

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

**PUBLIC COUNSEL'S MOTION TO LATE FILE PREHEARING BRIEF**

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel and for its Motion to Late File Prehearing Brief states as follows:

1. The filing deadline for Prehearing Briefs established by the Commission by order issued on September 12, 2006 was March 6, 2007, at 5:00 PM.
2. Public Counsel filed its Prehearing Brief at approximately 9:00 PM on March 6, four hours after the filing deadline.
3. Due to the press of other business, including a hearing in Case No. WC-2006-0082 *et al.* that ran until the evening hours for three days on February 28 through March 3, and budget hearings in the legislature that ran until after 9:00 PM on March 5, the undersigned attorney was not able to quite complete the brief by the end of the March 6 business day.
4. Neither the Commission nor any party will be prejudiced by Public Counsel's slight delay in filing its Prehearing Brief. The hearings do not begin for almost a week, and anyone eager to get started on prehearing briefs could have easily filled the four hours between 5:00 and 9:00 by reading the briefs of other parties.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully requests that the Commission accept Public Counsel's Prehearing Brief out of time.

Respectfully submitted,

OFFICE OF THE Public Counsel

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been emailed to all parties this 6th day of March 2007.

By:\_\_\_\_\_