

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

In the Matter of the Tariff Filing of Union Electric    )  
Company d/b/a AmerenUE, for Authority to File        )  
Tariffs Increasing Rates for Natural Gas Service     )  
Provided to Customers in its Missouri Service       )  
Area.    )

**Case No. GR-2007-0003**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and submits its recommendation in the above captioned case:

1.       On March 15, 2007, the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) issued its Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement (Order) in Case No. GR-2007-0003, the Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE (AmerenUE or Company natural gas case. This Order approved an increase in the Company's overall Missouri jurisdictional gross annual natural gas revenues of \$6.0 million.

2.       The Company filed tariff sheets on March 21, 2007 to comply with the Order. On March 27, 2007, Ameren filed one substitute tariff sheet, Sheet No. 42-1 to address concerns expressed in Agenda meetings.

3.       In its letter of transmittal accompanying the March 21, 2007 compliance filing, AmerenUE requested expedited treatment to reflect an effective date of April 1, 2007, which would be less than the standard 30-day period, but which complies with the Commission approved Stipulation and Agreement which requested an April 1, 2007 tariff effective date.

4.       Staff has reviewed the tariff sheets as filed by AmerenUE on March 21, 2007, as substituted on March 27, 2007, and is of the opinion that these sheets are in compliance with the Commission's Order. Staff is also of the opinion that good cause for approval of these tariff

sheets on less than thirty days notice is demonstrated by the Commission's Order approving the Stipulation and Agreement.

WHEREFORE Staff recommends approval of the tariff sheets as outlined in the attached recommendation with an April 1, 2007 effective date.

Respectfully submitted,

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