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

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
Wasatch Investments, LC, for Change	) Case No. EO-2008-003	3]
of Electric Supplier.	)	

## **RESPONSE OF AMERENUE**

COMES NOW Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE (AmerenUE or Company), and for its Response to Wasatch Investment, LC's (Wasatch) Application for Change of Electric Service Provider, states as follows:

- 1. On August 1, 2007, Wasatch filed an Application for Change of Electric Service Provider requesting permission for a property on which it is constructing a storage facility to be served by Cuivre River Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Cuivre River) rather than by AmerenUE.
- 2. AmerenUE agrees that the property in question is within the certified service territory of AmerenUE and that AmerenUE is the proper provider of electric service at this location.
- 3. However, under the unique circumstances of this situation AmerennUE concurs with the request to allow Cuivre River to serve Wasatch. Although the property at issue is within AmerenUE's service territory, establishing service to this location is more complicated than is generally experienced when extending service to a new customer. The area upon which Wasatch is building its storage facility is a waste site which requires special permitting from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources in order to install any service poles. This process alone is likely to take several months. Additionally, although AmerenUE has made every effort, it has yet to reach an agreement with a nearby property owner to grant the Company an easement necessary to serve

Wasatch. AmerenUE believes it will be able to reach agreement with the landowner, but the Company is not completely in control of the timing of this process.

- 4. Cuivre River already has lines that run through this location and an extension of service from its line will be much less complicated and can be installed on a faster schedule, reducing the inconvenience to Wasatch.
- 5. AmerenUE has been in contact with Cuivre River and believes that it is willing to serve Wasatch.

WHEREFORE, AmerenUE respectfully requests that the Commission grant the Application for Change of Electric Service Provider.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served on the following parties via electronic mail (e-mail) or via regular mail on this  $4^{th}$  day of September, 2007.

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