

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
Revenues for Electric Service

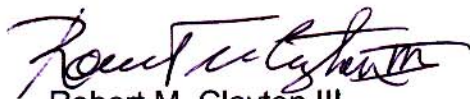
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NOTICE REGARDING EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Issue Date: July 30, 2009

On July 30, 2009, we received the attached email and letter from State Representative Jamilah Nasheed, et al.

Respectfully Submitted,


Robert M. Clayton III
Chairman


Jeff Davis
Commissioner


Kevin Gunn
Commissioner

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 30th day of July, 2009.

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To: Clayton, Robert; Davis, Jeff; Gunn, Kevin; terry.jannett@psc.mo.gov
Subject: Letter of Opposition to Ameren Utility Rate Increase Request
Attachments: opposeAmerenRateIncrease.doc

I have attached a letter of opposition to Ameren's recent utility rate increase request. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or any of the elected officials listed if you have any questions.

Jamilah Nasheed
State Representative
District 60

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MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**JAMILAH NASHEED**

State Representative
District 60

July 30, 2009

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Dear Missouri Public Service Commissioners,

We write in opposition to the request submitted by AmerenUE to raise utility rates by \$402 million. We know that you will perform due diligence in reviewing this request and investigating what we believe to be an inappropriate proposal given the current economic climate. As you look closer at AmerenUE's proposed increase, we hope you will consider their 1.2 million customers in Missouri who are struggling to make ends meet in the midst of an economic crisis.

While AmerenUE has tried to soften the blow by stating the increase will mean only an additional 50 cents per day for customers, the truth is that this rate hike comes at a time when Missourians simply cannot afford it. While everyone else in this state is tightening their belts and cutting back on expenses in order to survive, AmerenUE has the audacity to ask to increase their rates by the enormous figure of 18 percent. When you couple this request with the rate increase they received just months ago and the one they received in 2007, it's a clear cut example of a company that is not operating with the concerns of its customers in mind but is instead adding to the economic hardships experienced by the hardworking families of this state. We cannot in good conscience allow AmerenUE to add to the financial hardships already being experienced by so many Missourians.

We ask you to take all of these factors into consideration as you probe deeper to determine the validity of AmerenUE's request. We are certain you will find this proposed increase is completely out of line given the state of our economy. AmerenUE should be working to tighten its own belt, just as its customers have, in order to survive these trying times. Until our economy bounces back and stabilizes, there is no way to support an increase that will further stretch the budgets of Missouri families. We urge you to reject this request and do what is right for the many hardworking men and women who make up AmerenUE's customer base.

Sincerely,

State Representative Jamilah Nasheed, District 60
State Representative Chris Carter, District 61
State Representative Talibden El-Amin, District 57
State Representative Belinda Harris, District 110
State Representative Michele Kratky, District 65
State Representative Mike McGhee, District 122
State Representative Margo McNeil, District 78