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Dear Mr. Roberts:

One original and fourteen (14) copies of the accompanying tariff sheets issued by Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE, (Company) are transmitted to you for filing as a revision of Schedule No. 2, Schedule of Rates for Gas Service:

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3 rd Revised Sheet No. 5*	2 nd Revised Sheet No. 5*
3 rd Revised Sheet No. 6*	2 nd Revised Sheet No. 6*
3 rd Revised Sheet No. 7*	2 nd Revised Sheet No. 7*
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*In applying the sequence reference to these tariff sheets (i.e. "3rd Revised"), the Company assumes that the Commission will approve effective April 1, 2000 the tariffs filed on February 15, 2000 to eliminate references to a Weatherization Program Charge. Tariff changes proposed in the February filing are not identified on the enclosed sheets, but, rather, have been identified on the tariff sheets filed on February 15 and described in the letter of transmittal accompanying that filing.

These tariff sheets are issued on February 18, 2000 to become effective on and after April 2, 2000. The April 12 proposed date was selected to allow for the Commission's anticipated approval of the tariff sheets referenced in the footnote above.

The charges contained in the revised tariff sheets are designed to produce an increase in the Company's natural gas revenues of approximately \$12 million annually, exclusive of gross receipts taxes, an increase of approximately 14 percent. This proposed increase is necessary to recover the increased operating and maintenance expenses, depreciation and taxes, and the costs associated with the additional investment in natural gas distribution facilities made since the Company's last request for a gas rate increase in 1997.

The proposed revenue increase has been distributed among the Company's presently effective and proposed natural gas rate classifications on the basis of a class cost-of-service study which was performed by the Company in order to allocate its total gas investment and operating expenses to each rate classification in a manner reflective of the Company's cost of providing such service. The revenue impact of this study and the accompanying tariff revisions will vary for each of the Company's rate classifications. However, the effect of the proposed rate increase on the Company's average residential customer would be an increase of \$9.97 per month, based upon average usage of 67 Ccf per month.

Within the rate schedules, the allocated increase is recovered partially through increases in customer charges based on the Company's cost-of-service to the rate classification. For the Residential Service rate, the customer charge is proposed to be increased from \$8.00 per month to \$14.00 per month. The Company also proposes to increase the monthly customer charge for the General Service and Interruptible

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Service rate schedules to \$22.00 and \$275.00, respectively. With respect to Transportation Service, the customer charge is increased to \$25.00 per month for the Standard Transportation rate and \$1,110.00 per month for the Large Volume Transportation rate. The monthly Electronic Gas Meter (EGM) Billing Charge for Transportation Service, now referred to in the enclosed revised tariffs as the "EGM Administrative Charge", is proposed to be increased to \$40.00 per month. The remainder of the Company's proposed rate increase would be recovered through increased per Ccf charges.

The Company is also proposing the following revisions to its Transportation Service tariffs to enhance the accessibility of that service to its nonresidential customers:

(a) replace the one-time \$4,800 EGM charge presently required of all transportation customers with a meter equipment charge of \$21.00 per meter per month for all new transportation accounts commencing with the effective date of the tariffs, and (b) include a tolerance level of 5 percent for both negative and positive imbalances in cases where "Burner Tip Balancing" is not available to the customer.

In addition, the Company proposes to extend the term of its Gas Supply Incentive Plan (GSIP) for three years and to modify such plan to include a Gas Procurement component substantially the same as that recently approved by the Commission for Laclede Gas Company. The Off-Systems Revenues component of the GSIP is also proposed to be revised to allow the Company to engage in transactions with its affiliates in accordance with the Commission's affiliate transaction regulations.

The Company understands, as should all other interested parties, that the Commission's review of the aforementioned rate design could result in significant changes or modifications in the way in which the Company's proposed rate increase may be allocated among and within the Company's various rate classes.

Additional information regarding this proposed general rate increase is contained in Exhibit No. 1 provided herewith pursuant to 4 CSR 240.10.070 (3) (B) and 4 CSR 240-40.010 (5).

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It is requested that all pleadings, documents and communications concerning the instant filing be served upon each of the following persons:

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UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY GAS SERVICE

Applying to MISSOURI SERVICE AREA

RESIDENTIAL SERVICE RATE

Applicable to gas service to all residential customers as defined in Section I.H. of Company's Rules and Regulations. As indicated in Section IX., Resale of Service of Company's Rules and Regulations, this service may not be resold.

