

Application of Union Electric Company)
d/b/a AmerenUE, for a Metering Variance) Case No. _____
to Serve River's Edge Properties, L.L.C.)

COMES NOW Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE (“AmerenUE” or “Company”),
and for its Application for a Variance from 4 CSR 240-20.050, states as follows:

1. Company is a Missouri corporation, in good standing in all respects, with its principal office and place of business located at 1901 Chouteau Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63103. The Company is engaged in providing electric and gas utility services in portions of Missouri as a public utility under the jurisdiction of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"). The Company is also engaged in providing electric and gas service in portions of Illinois. There is already on file with the Commission a certified copy of the Company's Restated Articles of Incorporation (*see*, Commission Case No. EO-96-431), a Certificate of Corporate Good Standing (*see*, Commission Case No. EF-2003-0514), and a copy of Company's Fictitious Name Registration as filed with the Missouri Secretary of State's Office (*see*, Commission Case No. GO-98-486), and said documents are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof for all purposes.

2. Pleadings, notices, orders and other correspondence concerning this Application should be addressed to:

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3. At the request of the customer herein, River's Edge Properties L.L.C., ("River's Edge") the Company seeks a variance from the individual metering requirement of 4 CSR 240-20.050(2) for the River's Edge project located at 600 Rivers Edge Dr., St. Charles, Missouri. This project is currently underway and the customer has requested that AmerenUE seek to provide master metering for this project, which will require a variance from the individual metering requirements of 4 CSR 240-20.050.

4. The project is a retirement living community consisting of 147 units and is designed to offer 'worry free living' with meals, planned activities, and transportation for outings provided in a single monthly fee, which fee also covers all utility expenses except cable and phone service. The mechanical systems consist of individually controlled electric HVAC units and a common gas hot water heating system.

5. The customer has requested that one meter be installed to serve the building. The customer will be responsible for the payment of the bills for each apartment; therefore, individual metering would only increase initial construction costs and obstruct the intentions of the customer to provide care-free living for the subject residents. This new building will be billed on the Company's 3(M) rate.

6. AmerenUE estimates to individually meter each unit versus a master meter would result in additional expenditures by AmerenUE of approximately \$350 per apartment. This estimate includes installing individual meters, additional poles and at least one additional transformer. The customer estimates savings of approximately \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 if the variance is approved. AmerenUE supports the customer's request for the metering of this project because of the overall cost-benefits.

7. The granting of this variance should not affect any other public utility.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE, on behalf of the customer, respectfully requests a variance from the individual metering requirement of 4 CSR 240-20.050 to allow master metering for the River's Edge project in St. Charles, Missouri.

Respectfully submitted,

UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY
d/b/a AmerenUE

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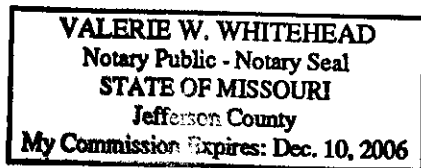
VERIFICATION

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) SS.
CITY OF ST. LOUIS)

I, Edward C. Fitzhenry, an attorney for Union Electric Company, being duly sworn upon my oath, do hereby state that I have read the foregoing document and that the facts stated therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and that I am authorized to file such document on behalf of Union Electric Company.

Edward C. Fitzhenry

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of December, 2003.



Valerie W. Whitehead
Notary Public

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing *Application for Variance of Union Electric Company* was served via electronic filing (e-file) and electronic mail (e-mail) on this 22nd day of December, 2003, to:

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