund assets, and (b) amortization of any resulting unrecognized net gains and losses over a ten year period. This accounting treatment is consistent with the methodology followed by AmerenUE for calculating pensions and OPEBs expenses for its Missouri electric operations, as approved in the Alternative Regulation Plans in Case Nos. ER-95-411 and EM-96-149. The Parties further agree that the rates resulting from this Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement make provision for recovery of pension costs on a FAS 87 and 88 basis for all qualified pension plans and recovery of OPEB costs on a FAS 106 basis.

6. The parties agree that in the Company's future natural gas rate cases, they will recommend that the annual revenues attributable to the Company's existing special contract dated November 1, 1997 (which is the last special contract referenced in the Company's response to the Office of the Public Counsel's Data Request No. 34 in this proceeding) ("Special Contract") be addressed as follows: If the customer has not taken delivery of all of the volumes covered by the Lump Sum Delivery Charge specified on page 3 of the Special Contract by the beginning of the test year for the rate case, then the annual revenues attributable to the Special

Contract shall be equal to the annual level of volumes that are anticipated to be taken by the customer priced at 1 cent per Ccf.

7. For purposes of this settlement, the parties agree that the Company's Gas Supply Incentive Plan, as set forth in Original Tariff Sheet Nos. 29.5 through 29.9, shall remain unchanged. However, this agreement shall not affect any party's right to propose an extension, modification or termination of the Gas Supply Incentive Plan in any future proceeding.

8. The Parties recommend that if the Commission requires a hearing for the presentation of this Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement, that such hearing be held on October 4 or 5, 2000, to allow sufficient time to permit the rates reflected herein to take effect on November 1, 2000, if approved by the Commission.

9. This Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement is being entered into solely for the purpose of settling this case only. None of the signatories to this Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement shall be deemed to have approved or acquiesced in any ratemaking or procedural principle, including, without limitation, any method of cost determination or cost allocation, depreciation or revenue related methodology or any service or payment standard, and none of the signatories shall be prejudiced or bound in any manner by the terms of this Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement in this or any other proceeding, except as otherwise expressly specified herein.

10. This Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement has resulted from extensive negotiations among the signatories and the terms hereof are interdependent. In the event the Commission does not approve this Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement by the issuance date of its Report and Order in this case, or approves this Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement with modifications or conditions (other than a modification to the recommended effective date of the

tariff sheets attached hereto as Schedule 1) that a Party to this proceeding objects to prior to the effective date of the Order approving this Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement, then this Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement shall be void and no signatory shall be bound by any of the agreements or provisions hereof.

11. In the event the Commission accepts the specific terms of this Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement, the Parties waive, with respect to the issues resolved herein: their respective rights pursuant to Section 536.080.1 (RSMo. 1994) to present testimony, to cross-examine witnesses, and to present oral argument and written briefs; their respective rights to the reading of the transcript by the Commission pursuant to Section 536.080.2 (RSMo. 1994); and their respective rights to judicial review pursuant to Section 386.510 (RSMo. 1994).

12. The Parties agree that all of the prefiled testimony submitted in this proceeding by the Company, Staff, Public Counsel and MoDNR shall be received into evidence without the necessity of their respective witnesses taking the stand.

13. The Staff shall submit to the Commission a memorandum explaining its rationale for entering into this Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement. Each of the Parties shall be served with a copy of such memorandum and shall be entitled to submit to the Commission a responsive memorandum, which shall also be served on all Parties. All memoranda submitted by the Parties shall be considered privileged in the same manner as are settlement discussions under the Commission's rules; shall be maintained on a confidential basis by all Parties; and shall not become a part of the record of this proceeding or bind or prejudice the Party submitting such memorandum in any future proceeding or in this proceeding, whether or not the Commission approves this Stipulation. The contents of any memorandum provided by any Party are its own

and are not acquiesced in or otherwise adopted by the other signatories to this Stipulation, whether or not the Commission approves and adopts this Stipulation.

14. The Staff shall also have the right to provide, at any agenda meeting at which this Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement is noticed to be considered by the Commission, whatever oral explanation the Commission requests, provided that the Staff shall, to the extent reasonably practicable, promptly provide other Parties with advance notice of when the Staff shall respond to the Commission's request for such explanation once such explanation is requested from Staff. Staff's oral explanation shall be subject to public disclosure, except to the extent it refers to matters that are privileged or protected from disclosure pursuant to any Protective Order issued in this case.

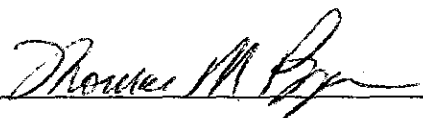
WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the undersigned Parties respectfully request that the Commission issue its Order approving all of the specific terms and conditions of this Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement.

Respectfully submitted this 19th day of September, 2000.

UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY
d/b/a AmerenUE

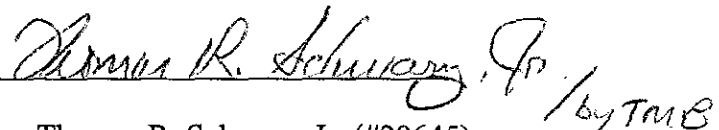
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The undersigned Assistant Attorney General is signing this Stipulation solely as counsel for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, and her signature hereto is not representing (and does not represent) that the Attorney General is a party to the above-styled case or a signatory to this Stipulation.

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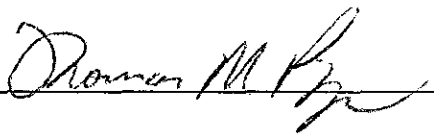
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Thomas M. Byrne

UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY GAS SERVICE

Applying to MISSOURI SERVICE AREA

RESIDENTIAL SERVICE RATE

Applicable to gas service to all residential customers as defined in Section I.H. of Company's Rules and Regulations. As indicated in Section IX., Resale of Service of Company's Rules and Regulations, this service may not be resold.

- * 1. Monthly Customer and Volumetric Meter Reading Rates.
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| Customer Charge: | \$9.00 per month |
| Delivery Charge: | 19.56¢ per Ccf |
2. Minimum Monthly Charge. The Customer Charge.
3. Purchased Gas Adjustment. Applicable to all metered and/or billed Ccf, pursuant to the provisions of Rider A - Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause.
4. Yard Light Service. Any customer with an unmetered gas yard light will have 18 Ccf per month of gas added per light to each month's metered Ccf usage, for billing purposes. This unmetered yard light service is one of limited application. No new such unmetered service will be offered after February 18, 1998.
5. Seasonal Use. This schedule is a continuous service schedule. If service is disconnected at the request of the customer, and thereafter restored at the same location for the same occupant(s) within a twelve (12) month period following the date of the service disconnection, a reconnection charge will become due and payable when service is restored. The charge shall be computed by multiplying the Customer Charge by the number of months and fractions of months that service is disconnected, plus the Reconnection Charge as indicated in Section D. Miscellaneous Charges, Sheet No. 19.
6. Payments. Bills will be rendered at monthly intervals, are due and payable within ten (10) days from their date of rendition and become delinquent after twenty-one (21) days from their date of rendition. The date of rendition is the date of mailing by the Company. Pursuant to Section VIII.F. of Company's Rules and Regulations, any portion of any bill, other than deposit arrears, remaining unpaid after the delinquent date indicated thereon will have a late payment charge added thereto.

* Indicates Change.

DATE OF ISSUE _____ DATE EFFECTIVE November 1, 2000

ISSUED BY C. W. Mueller President & CEO St. Louis, Missouri

Name of Officer Title Address

SCHEDULE 1-1

UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY GAS SERVICE

Applying to MISSOURI SERVICE AREA

GENERAL SERVICE RATE

Applicable to gas service to non-residential customers. As indicated in Section IX., Resale of Service of Company's Rules and Regulations, this service may not be resold.

* 1. Monthly Customer and Volumetric Meter Reading Rates.

Customer Charge:	\$20.80 per month
Delivery Charge:	
First 7,000 Ccf	17.96¢ per Ccf
Over 7,000 Ccf	11.80¢ per Ccf

2. Minimum Monthly Charge. The Customer Charge.

3. Purchased Gas Adjustment.

Applicable to all metered and/or billed Ccf, pursuant to the provisions of the Rider A - Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause.

