

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

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| 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 |

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| 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. |) | |

**PUBLIC COUNSEL'S RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and state 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. Public Counsel recommends combined public hearings in the areas where Ameren serves both gas and electric customers.

3. Public Counsel recommends that the public hearings be scheduled mid-January as the Commission's calendar permits. In some areas, such as St. Louis city and county, Ameren serves electric customers only, in other areas, such as Columbia, Ameren serves only gas customers and in still other areas, Ameren serves both, such as Jefferson City.

Locations

St. Louis City – noon and evening
St. Louis County - noon and evening
Columbia – evening
Jefferson City - evening
Mexico - evening
Wentzville - evening
Cape Girardeau - noon
Kirksville - noon
Excelsior Springs – noon
Rolla – evening

4. On July 11, 2006, the Commission issued its Order Directing Notice, Suspending Tariff, Setting Hearings, and Directing Filings, directing the parties to agree upon the notice to the public regarding the local public hearings. Public Counsel is not aware of any consensus among the parties regarding the public notice, and the Commission's suspension order did not make clear which party or parties bears the responsibility for making the filing. Public Counsel proposes the following notice:

IMPORTANT NOTICE

AmerenUE has filed revised tariff sheets with the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) which would increase the company's electric service revenues by approximately \$360.7 million, and which would increase the company's natural gas service revenues by approximately \$10.8 million. For the average residential customer the proposed increase would be approximately \$6.00 per month for electric and \$6.00 per month for natural gas.

Local public hearings have been set before the PSC at the following dates, times and locations:

**** Public Hearings listed here ****

If you wish to comment or secure information, you may contact the Office of the Public Counsel, Post Office Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone (573)751-4857, email opcservice@ded.mo.gov or the Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 800-392-4211, email pscinfo@psc.mo.gov.

The Commission will also conduct an evidentiary hearing at its offices in Jefferson City during the weeks of March 12 through March 16, March 19 through March 23, and March 26 through March 30, 2007, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

WHEREFORE the Office of the Public Counsel respectfully offers these proposals.

Respectfully submitted,

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