

**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	)	<u>Case No. GR-2007-0003</u>
Provided to Customers in its Missouri Service	)	Tariff No. YE-2007-0008
Area.	)	

**STAFF MOTION FOR RESERVING ADDITIONAL WEEK
OF EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS FOR MARCH 26-30, 2007**

Comes now the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and requests that the Commission reserve the week of March 26-30, 2007 for an additional week of evidentiary hearings in Case No. ER-2007-0002 and Case No. GR-2007-0003. In support thereof the Staff states as follows:

1. In Orders Directing Notice, Suspending Tariff, Setting Hearings, And Directing Filings issued on July 11, 2006 in Case No. ER-2007-0002 and Case No. GR-2007-0003, the Commission scheduled evidentiary hearings for March 12-16, 2007 and March 19-23, 2007. Given the size of the public utilities and rate requests involved and there are both electric and gas rate increase cases that were filed and are scheduled to be heard in tandem, the Staff believes it would be prudent at this point for the Commission to schedule three weeks of evidentiary hearings rather than two weeks.

2. The Commission has scheduled early prehearing conferences for August 17, 2006 for Case No. ER-2007-0002 and Case No. GR-2007-0003, in part, for purposes of addressing procedural schedules for both cases. The Staff is not waiting until August 17, 2006 to raise this matter because it appears that at the moment the only matter scheduled for the week of March 26-30, 2007 is a true-up hearing in the Aquila rate increase case, Case No. ER-2007-0004, set for

March 26-27, 2007. Based on the early prehearing conference held on August 9, 2006 in Case No. ER-2006-0004, it is the Staff's understanding that many of the parties to the Aquila rate case will propose a schedule which will dispense with the need to utilize March 26-27, 2007 as dates for a true-up hearing in the Aquila rate increase case, Case No. ER-2007-0004. Thus, the Staff requests that pending the AmerenUE prehearing conferences scheduled for August 17, 2006, the Commission reserve the week of March 26-30, 2007 for a third week of evidentiary hearings for Case No. ER-2007-0002 and Case No. GR-2007-0003 and not schedule any other evidentiary hearings for that week.

Wherefore for the above indicated reasons, the Staff requests that pending the outcome of the AmerenUE prehearing conferences scheduled for August 17, 2006, the Commission reserve the week of March 26-30, 2007 for a third week of evidentiary hearings in Case No. ER-2007-0002 and Case No. GR-2007-0003.

Respectfully submitted,

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