

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

In the Matter of the Abandonment of the)
Certificate of Public Convenience and)
Necessity and Cancellation of Tariffs)
Related to the Provision of Steam by)
AmerenUE)

Case No. ED-2006-0117

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its Recommendation states:

1. Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE seeks cancellation of the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity related to the provision of steam service that the Commission initially granted in 1984 in Case No. EM-83-248.

2. As indicated in Staff's Memorandum attached as Appendix A, Staff has no objection to the cancellation of Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE's certificate. As part of the cancellation process, the Commission should also direct cancellation of Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE's associated tariff, P.S.C. Mo. No. 6.

3. The company owes no annual reports or assessments to the Commission.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends that the Commission cancel the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity related to the provision of steam service of Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE initially granted in Case No. EM-83-248, as well as the associated tariff, P.S.C. Mo. No. 6.

Respectfully submitted,

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DRAFT MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. ED-2006-0117, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE

FROM: Janis Fischer, Auditing Department

/s/ Janis E. Fischer 11/21/05

Project Coordinator / Date

/s/ Steve Dottheim 11/21/05

General Counsel's Office / Date

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation to approve the Application of Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE to abandon certificate of public convenience and necessity for provision of steam service and to cancel related tariffs.

DATE: November 21, 2005

Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE (AmerenUE) is requesting authorization to abandon its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity related to the provision of steam service and to cancel the related tariffs.

The Staff has verified that there are no outstanding PSC assessments due from AmerenUE related to steam revenue. AmerenUE is current on all PSC assessments related to its certificated electric and natural gas Missouri operations.

The annual reports (FERC Form 1) submitted on behalf of AmerenUE are current through the reporting period covering its 2004 operations.

Since commencement of the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS), there have been no customer complaints received by the Staff related to AmerenUE steam operations.

The Commission's steam annual report is contained within the FERC Form 1 which contains both electric and steam operations data. AmerenUE last reported steam operations in its 1998 FERC Form 1. Since that time AmerenUE has not reported any revenues, expenses, assets, liabilities or owner's equity associated with steam operations in its FERC Form 1 submitted to the Commission.

The Staff began discussions with AmerenUE during the company's recent finance case, EF-2004-0205 to have its steam certificate and tariffs canceled. The Staff observed that no AmerenUE steam operations had appeared to exist for some time, yet the certificate and tariffs for this utility service were still in effect. AmerenUE verified this characterization and agreed to request the abandonment of the certificate and cancellation of the related tariffs from the Commission. The application in the present case followed.

As stated in its pleading, AmerenUE has not been providing steam service to customers in Missouri since the mid-1990s. Staff has no information to the contrary. Therefore, the Staff supports AmerenUE's request to abandon its steam certificate and cancel the related tariffs.