4. Payments.

Bills will be rendered at monthly intervals and are due and payable within ten (10) days from their date of mailing, which due date shall be considered the delinquent date for this rate classification. Pursuant to Section VIII.F. of Company's Rules and Regulations, any portion of any bill, other than deposit arrears, remaining unpaid after the delinquent date will have a late payment charge added thereto.

5. Term of Contract.

Gas service will be provided under this rate for a period of not less than one year.

6. Tax Adjustment.

Any license, franchise, gross receipts, occupation or similar charge or tax levied by any taxing authority on the amounts billed hereunder will be so designated and added as a separate item to bills rendered to customers under the jurisdiction of the taxing authority.

7. Rules and Regulations. Service will be rendered in accordance with the Company's Rules and Regulations for Gas Service on file with the Missouri Public Service Commission.

* Indicates Change.

DATE OF ISSUE _____ DATE EFFECTIVE November 1, 2000

ISSUED BY C. W. Mueller President & CEO St. Louis, Missouri
Name of Officer Title Address

SCHEDULE 1-2

UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY GAS SERVICE

Applying to

MISSOURI SERVICE AREA

INTERRUPTIBLE SERVICE RATE WITH AN ASSURANCE GAS OPTION

1. Availability.

Whenever, in Company's sole judgment, gas is available for interruptible service, Company will make such service available to any qualified non-residential customer. To qualify, customer shall either provide adequate standby facilities and fuel for its use during periods when gas service is interrupted or shall give Company satisfactory evidence of its ability and willingness to curtail or cease operations during interruption. Gas service under other rates cannot be used for the same process, facility or equipment served under this rate. As indicated in Section IX. Resale of Service of Company's Rules and Regulations, this service may not be resold.

2. Character of Service.

All gas delivery under this rate will be subject to interruption under Section 9. hereof and all gas consumed by customer during periods of non-interruption will be billed at the Interruptible Gas Delivery Charge, except for Assurance volumes as provided below. As a part of the contract for interruptible service, customer may request the Company to provide a specified daily quantity of firm sales gas to be available during periods of interruption, to be categorized as Assurance Gas and billed by Company at the Interruptible Gas Delivery Charge plus the Assurance Gas Surcharge and the firm Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factor rate. For billing purposes Assurance Gas volumes shall be considered the first through the meter. Customer will be required to contract with Company, by June 1 of the initial contract year, for the daily quantity of Assurance Gas desired. Customer must notify Company of any changes in such Assurance Gas Level by June 1 of subsequent contract extension years. All other gas consumed by customer during any period of interruption shall be considered and billed by Company as Unauthorized Gas.

* 3. Monthly Customer and Volumetric Meter Reading Rates.

Customer Charge:	\$150.00 per month
Interruptible Gas Delivery Charge:	
First 7,000 Ccf	17.96¢ per Ccf
Over 7,000 Ccf	11.38¢ per Ccf
Assurance Gas Surcharge:	
First 250 Ccf per day	0.55¢ per Ccf
All Over 250 Ccf per day	0.76¢ per Ccf

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SCHEDULE 1-3

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INTERRUPTIBLE SERVICE RATE WITH AN ASSURANCE GAS OPTION

Unauthorized Gas Delivery Charge:

All volumes of natural gas taken by a customer in excess of the level of contracted daily Assurance Gas, during any period of interruption called by the Company, is "unauthorized use" and will be assessed "Unauthorized Gas Delivery Charges". Company will provide customer no less than two (2) hours advance notification before assessing Unauthorized Gas Delivery Charges. Unauthorized Gas Delivery Charges shall be billed as follows:

Unauthorized Gas Delivery Charges:

- 1) \$1.50 (one dollar and fifty cents) for each Ccf of unauthorized use, plus
- 2) 150% (one hundred fifty percent) of the highest cost of gas purchased by the Company for supplying the service area in which the customer receives service, during the Unauthorized Gas Delivery Charge period (period of interruption), plus
- 3) all intrastate and/or interstate pipeline penalties and other charges incurred by the Company which are attributable to a customer's unauthorized use.

