

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

In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a                     )  
AmerenUE's Annual Vegetation Management                     )  
Report Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-23.030(6)(C)                     )                     **File No. EO-2009-\_\_\_\_\_**

**ANNUAL REPORT FILING**

COMES NOW Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE (AmerenUE or the Company) and, in compliance with the above-referenced Commission rule, hereby files its annual report relating to vegetation management for 2008.

1. Summary of the Documentation Required by 4 CSR 240-23.030(6)(B):

- a. *Identification of each circuit and substation where vegetation management work was performed:* See attached file 2009 Distribution Circuits.
- b. *The type of vegetation management performed including removal, trimming and spraying and methods used:* See the general guidelines for removal, trimming and spraying and the methods that are used as described in the AmerenUE Vegetation Management Program and Practices document filed on July 1, 2008 in Case No. EX-2008-0232.
- c. *The crew size and supervisor's name:* Tree trimming crew sizes can vary from one to six or more crew members depending on the work. Each contractor supervisor is typically responsible for six to twelve crews.
- d. *The date of activity:* See attached files 2009 Distribution Circuits and AmerenUEAnnual TX2008Completed Work.
- e. *Any safety hazards encountered:* Due to the nature of vegetation management work on any given day, multiple safety hazards exist for each person engaged

in the work. As part of Performance Management, AmerenUE required each vendor in the area of safety to (i) report occurrences that result in an OSHA Recordable/LWA; (ii) develop annual safety action plans; and (iii) have individual goals each year for OSHA Recordable/LWAs.

- f. *Any unexpected occurrence or accident resulting in death, life-threatening or serious injury to a person assigned to perform vegetation management activities or the public:* There have been no unexpected occurrences or accident resulting in death, life-threatening or serious injury to the public that AmerenUE is aware of, as a result of any vegetation management work. However, there have been four serious injuries that AmerenUE is aware of that resulted from vegetation management work by employees of contractors retained by AmerenUE, as follows: (i) a strain to the abdomen resulting in hernia surgery; (ii) a strained knee resulting in surgery on a meniscus tear; (iii) a broken pelvis injury from a fall resulting in surgery and therapy; and (iv) a back/neck injury from a fall resulting in surgery and extensive therapy.

2. Other information required by 4 CSR 240-23.030(6)(C):

- a. *Expenditures for vegetation management in the preceding year:* See attached file 2008 Tree Trimming FERC Major.
- b. *Vegetation management budget for the current year:* The 2009 budget for vegetation management on the transmission and distribution system is \$53 million.
- c. *Circuits, completion dates and miles trimmed in the preceding year:* See attached file 2009 Distribution Circuits. The tab marked "Distribution Feeder

Data” has all feeders that were completed in 2008 marked with completion dates in red. The tab marked “Distribution” shows that for 2008 a total of 3,883 distribution miles were completed. *See also* attached file AmerenUEAnnualTX 2008CompletedWork which shows a total of 1,395 circuit miles for all activities, as shown, were completed on lines rated at 138kV and greater.

d. *Circuits, completion dates and miles scheduled for the current year:* *See* attached file 2009 Distribution Circuits. The tab marked “Distribution Feeder Data” has all feeders that are scheduled to be trimmed in 2009 in black. The tab marked “Distribution” shows that for 2009 a total of 4,523 distribution miles are scheduled. *See also* attached file AmerenUEAnnualTX2009 Scheduled work which shows a total of 1,458 circuit miles, for all activities. are scheduled for lines rated at 138kV or greater.

e. *Total distribution miles for the system and corresponding classification between rural and urban:* *See* attached file 2009 Distribution Circuits. The tab marked “Distribution” shows that the AmerenUE system has a total of 21,444 overhead miles, of which 8,270 miles are classified as urban and 13,174 miles are classified as rural.

3. With respect to this report, the Company states that the verification by an officer with knowledge of the matters contained in this filing is not being filed today because the verifying officer is out-of-town and unavailable, but will be filed tomorrow, April 2, 2009.

Dated: April 1, 2009

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