

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

In the Matter of the Application of Union Electric )  
Company d/b/a AmerenUE for Authority to File )  
Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric Service )  
Provided to Customers in the Company's Missouri )  
Service Area. )

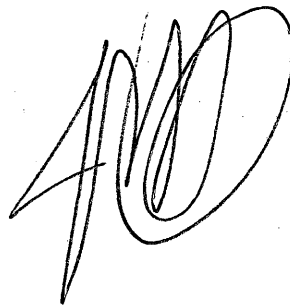
**Case No. ER-2008-0318**

**NOTICE REGARDING EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Issue Date: April 10, 2008

On April 10, 2008, I received the attached letter from Robert Wilson regarding AmerenUE's request for electric rate increase.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 10th day of April, 2008.  
Davis, Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'RW', is located to the right of the text block. The signature is stylized and somewhat illegible.

**ROBERT M. WILSON**  
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April 6, 2008

Missouri PSC  
Attention: Mr. Jeff Davis  
P.O. Box 360  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360

Re: AmerenUE Request for Electric Rate Increase

Dear Mr. Davis:

According to the attached letter, AmerenUE is applying for an increase in electric rates. I urge you to deny every rate increase request they make until they have demonstrated responsible stewardship. Over the past few years, Ameren consciously decided to increase its profits at the expense of consumers and the general public; they should not be rewarded by an increase in rates to those consumers.

I have lived in Dayton, Ohio, Cleveland, Ohio, Nashville, Tennessee, and St. Louis, Missouri, and experienced four different electric utility providers. The electric service provided by Ameren is the poorest, most inconsistent of any I have experienced. Both at my residence in Chesterfield, Missouri and my work in Earth City, Missouri, we suffer frequent interruptions in service, often lasting for hours at a time. My wife compares Ameren's electric service to that of a "third world country."

Ameren's service is an embarrassment to this region, and a breach of their duty to the public. As a businessperson, the only thing reliable about Ameren is they will interrupt my business operations, and cost me productivity and money.

Ameren's failures at Taum Sauk and over the past few summers are well documented. Looking back over that track record, what can be said? It appears to me that Ameren is a company that made multiple, conscious decisions not to trim trees, bury power lines, or upgrade its facilities over a long period of time. At Taum Sauk, there was a conscious decision not to properly maintain a facility, and to use inadequate monitoring techniques. All of this was designed to maximize profit for investors and executives. Such decisions are perfectly legitimate. However, they were made to the detriment of users, and to the area surrounding Taum Sauk. Given those decisions, it is not appropriate for ratepayers to bear the cost of years of conscious neglect of Ameren's infrastructure. Ameren itself and its executives must bear that cost—not consumers. Ameren and its executives enjoyed the benefit of skimping on infrastructure for years; now they should enjoy the cost of rectifying the problem they created with their own hands.

Please note that according to Ameren's SEC filings, all four of its senior executives enjoyed increases in their total compensation from 2006 to 2007. They were astute enough not to award themselves cash bonuses for those years; they knew the public outcry would be unbearable. But they had no problem awarding themselves with handsome increases in other compensation from 2006 to 2007, openly flaunting the failures described above. Mr. Rainwater's compensation increased by \$1.4 million, and Mr. Voss' by \$475,000. How do they justify such increases? I'm sure you'll be told long, involved tales about the complexity of their compensation system, long-term incentive plans, non-equity awards, and the like. I urge you to ignore it all, and simply look at the numbers. Ameren's executives are being handsomely rewarded while shortchanging its customers. I'm fine with such actions in a free market world; but I don't expect to pay for them as a consumer. Let the investors pay for such actions.

Ameren has made long-term, conscious decisions to maximize its profits and its executives' personal positions over the needs of consumers. It is entitled to do so. However, you, as the guardian of the public's position, should not reward such decisions. Deny their request. And please deny further requests until such time as Ameren has moved its infrastructure into a condition that properly balances the needs of consumers and investors.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



Robert M. Wilson

C: Mr. James C. Johnson, Director  
Mr. Thomas R. Voss, Ameren

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March 2008

Dear Customer:

As part of my commitment to communicate with you, I want to let you know that we will soon submit a request to the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) for an electric rate increase.

This request comes as the result of our efforts to improve reliability, meet environmental mandates, provide for your growing power needs, and cover the higher prices we are paying for fuel and materials required to safely and reliably generate and deliver electricity to you.

I wrote to you recently to update you on our efforts to improve reliability by putting the most vulnerable power lines underground, trimming even more trees to keep them away from power lines, increasing inspections of our lines and poles, and working even harder to protect the environment. That work, part of *Project Power On*, is a cornerstone of AmerenUE's pledge to you:

*...to connect Missouri by providing reliable power,  
dedicated customer service and vision for the future.*

This price increase will help us deliver on our pledge and cover our higher costs. Requesting to raise our prices is not something we do lightly. Before a two percent increase in 2007, we had not had a rate increase since 1987.

Our proposal will be extensively reviewed by the PSC before any increase would occur. We will participate openly and actively in that process.

Be assured, we're doing all we can to keep our costs down and your prices as low as possible. And we pledge to continue to carefully manage our resources to provide you with reliable and clean energy at a price you can afford.

We will continue to communicate with you and hope you will keep in touch with us. We value your business.

Sincerely,



Thomas R. Voss  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
AmerenUE