- * 1. Monthly Customer and Volumetric Meter Reading Rates.
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|------------------|-------------------|
| Customer Charge: | \$14.00 per month |
| Delivery Charge: | 23.53¢ per Ccf |
2. Minimum Monthly Charge. The Customer Charge.
3. Purchased Gas Adjustment. Applicable to all metered and/or billed Ccf, pursuant to the provisions of Rider A - Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause.
4. Yard Light Service. Any customer with an unmetered gas yard light will have 18 Ccf per month of gas added per light to each month's metered Ccf usage, for billing purposes. This unmetered yard light service is one of limited application. No new such unmetered service will be offered after February 18, 1998.
5. Seasonal Use. This schedule is a continuous service schedule. If service is disconnected at the request of the customer, and thereafter restored at the same location for the same occupant(s) within a twelve (12) month period following the date of the service disconnection, a reconnection charge will become due and payable when service is restored. The charge shall be computed by multiplying the Customer Charge by the number of months and fractions of months that service is disconnected, plus the Reconnection Charge as indicated in Section D. Miscellaneous Charges, Sheet No. 19.
6. Payments. Bills will be rendered at monthly intervals, are due and payable within ten (10) days from their date of rendition and become delinquent after twenty-one (21) days from their date of rendition. The date of rendition is the date of mailing by the Company. Pursuant to Section VIII.F. of Company's Rules and Regulations, any portion of any bill, other than deposit arrears, remaining unpaid after the delinquent date indicated thereon will have a late payment charge added thereto.

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UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY GAS SERVICE

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GENERAL SERVICE RATE

Applicable to gas service to non-residential customers. As indicated in Section IX., Resale of Service of Company's Rules and Regulations, this service may not be resold.

* 1. Monthly Customer and Volumetric Meter Reading Rates.

Customer Charge:	\$22.00 per month
Delivery Charge:	
First 7,000 Ccf	18.18¢ per Ccf
Over 7,000 Ccf	11.92¢ per Ccf

2. Minimum Monthly Charge. The Customer Charge.

3. Purchased Gas Adjustment.

Applicable to all metered and/or billed Ccf, pursuant to the provisions of the Rider A - Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause.

4. Payments.

Bills will be rendered at monthly intervals and are due and payable within ten (10) days from their date of mailing, which due date shall be considered the delinquent date for this rate classification. Pursuant to Section VIII.F. of Company's Rules and Regulations, any portion of any bill, other than deposit arrears, remaining unpaid after the delinquent date will have a late payment charge added thereto.

5. Term of Contract.

Gas service will be provided under this rate for a period of not less than one year.

6. Tax Adjustment.

Any license, franchise, gross receipts, occupation or similar charge or tax levied by any taxing authority on the amounts billed hereunder will be so designated and added as a separate item to bills rendered to customers under the jurisdiction of the taxing authority.

7. Rules and Regulations. Service will be rendered in accordance with the Company's Rules and Regulations for Gas Service on file with the Missouri Public Service Commission.

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INTERRUPTIBLE SERVICE RATE WITH AN ASSURANCE GAS OPTION

1. Availability.

Whenever, in Company's sole judgment, gas is available for interruptible service, Company will make such service available to any qualified non-residential customer. To qualify, customer shall either provide adequate standby facilities and fuel for its use during periods when gas service is interrupted or shall give Company satisfactory evidence of its ability and willingness to curtail or cease operations during interruption. Gas service under other rates cannot be used for the same process, facility or equipment served under this rate. As indicated in Section IX. Resale of Service of Company's Rules and Regulations, this service may not be resold.

2. Character of Service.

All gas delivery under this rate will be subject to interruption under Section 9. hereof and all gas consumed by customer during periods of non-interruption will be billed at the Interruptible Gas Delivery Charge, except for Assurance volumes as provided below. As a part of the contract for interruptible service, customer may request the Company to provide a specified daily quantity of firm sales gas to be available during periods of interruption, to be categorized as Assurance Gas and billed by Company at the Interruptible Gas Delivery Charge plus the Assurance Gas Surcharge and the firm Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factor rate. For billing purposes Assurance Gas volumes shall be considered the first through the meter. Customer will be required to contract with Company, by June 1 of the initial contract year, for the daily quantity of Assurance Gas desired. Customer must notify Company of any changes in such Assurance Gas Level by June 1 of subsequent contract extension years. All other gas consumed by customer during any period of interruption shall be considered and billed by Company as Unauthorized Gas.

* 3. Monthly Customer and Volumetric Meter Reading Rates.

Customer Charge:	\$275.00 per month
Interruptible Gas Delivery Charge:	
First 7,000 Ccf	12.27¢ per Ccf
Over 7,000 Ccf	7.45¢ per Ccf
Assurance Gas Surcharge:	
First 250 Ccf per day	5.91¢ per Ccf
All Over 250 Ccf per day	3.34¢ per Ccf

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INTERRUPTIBLE SERVICE RATE WITH AN ASSURANCE GAS OPTION

Unauthorized Gas Delivery Charge:

All volumes of natural gas taken by a customer in excess of the level of contracted daily Assurance Gas, during any period of interruption called by the Company, is "unauthorized use" and will be assessed "Unauthorized Gas Delivery Charges". Company will provide customer no less than two (2) hours advance notification before assessing Unauthorized Gas Delivery Charges. Unauthorized Gas Delivery Charges shall be billed as follows:

Unauthorized Gas Delivery Charges:

- 1) \$1.50 (one dollar and fifty cents) for each Ccf of unauthorized use, plus
- 2) 150% (one hundred fifty percent) of the highest cost of gas purchased by the Company for supplying the service area in which the customer receives service, during the Unauthorized Gas Delivery Charge period (period of interruption), plus
- 3) all intrastate and/or interstate pipeline penalties and other charges incurred by the Company which are attributable to a customer's unauthorized use.

All intrastate and interstate pipeline penalties and other charges shall be attributed and assigned to the unauthorized gas used by the specific Interruptible Service customer.

All Unauthorized Gas Delivery Charge revenues billed to customers will be considered as gas cost recovery and will be used in the development of the Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) factor of the Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Clause.

4. Minimum Monthly Charge. The Customer Charge.

* 5. Purchased Gas Adjustment.

Applicable to all metered and/or billed Ccf, pursuant to the provisions of Rider A - PGA Clause. The difference between the Interruptible Sales Total PGA factor and the Firm Sales Total PGA factor of Rider A shall apply to the monthly billed Assurance Gas Ccf. The Interruptible Sales Total PGA factor of Rider A shall apply to all of the monthly billed Ccf.

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UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY GAS SERVICE

Applying to MISSOURI SERVICE AREA

NATURAL GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

1. Availability.

This service schedule is available to any non-residential customer on a per meter basis who can individually secure sufficient supplies of natural gas on its own behalf and arrange to have it delivered to the Company's system. The Company will not provide this service to any customer who uses such gas primarily to heat a premise that provides temporary or permanent living quarters for individuals, unless the customer demonstrates to the Company that it has contracted for primary firm capacity with the upstream supplying intrastate and/or interstate pipelines to meet the customer's peak needs, or unless the customer demonstrates to the Company that the customer has adequate and usable alternative fuel facilities to meet the customer's energy needs.

The "transportation customer" shall be responsible for the purchase and transportation of its gas needs to the Company's city gate which serves such customer.

The Company shall not sell gas to any of its transportation customers except as specifically provided for in this service classification.

*2. Monthly Customer, EGM and Volumetric Meter Reading Rates.

	Standard Transportation(1)	Large Volume Transportation(2)
Customer Charge:	\$25.00	\$1,110.00 per month
Electronic Gas Meter (EGM) Charges:		
Administrative Charge:	\$40.00	\$40.00 per month
Meter Equipment Charge:	Section G. Miscellaneous Charges Sheet No. 20.1, as applicable.	
Transportation Charge:		
First 7,000 Ccf	14.16¢	14.16¢ per Ccf
All Over 7,000 Ccf	8.89¢	7.40¢ per Ccf

(1) A customer, at the date of its contract, whose annual transportation requirements are expected to be 600,000 Ccf or less.

(2) A customer, at the date of its contract, whose annual transportation requirements are expected to be greater than 600,000 Ccf.

