

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of the Citizens)
of Iron County, Northwest End of Reynolds) **Case No. EO-2007-0155**
County, Edgehill and Black Area, for Change)
of Electrical Supplier)

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SETTING AN INTERVENTION SCHEDULE AND DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: October 17, 2006

Effective Date: October 17, 2006

On October 13, 2006, a group of electric service consumers, identifying its self as the "Citizens of Iron County, Northwest End of Reynolds County, Edgehill and Black Area" ("Citizens"), filed a request with the Missouri Public Service Commission for a change in electric supplier. Citizens are currently serviced by Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE ("AmerenUE"), and their request is to revert back to service provided by Black River Electric Cooperative ("Black River"). Citizens maintain that Black River previously provided their electric service for a period of greater than 50 years. Citizens' request includes a signed petition bearing approximately 104 names, and five written complaints regarding the provision of service by AmerenUE.

The Commission determines that notice of this action should be given by the Commission's Data Center sending a copy of this order to AmerenUE, Black River and to the Department of Natural Resources of the State of Missouri. The Commission further determines that the Information Officer of the Commission should provide notice of this

order to the media serving Iron and Reynolds counties and to members of the General Assembly representing the residents of iron and Reynolds counties.

The Commission shall direct AmerenUE and Black River to respond to Citizens' request. The Commission shall also order its Staff to investigate the request and file a report. As part of the Staff's report, the Commission specifically directs the Staff to determine the reasons why Citizens originally changed their electric supplier from Black River to AmerenUE.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Missouri Public Service Commission's Data Center shall serve notice as set out herein.
2. The Missouri Public Service Commission's information officer shall serve notice as set out herein.
3. Any party wishing to intervene or to request a hearing shall do so by filing an appropriate pleading no later than November 6, 2006, with:

Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

and serve a copy on:

AmerenUE
Attention Legal Department
1901 Chouteau Avenue
P.O. Box 66149, M/C 1310
St. Louis, Missouri 63166-6149

and

Black River Electric Cooperative
Attention Legal Department
P.O. Box 31
Fredericktown, Missouri 63645

and

Office of the Public Counsel
P.O. Box 2230
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

and

General Counsel
Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

4. Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE shall file a response to the request for a change of electric supplier filed by Citizens of Iron County, Northwest End of Reynolds County, Edgehill and Black Area no later than November 16, 2006.

5. Black River Electric Cooperative shall file a response to the request for a change of electric supplier filed by Citizens of Iron County, Northwest End of Reynolds County, Edgehill and Black Area no later than November 16, 2006.

6. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall conduct an investigation into the request for a change of electric supplier filed by Citizens of Iron County, Northwest End of Reynolds County, Edgehill and Black Area and file a report on its investigation no later than November 27, 2006.

7. This order shall become effective on October 17, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written in a cursive style.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Harold Stearley, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 17th day of October, 2006.