

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
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CASE NO: GR-2000-512

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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

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

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| In the Matter of Union Electric Company |) | |
| d/b/a AmerenUE for Authority to File |) | <u>Case No. GR-2000-512</u> |
| Tariffs Increasing Rates for Gas Service |) | Tariff No. 200000747 |
| Provided to Customers in the Company's |) | |
| Missouri Service Area |) | |

ORDER REQUIRING FILING

On May 1, 2000, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed its recommendation for a test year, recommending that the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) establish a test year of the 12 months ending June 30, 1999, and updated through April 30, 2000. Staff stated that the recommendation was filed in response to the Commission's order of March 3, 2000, which required, *inter alia*, the Staff to either concur in the recommendation by Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE of a test year or to recommend alternatives. Staff's deadline for filing its recommendation was no later than 3:00 p.m. on May 1, 2000, as set by Commission order issued on March 31, 2000.

Staff's recommendation was filed out of time. Thus, also on May 1, 2000, Staff filed its motion to late-file its recommendation. Staff stated in its motion that it was unable to file its recommendation on time due to the press of other business and requested leave to file its recommendation out of time.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(3) states, in part: "Each pleading shall include a...specific reference to the statutory provision or other authority under which relief is requested." Staff's motion did not comply with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(3) in that it did not include a specific reference to the statutory provision or other authority under which relief was requested.

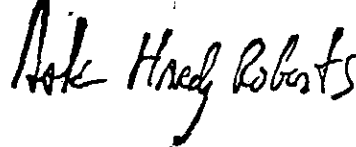
Staff will be ordered to file a supplemental pleading correcting this deficiency.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file, no later than 3:00 p.m. on May 22, 2000, a supplemental pleading which includes a specific reference to the statutory provision or other authority under which it requested relief in its motion to late-file its test year recommendation which was filed on May 1, 2000.

2. That this order shall become effective on May 22, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

(S E A L)

Bill Hopkins, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to 4 CSR 240-2.120(1) (November 30,
1995) and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 11th day of May, 2000.

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

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and

I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,
Missouri, this 11th day of May 2000.



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