Authorized Gas Use Charge:

All Ccf of Company-owned gas consumed by customer with authorization from Company during periods of non-interruption of any sales service will be billed at the applicable service area's firm sales service Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factor plus 40%. The payment of the Authorized Gas Use Charge will be in addition to the above Customer, EGM and Transportation Charges. Company will not actively market the sale of Company-owned gas to transportation customers and will sell such gas

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NATURAL GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

- * 3. Minimum Monthly Charge. The Customer Charge, EGM Administrative Charge and, as applicable, the EGM Meter Equipment Charge.
4. Purchased Gas Adjustment.
All customers receiving transportation service will be subject to the provisions of the Company's PGA clause, Rider A.
5. Payments.
Bills will be rendered at monthly intervals and are due and payable within ten (10) days from their date of mailing, which due date shall be considered the delinquent date for this rate classification. Pursuant to Section VIII.F. of Company's Rules and Regulations, any portion of any bill, other than deposit arrears, remaining unpaid after the delinquent date will have a late payment charge added thereto.
6. Term of Contract.
Service hereunder shall be for a minimum period of one(1) year.
7. Tax Adjustment.
Any license, franchise, gross receipts, occupation or similar charge or tax levied by any taxing authority on the amounts billed hereunder will be so designated and added as a separate item to bills rendered to the customers under the jurisdiction of the taxing authority.
8. Terms and Conditions.
A. Transportation service under this schedule will be made available to customers upon request when the Company has sufficient distribution capacity to supply such service. If the Company determines that it does not have sufficient distribution capacity to provide the requested service it will, within 30 days of receiving a request for transportation service, provide to the customer requesting said service a written explanation of its capacity determination including a preliminary indication of changes to facilities necessary to effectuate such service, approximate cost to customer and time required to provide the requested service.

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- B. Service under this schedule shall require execution of a Gas Transportation Service Agreement between the Company and the customer requesting transportation service in a form similar to that contained in Section 11 below.
- C. Service will be provided only after requisite contracts and authority have been obtained by the customer to transport gas to the Company's facilities.
- D. All volumes of gas transported hereunder shall be of compatible pipeline quality.
- E. Gas delivered under this schedule shall not be resold by the customer.
- *F. Gas transported for all current and future customers hereunder shall be metered by an electronic recording device with remote monitoring features for the recording of the customer's daily gas usage and real time flow data. The Company will install and the customer will pay for said meter at the monthly charge indicated in Section G. Miscellaneous Charges, Sheet No. 20.1. In addition, the customer shall arrange and pay for the installation and monthly costs of a commercial telephone line and 120 volt AC electrical power source, at a location designated by the Company, to facilitate the remote interrogation of the electronic recording meter by the Company.
- G. In addition to collection of the rates and charges provided for in Section 2. above, the Company shall retain two percent (2%) of the quantities of natural gas received from the customer for reimbursement in kind from the customer for shrinkage or line losses.

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* A negative imbalance is created when the customer's gas delivered to the Company as adjusted by the loss factor is less than the quantities of gas used by the customer. A negative imbalance during periods of Company interruption of any sales service will be considered unauthorized use and billed at the Unauthorized Gas Use Charge set forth in Section 2. herein. A negative imbalance during other times will be considered balancing use and will be billed at the following tiers and referred to as the "Balancing Gas Use Charge":

Daily negative imbalances of 5% or less will be accumulated throughout the month and billed at the applicable service area's firm sales service PGA factor.

Daily negative imbalances greater than 5% will be accumulated throughout the month and billed at the applicable service area's firm sales service PGA factor plus 10%.

* A positive imbalance is created when the customer's gas delivered to the Company as adjusted by the loss factor exceeds the quantities of gas used by the customer. The Company will purchase positive imbalances at the following tiers:

Daily positive imbalances of 5% or less will be accumulated throughout the month and will be purchased at the indexed commodity price as quoted in the publication "Inside FERC's Gas Market Report" in the first issue during the month the imbalance was created.

Daily positive imbalances greater than 5% will be accumulated throughout the month and will be purchased at ninety percent (90%) of the indexed commodity price as quoted in the publication "Inside FERC's Gas Market Report" in the first issue during the month the imbalance was created.

The index will be specific for each service area as follows:

"Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Co. - Texas, Oklahoma (mainline)"

"Texas Eastern Transmission Corp. - East Louisiana Zone"

"Natural Gas Pipeline Co. of America - Texok Zone"

The daily negative and positive imbalance billings so calculated will be applied to the customer's monthly bill. Net payments to customer will be included in the Company's PGA Clause Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) computation as purchased gas costs and net payments to Company will be included as revenue recovery.

J. Except as specifically provided for herein, all of the Company's Rules and Regulations for natural gas service which are not in conflict herewith shall apply to service rendered hereunder.

* Indicates Change.

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MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES

***G. Electronic Gas Meter (EGM) Equipment Charge**

Sheet No. 10 Paragraph 2, Sheet No. 12 Paragraph 3 and Sheet No. 13 Paragraph F. - This EGM Meter Equipment Charge shall apply to transportation customers who enter into contracts with the Company for transportation service to be provided under the Company's Natural Gas Transportation Service tariff commencing after April 2, 2000.

Gas transported under the Natural Gas Transportation Service tariff shall be metered by an electronic recording device with remote monitoring features for the recording of the customer's daily gas usage and real time flow data. The transportation customer will pay the Company a monthly per meter charge for said metering as follows:

EGM Meter Equipment Charge\$21.00 per meter per month

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RIDER A

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C. Off-System Revenues. The Company shall credit its ACA Accounts for 70% of off-system sales net revenues as such revenues are defined and accounted for below. The Company will credit its IR Accounts for 30% of such net revenues which shall be retained by the Company.

- *1. Definitions. Off-system Sales (OFF-Sales) are herein defined as any Company sale of gas, or gas bundled with pipeline transportation, made to parties other than the Company's transportation customers or their agents. OFF-Sales shall not be made where ultimate consumption is for consumers who receive regular local distribution company ("LDC") gas sales or LDC transportation service from the Company. OFF-Sales may be made to any affiliate of the Company in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Missouri Public Service Commission applicable to affiliate transactions. The term of each OFF-sales during the peak season months of November through March shall not exceed one month. OFF-sales during the remainder of the year shall not be limited in term; provided, however, that these sales shall not continue into the peak season months.

Off-system Sale Revenues (OFF-Revenues) are the actual revenues received by the Company from OFF-Sales.

Cost of Gas Supply (CGS) is the commodity cost related to the purchase of gas supply, exclusive of transportation costs.

Off-system Cost of Gas Supply (OFF-CGS) is the commodity cost related to the purchase of gas supply, exclusive of transportation costs, for proposed OFF-Sales. The OFF-CGS is equal to the highest CGS from the CGS-Schedule (as defined below) associated with the quantity of actual OFF-Sales for the pipeline on which the sale is made. The total OFF-CGS to be booked as a cost to the OFF-Sales accounts shall be equal to the sum of the multiplication of the gas cost of each individual transaction by the associated quantities actually sold as shown on the CGS-Schedule.

Off-system Cost of Transportation (OFF-COT) is the incremental cost of transportation related to the delivery of the gas supply for OFF-Sales to the point of delivery.

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4. Limitation on Sales

The Company's OFF-Sales shall be made on an as-available basis. The Company shall make no OFF-Sale where a negative margin results.

*D. Gas Procurement. The Company shall debit or credit the IA Account and credit or debit the IR Account with a portion of the decrease or increase, respectively, in the costs the Company incurs to purchase natural gas supplies ("Procurement Costs") for system supply purposes in accordance with the following procedure and definitions:

1. A benchmark cost of gas shall be established for each month of the Company's ACA year and for each of the Company's three service areas. The benchmark shall consist of a demand cost component and a commodity cost component for all gas supplies other than those firm supplies purchased on a long-term fixed price basis ("Other Supplies"). "Long-term" is defined as fixed price basis gas purchased for periods greater than one month.
2. The demand cost benchmark component shall be equal to one-twelfth of the sum of the annualized demand costs for each type of gas supply contract the Company requires: baseload and swing. Baseload contracts require the Company to purchase its contracted quantities of gas each day of the contract period(s). Swing contracts provide daily nomination flexibility between zero and the maximum contracted quantity and may have no annual minimum or monthly contractual requirement.

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3. For purposes of establishing the demand cost benchmark component in 2. above, the annualized demand charges for each type of gas supply contract shall be determined by multiplying the Company's annual design supply requirements for each type of supply contract by the associated average demand cost per MMBtu. The design supply requirements for each of the Company's three service areas are as follows:

<u>Contract Type</u>	<u>Annual Design Supply Requirements</u>
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For the Panhandle Eastern service area:

Baseload	4.55 Bcf
Swing	5.34 Bcf

For the Texas Eastern service area:

Baseload	1.44 Bcf
Swing	1.03 Bcf

For the Natural Gas Pipeline service area:

Baseload	0.15 Bcf
Swing	0.10 Bcf

The average demand cost per MMBtu for each type of supply contract shall be the average demand cost per MMBtu of the following geographic supply regions, by service area, from which the Company purchases gas:

For the Panhandle Eastern service area:

Mid-continent (Texas/Oklahoma), Michigan/Michcon

For the Texas Eastern service area:

East Texas, South Texas, West LA, East LA, M-1

For the Natural Gas Pipeline service area:

Iowa-Illinois, TexOk, Mid-continent

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The average demand cost per MMBtu for each supply region, which shall be determined annually through the issuance of a Request For Proposal ("RFP") prior to the start of each ACA year, shall be the weighted average demand cost per MMBtu of all the proposals received by the Company, pursuant to the RFP, for each type of supply contract within each supply region, exclusive of the volumes associated with the highest-priced 10% of all volumes for such type of contract and supply region.

