

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

In the Matter of the Application of)
Mike Bennett for a Change of) Case No. EO-2007-0199
Electric Supplier.)

**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR
CHANGE OF ELECTRIC SERVICE PROVIDER**

COMES NOW Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE (“AmerenUE” or “Company”), and for its Answer to the Complaint filed in this proceeding, states as follows:

1. On November 28, 2006, Mike Bennett of 704 State Highway P, New Madrid, Missouri 63869 (“Bennett”) initiated this proceeding by filing an Application for Change of Electric Service Provider (“Application”). Bennett requested that his electric service be provided by SEMO Electric Cooperative (“SEMO”) rather by AmerenUE.

2. On November 29, 2006, the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an order directing AmerenUE to respond to the Application.

3. AmerenUE does not object to this transfer and, in fact, believes that it is in the public interest for reasons other than rate differential. Attached to this pleading is the verified statement of Ron C. Zdellar, Vice President of Energy Delivery-Distribution Service, which details AmerenUE’s position in support of this request.

WHEREFORE, AmerenUE respectfully requests that the Commission issue its order allowing AmerenUE to transfer Mike Bennett to SEMO Electric Cooperative as his provider of electric service and other such relief as set forth in the attached verified statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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d/b/a AmerenUE

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Answer was served on the following parties via electronic mail (e-mail) or via regular mail on this 5th day of December, 2006.

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VERIFIED STATEMENT

COMES NOW, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE (“Company”), a Missouri corporation, in response to an Order and Notice and Order Directing Filing dated November 29, 2006 of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”), states as follows:

1. Company is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri, in good standing in all respects, with its principal office and place of business located at One Ameren Plaza, 1901 Chouteau Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63103. Company is an electrical corporation subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission and engaged in the sale and distribution of electricity in portions of Missouri, including the area in and around 704 State Highway P in New Madrid, Missouri 63869.

2. Correspondence, communications, orders and decisions in regard to this application should be directed to:

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3. This case involves an application by Mr. Mike Bennett (“Bennett”) for Commission approval of a change of its electric service provider from Company to SEMO Electric Cooperative (“SEMO”).

4. In support of his Application, Bennett states that he has experienced numerous outages. Application of Bennett at ¶5. Company admits that this assertion is correct.

5. Bennett further states that he has had multiple discussions with AmerenUE in an attempt to prevent outage problems from the long single phase tap through which he is served. Application of Bennett at ¶6. Company admits this assertion is correct.

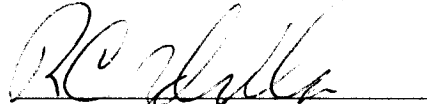
6. Bennett’s property is located at the end of a mile-long feeder which does not serve any other AmerenUE customer. The physical location of the property is such that SEMO would be able to provide a more direct tie into a service line than Bennett currently has to AmerenUE and this should result in fewer outages for the Bennett household.

7. The Company recommends the Commission approve this requested change in electric supplier as being in the public interest for reasons other than rate differential. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Company request that in its Order (i) require the Company to cut open the facilities serving Bennett’s residence, (ii) require SEMO to return to Company any and all transformers associated with Bennett’s existing service, and (iii) require SEMO take title to all existing facilities serving Bennett’s residence after said facilities are cut open by Company. These steps are necessary to permit SEMO to obtain maximum use of the existing facilities and to limit Company’s ongoing liability.

VERIFICATION

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) SS
CITY OF ST. LOUIS)

On this 5th day of December, 2006, I, Ron C. Zdellar, Vice President of Energy Delivery – Distribution Service, being first duly sworn upon my oath, state that I have read the foregoing **Verified Statement** of Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE, that the facts stated therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and that I am authorized to file such document on behalf of Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE.



Ron C. Zdellar

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal on the date first written above.



Notary Public

