

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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

ORDER ESTABLISHING DATE TO RESPOND TO REQUEST FOR INTERIM RATE INCREASE

Issue Date: July 30, 2009

Effective Date: July 30, 2009

On July 24, 2009, Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE submitted a tariff designed to implement a general rate increase for electric service. By a separate tariff also submitted on July 24, AmerenUE proposed an interim rate adjustment that would increase its rates by 1.67 percent. The interim rate adjustment tariff carries an October 1, 2009 effective date. On July 27, the Commission suspended the general rate increase tariff until June 21, 2010, established an intervention deadline, and set dates for filing various pleadings relating to the general rate increase request. The Commission did not, however, address the interim rate adjustment tariff, except to state that it would be dealt with after interested parties have had an opportunity to intervene.

On July 30, the Office of the Public Counsel filed a motion asking the Commission to establish a date for the filing of responses to AmerenUE's request for an interim rate increase. Public Counsel is concerned that Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(15), which allows parties ten days to respond to a pleading unless some other time for response is set by the Commission, would require the parties to respond to AmerenUE's request for an interim rate increase within ten days after the tariff was filed. For that reason, Public

Counsel asks the Commission to establish August 27 as the deadline for the parties to respond.

A tariff filing is not a pleading, so it is not clear that Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(15) would establish a ten-day response time in this situation. Certainly, the Commission did not intend such a result. However, to avoid any confusion, the Commission will establish August 27 as the date by which the parties shall file their initial response to AmerenUE's request for an interim rate increase. If additional procedures regarding that request are required, the Commission will establish those procedures in a subsequent order.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Staff, the Office of the Public Counsel, and any persons or entities requesting intervention shall file, on or before August 27, 2009, a pleading indicating support or opposition to Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE's request for interim rate relief.
2. 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
under Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 30th day of July, 2009.