

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

In the matter of Union Electric Company's )  
Application for a Variance from the )  
Provisions of 4 CSR 240-13.015(R) and ) Case No. EE-2000-561  
Company's Electric Tariff V.I and )  
Gas Tariff VIII.E. )

**CONCURRING OPINION OF COMMISSIONER CONNIE MURRAY**

I concur with the majority that AmerenUE should be granted a variance from Commission rule 4 CSR 240-13.015 (1) (R). However, I do not agree with condition (d) that the majority imposed. Requiring the company to continue sending postcard bills (absent an affirmative election by the customer) to each customer who chooses to participate in electronic bill-payment places an unnecessary expense on the company that subtracts from the savings that make it possible for the company to offer electronic bill-payment without charge. Furthermore, requiring the warning language concerning the arrival time of e-mail notification seems superfluous, if not counterproductive.

**Respectfully submitted,**

  
**Connie Murray, Commissioner**

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2000.

ALL/Sec'y: Woodruff/Boyce

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Murray, Commissioner

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Simmons, Commissioner

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10-31  
Agenda Date

Action taken: 4-OAS  
Preway - concurrence attached  
Must Vote Not Later Than \_\_\_\_\_

**STATE OF MISSOURI**

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of Oct. 2000.



Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge