

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's     )  
Tariff to Revise Natural Gas Rate         )  
Schedules   )     Case No. GR-99-315

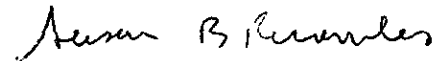
**MOTION TO ENLARGE TIME IN WHICH TO  
RESPOND TO LACLEDE'S APPLICATION FOR  
REHEARING AND MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Comes now Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE, by and through its attorney, and requests the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") to enlarge the time in which the Company may respond to Laclede Gas Company's ("Laclede") recently filed Application for Rehearing and Motion for Reconsideration. Laclede filed its pleading on or about December 23, 1999. Under the Commission's rules, AmerenUE's response was due on or about January 3, 2000. Due to the holidays, AmerenUE was unable to respond within the required time period and requests leave to file its suggestions in support, which accompany this Motion. As set forth more fully in its Suggestions, AmerenUE, as well as the entire regulated community, is impacted by the Commission's approach to depreciation. Furthermore, no party is prejudiced by AmerenUE's late-filed Suggestions.

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WHEREFORE, for all the foregoing reasons, Union Electric Company respectfully requests that the Commission accept for filing its Suggestions in Support of Laclede Gas Company's Application for Rehearing and Motion for Reconsideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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