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Ms. Colleen Dale  
Secretary and Chief Regulatory Law Judge  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 360  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Re: Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE  
Case Nos: ER-2007-0002

Dear Ms. Dale:

Accompanying this letter for filing in the above referenced matters are the original and eight (8) copies of the Department of Economic Development's Late Filed Application to Intervene in the pending electric rate case for Union Electric.

Thank you for your assistance with this filing. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

JEREMIAH W. (JAY) NIXON  
Attorney General

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BEFORE THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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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 in the Company's     )  
Missouri Service Area.     )

Missouri Public  
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Case No. ER-2007-0002

**Missouri Department of Economic Development's Late Filed Application to Intervene**

Comes Now the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED") and pursuant to 4 CSR 240.2-070 files its Late Filed Application to Intervene in the above referenced matter. In support of its Application DED states as follows:

1. On July 7, 2006 Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE (herein after "UE") filed tariffs designed to increase its electric rates by approximately \$360.7 million.
2. The Department of Economic Development administers programs and provides services designed to enhance Missouri's economic growth, which focuses on workers, businesses and communities.
3. DED's interests in this matter are different from those of the general public in that the Department is interested in the proposed tariff provisions relating to UE's efforts directed towards economic development.
4. DED as yet does not have a position with respect to the relief requested by UE, but is currently reviewing the economic development tariffs proposed in this proceeding.
5. The undersigned attorney has contacted the following parties to this proceeding and they do not have an objection to this late filed intervention: Union Electric, Staff,

Public Counsel, Noranda, Department of Natural Resources, Missouri Energy Group and the State of Missouri.

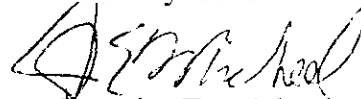
6. Good cause exists for granting this late file application inasmuch as DED was unable to determine whether or not it should intervene in this rate case proceeding prior to the initial intervention deadline. DED is filing this intervention request as soon as possible after the decision to intervene.

7. Granting DED's requested late filed intervention would serve the public interest.

WHEREFORE the Department of Economic Development requests that it be granted intervention in the above referenced matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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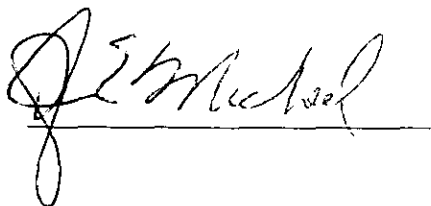
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