

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

Application of Union Electric Company d/b/a	)	
AmerenUE for an Order Authorizing Applicant	)	
(if and to the Extent the Transaction Described	)	
Herein Would Constitute the Issuance of an Evidence	)	
of Indebtedness by Applicant under Sections	)	
393.180 and 393.200, RSMo) to Execute, Deliver and	)	<b><u>Case No. EF-2006-0278</u></b>
Perform the Agreements and Instruments Necessary	)	
to Assume a Lease and Related Documents Pertaining	)	
to the NRG Audrain Combustion Turbine Generator	)	
Facility Owned by Audrain County, Missouri, Which	)	
Was Constructed as Part of a Revenue Bond Project	)	
under Chapter 100, RSMo	)	

**ORDER ESTABLISHING PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Issue Date: December 29, 2005

Effective Date: December 29, 2005

This order grants the request for the Commission's standard protective order.

On December 27, 2005, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE asked for permission to assume a lease that NRG Audrain Generating LLC holds in Audrain County's NRG Audrain Facility. AmerenUE also filed a Motion for Protective Order.

AmerenUE requested that the Asset Purchase and Sale Agreement that it filed in support of its application be subject to a protective order under Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.085. AmerenUE alleged that the document contains sensitive, confidential business, technical and financial information. According to AmerenUE, if this information is made public, it could harm AmerenUE by harming its ability to meet its capacity needs at the

lowest possible cost. Finally, AmerenUE states that the information that it asks to be protected is not found in any format in any other public document.

Upon review of the motion, the Commission finds that there is a need to protect confidential information and the request for a protective order is reasonable. The Commission has previously recognized the need to protect confidential information, and protective orders have helped minimize disputes in past cases. Therefore, the Commission concludes that a protective order should be granted.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Motion for Protective Order filed by Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE is granted, and the protective order attached to this order as Attachment A is adopted.

2. That this order shall become effective on December 29, 2005.

**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 )

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 29th day of December, 2005.