All intrastate and interstate pipeline penalties and other charges shall be attributed and assigned to the unauthorized gas used by the specific Interruptible Service customer.

All Unauthorized Gas Delivery Charge revenues billed to customers will be considered as gas cost recovery and will be used in the development of the Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) factor of the Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Clause.

4. Minimum Monthly Charge. The Customer Charge.

* 5. Purchased Gas Adjustment.

Applicable to all metered and/or billed Ccf, pursuant to the provisions of Rider A - PGA Clause. The difference between the Interruptible Sales Total PGA factor and the Firm Sales Total PGA factor of Rider A shall apply to the monthly billed Assurance Gas Ccf. The Interruptible Sales Total PGA factor of Rider A shall apply to all of the monthly billed Ccf.

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NATURAL GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

1. Availability.

This service schedule is available to any non-residential customer on a per meter basis who can individually secure sufficient supplies of natural gas on its own behalf and arrange to have it delivered to the Company's system. The Company will not provide this service to any customer who uses such gas primarily to heat a premise that provides temporary or permanent living quarters for individuals, unless the customer demonstrates to the Company that it has contracted for primary firm capacity with the upstream supplying intrastate and/or interstate pipelines to meet the customer's peak needs, or unless the customer demonstrates to the Company that the customer has adequate and usable alternative fuel facilities to meet the customer's energy needs.

The "transportation customer" shall be responsible for the purchase and transportation of its gas needs to the Company's city gate which serves such customer.

The Company shall not sell gas to any of its transportation customers except as specifically provided for in this service classification.

*2. Monthly Customer, EGM and Volumetric Meter Reading Rates.

	Standard Transportation(1)	Large Volume Transportation(2)
Customer Charge:	\$20.80	\$750.00 per month
Electronic Gas Meter (EGM) Charges:		
Administrative Charge:	\$40.00	\$40.00 per month
Meter Equipment Charge:	Section G. Miscellaneous Charges Sheet No. 20.1, as applicable.	
Transportation Charge:		
First 7,000 Ccf	17.96¢	17.96¢ per Ccf
All Over 7,000 Ccf	11.11¢	9.40¢ per Ccf

- (1) A customer, at the date of its contract, whose annual transportation requirements are expected to be 600,000 Ccf or less.
- (2) A customer, at the date of its contract, whose annual transportation requirements are expected to be greater than 600,000 Ccf.

Authorized Gas Use Charge:

All Ccf of Company-owned gas consumed by customer with authorization from Company during periods of non-interruption of any sales service will be billed at the applicable service area's firm sales service Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factor plus 40%. The payment of the Authorized Gas Use Charge will be in addition to the above Customer, EGM and Transportation Charges. Company will not actively market the sale of Company-owned gas to transportation customers and will sell such gas

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- * 3. Minimum Monthly Charge. The Customer Charge, EGM Administrative Charge and, as applicable, the EGM Meter Equipment Charge.
4. Purchased Gas Adjustment.
All customers receiving transportation service will be subject to the provisions of the Company's PGA clause, Rider A.
5. Payments.
Bills will be rendered at monthly intervals and are due and payable within ten (10) days from their date of mailing, which due date shall be considered the delinquent date for this rate classification. Pursuant to Section VIII.F. of Company's Rules and Regulations, any portion of any bill, other than deposit arrears, remaining unpaid after the delinquent date will have a late payment charge added thereto.
6. Term of Contract.
Service hereunder shall be for a minimum period of one(1) year.
7. Tax Adjustment.
Any license, franchise, gross receipts, occupation or similar charge or tax levied by any taxing authority on the amounts billed hereunder will be so designated and added as a separate item to bills rendered to the customers under the jurisdiction of the taxing authority.
8. Terms and Conditions.
A. Transportation service under this schedule will be made available to customers upon request when the Company has sufficient distribution capacity to supply such service. If the Company determines that it does not have sufficient distribution capacity to provide the requested service it will, within 30 days of receiving a request for transportation service, provide to the customer requesting said service a written explanation of its capacity determination including a preliminary indication of changes to facilities necessary to effectuate such service, approximate cost to customer and time required to provide the requested service.

