## OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Union Electric	)	
Company d/b/a AmerenUE for an Accounting	)	
Authority Order Regarding Accounting for	)	Case No. EU-2008-0141
Extraordinary Costs Relating to Damage from	)	
the January 2007 Ice Storm	)	

## ORDER SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Effective Date: March 10, 2008

Issue Date March 10, 2008

Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE filed an application as described in the above caption. The Staff of the Commission filed its memorandum recommending that the Commission grant AmerenUE's request subject to five conditions. AmerenUE filed a response agreeing to all but one condition, which is:

AmerenUE must begin ratably amortizing to Account 182.3 over a five-year (60-month) period commencing January 15, 2007 (two days after the ice storm); the appropriate amount of all operation and maintenance expenses directly related to the January 2007 ice storm to be deferred. The five-year amortization period concludes January 14, 2012.

The parties continue to disagree on the point of when amortization should begin. To move this matter toward its end, the Commission will set a prehearing conference. The parties should also be prepared to discuss the nature of any discovery each will conduct and the interval necessary for its completion; the number of witnesses each expects to call at hearing; the number and nature of any exhibits each expects to offer at hearing; and the anticipated length of the hearing. The parties or their representatives should also be prepared to discuss the current status of settlement negotiations. It is expected that the

prehearing conference will provide an opportunity for the parties to further pursue settlement discussions.

If the parties are unable to settle this matter, they shall jointly file a proposed procedural schedule. The proposed procedural schedule shall establish dates for the filing of a list of the issues to be determined by the Commission and statements by the parties of their position on each such issue. The proposed procedural schedule shall also include a date for the filing of a list of the witnesses to be called on each day of hearing, the order in which they shall appear and the order of cross-examination agreed upon by the parties.

The proposed procedural schedule shall also establish dates for the hearing of this matter. The time for filing the proposed procedural schedule will be discussed during the prehearing conference.

## IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. A prehearing conference shall be held on March 25, 2008, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in Room 305 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This hearing will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this public hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the prehearing conference.

2. This order shall become effective on March 10, 2008.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

Kennard L. Jones, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 10th day of March, 2008.