

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of Union Electric Company, d/b/a)	<u>File No. ER-2011-0028</u>
AmerenUE's Tariff to Increase Its Annual)	Tariff No. YE-2011-0116
Revenues for Electric Service)	

**ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SUSPENDING TARIFF,
SETTING HEARINGS, AND DIRECTING FILINGS**

Issue Date: September 7, 2010

Effective Date: September 7, 2010

Procedural History

On September 3, 2010, Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE, submitted a tariff designed to implement a general rate increase for electric service. AmerenUE indicates the new electric service rates are designed to increase its gross annual electric revenues by approximately \$263 million. The submitted tariff carries an October 3 effective date.

The Commission's Authority to Suspend Proposed Tariffs:

Section 393.150, RSMo 2000, authorizes the Commission to suspend the effective date of a proposed tariff for 120 days, plus an additional six months to allow for a hearing on the matter. So that it will have sufficient time to study the effect of AmerenUE's general rate increase tariff and to determine if it is just, reasonable, and in the public interest, the Commission will suspend that tariff for a period of 120 days beyond the requested effective date. Furthermore, because a hearing on the tariff cannot be concluded within 120 days, the tariff will be suspended for an additional six months.

Test Year, True-up and Local Public Hearing Recommendations:

AmerenUE used a historical test year ending March 31, 2010, to be updated for known and measurable changes through February 28, 2011, for purposes of its rate case

filing. To quickly resolve test year and update questions, the Commission will require the other parties to promptly state their positions regarding AmerenUE's test year and update proposal.

In addition to test year and update period recommendations, the Commission will direct the parties to file recommendations regarding the scheduling of local public hearings. Any party recommending local public hearings shall also offer recommendations regarding the number, date, time, and location of those hearings.

Hearing Dates, Customer Notice, and Prehearing Conference:

The Commission will schedule an evidentiary hearing in this order and will reserve dates for a true-up hearing. By establishing the hearing dates now, the Commission will ensure that this matter is heard as expeditiously as possible. Additionally, the early establishment of the hearing dates will allow ample time for notice to be sent to customers. The Commission will also set an early prehearing conference and require the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule. Staff will have primary responsibility for preparing the proposed procedural schedule, but should coordinate the proposed schedule with the other parties as much as possible.

Notice and Intervention:

The Commission's Data Center shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commissions of the counties in AmerenUE's service area, as well as upon the governing body for the City of St. Louis. In addition, the Commission's Public Information Office shall make notice of this order available to the media serving AmerenUE's service area and to the members of the General Assembly representing that area. The Commission will allow proper persons 20 days from the issuance of this order to file an application to intervene.

This is a contested case and the ethical restrictions regarding ex parte and extra-record communications imposed by Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-4.020 apply.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The tariff submitted under Tariff File No. YE-2011-0116, on September 2, 2010, by Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE, for the purpose of increasing rates for electric service, is suspended for 120 days, from October 3, 2010, to January 31, 2011.
2. The tariff suspended for 120 days in ordered paragraph 1, is suspended an additional six months beyond January 31, 2011, to July 31, 2011.
3. The specific tariff sheets suspended are:

**Union Electric Company
MO P.S.C. Schedule No. 5**

- 28th Revised Sheet No. 27, Cancelling 27th Revised Sheet No. 27
- 39th Revised Sheet No. 28, Cancelling 38th Revised Sheet No. 28
- 27th Revised Sheet No. 32, Cancelling 26th Revised Sheet No. 32
- 30th Revised Sheet No. 34, Cancelling 29th Revised Sheet No. 34
- 37th Revised Sheet No. 37, Cancelling 36th Revised Sheet No. 37
- 28th Revised Sheet No. 39, Cancelling 27th Revised Sheet No. 39
- 26th Revised Sheet No. 40, Cancelling 25th Revised Sheet No. 40
- 32nd Revised Sheet No. 41, Cancelling 29th Revised Sheet No. 41
- 17th Revised Sheet No. 45, Cancelling 16th Revised Sheet No. 45
- 27th Revised Sheet No. 50, Cancelling 26th Revised Sheet No. 50
- 20th Revised Sheet No. 55, Cancelling 19th Revised Sheet No. 55
- 1st Revised Sheet No. 55.1, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 55.1
- 8th Revised Sheet No. 56, Cancelling 7th Revised Sheet No. 56
- 6th Revised Sheet No. 57, Cancelling 5th Revised Sheet No. 57
- 20th Revised Sheet No. 58, Cancelling 19th Revised Sheet No. 58
- 14th Revised Sheet No. 67.1, Cancelling 13th Revised Sheet No. 67.1
- 9th Revised Sheet No. 67.4, Cancelling 8th Revised Sheet No. 67.4
- 14th Revised Sheet No. 68, Cancelling 13th Revised Sheet No. 68
- 4th Revised Sheet No. 68.1, Cancelling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 68.1
- 1st Revised Sheet No. 98.8, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 98.8
- 1st Revised Sheet No. 98.9, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 98.9
- 1st Revised Sheet No. 98.10, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 98.10
- 1st Revised Sheet No. 98.11, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 98.11
- 1st Revised Sheet No. 98.12, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 98.12
- 1st Revised Sheet No. 98.13, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 98.13
- 2nd Revised Sheet No. 98.14, Cancelling 1st Revised Sheet No. 98.14

Original Sheet No. 98.15
Original Sheet No. 98.16
Original Sheet No. 98.17
Original Sheet No. 98.18
Original Sheet No. 98.19
Original Sheet No. 98.20
Original Sheet No. 98.21

21st Revised Sheet No. 99, Cancelling 20th Revised Sheet No. 99

4. Any proper person or entity wishing to intervene shall file an application to intervene no later than September 27, 2010, with:

Steven C. Reed, Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360

5. Staff, the Office of the Public Counsel, and any persons or entities requesting intervention shall file, on or before October 4, 2010, a pleading either indicating concurrence in AmerenUE's recommended test year and update period, or recommending alternatives to that test year and update period.

6. An early prehearing conference shall be held on October 12, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. The early prehearing conference will be held in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

7. The parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule on or before October 19, 2010. Staff shall have the primary responsibility for preparing and filing the proposed procedural schedule.

8. The parties shall file recommendations as to the times, dates and locations for local public hearings regarding the proposed rate increase on or before October 19, 2010.

9. An evidentiary hearing is scheduled for April 18 through 22, and April 25 through 29, 2011, beginning each day at 8:30 a.m. May 16 and 17, 2011, are reserved for

a true-up hearing, if such a hearing is ordered. The evidentiary hearing will be held in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

10. Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE, shall notify each affected customer of the scheduled hearings. The form and time of the notice shall be agreed upon by the parties and shall be filed for the Commission's approval no later than October 19, 2010.

11. The Commission's Data Center shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county within AmerenUE's service area, and upon the corresponding governing body for the City of St. Louis.

12. The Commission's Public Information Office shall make notice of this order available to the members of the General Assembly representing AmerenUE's service area and to the news media serving AmerenUE's service area.

13. All hearings in this case will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If any person needs additional accommodations to participate in any hearing, please call the Missouri Public Service Commission's Hotline at 800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

14. This order shall become effective on September 7, 2010.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Reed', written over a faint, illegible background.

Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
under Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 7th day of September, 2010.