

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 11th
day of May, 2006.

In the Matter of an Investigation of Union)
Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE) **Case No. EO-2006-0430**

**ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO INVESTIGATE UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A
AMEREN UE, SETTING INTERVENTION DEADLINE, AND ESTABLISHING
PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Issue Date: May 11, 2006

Effective Date: May 11, 2006

Based on requests from interested persons and the need to discuss and protect proprietary and confidential information, the Commission hereby directs the Staff of the Commission to conduct a formal investigation of Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE, specifically to include, but not limited to, the Joint Dispatch Agreement, the EEI, Inc. issues, and sulfur dioxide emissions allowances. The Staff shall file a report with the Commission no later than June 11, 2006. The Commission hereby directs the Staff to hereby conduct the investigation expeditiously and authorizes it to take any appropriate action including filing a complaint against AmerenUE if, based on the investigation, it determines such action is appropriate.

By authorizing the initiation of this investigation, the Commission does not prejudice any issues concerning appropriateness of rates or prudence of costs, but merely determines that the matter shall be investigated.

Proper parties should be given notice and an opportunity to intervene in this matter. The Information Office of the Commission shall send notice to the members of

the General Assembly who represent counties within the service areas of AmerenUE, and to the newspapers, as listed in the newspaper directory of the current Official Manual of the State of Missouri, that serve these counties.

The Data Center of the Commission shall provide notice of this application to the county commissions of the counties within the service areas of AmerenUE.

Proper persons wishing to intervene shall file an application to intervene with:

Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

and:

The Office of the Public Counsel
P.O. Box 2230
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

The Commission will establish the standard protective order. The issuance of a protective order in this case will allow the parties to provide highly confidential and proprietary information to the Commission and appropriate parties with the assurance that it will be treated according to the terms of the protective order.

As this matter is expedited, the response time for data request objections is shortened to five days and responses to ten days.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Staff of the Commission is directed to begin a formal investigation of Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE and is authorized to take appropriate action, as described above.

2. The Staff of the Commission shall file an investigation report on June 11, 2006.

3. Any interested party wishing to intervene in this case shall file an application to do so as directed herein no later than May 21, 2006.
4. The Data Center and Information Office of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall provide notice as set out herein.
5. A Protective Order is attached to this order as Attachment A.
6. This order shall become effective on May 11, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Davis, Chm., Gaw, Clayton, and Appling, CC., concur.
Murray, C., dissents with opinion to follow.

Dale, Chief Regulatory Law Judge