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

In the Matter of an Application of Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE, for an Order Authorizing the Sale and Transfer of Certain Assets of AmerenUE to St. James Municipal Utilities and Rolla Municipal Utilities

File No. EO-2010-0263

## ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: July 30, 2010

Effective Date: July 30, 2010

On March 24,<sup>1</sup> Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE ("AmerenUE"), submitted an Application to the Commission. AmerenUE wants to transfer certain of its assets to St. James Municipal Utilities ("St. James") and Rolla Municipal Utilities ("Rolla"), two wholesale customers of AmerenUE.

The Commission issued notice on April 5, and that notice allowed until April 26 for interested persons to request intervention. Donna D. Hawley filed such a request on April 26. Over the objection of St. James and Rolla, the Commission granted Ms. Hawley's request on July 7.

The parties filed alternative proposed procedural schedules. AmerenUE, St. James, Rolla and Staff joined in one schedule, asking for a hearing September 8-9. Ms. Hawley filed her own, asking for a hearing "no sooner than November 15, 2010". The Office of the Public Counsel did not take a position on a schedule.

The Commission finds the proposed schedule filed by AmerenUE, St. James, Rolla and Staff to be more appropriate than the one filed by Ms. Hawley. Ms. Hawley wishes a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All calendar references are to 2010 unless otherwise noted.

hearing to be held no sooner than November 15 "(d)ue to Rolla continuance (sic) in withholding key information." As the Commission stated in its July 15 Order Denying Motion to Request Document, Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.090 is the Commission's rule regarding: discovery requests, sanctions for the abuse of the process, sanctions for failure to answer discovery, and motions to compel.

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The following procedural schedule is set:

List of Issues – Order of Witnesses – Order of Cross-Examination, Opening and Closing	August 25, 2010
Statements of Position	September 1, 2010
Evidentiary Hearing	September 8-9 , 2010 8:30 a.m.

2. The response time for data requests shall be 10 calendar days to provide the requested information, and 5 calendar days to object or notify the requesting party that more than 10 days will be needed to provide the requested information. This expedited schedule shall only apply if the requesting party serves the data requests by email transmitted to the counsel (if any) for that party. Failure to serve the counsel by email will result in the data request being subject to the normal deadlines in the Commission's rules.

3. This order shall become effective on immediately upon issuance.

## **BY THE COMMISSION**

Steven C. Reed Secretary

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Ronald D. Pridgin, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority under Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 30th day of July, 2010.