

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 30th
day of March, 1999.

In the matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a)
AmerenUE's Tariff Revision Designed to be)
Reviewed in its 1998-1999 Actual Cost) Case No. GR-99-396
Adjustment for the Missouri Service Area)
of the Company)

ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES

Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE (AmerenUE or Company) of St. Louis, Missouri, submitted three tariff sheets to the Commission on March 18, 1999, carrying an effective date of April 1, 1999. The tariff sheets were filed to reflect scheduled changes in AmerenUE's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as the result of changes in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming summer season. The summer season includes the months of April through October. Additionally, this filing reflects changes in the Refund factors in two service areas and the termination of the Price Stabilization Charge in three service areas.

The effect of these changes for the area served by Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company will decrease the firm PGA factor for the 1999 summer season to \$0.3553 per Ccf from a winter season firm PGA factor of \$0.4183 per Ccf. This represents an approximate 15% decrease in gas costs to consumers.

The effect of these changes for the area served by Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation will decrease the firm PGA factor for the 1999

summer season to \$0.3613 per Ccf from a winter season firm PGA factor of \$0.4659 per Ccf. This represents an approximate 22% decrease in gas costs to consumers.

The effect of these changes for the area served by Natural Gas Pipeline Company will decrease the firm PGA factor for the 1999 summer season to \$0.1847 per Ccf from a winter season firm PGA factor of \$0.3409 per Ccf. This represents an approximate 46% decrease in gas costs to consumers.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a memorandum stating that the

changes in AmerenUE's PGA were calculated in conformance with the Company's approved PGA Clause. Staff stated that AmerenUE's PGA Clause allows for ten (10) business days notice for filings reflecting PGA changes. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheets to become effective April 1, 1999, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending a final Commission decision in AmerenUE's Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) filings in Case Nos. GR-97-545 and GR-99-396.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheets and Staff's recommendation, and finds that the tariff sheets conform to the Company's Commission approved PGA Clause and are therefore reasonable. After considering Staff's recommendation, and for good cause shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 1994, the Commission is of the opinion that the proposed tariff sheets should be approved to become effective on and after the requested effective date of April 1, 1999, interim subject to refund.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the tariff sheets submitted on March 18, 1999, by AmerenUE of St. Louis, Missouri, are approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, to become effective on April 1, 1999. The tariff sheets approved are:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 2	77th Revised SHEET
No. 30, Cancelling 76th Revised SHEET No. 30	
83rd Revised SHEET No. 31, Cancelling 82nd Revised SHEET No. 31	
78th Revised SHEET No. 32, Cancelling 77th Revised SHEET No. 32	

2. That this order shall become effective on April 1, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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

Woodruff, Regulatory Law Judge

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