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**RE: Case No. GR-2000-579**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of a **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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In the matter of Union Electric Company     )  
d/b/a AmerenUE's Gas Adjustment factors     )  
to be reviewed in its 1999-2000 Actual        )  
Cost Adjustment.                                 )

Case No. GR-2000-579

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

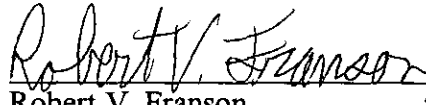
COMES NOW the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission  
("Commission") in the above-captioned matter and for its recommendation states as follows:

1. Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE ("Company") filed a tariff sheet on October 16, 2000, proposed to be effective November 1, 2000. The filing was made to reflect changes in Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment ("PGA") factors for the upcoming winter season.
2. Staff has reviewed the proposed tariff sheet, and recommends that it be approved effective November 1, 2000. The recommendation of the Gas Department – Tariffs/Rate Design Staff is attached as Attachment A hereto. Staff notes that good cause has been shown pursuant to §393.140 (11) RSMo to permit the tariff to become effective on less than thirty days notice. Staff also recommends that the rates be interim, subject to refund.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends that the Commission approve the proposed tariff sheet.

Respectfully submitted,

DANA K. JOYCE  
General Counsel

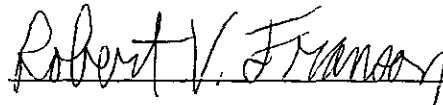


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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2000.



M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File,  
Case No. GR-2000-579, File No. 200100446, Union Electric  
Company d/b/a AmerenUE

FROM: Henry Warren, Gas Department - Tariffs/Rate Design *HW* 10/19/00  
*W. H. Hender* 10-19-00 *Thomas R. Schwann Jr.* 10/19/00  
Utility Operations Division/Date General Counsel's Office/Date

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation For Union Electric Company's Scheduled  
Winter Season PGA Filing

DATE: October 19, 2000

On October 16, 2000, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE (UE or Company) of St. Louis, Missouri filed three tariff sheets proposed to become effective November 1, 2000. The tariff sheets were filed to reflect scheduled changes in UE's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as the result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming winter season. The winter season includes the months of November through March. This tariff filing reflects changes in the Regular Purchased Gas Adjustment (RPGA) Factors, Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) Factors, and Refund Adjustment (RA) Factors.

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 2000-2001 winter season to \$0.6737 per Ccf from an unscheduled 2000 summer season total PGA of \$0.6083.

For the area served by Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation, which includes the city of Cape Girardeau, the effect of these changes will increase firm PGA factor for the 2000-2001 winter season to \$0.6291 per Ccf from an unscheduled 2000 summer season total PGA of \$0.5213.

For the area served by Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, the effect of these changes will increase the firm PGA factor for the 2000-2001 winter season to \$0.5772 per Ccf from an unscheduled 2000 summer season total PGA of \$0.4335.

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 ACA filing. A final Commission decision in AmerenUE's ACA Case No. GR-2000-579 for its 1999-2000 ACA period is still pending. Interim subject to refund, status should be maintained pending a final Commission decision in Case Nos. GR-99-396 and GR-2000-579.

Because of the short time available to review the documentation supporting the ACA factors represented in this filing, the Procurement Analysis Department (PAD) has requested permission to submit its results and recommendations regarding information included in this ACA filing to the Commission on or before November 1, 2001.

The Commission's Gas Department - Tariffs/Rate Design Staff (Staff) has reviewed this filing and has determined that it was calculated in conformance with UE'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 UE'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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81 <sup>st</sup> Revised SHEET No. 30	Cancelling 80 <sup>th</sup> Revised SHEET No. 30
87 <sup>th</sup> Revised SHEET No. 31	Cancelling 86 <sup>th</sup> Revised SHEET No. 31
82 <sup>nd</sup> Revised SHEET No. 32	Cancelling 81 <sup>st</sup> Revised SHEET No. 32

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