

**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 September, 2006.

In the Matter of an Investigation into the)	
Natural Gas Incident in Boonville, Missouri,)	<u>Case No. GS-2006-0199</u>
on the System Operated by AmerenUE.)	

ORDER CLOSING CASE

Issue Date: September 19, 2006

Effective Date: September 29, 2006

In response to a motion from its Staff, the Commission opened this case on November 10, 2005, to investigate a natural gas incident that occurred in Boonville, Missouri, on October 10, 2005. The incident resulted in damage to several customers' homes. Natural gas service in Boonville is provided by Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE.

Staff filed its Gas Incident Report on March 10, 2006. Staff made several recommendations designed to prevent future incidents such as occurred in Boonville and to improve AmerenUE's procedures regarding its low-pressure natural gas systems. AmerenUE responded to the incident report, stating that it accepted the Staff's recommendations. On April 6, 2006, the Commission issued an order directing AmerenUE to comply with the Staff's recommendations and directing Staff to file a status report concerning AmerenUE's compliance.

Concurrently with the Gas Incident Report, Staff filed a separate complaint against AmerenUE related to the Boonville incident. The complaint was docketed as Case

No. GC-2006-0350. On June 14, 2006, Staff and AmerenUE filed a Stipulation and Agreement in GC-2006-0350 that resolved all outstanding issues in the complaint. The Agreement required AmerenUE to: (1) pay a \$2,000 penalty to the Public School Fund;¹ (2) adopt and implement a new procedure to be followed in any future low-pressure-to-high-pressure system conversions in Missouri; (3) submit to Staff a schedule for certain upgrades and give Staff the opportunity to monitor those upgrades, if any; and (4) add relief valves on certain systems. The Commission issued its order in GC-2006-0350 on August 10, 2006, approving the Stipulation and Agreement and ordering AmerenUE to deposit \$2,000 in the Public School Fund. On September 11, 2006, AmerenUE notified the Commission that the deposit had been made, and the Commission closed the complaint case on September 13, 2006.

Staff's status report in this case, filed on August 2, 2006, noted the filing of the Stipulation and Agreement in GC-2006-0350. Staff stated that the Agreement resolved all outstanding issues in both the incident and complaint cases and requested the Commission to close the incident case should the Commission approve the Agreement. The Commission concludes that all issues pertaining to the natural gas incident in Boonville, Missouri, on October 10, 2005, have been addressed and resolved and that this case shall, therefore, now be closed.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Case No. GS-2006-0199 is closed.

¹ Section 386.600, RSMo.

2. This order shall become effective on September 29, 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.

Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge