

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office in  
Jefferson City on the 6th day of  
April, 2006.

In the Matter of an Investigation into  
the Natural Gas Incident in Boonville,  
Missouri, on the System Operated by  
AmerenUE

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) **Case No. GS-2006-0199**  
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**ORDER DIRECTING AMERENUE  
TO COMPLY WITH RECOMMENDATIONS**

Issue Date: April 6, 2006

Effective Date: April 16, 2006

Syllabus: This order directs AmerenUE to comply with the Staff's recommendations in its Gas Incident Report.

On November 10, 2005, the Commission opened this case for the purpose of investigating a natural gas incident that occurred in Boonville, Missouri, on October 10, 2005. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a Gas Incident Report on March 10, 2006, and indicated that it was concurrently filing a separate complaint against AmerenUE related to the incident. AmerenUE responded to Staff's report indicating that it accepts the recommendations contained on page four of the Gas Incident Report.

The recommendations of the Staff on page four of the Gas Incident Report are as follows:

1. The Staff recommends that AmerenUE finalize a new procedure for converting distribution systems and then submit the new procedure to Staff for review before converting any more low-pressure systems in Missouri.

2. The Staff recommends that AmerenUE:
  - A. Submit to Staff a schedule for each low-pressure system in Missouri that AmerenUE plans to replace with a high-pressure system.
  - B. Submit to Staff a work plan prior to each low-pressure system replacement and information related to any system conversions that are part of the plan.
  - C. Notify the Staff prior to each system conversion so that Staff has an opportunity to observe the work.
3. The Staff recommends that AmerenUE evaluate, and enact as appropriate, additional safety measures for each low-pressure system that will continue to operate as a low-pressure system. At a minimum, the Staff recommends that AmerenUE install high-capacity pressure relieve [sic] valves in each of these low-pressure systems. The Staff recommends that AmerenUE submit to Staff a report for each evaluation and a schedule for any actions that are proposed.

The Commission has reviewed the Staff's report and recommendations and AmerenUE's response and will direct AmerenUE to comply with Staff's recommendations.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. AmerenUE shall comply with the recommendations of the Staff set forth above.
2. The Staff of the Commission shall file a status report regarding AmerenUE's compliance with these recommendations within 60 days of the effective date of this order.

3. This order shall become effective on April 16, 2006.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

( S E A L )

Davis, Chm., Murray, Gaw, Clayton and Appling, CC., concur

Reed, Regulatory Law Judge