

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 27th
day of July, 2006.

In the Matter of an Investigation of Union)	<u>Case No. EO-2007-0037</u>
Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE's Storm)	
Preparation and Restoration Efforts in)	
Eastern Missouri)	

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

Issue Date: July 27, 2006

Effective Date: July 27, 2006

As hundreds of thousands of households and businesses were without electricity for a prolonged period of time in the aftermath of storms on July 19 and July 21, 2006, the Commission hereby directs the Staff of the Commission to conduct a formal investigation of Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE and any other regulated utilities whose activities have an impact on storm restoration efforts, including but not limited to AT&T and Missouri American Water Company, concerning the effectiveness of its storm preparation and restoration efforts in Eastern Missouri.

The Commission hereby directs the Staff to conduct such investigation expeditiously and authorizes it to take any appropriate action, including filing a complaint against AmerenUE or other regulated utility in a separate case, if it determines such action is appropriate. By directing the initiation of this investigation, the Commission does not prejudice any issues, but determines only that the matter shall

be investigated. Moreover, this case shall not constitute a contested case. Any attempt to seek sanctions or take other action affecting the rights or obligations of AmerenUE or any other regulated utility shall be made in a separate case.

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 affected areas, as well as such city and county officials of St. Louis and Potosi and St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson, Washington, Iron, Franklin, and St. Francois Counties as the public information office it deems appropriate to notify. The Information Office of the Commission shall also notify the newspapers, as listed in the newspaper directory of the current *Official Manual of the State of Missouri*, that serve such areas.

The Data Center of the Commission shall provide notice of this order to the county commissions of St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson, Washington, Iron, Franklin, and St. Francois Counties and the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis. 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

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 any other regulated utilities whose activities have an impact on storm restoration efforts, including but not limited to AT&T and Missouri American Water Company and is authorized to take appropriate action, as described above, however such action or complaint shall be filed in a separate, contested case.
2. The Staff of the Commission shall file an investigation report no later than August 27, 2006.
3. Any interested party wishing to intervene in this case shall file an application to do so as directed herein no later than August 7, 2006.
4. The Data Center and Information Office of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall provide notice as set out herein.
5. This order shall become effective on July 27, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

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

Dale, Chief Regulatory Law Judge