

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

In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a)
AmerenUE for Authority to File Tariffs)
Increasing Rates for Electric Service Provided) **Case No. ER-2010-0036**
to Customers in the Company’s Missouri)
Service Area.)

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS
AND DRAFT CUSTOMER NOTICE**

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel and submits, on its own behalf and on behalf of other parties as noted, Recommendations for Local Public Hearings and Draft Customer Notice as follows:

1. On July 27, 2009, the Commission issued its Order Directing Notice, Suspending Tariff, Setting Hearings, and Directing Filings. Among other things, that order directed parties to file “recommendations as to the times, dates, and locations for local public hearings regarding the proposed rate increase on or before September 10, 2009.” In response, Public Counsel, AARP, the Consumers’ Council of Missouri and the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now¹ recommend local public hearings as set forth below.

2. In AmerenUE’s last rate case (Case No. ER-2008-0318), the Commission conducted fourteen local public hearings. In this case, Public Counsel, AARP, the Consumers’ Council of Missouri and the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now recommend that the Commission conduct fifteen local public hearings, generally in the same locations as proposed or as ordered in that case, beginning the week of January 4, 2010.

¹ Although Public Counsel is not aware of any party that opposes the local public hearings suggested herein, at least one party objected to listing local public hearings in the jointly-proposed procedural schedule filed today.

Depending on the Commission's calendar and the availability of meeting rooms, the parties recommend the following local public hearings:

1. Monday, January 4, at 12:00 p.m. at the St. Charles Administration Building, Room 115, 201 North 2nd Street, St. Charles, Missouri 63301.
2. Monday, January 4, at 6:00 p.m. at the Thornhill Branch of the St. Louis County Library, 12863 Willowyck Drive, St. Louis, Missouri;
3. Tuesday, January 5 at 12:00 p.m. in the Century Room of the Millennium Student Center at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, One University Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri; and
4. Tuesday, January 5 at 6:00 p.m. in Highlander 5 Lounge of the Student Center at the St. Louis Community College of Forest Park, 5600 Oakland Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.
5. Wednesday, January 6 at 12:00 p.m. in the Dexter High School Auditorium, 1101 West Grant Street, Dexter, Missouri;
6. Wednesday, January 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the ITV Room of the Hayti High School, 500 North Fourth Street, Hayti, Missouri;
7. Thursday, January 6 at 12:00 p.m. in the Arts & Science II Building, Room 301 of Jefferson College, 1000 Viking Drive, Hillsboro, Missouri.
8. Thursday, January 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Wentzville School District Central Office, One Campus Drive, Wentzville, Missouri;
9. Friday, January 8 at 12:00 p.m. at Harris Stowe University, Emerson Performance Center – Bank of America Theater, 3026 Laclede Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri;

10. Friday, January 8, at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Wohl Community Center, 1515 North Kingshighway, St. Louis, Missouri;
11. Tuesday, January 19 at 6:00 p.m. at the Kirksville Higher Education Center, 2105 East Normal Street, Kirksville, Missouri;
12. Wednesday, January 19 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 305 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri;
13. Wednesday, January 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room of the Excelsior Springs School District, 113 Line Street, Excelsior Springs, Missouri;
14. Thursday, January 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the ITV Room of the Mexico Advanced Technology Center, 2900 Dorelli Lane, Mexico, Missouri;
15. Thursday, January 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the ITV Room of Moberly Community College, 101 College Avenue, Moberly, Missouri;

While there are certainly many ways to arrange these hearings, this proposal seeks to address the following issues: 1) it organizes them geographically so that Commissioners and parties will not have to travel more than necessary; 2) it “doubles-up” only two of the hearings and so allows Commissioners and parties to physically attend hearings; and 3) it allows parties to attend the hearings and also participate in the technical/settlement conference that the parties have proposed for the week of January 11 in Jefferson City.

3. Public Counsel, the Staff of the Commission and AmerenUE have agreed upon the following proposed customer notice:

NOTICE

AmerenUE has filed revised tariff sheets with the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) that are designed to increase the company’s electric service revenues by approximately \$402 million. Included in this amount is an increase in the level of net

fuel costs that are recovered in base rates of approximately \$227 million, which will have the effect of making the company's fuel adjustment clause charges lower in the future than they otherwise would have been. For the average residential customer the proposed increase would be approximately 18% or \$14 per month. AmerenUE's rate filing includes a request to continue its fuel adjustment clause that reflects changes in the cost of fuels used to generate electricity on customers' bills through a separately-identified surcharge or credit outside a general rate case. AmerenUE's rate filing also includes a request for an Environmental Cost Recovery Surcharge to collect the costs of mandated environmental upgrades on customers' bills through another separately-identified surcharge outside a general rate case.

Public comment hearings have been set before the PSC as follows:
[Insert Commission-approved locations, dates and times here.]

***A question-and-answer session will be held one-half hour before the beginning of each hearing.**

If you are unable to attend a live public hearing and wish to make written comments or secure additional information, you may contact the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone (866) 922-2959, email opcservice@ded.mo.gov or the Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 800-392-4211, email pscinfo@psc.mo.gov.

The Commission will also conduct an evidentiary hearing at its offices in Jefferson City from March 15 through 19, and March 22 through 26, 2010, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The hearings and local public hearings will be held in buildings that meet accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If a customer needs additional accommodations to participate in these hearings, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

WHEREFORE Public Counsel respectfully requests that the Commission schedule local public hearings as described herein and adopt the proposed customer notice.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing has been emailed to parties of record this 11th day of September 2009.

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