

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
October 25, 2000**

CASE NO: GR-2000-579

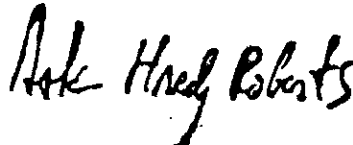
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

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

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Union Electric Company)
d/b/a AmerenUE's Gas Adjustment Factors)
to be Reviewed in its 1999-2000 Actual) Case No. GR-2000-579
Cost Adjustment)

ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES

Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE (AmerenUE) filed tariff sheets with the Commission on October 16, 2000, carrying an effective date of November 1, 2000. The tariff sheets 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 winter heating season. The winter heating season includes the months of November through March. Additionally, the proposed tariff sheets reflect a change in AmerenUE's Regular Purchased Gas Adjustment (RPGA) factors, Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) factors, and Refund Adjustment (RA) factors.

On October 19, 2000, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed its Memorandum and Recommendation. Staff recommends that AmerenUE's proposed tariff sheets be approved for service on and after November 1, 2000, as an interim rate, subject to refund. Staff further advises the Commission that AmerenUE has shown good cause such that its tariff sheets should be approved on less than 30 days' notice.

For the area served by Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, which includes the cities of Columbia, Jefferson City, Mexico, and Wentzville, the effect of these changes will increase the firm PGA factor for the 2000-2001 winter season to \$0.6737 per Ccf from an unscheduled 2000 summer season total PGA of \$0.6083.

For the area served by Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation, which includes the city of Cape Girardeau, the effect of these changes will increase the firm PGA factor for the 2000-2001 winter season to \$0.6291 per Ccf from an unscheduled 2000 summer season total PGA of \$0.5213.

For the area served by Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, the effect of these changes will increase the firm PGA factor for the 2000-2001 winter season to \$0.5772 per Ccf from an unscheduled 2000 summer season total PGA of \$0.4335.

Staff states that AmerenUE's proposed PGA factor changes were calculated in conformity with AmerenUE's PGA clause. Staff further states that AmerenUE's PGA clause allows for ten business days' notice for filings reflecting PGA changes and that, under the circumstances, good cause exists to approve the proposed tariff sheet on less than 30 days' notice. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheets to become effective November 1, 2000, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending a final Commission decision in AmerenUE's ACA case, Case No. GR-2000-579. Staff also requests that the Commission's Procurement Analysis Department be given the time necessary to conduct its audit of the ACA period and submit its

results and recommendations regarding this ACA filing on or before November 1, 2001.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheets and Staff's Memorandum and Recommendation. The Commission 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 concludes that the proposed tariff sheets should be approved to become effective on and after the requested effective date of November 1, 2000, interim subject to refund.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

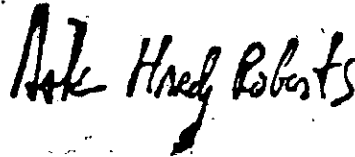
1. That the proposed tariff sheets filed on October 16, 2000, by Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE, are approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, for service rendered on and after November 1, 2000. The tariff sheets approved are:

<u>P.S.C. Mo. No. 2</u>	
81st Revised Sheet No. 30, Canceling	80th Revised Sheet No. 30
87th Revised Sheet No. 31, Canceling	86th Revised Sheet No. 31
82nd Revised Sheet No. 32, Canceling	81st Revised Sheet No. 32

2. That the Commission's Procurement Analysis Department shall submit its results and recommendations regarding this ACA filing on or before November 1, 2001.

3. That this order shall become effective on November 1, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

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

(S E A L)

Morris L. Woodruff, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 25th day of October, 2000.

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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 25th day of Oct. 2000.



Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge