

**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 Electric Service Provided to Customers)	<u>Case No. ER-2007-0002</u>
In the Company's Missouri Service Area.)	Tariff No. YE-2007-0007

**JOINTLY PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
AND REQUEST FOR OTHER PROCEDURAL ITEMS**

Come now Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE (AmerenUE), the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel), Noranda Aluminum, Inc. (Noranda), State of Missouri, Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), Missouri Energy Group (MEG), Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers (MIEC), AARP (AARP), Consumers Council of Missouri (CCM), Missouri Association for Social Welfare (MASW), Laclede Gas Company (Laclede), and Aquila, Inc. (Aquila) (collectively the parties and the entities subsequently granted party status that appeared and participated in the early prehearing conference) and for their jointly proposed procedural schedule state as follows:

1. The Commission in its July 11, 2006 Order Directing Notice, Suspending Tariff, Setting Hearings, And Directing Filings scheduled an early prehearing conference for August 17, 2006 and directed that the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule on or before August 25, 2006. On August 1, 2006, the Commission issued an Order Granting Applications To Intervene of State of Missouri, MEG, Noranda and MDNR. On August 11, 2006, the Commission issued an Order Directing Applicants For Intervention To Appear At Prehearing.

On August 22 and 28, 2006, the Commission issued further Orders Granting Applications To Intervene.

2. The above parties and entities subsequently granted party status appeared at the August 17, 2006 early prehearing conference and participated in the development of the jointly proposed procedural schedule which follows:

Proposed Procedural Schedule – AmerenUE Electric Rate Case Filed 7/7/06 – test year ending June 30, 2006, with nine months actual data and three months forecasted data, as well as pro forma adjustments including certain items through January 1, 2007

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Cases Filed	July 7, 2006
AmerenUE will update its Direct Case, i.e., its forecasted data for Apr. to June 2006, to actual data, including limited Supplemental Direct Testimony *	September 29, 2006
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Direct Testimony – non-AmerenUE Parties, excluding customer class cost of service and rate design	December 15, 2006
Direct Testimony – non-AmerenUE Parties, customer class cost of service and rate design	December 29, 2006 Gas January 4, 2007 Electric

* Supplemental Direct Testimony filed on September 29, 2006 is to be concise and strictly limited to quantification of actual data, including testimony and data relating to the impacts of the storms occurring in July 2006 to the extent available. Such testimony shall not introduce a change of methodologies or changes in methodology.

** AmerenUE has stated that on September 29, 2006, it intends to file a Fuel Adjustment Clause Tariff and Minimum Filing Requirements, per part (2) of proposed Chapter 3 Rules. Certain parties and entities subsequently granted party status have stated their intention to respond by August 31, 2006, as authorized by the Regulatory Law Judge at the August 17, 2006 Early Prehearing Conference (Tr. Vol. 1, p. 19, lns. 3-6) and noted in the Commission's August 18, 2006 Notice Regarding Question Raised and Rulings Made at Prehearing Conference, to (1) AmerenUE's July 7, 2006 Motion to Adopt Procedures For Implementing AmerenUE's Requested Fuel Adjustment Clause and (2) AmerenUE's August 8, 2006 Reply to Staff Response to AmerenUE's Motion to Adopt Procedures for Implementing AmerenUE's

Preliminary Reconciliation (Not To Be Filed – To Be Provided To All Parties)	December 29, 2006
Local Public Hearings (See Public Counsel’s Recommendations For Notice And Public Hearings filed on 8/25/06)	January 2007
Technical/Settlement Conference	January 16-19, 2007 (Electric) January 23-25, 2007 (Gas)
List Of Issues (Not To Be Filed –To Be Provided To All Parties)	January 27, 2007
Rebuttal Testimony – all parties, except class cost of service and rate design	January 31, 2007
Rebuttal Testimony – all parties, class cost of service and rate design	February 5, 2007
Settlement Conference, as necessary or practical	February 5-9, 2007
Surrebuttal Testimony – all parties - all issues	February 27, 2007
List of Issues – Order of Witnesses – Order of Cross-examination	March 2, 2007
Final Reconciliation – Filed	March 2, 2007
Evidentiary Hearings	March 12-16, 19-23, 26-30, 2007

**[cont.] Requested Fuel Adjustment Clause. Although the parties and entities subsequently granted party status that appeared and participated in the early prehearing conference agree that nothing in this Jointly Proposed Procedural Schedule And Request For Other Procedural Items, including the preceding footnote, precludes AmerenUE from making such a filing respecting its request for a fuel adjustment clause, the parties and entities subsequently granted party status that appeared and participated in the early prehearing conference nevertheless reserve their positions and all their rights and remedies as to whether AmerenUE may make the filing that it has stated it intends to make on September 29, 2006 and these same parties and entities further explicitly disclaim that the mention or reference to such stated intention by AmerenUE in this document shall prejudice, impair or otherwise limit their ability to object or resist such filing by AmerenUE in any manner.