4. The commodity cost benchmark component for all Other Supplies shall be computed by multiplying total natural gas volumes purchased for on-system requirements, exclusive of any volumes purchased by the Company on a "long-term" firm fixed price ("Long-term Firm Fixed Price") basis, by the Weighted Average Spot Cost of Gas ("WACOG"). The WACOG shall be developed by using "Inside FERC Gas Market Report" or "Gas Daily" (where specified) first-of-the-month indices and weighting the respective indices by service area as follows:

For the Panhandle Eastern service area:

- 96% Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Co.-Texas,Oklahoma (mainline)
- 4% Average of Monthly Contract Index as reported in "Gas Daily" for ANR ML7 (entire zone) and Mich.-MichCon

For the Texas Eastern service area:

- 23% Texas Eastern Trans. Corp. - South Texas zone
- 26% Texas Eastern Trans. Corp. - East Texas zone
- 20% Texas Eastern Trans. Corp. - West Louisiana zone
- 26% Texas Eastern Trans. Corp. - East Louisiana zone
- 5% Texas Eastern Trans. Corp. - M-1 (Kosi) Monthly Contract Index as reported in "Gas Daily"

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For the Natural Gas Pipeline service area:

- 21% Natural Gas Pipeline Co. of America - TexOk zone
- 75% Natural Gas Pipeline Co. of America - Mid-continent zone
- 4% Natural Gas Pipeline Co. of America - Iowa-Ill.
Receipt Monthly Contract Index as reported in "Gas Daily"

5. A cumulative benchmark cost of gas shall be computed by summing the benchmark cost of gas for all months of the year or portion thereof.
6. At the end of each ACA year, the Company shall compare the cumulative benchmark cost of gas defined above to actual cumulative costs for the Company's on-system requirements, excluding the commodity cost of "Long-term Firm Fixed Price" supplies.
 - a. If the Company's cumulative actual cost is greater than the cumulative benchmark cost of gas but less than or equal to 104% of such cumulative benchmark cost of gas, the IA Account is not affected and such actual costs are deemed to be prudent.
 - b. If the Company's cumulative actual cost of gas is greater than 104% of the cumulative benchmark cost of gas but less than or equal to 110% of such cumulative benchmark cost of gas, the IA Account is credited and the IR Account is debited with 50% of the difference between such cumulative actual cost of gas and 104% of the benchmark cost of gas and such actual costs are deemed to be prudent.
 - c. If the Company's cumulative actual cost is greater than 110% of the cumulative benchmark cost of gas, the IA Account is credited and the IR Account is debited with 50% of the maximum difference computed in b. above and those costs in excess of 110% of the benchmark cost of gas shall be subject to a prudence review.

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- d. If the Company's cumulative actual cost is less than the cumulative benchmark cost of gas but not less than 94% of the cumulative benchmark cost of gas, the IA Account is debited and the IR Account is credited with 50% of the difference.
- e. If the cumulative actual cost of gas is less than 94% of the cumulative benchmark cost of gas, the IA Account is debited and the IR Account is credited with 50% of the maximum difference computed in d. above.

*E. Other Provisions

- *1. The debits and credits to the IA and ACA Accounts shall be allocated to the applicable customer classifications, based on the volumes sold and/or transported during the ACA period. Debits from Sections A. and B. shall be allocated to the Company's firm sales customers. The debit or credits from Sections C. and D. shall be allocated to the Company's on-system firm and interruptible sales customers based on the ratio of actual firm and interruptible sales during the ACA period.
- *2. For each ACA year, the debits and credits recorded in the IA and ACA Accounts including any balance from the previous year shall be accumulated to produce a cumulative balance of incentive adjustments. For purposes of computing new ACA factors for the subsequent twelve-month period beginning with the effective date of the Winter PGA Filing, such cumulative incentive adjustment balances shall be combined with the appropriate ACA balances. The Company shall separately record that portion of ACA revenue recovery which is attributable to recovery of the IA account balances. Any remaining balance shall be reflected in the subsequent ACA computations. The amounts in the IR Accounts will be retained by the Company.
- **3. At the end of each ACA year, the Staff, the Office of Public Counsel and the Company will retain the right to review the GSIP and to request that the GSIP be modified, terminated or continued intact.

