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TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File,
Case No. GR-2000-579, File No. 200000844, Union Electric
Company d/b/a AmerenUE

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SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation For AmerenUE's Scheduled Summer Season PGA
Filing

DATE: March 24, 2000

On March 16, 2000, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE (AmerenUE or Company) of St. Louis, Missouri filed three tariff sheets proposed to become effective April 1, 2000. The tariff sheets were filed to reflect scheduled changes in AmerenUE's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as the result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming summer season. Additionally, this tariff filing reflects the termination of a Refund factor in the area served by Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company and the area served by Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation.

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 summer season to \$0.4380 per Ccf from a winter season firm PGA factor of \$0.4370 per Ccf. This increase is a result of the refund termination offset by the decrease in the estimated cost of gas.

For the area served by Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation, which includes the city of Cape Girardeau, the effect of these changes will decrease the firm PGA factor for the 2000 summer season to \$0.3384 per Ccf from a winter season firm PGA factor of \$0.3553 per Ccf.

For the area served by Natural Gas Pipeline Company, which includes the city of Advance, the effect of these changes will decrease the firm PGA factor for the 2000 summer season to \$0.2474 per Ccf from a winter season firm PGA factor of \$0.2957 per Ccf.

Case No. GR-2000-579, under which these changes were filed, was established to track the Company's PGA factors to be reviewed in its 1999-2000 Actual Cost

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Adjustment (ACA) filing. Case No. GR-99-396 was established to track the Company's PGA factors to be reviewed in its 1998-1999 ACA filing. Interim subject to refund, status should be maintained pending final Commission decisions in Case Nos. GR-99-396 and GR-2000-579.

The Commission's Gas Department - Tariffs/Rate Design Staff (Staff) has reviewed this filing and has determined that it was calculated in conformance with AmerenUE's PGA Clause. Staff is of the opinion that good cause for approval of these tariff sheets on less than thirty days notice is demonstrated by AmerenUE's Commission-approved PGA clause allowing for ten (10) business days notice for PGA change filings. Therefore, Staff recommends that the following tariff sheets be approved, interim subject to refund:

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79th Revised SHEET No. 30, Cancelling 78th Revised SHEET No. 30.
85th Revised SHEET No. 31, Cancelling 84th Revised SHEET No. 31.
80th Revised SHEET No. 32, Cancelling 79th Revised SHEET No. 32.

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