# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE's Filing to Adjust Rates under its Approved Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Mechanism Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-20.090(4)

Case No. ER-2011-0018

## <u>PUBLIC COUNSEL'S MOTION TO REJECT TARIFF, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE,</u> <u>MOTION TO SUSPEND AND REQUEST FOR HEARING</u>

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel for its Public Counsel's Motion to Reject Tariff, or in the Alternative, Motion to Suspend and Request for Hearing states as follows:

1. On July 23, 2010, AmerenUE filed a tariff sheet designed to increase AmerenUE's revenues from its Fuel Adjustment Clause (FAC) charges by \$71,225,756 during Recovery Period 4 (October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011). The tariff sheet, 1st Revised Sheet No. 98.14, bears an effective date of September 23, 2010.

2. On August 23, 2010, the Commission Staff recommended that the Commission issue an order approving AmerenUE's FAC Tariff. But on August 31, eight days later, in Case No. EO-2010-0255 (the prudence review of the first and second accumulation periods under AmerenUE's FAC), the Staff recommended an adjustment based on AmerenUE's failure to properly flow off-system sales revenues through the FAC. In that case, Staff noted that:

File No. ER-2011-0018 contains a request from AmerenUE for a true-up of its first recovery period. Staff filed its recommendation to approve the change to the FPA factor. The change does not include an adjustment for the prudence determination in this case. The current effective date of the change to the tariff sheet is September 23, 2010. The FPA will next be modified in the February 2011 billing month. (page 3, footnote 1).

3. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.070 (4) **requires** the Commission to reject a FAC rate adjustment that "is not in accordance with this rule, section 386.266 RSMo, and the FAC

mechanism established in the most recent general rate proceeding." In addition to rejecting the noncompliant rate adjustment, the Commission "**may** instead order implementation of an appropriate rate schedule." (4 CSR 240-2.070 (4); emphasis added). Based upon the Staff recommendation in Case No. EO-2010-0255, which is supported and verified by affidavits, the Commission should find that 1st Revised Sheet No. 98.14 is not in accordance with this rule, section 386.266 RSMo, and the FAC mechanism established in the most recent general rate proceeding and reject it.

4. In the alternative, if the Commission determines that it does not yet have sufficient information to reject the tariff, Public Counsel requests that the Commission suspend the tariff and schedule a prehearing conference so that the parties may propose a procedural schedule including an evidentiary hearing.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully requests that the Commission reject 1st Revised Sheet No. 98.14. In the alternative, Public Counsel respectfully requests that the Commission suspend 1st Revised Sheet No. 98.14 and schedule a prehearing conference so that the parties may propose a procedural schedule including an evidentiary hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing has been emailed this 10th day of September 2010 to all parties of record.

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