

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Richard D. Smith,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	<u>Case No. EC-2007-0106</u>
)	
Union Electric Company d/b/a)	
AmerenUE,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER RESETTING DEADLINE FOR FILING PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE

Issue Date: December 14, 2006

Effective Date: December 14, 2006

On September 19, 2006,¹ Richard D. Smith filed a complaint with the Commission against Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE ("AmerenUE"). Service issues are the basis for Mr. Smith's complaint, and the requested relief is the reinstatement of Black River Electric Cooperative of Fredericktown ("Black River") as his electric provider.

Notice of the complaint was issued to AmerenUE on September 20, and Black River was added as a party to this action on October 17. AmerenUE filed its answer to the complaint on October 20, and Black River filed its response to the complaint on November 15. The Staff filed its Report in this matter on November 20. A prehearing

¹ All dates throughout this order refer to the year 2006 unless otherwise noted.

conference was held in this matter on December 6, and the parties were ordered to submit a procedural schedule no later than December 13.

On December 13, AmerenUE, Staff, and Office of the Public Counsel filed a response indicating that the parties have scheduled a technical conference for January 16, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., to be held at AmerenUE's Potosi office. These three parties indicate that Mr. Smith is in support of the technical conference and that the parties hope that a resolution to the complaint may be reached at the conference. Consequently, the parties request a delay in filing the procedural schedule.

The Commission finds the request to be reasonable and shall grant it. The deadline for filing a procedural schedule shall be reset until after the technical conference. If the parties reach resolution of the complaint at the technical conference, then they shall jointly file a request to suspend the requirement for a procedural schedule and shall provide a date certain when the Commission should expect a notice of dismissal to be filed.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. A technical conference shall be held on January 16, 2007, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE's Potosi office.
2. The parties shall jointly prepare and file a proposed procedural schedule no later than January 23, 2007.
3. Should the parties reach resolution of this complaint at the technical conference, then no later than January 23, 2007, the parties shall jointly file a request to indefinitely suspend the requirement for a procedural schedule and shall provide a date certain for the filing of a notice of dismissal.

4. This order shall become effective on December 14, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

Harold Stearley, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 14th day of December, 2006.