

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a Session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office  
in Jefferson City on the 7th  
day of August, 1996.

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
Union Electric Company for a variance	)	<u>Case No. EO-96-447</u>
for the Laclede Groves Retirement	)	
Apartments.	)	

**ORDER GRANTING VARIANCE**

On June 20, 1996, Union Electric Company (UE) filed an application with the Commission requesting a variance from the individual metering requirement of 4 CSR 240-20.050. UE requests the variance to allow it to single meter the Laclede Groves Retirement Apartments, currently under construction. The facility will consist of three buildings totaling 48 residential units. UE anticipates billing the owner of the facility on UE's large general service rate, 3(m).

In its application UE states that individual metering of the apartments would be economically inefficient and increase initial and annual operating expense for both UE and the developer without any offsetting benefits.

On July 15, 1996, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed its recommendation in this matter. The Staff stated that it agreed with UE that the installation of individual meters in this type of facility would constitute an economically inefficient use of funds on the part of both UE and the developer. The Staff also noted that the potential for energy savings as the result of individual meters was small compared to the cost outlay for the meters themselves. The Staff recommended the application be approved and the variance granted.

On July 16, 1996, notice was sent to the Office of the Public Counsel, allowing 10 days to respond to the application and staff recommendation. No response was forthcoming.

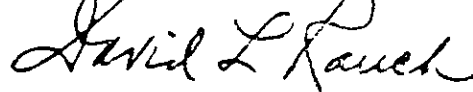
The Commission has considered the request for variance and the staff recommendation and finds the request to be reasonable and in the public interest for the reasons stated by UE and the Staff. The Commission will, therefore, approve the request for variance.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the requested variance by Union Electric Company from the provisions of 4 CSR 240-20.050, allowing Union Electric Company to install a single meter at the Laclede Grove Retirement Apartments in Webster Groves, Missouri, to be served on the large general service rate, 3(m), is hereby granted.

2. That this order shall become effective on August 20, 1996.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



**David L. Rauch**  
**Executive Secretary**

(S E A L)

Kincheloe, Crumpton, and  
Drainer, CC., Concur.  
Zobrist, Chm., and McClure, C., Absent.

ALJ: Derque