

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Union Electric Company, d/b/a	)	<b><u>File No. ER-2010-0036</u></b>
AmerenUE's Tariffs to Increase Its Annual	)	Tariff Nos. YE-2010-0054
Revenues for Electric Service	)	and YE-2010-0055

## ORDER SETTING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS AND DIRECTING NOTICE

Issue Date: November 5, 2009

Effective Date: November 5, 2009

On July 24, 2009, Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE, submitted proposed tariff sheets designed to implement a general rate increase for retail electric service. In its July 27 order suspending that tariff, the Commission directed the parties to file recommendations regarding the times, dates, and locations for local public hearings. The parties were also ordered to file the proposed language to be included in the notice that will be given to inform the public of those local public hearings.

On September 11, the Office of the Public Counsel filed a recommendation asking the Commission to schedule local public hearings in various locations around AmerenUE's service territory. Public Counsel's pleading also included proposed language, agreed upon by Public Counsel, Staff, and AmerenUE, to be included in the notice to be given to AmerenUE's customers regarding the local public hearings and the evidentiary hearing. No party has objected to the agreed upon notice.

The Commission will schedule local public hearings at locations around AmerenUE's service area. The agreed upon notice language is acceptable and AmerenUE will be directed to provide notice of the hearings to its customers.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing on Monday, January 4, 2010, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., or until all persons who wish to testify have done so, whichever is sooner, at St. Charles County Administration Building, Room 116, 201 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, St. Charles, Missouri 63301.

2. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing on Tuesday, January 5, 2010, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., or until all persons who wish to testify have done so, at Hayti High School, ITV Room, 400 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Hayti, Missouri 63851.

3. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., or until all persons who wish to testify have done so, whichever is sooner, at Dexter Armory, 105 East North Main Street, Dexter, Missouri 63841.

4. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing on Thursday, January 7, 2010, from 12:00 Noon until 2:00 p.m., or until all persons who wish to testify have done so, whichever is sooner, at Mexico Advanced Technology Center – TCRC, 2900 Dorelli Lane, Mexico, Missouri 65265.

5. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing on Thursday, January 7, 2010, from 12:00 Noon until 2:00 p.m., or until all persons who wish to testify have done son, whichever is sooner, at Moberly Area Community College, Blue Room, 101 College Avenue, Moberly, Missouri 65270

6. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing on Thursday, January 7, 2010, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., or until all persons who wish to testify have done so,

whichever is sooner, at Kirksville TCRC, 315 South Franklin Street, Kirksville, Missouri 63501.

7. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., or until all persons who wish to testify have done so, whichever is sooner, at Missouri Public Service Commission, Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Room 310, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

8. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing on Tuesday, January 19, 2010, from 12:00 Noon until 2:00 p.m., or until all persons who wish to testify have done so, whichever is sooner, at Harris Stowe State University, 3026 Laclede, St. Louis, Missouri 63103.

9. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing on Tuesday, January 19, 2010, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., or until all persons who wish to testify have done so, whichever is sooner, at St. Louis Community College – Meramec Campus, Business Administration Building, Room 105, 11333 Big Bend Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63122

10. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing on Wednesday, January 20, 2010, from Noon until 3:00 p.m., or until all persons who wish to testify have done so, whichever is sooner, at St. Louis County Library – Thornhill Branch Auditorium, 12863 Willowick Drive, St. Louis, Missouri 63146.

11. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing on Wednesday, January 20, 2010, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., or until all persons who wish to testify have done so, whichever is sooner, at Julie Davis Regional Branch Library, 4415 Natural Bridge Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63113.

12. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing on Thursday, January 21, 2010, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., or until all persons who wish to testify have done so, whichever is sooner, at Fox C-6 School District, Roy Wilde Conference Center, 849 Jeffco Boulevard, Arnold, Missouri 63010.

13. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing on Wednesday, January 27, 2010, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., or until all persons who wish to testify have done so, whichever is sooner, at Excelsior Springs High School, ITV Room, 612 Tiger Drive, Excelsior Springs, Missouri 64024.

14. No later than ten days before the local public hearings, Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE, shall provide individual notice to each of its electric service customers including the notice as set out below.

#### NOTICE

AmerenUE has filed revised tariff sheets with the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) that are designed to increase the company's electric service revenues by approximately \$402 million. Included in this amount is an increase in the level of net fuel costs that are recovered in base rates of approximately \$227 million, which will have the effect of making the company's fuel adjustment clause charges lower in the future than they otherwise would have been. For the average residential customer the proposed increase would be approximately 18 percent or \$14 per month. AmerenUE's rate filing includes a request to continue its fuel adjustment clause that reflects changes in the cost of fuel used to generate electricity on customers' bills through a separately-identified surcharge or credit outside a general rate case. AmerenUE's rate filing also includes a request for an Environmental Cost Recovery Surcharge to collect the costs of mandated environmental upgrades on customers' bills through another separately-identified surcharge outside a general rate case.

Public comment hearings have been set before the PSC as follows:

- Monday, January 4, 2010, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., or until all persons who wish to testify have done so, whichever is sooner, at St. Charles County Administration Building, Room 116, 201 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, St. Charles, Missouri 63301.

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**\*A question-and-answer session will be held one-half hour before the beginning of each hearing.**

If you are unable to attend a live public hearing and wish to make written comments or secure additional information, you may contact the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone (573) 751-4857, email [opcservice@ded.mo.gov](mailto: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](mailto:pscinfo@psc.mo.gov). Comments may also be registered in the case using the Commission's electronic filing system at <https://www.efis.psc.mo.gov/mpsc/Comments.html>.

The Commission will also conduct an evidentiary hearing at its offices in Jefferson City from March 15 through 19, and March 22 through 26, 2010, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The hearings and local public hearings will be held in buildings that meet accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If a customer needs additional accommodations to participate in these hearings, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

15. The local public hearings shall be held in facilities that meet the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodation to participate in the hearings should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearings.

16. The Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county in Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE's service area, as well as upon the governing body for the City of St. Louis.

17. The Public Information Office of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall send a copy of this order to members of the General Assembly and to the media that serve Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE's service area.

18. Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE, shall place advertisements in the newspapers serving its service territory. The advertisements shall contain the information from the customer notice relevant to the customers in the newspaper's circulation area.

19. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



Steven C. Reed  
Secretary

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Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009.