

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office in  
Jefferson City on the 19th day  
of January, 2011.

In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a	)	
AmerenUE for Authority to File Tariffs Increasing	)	<b><u>File No. GR-2010-0363</u></b>
Rates for Natural Gas Service Provided to Customers	)	
in the Company's Missouri Service Area	)	

**ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT**

Issue Date: January 19, 2011

Effective Date: January 29, 2011

On June 11, 2010, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE submitted proposed tariff sheets implementing a general rate increase of \$11.9 million for natural gas service provided to its Missouri customers.<sup>1</sup> In order to properly consider Ameren's requested rate increase, the Commission issued an order suspending the proposed tariff sheets until May 8, 2011.

On January 4, 2011, the parties<sup>2</sup> filed a Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement. The agreement authorizes Ameren to file tariff sheets increasing its retail base rate by \$9 million, which includes \$700,000 of annual funding for natural gas energy efficiency programs; increasing over the next three years to approximately \$850,000. A copy of the stipulation and agreement is attached to this order as Attachment 1.

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<sup>1</sup> Direct Testimony of Warner Baxter, page 3, lines 17-18.

<sup>2</sup> Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE (Now Ameren Missouri); Missouri Department of Natural Resources; The Office of the Public Counsel; Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (independent of the Commission).

If the Commission unconditionally accepts the terms of the agreement, the parties agree to waive their rights: (1) to call, examine and cross-examine witnesses; (2) to present oral argument and written briefs; (3) to seek rehearing; and (4) to judicial review.

The Commission has the authority to accept a stipulation and agreement as a resolution of the case.<sup>3</sup> Further, when approving a stipulation and agreement, the Commission need not make findings of fact or conclusions of law.<sup>4</sup> The parties agree to the admission into evidence of all prefiled testimony, exhibits and agreements with any attachments thereto. The parties further agree that such evidence constitutes competent and substantial evidence supporting the Commission's approval of this stipulation.

The Commission concludes that the agreed-upon revenue requirement will result in just and reasonable rates and charges. The Commission will therefore approve the agreement.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Stipulation and Agreement filed by the parties on January 4, 2011, is approved and the parties shall abide by its terms and conditions.

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<sup>3</sup> Section 536.060, RSMo.

<sup>4</sup> Section 536.090, RSMo.

2. This order shall become effective on January 29, 2011.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. C. Reed', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Steven C. Reed  
Secretary

( S E A L )

Clayton, Chm., Davis, Jarrett,  
Gunn, and Kenney, CC., concur.

Jones, Senior Regulatory Law Judge