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RE: Case No. GT-2002-70-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 Usage and Clarify and Update the Tariff Provisions Describing the Company's Current Process for Estimating Customer Gas Usage.

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of the **STAFF'S RESPONSE TO OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S MOTION TO SUSPEND.**

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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Enclosure
cc: Counsel of Record

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Tariff No. 200200068

STAFF'S RESPONSE TO OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S MOTION TO SUSPEND

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and in response to the Office of the Public Counsel's Motion to Suspend states:

1. On or about July 27, 2001, AmerenUE filed its proposed tariff sheets, its First Revised Sheet No. 56 and 4th Revised Sheet No. 57, regarding the treatment of estimated billings for AmerenUE's customers. The proposed tariff sheets have a date of issue of July 30, 2001 and a proposed effective date of August 29, 2001.

2. On or about August 14, 2001, the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) filed its Motion to Suspend the effective date of the of AmerenUE's proposed tariff sheets.

3. Staff does not object to the suspension of the effective date of the proposed tariff sheets, but requests that the effective date be extended for only thirty days from the proposed effective date, until September 28, 2001. Staff believes that 30 additional days is sufficient for the parties to negotiate and come to an agreement regarding the revised tariff provisions.

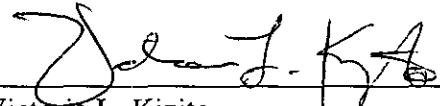
4. Counsel for Staff, Victoria L. Kizito, has conferred with Ronald Evans, counsel for AmerenUE, and he is agreeable to suspend of the proposed effective date until September 28,

2001. Douglas E. Micheel, counsel for the OPC, is also agreeable to limiting his request for suspension of the proposed effective dates to September 28, 2001.

WHEREFORE, Staff requests that the effective date of AmerenUE's First Revised Sheet No. 56 and 4th Revised Sheet No. 57, regarding the treatment of estimated billings for AmerenUE's customers, be suspended until **September 28, 2001**.

Respectfully submitted,

DANA K. JOYCE
General Counsel

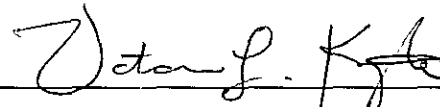


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Certificate of Service

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 22nd day of August, 2001.



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