

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

In the Matter of the Verified Petition of	)	
Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE	)	<b><u>Case No. GT-2009-0413</u></b>
to Change Its Infrastructure System	)	Tariff No. JG-2009-0813
Replacement Surcharge.	)	

**STAFF REPORT**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its Staff Report in Case No. GT-2009-0413 and the related Tariff Filing No. JG-2009-0813 states as follows:

1. On May 15, 2009, Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE (AmerenUE) filed a petition with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) to change its Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge (ISRS), pursuant to RSMo<sup>1</sup> Sections 393.1009, 393.1012 and 393.1015.

2. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.265 allows gas corporations to recover certain ISRS costs outside of a formal rate case filing through a surcharge on customers' bills.

3. AmerenUE's initial ISRS was established by Commission Order in Case No. GT-2008-0184 and established a base ISRS of \$1,211,459. AmerenUE's next ISRS was established by Commission for the incremental amount \$390,809 annually in Case No. GT-2009-0038. The existing, annual ISRS revenues being collected by the composite of these two previous ISRS filings that are still in effect are \$1,602,268 and is reflected in the current ISRS rates.

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<sup>1</sup> All references to RSMo are to the Missouri Revised Statutes 2000, as currently supplemented.

4. In its petition, AmerenUE seeks to recover ISRS-eligible costs incurred from June 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009, and subsequently updated.

5. AmerenUE initially requested an effective date of June 14, 2009.

6. On May 19, 2009, the Commission issued an order suspending the tariff for 120 days, with an effective date of September 12, 2009, in order to allow sufficient time for parties to review AmerenUE's petition.

7. On June 12, 2009, the Commission issued an order directing Staff to file a report no later than July 14, 2009.

8. Staff's investigation consisted of a review of AmerenUE's petition, as well as an examination of selected plant workorders, responses to Staff data requests, and discussions with AmerenUE personnel.

9. In the attached Memorandum, labeled Appendix A, Staff notes that, subsequent to filing, the Company modified its requested Revenue Requirement. Additionally, Staff has identified several issues which resulted in adjustments to the requested Revenue Requirement. These adjustments, which are described in the attached Memorandum, pertain to the following: Retirement Issue, Plant Additions, Revised Dating, Bonus Depreciation, Property Tax, Reconciliation Issues, and a Depreciation Rate Correction.

10. Staff recommends a reduction in the proposed ISRS petition of AmerenUE's revenue requirement calculation by a total of \$125,573 from the amount initially requested. Subsequent to filing, AmerenUE reduced its request by \$85,500 and Staff proposed \$40,073 in reductions to that proposed Revenue Requirement.

11. Staff has verified that AmerenUE has filed its 2008 annual report and is not delinquent on any Commission assessment.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends the Commission issue an Order (1) rejecting AmerenUE's ISRS tariff sheet (JG-2009-0813), (2) approving Staff's determination of the incremental ISRS surcharge revenues in the amount of pre-tax revenues of \$977,009, and (3) authorizing AmerenUE to file an ISRS rate for each class of customers as reflected in the attached Appendix B. These rates produce \$2,651,260 annually.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 14th day of July, 2009.

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