

**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

Uncertified copy:

To county Commissioners

To gas suppliers located in AmerenUE's service area

To gas supply systems of the districts located in AmerenUE's service area

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 13th
day of July, 2000.

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

ORDER SCHEDULING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

On February 18, 2000, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE (AmerenUE) filed a general rate case with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission).

The Commission established a procedural schedule in this case in an order issued on March 31, 2000. The case is set for evidentiary hearing beginning on October 30, 2000.

On May 5, 2000, the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) filed its request for local public hearings in Cape Girardeau, Columbia, Jefferson City, Mexico, and Wentzville. No other party filed a response.

On July 10, 2000, AmerenUE filed a proposed notice of public hearing. AmerenUE set forth the proposed language to be used in the notice of the public hearings to be sent by AmerenUE to its customers. AmerenUE stated that all of the parties had agreed to the language.

Having considered Public Counsel's motion, the Commission will schedule local public hearings in this matter.

The Commission will order the Records Department of the Commission to send a copy of this order to the other gas suppliers in the area which is served by AmerenUE, plus the municipal gas supply systems of the cities located in AmerenUE's service area; the mayors of all municipalities located within the counties in AmerenUE's service area; and to the county commissions of the aforesaid counties.

The Commission will order the Information Office of the Commission to send notice to the members of the General Assembly who represent the aforesaid counties, and to the newspapers, as listed in the newspaper directory of the current **Official Manual of the State of Missouri**, that serve the aforesaid counties.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That a local public hearing shall be held on Monday, August 21, 2000, in the City Council Chambers of the City Hall, 310 West Pearce Boulevard, Wentzville, Missouri, commencing at 6:30 p.m.

2. That a local public hearing shall be held on Thursday, August 24, 2000, in Meeting Room 2AB of the Osage Community Centre, 1625 North Kingshighway, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, commencing at 6:30 p.m.

3. That a local public hearing shall be held on Monday, August 28, 2000, in the Charters Lecture Hall of Helis Communication Center at Stephens College, 1405 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri, commencing at 6:30 p.m.

4. That a local public hearing shall be held on Tuesday, August 29, 2000, in the offices of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Jefferson City, Missouri, commencing at 6:30 p.m.

5. That a local public hearing shall be held on Thursday, August 31, 2000, in Presser Hall, 900 South Jefferson Street, Mexico, Missouri, commencing at 6:30 p.m.

6. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall be available at the locations as stated in paragraphs 1 through 5 above, one hour prior to the hearing, in order to provide neutral information about the issues to be considered by the Commission in the contested case proceeding. The purpose of these presentations is to inform and prepare the public so that the public may better make use of the local public hearings.

7. That Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE shall notify, by letter or billing insert, its customers of the time and place of each of the local public hearings at least 10 days prior to the scheduled local public hearing date, using language substantially similar to the language used in the proposed notice of public hearings filed on July 10, 2000.

8. That notice shall be given by the Records Department and the Information Officer of the Public Service Commission as set forth above.

9. That these hearings will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If any person needs additional accommodations to participate in these local public hearings, please call the Public Service Commission's

Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or 1-800-829-7541 (TDD) prior to the hearing.

10. That this order shall become effective on July 25, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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

(S E A L)

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

Hopkins, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

**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 14th day of July 2000.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

