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STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office  
in Jefferson City on the 27th  
day of April, 2000.

In the Matter of Union Electric Company's )  
Tariff Sheets to Revise Rates for ) Case No. ET-2000-666  
Interruptible Customers of Union Electric ) Tariff No. 200000913  
Company )

ORDER DENYING MOTION TO SUSPEND TARIFF, DENYING MOTION TO  
CONSOLIDATE AND APPROVING TARIFF

On April 6, 2000, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE (AmerenUE) issued a proposed tariff carrying an effective date of May 6. AmerenUE's tariff would revise its schedule of rates for electric service. On April 19, Holnam, Inc., Lone Star Industries, Inc. and River Cement Company (MEG Interruptibles) filed a motion to suspend AmerenUE's proposed tariff. On April 20, MEG Interruptibles filed a Motion to Consolidate, asking that this case be consolidated with case number EO-2000-580, which, MEG Interruptibles suggests, concerns the same issues.

On April 20, the Commission issued a Notice directing that all interested parties wishing to respond to MEG Interruptibles' motion to suspend, do so on or before April 25. On April 25, AmerenUE filed its response to MEG Interruptibles' motion. The Staff of the Public Service Commission (Staff) also filed a response on April 25. Along with its response, Staff filed a Memorandum recommending that the Commission approve the tariff proposed by AmerenUE.

MEG Interruptibles' Motion to Suspend Tariff argues that the Commission should suspend AmerenUE's tariff because it is inconsistent with an alternative interruptible rate proposed by MEG Interruptibles in case number EO-2000-580. In that case MEG Interruptibles has proposed that the Commission approve implementation of a new alternative curtailment tariff on an interim basis during the pendency of the case. MEG Interruptibles suggests that it would be inappropriate to permit AmerenUE's proposed tariff to go into effect while the Commission is considering MEG Interruptibles' tariff.

AmerenUE's response indicates that the tariff that it has proposed would create a new Rider M that would "provide the Company's primary service rate customers the opportunity, at their option, to grant the Company the right to call for the curtailment of a portion of such customers' electrical usage based upon a number of curtailment options selected by each individual customer and contracted for with the Company." AmerenUE states that MEG Interruptibles' argument does not raise any issues with regard to the tariff filing that would justify its request that the tariff be suspended. AmerenUE points out that the tariff rider that it has proposed will be totally voluntary and no customer will be forced to take the service. AmerenUE also argues that suspending the tariff will deprive eligible customers of the potential financial advantages of the Rider.

Staff's response agrees that MEG Interruptibles' motion to suspend does not state how its interest would be adversely affected by the Commission's approval of the proposed tariff. Staff also points out

that none of AmerenUE's customers, including MEG Interruptibles, would be required to take service under the proposed tariff. Finally, Staff argues that approval of the tariff proposed by AmerenUE would not preclude the Commission from subsequently approving the additional alternative rate option proposed by MEG Interruptibles. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the tariff proposed by AmerenUE.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheets, MEG Interruptibles' motion to suspend, AmerenUE's response to that motion and Staff's response and recommendation. AmerenUE's tariff would merely create an additional option for its customers. No customer would be required to accept that option. The Commission's approval of AmerenUE's tariff will not prevent the Commission from giving due consideration to the alternative interruptible rate proposed by MEG Interruptibles in case number EO-2000-580. Under these circumstances, there is no reason to suspend AmerenUE's tariff. MEG Interruptibles' Motion to Suspend Tariff will be denied. Because the tariff will not be suspended, there is no reason to consolidate this case with case number EO-2000-580. Therefore, MEG Interruptibles' Motion to Consolidate will be denied. Finally, based on Staff's recommendation, the tariff filed by AmerenUE will be approved.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Motion to Suspend Tariff filed by Holnam, Inc., Lone Star Industries, Inc. and River Cement Company is denied.

2. That the Motion to Consolidate filed by Holnam, Inc., Lone Star Industries, Inc. and River Cement Company is denied.

3. That the tariff sheets filed by Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE on April 6, 2000, and assigned tariff number 200000913, are approved to become effective on May 6, 2000. The tariff sheets approved are:

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Original Sheet No. 116.3

Original Sheet No. 116.4

Original Sheet No. 116.5

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4. That this order shall become effective on May 6, 2000.

5. That this case may be closed on May 8, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

( S E A L )

Lumpe, Ch., Crumpton, Murray,  
Schemenauer, and Drainer, CC., concur

Woodruff, Regulatory Law Judge