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

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In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE's Purchased Gas Adjustment Factors to be Audited in its 2009-2010 Actual Cost Adjustment Period.

Case No. GR-2010-0180

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

COMES NOW the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") in the above-captioned matter and for its Response to the Commission's Order Directing Filing states that Staff recommends the proposed Purchased Gas Adjustments be approved, interim subject to refund only, on an expedited basis. In support thereof Staff states.

1. On April 16, 2010, AmerenUE filed four (4) tariff sheets requesting an effective date of May 1, 2010.

2. Approval of these tariff sheets will reduce AmerenUE's PGA costs for all four of its service territories.

3. AmerenUE also filed a Motion for Waiver of Tariff Provision and for Expedited Treatment (Motion).

4. While all areas will receive a decrease, of special note is the decrease for the Rolla Service Area, including the cities of Rolla and Owensville, where Commission approval of the tariff, interim subject to refund, will decrease the PGA rate to \$0.8700 from the current PGA rate of \$1.3000. This represents a decrease of <u>\$0.43</u> per Ccf.

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5. A significant portion of the decrease for the Rolla Service area resulted from a settlement at the FERC, which the Commission's Federal Issues/Policy Analysis Department was instrumental in obtaining.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends approval of the proposed tariffs, interim subject to refund, on an expedited basis.

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 23rd day of April 2010.

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