

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
January 10, 2002**

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
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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)	
Development of Estimated Customer Natural Gas)	<u>Case No. GT-2002-70</u>
Usage and Clarify and Update the Tariff Provisions)	<u>Tariff No. 200200499</u>
Describing the Company's Current Process for)	
Estimating Customer Gas Usage)	

ORDER APPROVING TARIFFS IN COMPLIANCE WITH COMMISSION ORDER

On December 14, 2001, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE submitted tariff sheets that would revise the method used by AmerenUE to estimate gas usage when it is unable to obtain actual meter readings. AmerenUE had filed an earlier version of this tariff on July 30, 2001. The Commission approved a stipulation and agreement regarding that tariff on November 29, 2001, and thereby rejected the earlier version of the tariff. That order directed AmerenUE to file a revised tariff in compliance with the stipulation and agreement. AmerenUE complied with the Commission's direction by submitting these tariff sheets

On January 9, 2002, the Staff filed a recommendation and memorandum indicating that it has reviewed the tariff sheets and finds that they comply with the Commission's order. Staff recommends that the tariffs be approved to be effective on their proposed effective date, January 14, 2002.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff filing and the Staff memorandum, and has determined that the filing complies with the Commission's order. AmerenUE's

tariff, while properly submitted by AmerenUE, was never filed in this case. So that the record will be complete, a copy of the tariff that is being approved is attached to this order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the following tariff sheets (Tariff File No. 200200499) issued December 14, 2001, are hereby approved to become effective on January 14, 2002.

P.S.C. MO No. 2

1st Revised Sheet No. 56, Canceling Original Sheet No. 56
4th Revised Sheet No. 57, Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 57
Original Sheet No. 57.1

2. That this order shall become effective on January 14, 2002.
3. That this case may be closed on January 15, 2002.

BY THE COMMISSION



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 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 10th day of January, 2002.

December 13, 2001



Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
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Public Service Commission*

Dear Mr. Roberts:

The accompanying tariff sheets, issued by Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE, are being transmitted to you for filing as a revision of Schedule No. 2, Schedule of Rates for Gas Service:

<u>Filed</u>	<u>Canceling</u>
1st Revised Sheet No. 56	Original Sheet No. 56
4th Revised Sheet No. 57	3rd Revised Sheet No. 57
Original Sheet No. 57.1	

These tariff sheets are issued on December 14, 2001 to become effective on and after January 14, 2002.

These sheets are being filed in compliance with the Commission's Order in Case No. GT-2002-70, dated November 29, 2001, approving the Stipulation and Agreement filed in this Docket on October 29, 2001.

The following minor revisions were made to the tariffs filed as Exhibit A to said Stipulation:

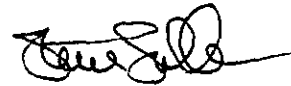
- Original Tariff Sheet No. 57 should have been 4th Revised Sheet No. 57 canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 57. Additionally, there were three places on this sheet where text required addition of a space to separate words.
- Minor font changes were made to the footer of Sheet Nos. 56, 57, and 57.1 to maintain tariff uniformity.
- 2nd Revised Sheet No. 59 has been omitted from this filing, as it was blank.

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Enclosed are three (3) copies of this transmittal letter and tariff sheet, one of which I request be stamped and returned to me to confirm that the revised tariff sheets have been placed on file.

Sincerely,



Steven R. Sullivan

Enclosure

cc: w/encl.: Office of the Public Counsel
Thomas R. Schwarz, Jr.
Dan Beck

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VIII. Billing Practices

A. Monthly Billing Periods

Company will render bills over twelve (12) monthly billing periods in a year, with each bill based upon the service used between regularly scheduled meter readings. While Company's work schedules provide for the orderly reading of all meters over intervals of approximately 30 days, holidays, weekends, inclement weather and other operating constraints may cause the billing interval to vary during various portions of the year.

B. Inaccessible Meters

Where a meter is inaccessible to the meter reader during scheduled working hours on repeated occasions, such that a customer must arrange for meter reading by appointment to avoid discontinuance of service, the customer may at his own expense have Company relocate the meter to an accessible location, if feasible.

