## 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-2008-0031
of Electric Supplier.	)	

## AMERENUE RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING PARTIES TO RESPOND

COMES NOW Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE (AmerenUE or Company), and for its Response to the Missouri Public Service Commission's (Commission) *Order Directing Parties to Respond*, states as follows:

- 1. On August 1, 2007, Wasatch Investments, LC (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. On September 14, 2007, Commission Staff (Staff) filed its *Staff*Recommendation the Commission Issue Order to Show Cause.
- 3. On October 1, 2007, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Parties to Respond* by October 12, 2007.
- 4. AmerenUE generally concurs with the analysis contained within the Staff pleading of September 14, 2007. Accordingly, Cuivre River cannot provide service within the city limits of O'Fallon, Missouri.
- 5. AmerenUE continues to work to provide electric service to Wasatch. However, as stated in the original application, 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. Work on both of these projects has continued during the pendancy of this case, but neither project has been completed.

WHEREFORE, AmerenUE respectfully requests that the Commission accept this Response to its Order Directing Parties to Respond and deny the request for a change in electric supplier as it is not allowed by Missouri law.

Respectfully submitted,

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