

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

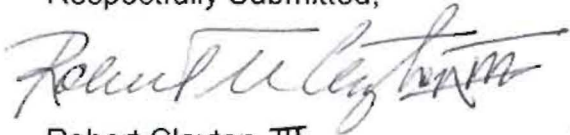
In the Matter of Union Electric Company, d/b/a)
AmerenUE's Tariffs to Increase Its Annual)Case No. ER-2010-0036
Revenues for Electric Service)

NOTICE REGARDING EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS

Issue Date: August 5, 2009

On August 4, 2009, Chris Woltmann sent the attached electronic message to the commissioners regarding the Ameren rate increase request.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Clayton, III
Chairman



Jeff Davis
Commissioner



Kevin Gunn
Commissioner

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 5th day of August, 2009.

Gregory, Sheryl

From: Davis, Jeff
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2009 11:21 AM
To: Gregory, Sheryl
Subject: FW: AMEREN RATE INCREASE REQUEST

Ex-parte Communication. Please file accordingly.

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From: Chris Woltmann [mailto:westwardwind2@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2009 11:43 PM
To: Clayton, Robert; Davis, Jeff; Jarrett, Terry; Gunn, Kevin; Henderson, Wess; Joyce, Dan; Reed, Steven; Fred, Gay; Dietrich, Natelle*; Mantle, Lena; Beck, Dan; Watkins, James; Imhoff, Tom; Leonberger, Bob; Schallenberg, Bob; Bible, Ron; Wandel, Joan; Sommerer, David; Kremer, Lisa; Fischer, Janis; westwardwind2@sbcglobal.net
Cc: sgallagher@ameren.com
Subject: AMEREN RATE INCREASE REQUEST

Re: Ameren UE Rate Request of 7/24/2009

Chris Woltmann
2105 Alfred, Ave 1ST Floor
St Louis, MO 63110

Dear Missouri Public Service Commission,

When I read about Ameren's UE rate request of 7/24/2009 to the MoPSC, I was never so flabbergasted by the actions of a public utility in my life. Ameren UE has taken hubris to the limit. I cannot believe that in the face of the worst recession this Country has seen in the last 70 years, they have the brass balls to request an 18% rate increase.

I realize that this is a negotiating position – they will *settle* for an 8% increase like they got this last spring. But even this sort of tact is completely out of line at this point in time.

I would like to propose that in line with the state of the national economy, Ameren be rewarded with an 18% rate decrease. I think this decrease should start at the top – 18% of all upper level management should be laid off indefinitely. This should give them some time to think about how ridiculous this request of theirs is. The rest of upper management still working should get an 18% pay cut retroactive to the date of this rate increase request. 36% of company vehicles at upper management level need to be eliminated and those geniuses at the top need to either takle the bus or carpool. Furthermore, I think all upper level management should have their individual light bill rates (which they are probably not paying anyway) increased by 36%.

Warner Baxter clearly needs to have his head examined. He has to be completely nuts. Any exec who would put his name on such a ludicrous letter as the one that went out to Ameren victims really needs to be institutionalized. I have never, ever witnessed any kind of executive behavior like this in my life. If he weren't running a publicly regulated utility, he would never be able to get away with his moronic justification for his Company's rude, selfish and callous behavior.

8/5/2009

Since you guys are the Public Service Commission, please do not let them get away with sticking their customers like this when things get tough. They need to knuckle down and learn to do with less just like the rest of us. Please don't sell us out like you did last spring.

Thank you,
Chris Woltmann.

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August 5, 2009

Chris Woltmann
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Dear Mr. Woltmann:

Thank you very much for your e-mail of August 4, 2009, relating to the recent general rate case proceeding filed by AmerenUE.

I wanted to let you know that your letter has been duly filed in the rate case file. The Commissioners acknowledge receiving your input. Please be advised that the public will have additional opportunities to provide public comment on the rate increase request in the coming months through the standard local public hearings to be scheduled in the AmerenUE service territory. These will be scheduled in the near future and will be publicized through the local media as well as through bill inserts sent directly to customers.

Although I cannot provide a specific response to your inquiry, I wanted to pass along some basics of the rate making process. AmerenUE has filed their case through its initial filing with written direct testimony and supporting work papers, which starts the process. The Commission will eventually approve a procedural schedule that will include the timing for filing of rebuttal, surrebuttal and cross-surrebuttal testimony. Discovery will be conducted, including a complete, comprehensive audit by the PSC staff. Local public hearings will be set in the AmerenUE territory and an evidentiary, trial type hearing will be held sometime next spring. A decision by the Commission is required no later than June 21, 2010. All case documents can be found in our Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS) at www.psc.mo.gov, and you should refer to Case No. ER-2010-0036.

Thank you again for your e-mail.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert M. Clayton III", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert M. Clayton III
Chairman

cc: EFIS Case No. ER-2010-0036