

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

In the Matter of Union Electric Company, d/b/a	)	
AmerenUE's Tariffs to Increase Its Annual	)	<b><u>Case No. ER-2008-0318</u></b>
Revenues for Electric Service	)	Tariff Nos. YE-2008-0605

**ORDER RESCHEDULING PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

Issue Date: April 24, 2008

Effective Date: April 24, 2008

On April 4, 2008, Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE, submitted tariffs designed to implement a general rate increase for electric service. On April 7, the Commission suspended those tariffs until March 1, 2009. In the suspension order, the Commission scheduled a three-week evidentiary hearing beginning on November 5. In the same order, the Commission scheduled a prehearing conference for May 27, as well as several other procedural dates.

On April 17, AmerenUE filed a motion asking the Commission to reconsider the portions of its order regarding a procedural schedule. AmerenUE complains that scheduling a hearing to begin in November is impractical and unfair, and asks that the hearing be moved back to December. AmerenUE also asks that the May 27 prehearing conference be moved up to May 12, and that other procedural filing date be adjusted as well.

So that it could promptly consider AmerenUE's motion for reconsideration, the Commission established April 23 as the deadline for other parties to respond to that motion. The Commission's Staff, Office of Public Counsel, and Noranda Aluminum filed timely

responses. None objected to AmerenUE's request to reschedule the prehearing conference. Noranda did, however, point out that May 12, AmerenUE's suggested date for the prehearing conference, is the first day of the Empire District Electric rate case hearing. Noranda suggests a different day be chosen for the prehearing conference to avoid that conflict.

The Commission originally scheduled the prehearing conference when it did to avoid a conflict with the Empire District rate case hearing. However, since the parties do not seem to be bothered by that conflict, the Commission will reschedule the prehearing conference to allow the case to move forward faster. To avoid the first day of the Empire District hearing, the prehearing conference will be held on Tuesday, May 13.

The Commission will also revise the other early procedural dates as suggested by AmerenUE. The Commission will not, however, reschedule the hearing dates at this time. The Commission is willing to consider revisions to the hearing schedule if such revisions are proposed by the parties following the prehearing conference. But the Commission intends to issue its report and order at least thirty days before the March 1 operation of law date. Therefore, AmerenUE's proposal to move the hearing back into December and submit the case for decision on approximately January 19, clearly would not allow the Commission sufficient time to deliberate and write a decision.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The prehearing conference previously scheduled for May 27, 2008, is rescheduled for May 13, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., at the Commission's office at the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, Room 305. This building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need

additional accommodations to participate in this conference, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the conference.

2. Staff, the Office of the Public Counsel, and any intervenors shall file, on or before May 20, 2008, a pleading either indicating concurrence in AmerenUE's recommended test year or recommending alternatives to that test year.

3. Staff, the Office of the Public Counsel, and any intervenors shall file, on or before May 20, 2008, a pleading offering a recommendation concerning a true-up.

4. The parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule on or before May 20, 2008. Staff shall have the primary responsibility for preparing and filing the proposed procedural schedule.

5. The parties shall file recommendations as to the times, dates, and locations for local public hearings regarding the proposed rate increase on or before May 20, 2008.

6. This order shall become effective on April 24, 2008.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

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Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008.