

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

The Staff of the Missouri Public)	
Service Commission,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	<u>Case No. GC-2006-0350</u>
)	
Union Electric Company,)	
d/b/a AmerenUE,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE
AND DIRECTING FILING OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: May 19, 2006

Effective Date: May 19, 2006

On March 10, 2006, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a complaint against Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE. The complaint states that Staff conducted an investigation to evaluate the circumstances surrounding the gas incident that occurred on October 10, 2005, in Boonville, Missouri, and filed its *Gas Incident Report* in Case No. GS-2006-0199 on March 10, 2006. As a result of its investigations, Staff alleges that AmerenUE violated Commission rule 4 CSR 240-40.030(12)(O)1.A and B in that AmerenUE caused an overpressurization of a low-pressure system. Staff requests that the Commission find that AmerenUE violated a Commission rule and, further, that the Commission authorize the Office of General Counsel to seek civil penalties in circuit court and order such other relief as the Commission may find just and reasonable.

The Commission issued its Notice of Complaint on March 15, 2006, and AmerenUE timely filed its Answer on April 13, 2006.

This matter is now at issue and a prehearing conference and procedural schedule are appropriate to ensure its prompt resolution. It is expected that the prehearing conference will provide an opportunity for the parties to further pursue settlement discussions. The parties shall jointly file a proposed procedural schedule one week after the prehearing conference.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. A prehearing conference shall be held on June 5, 2006, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in Room 305 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. The Governor Office Building meets the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodations to participate in the prehearing conference should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or dial 711 for Relay Missouri prior to the prehearing conference.
2. The parties shall jointly prepare and file a proposed procedural schedule no later than June 12, 2006.
3. This order shall become effective on May 19, 2006.

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BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 19th day of May, 2006.