*C. Estimated Bills for Full Billing Periods

Monthly bills may be rendered to the Company's natural gas customers based upon estimated gas usage (which may include the use of readings furnished by the customer), where conditions reasonably beyond the control of the Company prevented it from obtaining actual meter readings. These conditions include extreme weather, operating and other emergencies, labor agreements, work stoppages, and the Company's inability to gain access to the meter. The Company will provide a copy of customer's estimate, upon request. All estimates are subject to the provisions of Section VII.G. Billing Adjustments, of these Rules and Regulations, and will be determined as follows:

*a. Single-Month Estimated Bills

A single billing month's estimated natural gas usage will be determined on the basis of the customer's prior month's usage, adjusted by a factor reflecting the difference in weather between the prior and current monthly billing periods. This adjustment factor will be based upon the ratio of the current month to the prior month's natural gas usage of similarly situated customers for which the Company has obtained actual meter readings. For purposes of this application,

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similarly situated customers are those customers within the same rate class, located within the same weather reporting area (e.g., Columbia or Cape Girardeau, MO airport recording stations) and that have meter reading dates approximately the same as the customer whose bill is being estimated.

*b. Multiple-Month Estimated Bills

When it is necessary to estimate any customer's natural gas usage for periods of two or more billing months, such estimated usage will be developed by an analysis of the gas usage at the customer's premises from prior periods, the number of days in the prior and current billing periods, and the current and historic weather data from the National Weather Service climatology reporting site within which the customer's premises is located. The analysis will include a determination of the customer's non-heating (Base) usage and heating sensitive (Seasonal) usage, based upon the following concepts:

CCF = A unit of gas measurement equal to one hundred cubic feet

HDD = $65 - [(Daily\ High\ Temperature - Daily\ Low\ Temperature)/2]$

Note: Daily HDD values cannot be less than zero.

Estimated Non-Heating (Base) Usage CCF:

$(Prior\ Year\ June-September\ Usage / Prior\ Year\ June-September\ Days) * Days\ In\ Current\ Month$

Note: June-September Estimated Usage shall be limited to the lower of customer's Base Usage or Customer's actual usage during the same billing period in the prior year.

Estimated Heating Sensitive (Seasonal) Usage CCF:

$(Usage\ In\ Prior\ Year\ Month - Base\ Usage) * Current\ Year\ Month\ HDD / Prior\ Year\ Month\ HDD$

Note: Estimated Seasonal Usage will be zero for any month with a HDD total below 100.

Total Estimated Usage CCF = Base Usage CCF + Seasonal Usage CCF

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*c. Other Bill Estimation Methods

Where the aforementioned methods of estimating natural gas usage cannot be utilized or may not be appropriate for either residential or non-residential customers, other reasonable methods may be employed to estimate the gas usage at the customer's premises. These methods may utilize the metered gas usage at the premises from earlier months, customer supplied meter readings, comparable customer gas usage, or other available gas consumption information.

*d. Billing Estimates for Re-Billing Purposes

In instances associated with a non-registering meter, the Company shall estimate the customer's monthly gas usage in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs (a)-(c) of this Section C, as applicable, for purposes of rebilling the customer.

D. Estimated Initial and Final Bills

The Company will normally be granted access to customer's premises for purposes of obtaining initial and final meter readings and the associated connection and disconnection of gas service. However, where such access cannot be obtained, or other conditions beyond the control of Company prevent obtaining an actual meter reading, estimated initial and final bills may be rendered by Company. When obtained, meter readings will be adjusted to customer's service responsibility date. However, customer will be responsible for all gas utilized until access is provided to Company for obtaining actual meter readings and the disconnection of gas service. No final bill will be rendered where the amount of the bill for gas usage is less than \$1.00, except for those accounts where a customer deposit is being refunded to customer.

E. Budget Billing Plan

Customers who are billed under the Residential Service Classification or General Service Classification with postcard billing and, at the Company's option, certain eleemosynary customers may elect to be billed and pay for all service under Company's Budget Billing Plan provided customer shall have satisfied Company's credit requirements. The provisions of the Budget Billing Plan are as follows:

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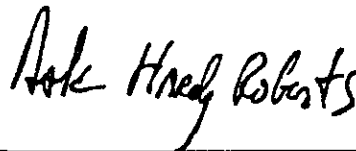
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I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and
I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,
Missouri, this 10th day of Jan. 2002 .



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

