City of Pacific

February 19, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be informed that the City of Pacific adamantly opposes AmerenUE's proposed rate increase of 18%. On Tuesday, February 16, the Pacific Board of Aldermen unanimously agreed to go on record as opposing the rate increase and will approve a resolution stating its position at their next meeting on March 2, 2010.

As Mayor of the city, I am aware that the Pacific Board of Aldermen feels that an increase in the cost of electric service will unjustly create an additional financial hardship on people who cannot keep up with the cost of living.

In January 2009, the Missouri Public Service Commission approved a 7.8% rate increase for AmerenUE-Missouri that generated revenues of approximately \$162 million. Two years prior to that in 2007, the utility service was granted a 2.1% overall electric rate increase that generated approximately \$43 million.

Now, AmerenUE is asking for an 18% rate increase. Pacific city officials feel strongly that such an increase is outrageous! In an effort to protect Pacific residents who continue to be negatively impacted by the struggling economy, the Pacific Board of Aldermen firmly stand against the increase.

Sincerely,

Herbert C. Adams

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Mayor