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- B. Service under this schedule shall require execution of a Gas Transportation Service Agreement between the Company and the customer requesting transportation service in a form similar to that contained in Section 11 below.
- C. Service will be provided only after requisite contracts and authority have been obtained by the customer to transport gas to the Company's facilities.
- D. All volumes of gas transported hereunder shall be of compatible pipeline quality.
- E. Gas delivered under this schedule shall not be resold by the customer.
- *F. Gas transported for all current and future customers hereunder shall be metered by an electronic recording device with remote monitoring features for the recording of the customer's daily gas usage and real time flow data. The Company will install and the customer will pay for said meter at the monthly charge indicated in Section G. Miscellaneous Charges, Sheet No. 20.1. In addition, the customer shall arrange and pay for the installation and monthly costs of a commercial telephone line and 120 volt AC electrical power source, at a location designated by the Company, to facilitate the remote interrogation of the electronic recording meter by the Company.
- G. In addition to collection of the rates and charges provided for in Section 2. above, the Company shall retain two percent (2%) of the quantities of natural gas received from the customer for reimbursement in kind from the customer for shrinkage or line losses.

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- * A negative imbalance is created when the customer's gas delivered to the Company as adjusted by the loss factor is less than the quantities of gas used by the customer. A negative imbalance during periods of Company interruption of any sales service will be considered unauthorized use and billed at the Unauthorized Gas Use Charge set forth in Section 2. herein. A negative imbalance during other times will be considered balancing use and will be billed at the following tiers and referred to as the "Balancing Gas Use Charge" :

Daily negative imbalances of 5% or less will be accumulated throughout the month and billed at the applicable service area's firm sales service PGA factor.

Daily negative imbalances greater than 5% will be accumulated throughout the month and billed at the applicable service area's firm sales service PGA factor plus 10%.

- * A positive imbalance is created when the customer's gas delivered to the Company as adjusted by the loss factor exceeds the quantities of gas used by the customer. The Company will purchase positive imbalances at the following tiers:

Daily positive imbalances of 5% or less will be accumulated throughout the month and will be purchased at the indexed commodity price as quoted in the publication "Inside FERC's Gas Market Report" in the first issue during the month the imbalance was created.

Daily positive imbalances greater than 5% will be accumulated throughout the month and will be purchased at ninety percent (90%) of the indexed commodity price as quoted in the publication "Inside FERC's Gas Market Report" in the first issue during the month the imbalance was created.

The index will be specific for each service area as follows:

"Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Co. - Texas, Oklahoma (mainline)"

"Texas Eastern Transmission Corp. - East Louisiana Zone"

"Natural Gas Pipeline Co. of America - Texok Zone"

The daily negative and positive imbalance billings so calculated will be applied to the customer's monthly bill. Net payments to customer will be included in the Company's PGA Clause Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) computation as purchased gas costs and net payments to Company will be included as revenue recovery.

- J. Except as specifically provided for herein, all of the Company's Rules and Regulations for natural gas service which are not in conflict herewith shall apply to service rendered hereunder.

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MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES

*G. Electronic Gas Meter (EGM) Equipment Charge

Sheet No. 10 Paragraph 2, Sheet No. 12 Paragraph 3 and Sheet No. 13 Paragraph F. - This EGM Meter Equipment Charge shall apply to transportation customers who enter into contracts with the Company for transportation service to be provided under the Company's Natural Gas Transportation Service tariff commencing after November 1, 2000.

Gas transported under the Natural Gas Transportation Service tariff shall be metered by an electronic recording device with remote monitoring features for the recording of the customer's daily gas usage and real time flow data. The transportation customer will pay the Company a monthly per meter charge for said metering as follows:

EGM Meter Equipment Charge\$21.00 per meter per month

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<u>Acct</u>	<u>Annual Rate</u>
305 Propane Plant Structures and Improvements	1.74%
311 Liquefied Petroleum Gas Equipment	2.31%
367 Gas Transmission Mains	2.11%
369 Trans. Measuring & Regulating Station Equip.	2.65%
375 Distribution Structures and Improvements	1.98%
376 Gas Mains	2.40%
378 Measuring & Regulating Station Equip. - General	2.30%
379 Measuring & Regulating Station Equip. - City Gate	2.27%
380 Gas Services	2.79%
381 Gas Meters	1.91%
383 House Regulators	2.21%
385 Industrial Measuring & Regulating Equip.	2.45%
390 General Plant Structures and Improvements	1.27%
391 Office Furniture and Equipment	7.75%
391.1 Mainframe Computers	11.11%
391.2 Personal Computers	11.11%
392 Transportation Equipment	7.28%
393 Stores Equipment	6.67%
394 Tools, Shop and Garage Equipment	5.18%
395 Laboratory Equipment	4.90%
396 Power Operated Tools	4.78%
397 Communications Equipment	6.06%

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<u>Acct</u>	<u>Annual Rate</u>
305 Propane Plant Structures and Improvements	1.47%
311 Liquefied Petroleum Gas Equipment	2.24%
367 Gas Transmission Mains	2.11%
369 Trans. Measuring & Regulating Station Equip.	2.65%
375 Distribution Structures and Improvements	1.98%
376 Gas Mains	2.22%
378 Measuring & Regulating Station Equip. - General	2.27%
379 Measuring & Regulating Station Equip. - City Gate	2.27%
380 Gas Services	2.38%
381 Gas Meters	1.93%
383 House Regulators	2.25%
385 Industrial Measuring & Regulating Equip.	2.58%
390 General Plant Structures and Improvements	1.27%
391 Office Furniture and Equipment	7.75%
391.1 Mainframe Computers	11.12%
391.2 Personal Computers	11.11%
392 Transportation Equipment	7.99%
393 Stores Equipment	6.67%
394 Tools, Shop and Garage Equipment	5.18%
395 Laboratory Equipment	4.90%
396 Power Operated Tools	5.56%
397 Communications Equipment	6.06%

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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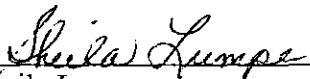
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Concurring Opinions of Chair Sheila Lumpe & Vice Chair M. Dianne Drainer

We concur with the Commission's decision to approve the Stipulation and Agreement. Although we recognize that much negotiation by all parties went into the final terms and conditions of this agreement we respectfully must address the following concern. We are concerned with the increase of the residential customer charge from \$8 a month to \$9 a month. An increase in the monthly charge on the residential customers can have regressive impacts on this customer class. We would ask that serious consideration be given first to all other usage charges in future rate design for residential customers before increasing the monthly fixed charge further.

Respectfully submitted,



Sheila Lumpe
Chair



M. Dianne Drainer
Vice Chair

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 17th day of October, 2000.

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Dissenting Opinion of Commissioner Robert G. Schemenauer

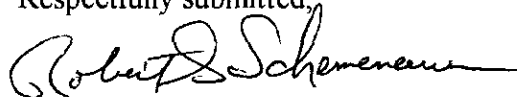
I respectfully dissent with the majority of the Commission in the approval of this Stipulation and Agreement.

My concerns with the Agreement are as follows:

- The increase in the residential customer charge from \$8 a month to \$9 a month is not cost justified. The reason given for the increase is that it had not been increased since February 1998. This residential customer charge is regressive. I would prefer that this revenue be recovered through the product delivery charge.
- The revenue requirement includes an annual amortization of \$148,000 for merger costs resulting from the Union Electric and CIPS merger. These costs should be borne by stockholders and not ratepayers. This is a slippery slope to start up and one which the Commission should avoid.
- The Agreement inserts \$338,000 into the revenue requirement for some unexplained reasons. Staff indicates that it is a concession to the Company for the continuation of its GSIP in lieu of adopting a different GSIP.

For these reasons I respectfully dissent.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert G. Schemenauer
Commissioner

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 17th day of October, 2000.

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I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and
 I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,
 Missouri, this 17th day of Oct. 2000.



Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
 Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge