

**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

In the Matter of the Tariff Filing of Union Electric)	
Company d/b/a AmerenUE, for Authority to File)	
Tariffs Increasing Rates for Natural Gas Service)	<u>Case No. GR-2007-0003</u>
Provided to Customers in its Missouri Service)	Tariff No. YE-2007-0008
Area.)	

**STAFF'S NOTIFICATION THAT IT WILL NOT OPPOSE THE OFFICE OF THE
PUBLIC COUNSEL'S RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), and states as follows:

1. On August 14, 2006, the Commission issued its order Granting Motion to Extend Deadline for Filing Public Hearing Recommendations and directed the parties to file recommendations as to the times, dates and locations for local public hearings regarding the proposed rate increases on or before August 25, 2006.
2. The Staff will not oppose the recommendations of the Office of the Public Counsel for hearing dates.
3. The Staff does recommend combining the electric and natural gas case public hearings in the areas where Ameren serves both gas and electric customers.

WHEREFORE in response to the Commission's August 14 Order that parties submit recommendations for public hearings, Staff notifies the Commission that Staff will not oppose the recommendations of the Office of the Public Counsel.

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 25th day of August 2006.

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