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

Missouri Public  
Service Commission

In the Matter of Union Electric Company )  
d/b/a Ameren UE for Authority to File )  
Tariffs Increasing Rates for Natural Gas )  
Service Provided to Customers in the )  
Company's Missouri Service Area.. )

Case No. GR-2007-0003

**MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES MOTION TO  
INTERVENE**

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075, respectfully requests that the Commission grant its application to intervene in the above-styled matter. This application is made for the following reasons:

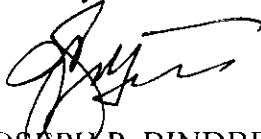
1. On or about July 10, 2006, Union Electric Company (Company) filed its proposed tariff sheets to implement a general rate increase for retail natural gas service to customers in its Missouri service area..
2. On or about July 11, 2006, the Commission issued an Order directing notice, setting a date for submission of intervention requests and scheduling a pre-hearing conference. The July 11, 2006, Order establishes July 31, 2006, as the date by which all applications to intervene in the above-styled case are to be filed.
3. MDNR, and specifically its Energy Center, is a state agency vested with the powers and duties set forth in Section 640.150, RSMo.
4. MDNR has an interest different than that of the general public, and its intervention will serve a public interest in that the Energy Center will be looking at the proposed filing from a formal policy and planning perspective as well as looking at the

potential impacts on environmental quality. In particular, the Energy Center will look at the proposed filing to assess the commitment by the Company to provide low or no cost weatherization to low income families and energy efficiency programs (Demand Side Management). The Energy Center's review also will be in relation to the mandate set forth in Section 640.150, RSMo. The mandate set forth in the statute includes planning for energy resource development; analyzing energy management issues; consulting and cooperating with all state and federal governmental agencies on matters of energy research and development, management, conservation and distribution; assessing the potential impacts on environmental quality; and analyzing the potential for increased use of energy alternatives and making recommendations for the expanded use of such alternate energy sources and technologies.

WHEREFORE, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources respectfully requests that it be allowed to intervene in the above-styled matter.

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