## STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JEFFERSON CITY October 25, 2001

**CASE NO: GT-2002-70** 

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

Sincerely,

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

# OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Tariff Filing of Union Electric	)
Company d/b/a AmerenUE to Incorporate into the	)
Company's Tariff a Revised Procedure for the	<u>)</u>
Development of Estimated Customer Natural Gas	) Case No. GT-2002-70
Usage and Clarify and Update the Tariff Provisions	) Tariff No. 200200068
Describing the Company's Current Process for	)
Estimating Customer Gas Usage	ĺ

# ORDER CANCELING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND HEARING

The Commission established a procedural schedule for this case on October 9, 2001, with a hearing scheduled for November 7, 2001. On October 23, all of the parties in this case, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE, the Staff of the Public Service Commission, and the Office of the Public Counsel, filed a joint motion asking the Commission to suspend the procedural schedule. The parties indicate that they have reached a settlement of all disputed issues and that they will be filing a stipulation and agreement in a few days. The parties ask that the Commission act expeditiously to suspend the procedural schedule so that Public Counsel need not file rebuttal testimony on October 29, as required by the procedural schedule.

The joint motion is reasonable and is not opposed by any party. However, merely suspending the procedural schedule is misleading. A suspension of the procedural schedule is, in effect, a cancellation of the procedural schedule. Once the dates for submission of testimony and other procedural steps pass, a hearing on the originally

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scheduled date is no longer possible. If the parties are unable to complete their stipulation and agreement, or the Commission does not accept that stipulation and agreement, the Commission will need to establish a new procedural schedule. An order suspending the procedural schedule would merely mask the true situation and cloud the Commission's hearings calendar with a suspended hearing. In order to reflect the true status of the procedural schedule, and to permit the Commission to clear its hearings calendar, the Commission will cancel the procedural schedule.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the procedural schedule previously established for this case, including the hearing scheduled for November 7, 2001, is canceled.
  - 2. That this order shall become effective on October 29, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Morris L. Woodruff, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 25th day of October, 2001.

## 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. 2001.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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