

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

In the Matter of Union Electric Company)	
d/b/a AmerenUE for Authority to File)	
Tariffs Increasing Rates for Natural Gas)	Case No. GR-2007-0003
Service Provided to Customers in the)	
Company's Missouri Service Area.)	

**MOTION FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL OF STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT
AND MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT**

COME NOW Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE (AmerenUE or Company), the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC), the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Missouri School Boards' Association and the Missouri Retailers Association (collectively, the Parties) and for their Motion for Commission Approval of Stipulation and Agreement and Motion for Expedited Treatment, state as follows:

1. On July 7, 2006, AmerenUE submitted to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) proposed tariffs seeking increased rates for gas service provided to customers in the Company's service territory. The proposed tariffs contained a requested effective date of August 6, 2006, and were designed to produce an annual increase of approximately \$11 million in the Company's revenues exclusive of applicable taxes. Pursuant to the Commission's rules, the Company provided minimum filing requirements, as set forth in 4 CSR 240-3.030, and direct testimony and schedules supporting the filing.

2. In its July 11, 2006 Order Directing Notice, Suspending Tariff, Setting Hearings, and Directing Filings, the Commission suspended the tariffs until June 4, 2007. On September 12, 2006, the Commission issued its Order Adopting Procedural Schedule. This order required

AmerenUE to file an update of its Direct Case by September 29, 2006; for Parties other than AmerenUE to file Direct Testimony on all issues except customer class cost of service and rate design on December 15, 2006; for Parties other than AmerenUE to file Direct Testimony on customer class cost of service and rate design on December 29, 2006; for a Settlement Conference to be held on the dates of January 23-25, 2007; for all Parties to file Rebuttal Testimony on all issues except customer class cost of service and rate design on January 31, 2007; and for all Parties to file Rebuttal Testimony on customer class cost of service and rate design on February 5, 2007. All parties filed testimony as required on December 15, 2006 and December 29, 2006. After the Settlement Conference, the parties filed Motion of the Parties for Suspension of Procedural Schedule and Motion for Expedited Treatment, stating that the parties believed a full resolution of this case was likely. The Commission granted the request by its Order Modifying Schedule for Filing Rebuttal Testimony, issued on January 29, 2007.

3. Since the Commission ordered Settlement Conference, all parties in this case have engaged in and continued settlement discussions. Attached to this pleading is the agreement reached as a result of these discussions, Titled Stipulation and Agreement (Agreement). The Agreement resolves all issues among the signatory parties in this case and all parties except the State of Missouri have signed this Agreement.

4. If approved by the Commission, the Agreement would authorize AmerenUE to revise its tariff sheets containing rate schedules for natural gas service to produce an increase in overall Missouri jurisdictional gross annual gas revenue, exclusive of any applicable license, occupation, franchise, gross receipts taxes or other similar fees or taxes, of \$6 million, effective for services rendered on and after April 1, 2007.

5. The signatory parties request the Commission approve the attached Stipulation and Agreement on an expedited basis in order to allow the new rates to go into effect on April 1, 2007. The parties anticipate that if the Commission approves this Agreement by March 15, 2007, the rates can go into effect on April 1, 2007. Most of the parties to this Agreement are parties to AmerenUE's electric rate case, Case No. ER-2007-0002, and are willing to attend an on-the-record presentation of this Agreement, if the Commission desires to hold one at some point during the first week of the electric rate case hearing.

WHEREFORE, AmerenUE, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, the Office of the Public Counsel, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, the Missouri School Boards' Association and the Missouri Retailers Association ask the Commission to approve the attached Stipulation and Agreement no later than March 15, 2007, as a full and final resolution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was served via e-mail, to all parties listed on the service list in Case No. GR-2007-0003 on the 8th day of March, 2007.

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