AmerenUE to Provide Data on True-Up Items through January 1, 2007***	March 2, 1007
Statements of Position	March 7, 2007
True-up Direct – all parties, if necessary ****	April 6, 2007
True-up Rebuttal – all parties, if necessary ****	April 13, 2007
Initial Posthearing Briefs – all parties	April 18, 2007
True-Up Hearing, if necessary	April 19-20, 2007
Reply Posthearing Briefs – all parties	April 25, 2007
True-up Briefs, if necessary, all parties	April 30, 2007
Operation-of-Law Date	June 6, 2007

*** Anticipated true-up items would include revenues, storm related costs, off-system sales margins, payroll, customer growth, plant-in-service, depreciation expense, depreciation reserve, fuel and transportation prices, purchased power costs, contributions in aid of construction, customer advances for construction, deferred taxes, income taxes, related items, and other significant items that maintain a proper matching of revenues, expenses and rate base. No party is precluded from proposing such significant additional item(s) as a proper true-up item, but the other parties should be timely notified in writing of a party's decision to propose an additional item(s) as a proper true-up item(s). The inclusion of an item in the preceding list of anticipated true-up items shall not preclude or limit any party from objecting to a specific item or event as inappropriate for treatment as a true-up item or as inappropriate for inclusion in the Commission's determination of the revenue requirements in this case. Further, inclusion of an item in the preceding list of anticipated true-up items shall not preclude or limit any party's discovery rights in any way as to the listed items or any other items or matters involved in this case.

**** True-Up Direct Testimony filed on April 6, 2007 and True-Up Rebuttal Testimony filed on April 13, 2006 are to be concise and strictly limited to quantification of actual data. Such testimony shall not introduce a change of methodologies or changes in methodology.

3. All parties also have agreed to the following procedures and request that these agreed to matters be reflected in the Commission's Order setting the procedural schedule:

(a) AmerenUE used a test year ending June 30, 2006, with nine months actual data and three months forecasted data as well as pro forma adjustments to include certain items through January 1, 2007. AmerenUE will update its case on September 29, 2006 to substitute actual data for the three months of forecasted data it filed in its July 7, 2006 direct testimony and to provide testimony and data on the July 2006 storms. AmerenUE will true-up its test year through January 1, 2007.

(b) Administrative consolidation of the electric and gas rate cases is requested by the parties where practical. For example, the parties are requesting that the Commission acknowledge in an Order that discovery in either the electric or the gas rate case can be used (subject to applicable evidentiary rules) in the other case and make any necessary revisions to the Protective Orders that have been issued by the Commission (paragraphs I and U of the Protective Orders). Also, the evidentiary record for certain issues, for example pensions and OPEBs, likely would be the same for both the electric and the gas rate cases. Nonetheless, the evidentiary record for certain other issues, for example the specific analysis relating to rate of return (the determination of the risk of a gas utility versus the determination of the risk an electric utility) would not be the same.

(c) All parties agree that they will provide copies of testimony (including schedules), exhibits and pleadings to other counsel by electronic means and in electronic form essentially concurrently with the filing of such testimony, exhibits or pleadings where the information is available in electronic format. Parties are not required to put information that does not exist in electronic format into electronic format for purposes of exchanging it.

(d) An effort should be made to not include in data request questions either highly confidential or proprietary information. If either highly confidential or proprietary information must be included in data request questions, the highly confidential or proprietary information should be appropriately designated as such pursuant to the Protective Order issued in the case.

(e) Counsel for each party is to receive electronically from each other party, a copy of all data requests served by that party on another party in the case – if a party desires the response to a data request that has been served on another party, the party desiring a copy of the response must request a copy of the response from the party answering the data request – in this manner the party providing a response to a data request has the opportunity to object to providing the response to another party and is responsible for copying information purported to be highly confidential or proprietary – thus, if a party wants a copy of a data request response by AmerenUE to a Staff data request, the party should ask AmerenUE, not the Staff, for a copy of the data request response unless there are appropriate reasons to direct the discovery to the party originally requesting the material.

(f) Until the January 31 filing of rebuttal testimony on revenue requirement and other non-customer class cost of service and non-rate design pertinent issues, the response time for all data requests is 20 calendar days, and 10 calendar days to object or notify that more than 20 calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information. After January 31, the response time for data requests becomes 10 calendar days to provide the requested information, and 5 business days to object or notify that more than 10 calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information.

(g) Workpapers that were prepared in the course of developing a witness' testimony should not be filed with the Commission but should be submitted to each party within 2 business days following the filing of the particular testimony. Workpapers containing highly confidential or proprietary information should be appropriately marked. Since workpapers for certain parties may be voluminous and generally not all parties are interested in receiving workpapers or a complete set of workpapers, a party shall be relieved of providing workpapers to those parties indicating that they are not interested in receiving workpapers or a complete set of workpapers.

(h) The parties are hereby requesting that the Commission provide for expedited transcripts of the evidentiary hearings.

4. Undersigned counsel apologizes for any inconvenience the instant document not being filed on August 25, 2006 as directed by the Commission has caused, and requests leave to late-file the instant pleading this date.

Wherefore in response to the Commission's July 11, 2006 Order Directing Notice, Suspending Tariff, Setting Hearings, And Directing Filings, the Staff files, on behalf of itself and the parties and entities subsequently granted party status identified above, this Jointly Proposed Procedural Schedule And Request For Other Procedural Items, and undersigned counsel requests leave to late-file this pleading.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 29th day of August 2006.

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