* Indicates Change
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- *4. If an unusual event occurs which would have a significant adverse impact on purchased gas costs, such as, an act of God, a significant change in federal or state laws or regulations, including tax laws, or a significant change in gas supply market or system operating conditions, the Company reserves the right at any time to make a filing seeking to either terminate or modify the GSIP.
- **5. Unless terminated or revised in accordance with subparagraphs E.3. or E.4., the GSIP shall be effective through March, 2004.

* Indicates Addition
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STATEMENT OF AGGREGATE ANNUAL INCREASE

The aggregate annual increase in Union Electric Company's natural gas revenue requested by the proposed tariffs contained in this rate filing is \$12.1 million, or 14.3 percent, excluding applicable municipal Gross Receipts Taxes.

COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY FILING

Advance	Franklin	Painton
Ashland	Glenallen	Perkins
Auxvasse	Grayridge	Prairie Home
Bell City	Hallsville	Randles
Bellflower Liege	Hartsburg	Renick
Blackwater	Hawk Point	Rivers Addition
Bloomfield	Higbee	Rocheport
Boonville	High Hill	Russellville
Cairo	Holts Summit	St. Clement
California	Huntsville	St. Martins
Cape Girardeau	Jamestown	Scott City
Center	Jefferson City	Silex
Centertown	Jonesburg	Stark
Centralia	Kelso	Stover
Circle City	Laddonia	Sturgeon
Clark	Lohman	Troy
Clarksville	Louisiana	Truesdale
Columbia	Marble Hill	Truxton
Curryville	Martinsburg	Vandalia
Delta	Mexico	Vandiver
Dexter	Moberly	Vanduser
Eldon	Moscow Mills	Versailles
Elsberry	Nelson	Wardsville
Elston	New Bloomfield	Warrenton
Essex	New Franklin	Wellsville
Farber	New London	Wentzville
Fisk	North Boonville	Winfield
Foley	Old Monroe	Wright City
Foristell	Olean	

COUNTIES AFFECTED BY FILING

Audrain County
Bollinger County
Boone County
Butler County
Callaway County
Cape Girardeau County
Cole County
Cooper County
Howard County
Lincoln County
Miller County
Moniteau County
Montgomery County
Morgan County
Pike County
Ralls County
Randolph County
St. Charles County
Saline County
Scott County
Stoddard County
Warren County

UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY
Number of Customers Affected by General
Category of Service and Rate Classification*
As of June 30, 1999

<u>Service and Rate Classification*</u>	<u>No. of Customers</u>
Residential Service	94,695
General Service	11,682
Interruptible Service	19
Transportation Service	<u>83</u>
TOTAL CUSTOMERS	<u><u>106,479</u></u>

* Union Electric Company's general categories of service and rate classifications for natural gas service are substantially the same.

UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY
Average Annual Change Requested in Dollars
and Percentage Change from Current Rates*

<u>Service and Rate Classification**</u>	<u>Average Annual Change</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Residential Service	\$ 120	22.1%
General Service	\$ 107	4.8%
Interruptible Service	(\$8,188)	(6.0%)
Transportation Service	(\$4,294)	(9.1%)

* Includes an average PGA factor of 38.14¢/Ccf, 28.19¢/Ccf, and 0.05¢/Ccf for Firm (Residential and General Service), Interruptible, and Transportation Services, respectively.

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UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY
Proposed Annual Aggregate Change and
Percentage Change in Revenues from Current Rates*

<u>Service and Rate Classification**</u>	<u>Annual Aggregate Change</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Residential Service	\$ 11,332,010	22.1%
General Service	\$ 1,247,720	4.8%
Interruptible Service	(\$ 155,576)	(6.0%)
Transportation Service	(\$ 357,474)	(9.1%)
Other Gas Revenues***	\$ 0	0.0%
TOTAL	<u>\$ 12,066,680</u>	<u>14.3%</u>

* Includes an average PGA factor of 38.14¢/Ccf, 28.19¢/Ccf, and 0.05¢/Ccf for Firm (Residential and General Service), Interruptible, and Transportation Services, respectively.

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*** Includes revenues from late payments, special contract customers, and Miscellaneous Charges.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AMERENUE FILES REQUEST FOR MISSOURI GAS RATE INCREASE

ST. LOUIS, MO., February 18, 2000—Citing substantial investment in new facilities and higher operating costs, Union Electric Company, doing business as AmerenUE, today filed a request with the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) for a 14% increase in natural gas rates for its 106,000 Missouri gas customers. The proposed new rates, which are designed to produce an additional \$12 million in annual revenue, would result in an average increase of about \$9.97 per month for a typical residential customer with gas heat, who uses about 6,700 cubic feet of gas monthly. The proposal would not affect the company's electric rates.

AmerenUE officials say the company needs the increase because its total investment in gas facilities has gone up substantially—by more than 20%—since AmerenUE filed for its last general rate adjustment three years ago. They add that this would be only the second general increase in AmerenUE's Missouri gas rates since 1987.

"We have added more than \$35 million in system improvements and new facilities since June 1996, the end of the 'test year' on which current rates are based," says William J. Carr, AmerenUE vice president, Customer Services-Regional. "In addition, our annual operating and maintenance expenses are more than \$4.3 million higher than in that test year—a 30% increase. AmerenUE customers are receiving the benefits of these expenditures, but our current rates don't reflect these higher costs of providing gas service," Carr says.

AmerenUE reports that since its last gas rate adjustment it replaced 40 miles of existing gas piping, largely to comply with state regulations. Among other major improvements during the same period were the installation of 115 miles of new pipes and the introduction of a new automated metering system aimed at improving customer service.

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Carr says AmerenUE's rate request reflects the higher costs of constructing, operating and maintaining its gas distribution system, and will not affect the wholesale cost of the natural gas the company purchases to supply its customers. The wholesale cost of natural gas supply, which comprises more than 50% of a typical residential customer's total annual gas costs, changes twice a year—either up or down—based on changes in gas supply costs in the competitive market place, Carr explains.

The new rate filing is not expected to have any immediate effect on customer bills, since the PSC normally does not act on a rate request until completion of a full audit and review. Missouri law provides up to 11 months for this process to take place.

AmerenUE is a subsidiary of St. Louis-based Ameren Corporation. Ameren companies serve 1.5 million electric customers and 300,000 natural gas customers in a 44,500-square-mile area of Missouri and Illinois.

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REASONS FOR PROPOSED RATE AND TARIFF CHANGES

Union Electric Company's proposed rate increase is necessary to offset increased operating and maintenance expenses, depreciation and taxes, and the costs associated with the additional investment in gas distribution and supply facilities made since the Company's last request for an increase in gas rates in 1997. Since that time, the Company's total plant investment associated with natural gas service has increased \$35 million from \$149 million to \$184 million, approximately 24 percent.

Changes to tariff sheets of the Company and reasons in support of such changes are as follows:

Sheet No. 5, the Company's Residential Service tariff, was revised to reflect the Company's cost-of-service to the class.

Sheet No. 6, the Company's General Service tariff, was revised to reflect the Company's cost-of-service to the class.

Sheet Nos. 7 and 8, which contain the Company's Interruptible Service Rate, were revised to reflect the Company's cost-of-service to the class and to clarify the current and proposed application of Rider A - PGA Clause.

Sheet Nos. 10, 12, 13, and 15, of the Company's Natural Gas Transportation Service tariffs, were revised to reflect the Company's cost-of-service to the class, the elimination of the one-time \$4,800 electronic gas meter charge and the replacement of such charge with a monthly electronic gas meter (EGM) equipment charge of \$21.00, and to reflect the addition of a tolerance level of 5% for both negative and positive imbalances in cases where "Burner Tip Balancing" is not available.

Sheet No. 20.1, this sheet was added to the Company's Miscellaneous Charges tariffs to reflect the addition of the \$21.00 monthly EGM equipment charge referred to above.

Sheet Nos. 29.7 and 29.9 through 29.14, of the Company's Rider A Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause, relating to the Company's Gas Supply Incentive Plan (GSIP), were revised or added to allow transactions with affiliates in accordance with the Commission's affiliate transaction regulations under the Off-System Revenues component, to reflect the addition of a Gas Procurement component which is substantially the same as recently approved for Laclede Gas Company, and to extend the term of the GSIP through March, 2004.