

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Osage)
Valley Electric Cooperative Association and the)
City of Rich Hill for Approval of a Change of) Case No. _____
Electric Supplier for Customers in Bates County)
For Reasons in the Public Interest.)

JOINT APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF ELECTRIC SUPPLIER

COME NOW Osage Valley Electric Cooperative Association (Osage Valley) and the City of Rich Hill (Rich Hill), hereinafter referred to collectively as "Applicants," and for their Joint Application, pursuant to § 394.315, RSMo, §91.025, RSMo, 4 CSR 240-2.060 and 4 CSR 240-3.140, respectfully state as follows:

APPLICANTS

1. Osage Valley is a rural electric cooperative organized and existing under the laws of Missouri with its principal office at 1321 Orange St, Butler, Missouri 64730. Osage Valley is a Chapter 394 rural electric cooperative corporation engaged in the distribution of electric energy and service to its members within certain Missouri counties. Osage Valley has no pending action or final judgments or decisions against it from any state or federal agency or court that involve its customer service or rates within the three years immediately preceding the filing of this Joint Application. Osage Valley has no overdue annual report or assessment fees. A copy of a Certificate of Good Standing from the Office of the Missouri Secretary was filed with the Commission in Case No. EO-2021-0339 and is incorporated herein by reference.

2. Rich Hill is a Missouri fourth class municipality existing pursuant to § 79.010 RSMo, with its principal office and place of business at Rich Hill City Hall, 120 N. 7th, Rich Hill, 64779. Rich Hill is engaged in the business of providing electrical services to customers in its municipal service area. Rich Hill has no pending action or final unsatisfied judgments or

decisions against it from any state or federal agency or court which involve customer service or its rates, which have occurred within the three years immediately preceding the filing of this Joint Application. Rich Hill has no overdue annual report or assessment fees.

3. Correspondence, communications, and orders in regard to this Joint Application should be directed to:

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FACTS

4. Rich Hill currently provides electrical service to six hundred ninety-six (696) locations in Bates County as listed on **Exhibit A**.

5. The City of Rich Hill has requested that Osage Valley purchase its electric system and provide service to all six hundred ninety-six (696) properties in order to ensure reliable electric service now and in the future as well as to achieve operational efficiencies for the electric suppliers and reduce utility duplication in this area. The structures now served by Rich Hill are located both within the corporate boundaries of the city and outside of the corporate boundaries.

6. The City of Rich Hill's current wholesale power purchase contract will be terminated on July 27, 2021. The City, through negotiations and a vote of the citizens, has committed to have its electric service provided by Osage Valley.

7. Osage Valley has committed to make significant system improvements which will improve reliability within the area to be served.

Rich Hill's sale of its electric facilities to Osage Valley would reduce utility duplication in this area and would eliminate utility crossings between Osage Valley and Rich Hill. Osage Valley has an existing electric distribution system in close proximity to these properties. It is therefore proposed that the Commission approve a change of supplier for these properties that will allow Rich Hill to discontinue service and allow Osage Valley to provide service.

8. A diagram of the properties, Rich Hill's existing lines and Osage Valley's existing lines, are attached hereto and marked **Exhibit B**. All relevant properties are located within incorporated rural areas of Bates County, Missouri. Osage Valley is authorized to serve the incorporated rural areas of Bates County, Missouri under Section 394.080.1(4), RSMo.

9. The property owners or tenants have consented to the sale of Rich Hill's electric utility facilities in a vote on April 6th, 2021. The results of that election are attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.

STATUTE

10. Section 394.315.2, RSMo provides in relevant part that “[t]he public service commission, upon application made by an affected party, may order a change of suppliers on the basis that it is in the public interest for a reason other than rate differential, and the commission is hereby given jurisdiction over rural electric cooperatives to accomplish the purpose of this section.”

PUBLIC INTEREST

11. The proposed change of supplier is in the public interest because it will ensure reliable electric service for these properties. The change also achieves operational efficiencies for the electric suppliers and reduces utility duplication. Thus, the proposed change of supplier

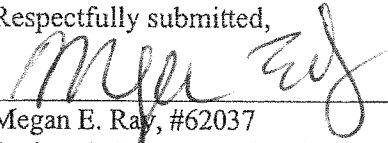
is in the public interest for reasons other than a rate differential.

WHEREFORE, Joint Applicants respectfully request that the Commission issue its order:


(a) Finding that the change of electric supplier proposed herein is in the public interest and approving the proposed change of electric supplier; and

(b) Granting such other relief as is deemed necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Joint Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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Certificate of Service

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Joint Application was served by electronic mail or U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, this ~~9th~~ day of July, 2021 upon the following:

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Megan E. Ray

VERIFICATION

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
COUNTY OF BATES)

Being first duly sworn, Jarrod Campbell states as follows: that he is the General Manager of Osage Valley Electric Cooperative; that he has read the foregoing application; that the facts and allegations contained therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief; and, that Megan E. Ray of Andereck, Evans, Lewis, Figg & Battagler, L.L.C. is authorized by Osage Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. to make this filing and represent it in this matter.



Jarrod Campbell

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of June, 2021.



Notary Public



TAMARA S WEST
My Commission Expires
February 28, 2022
Bates County
Commission #14941734

VERIFICATION

STATE OF MISSOURI)
COUNTY OF Bates)^{ss}

I, Jason Rich state that I am employed by the City of Rich Hill as Mayer; that I have read the above and foregoing document; that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge and belief; and, that I am authorized to make this statement on behalf of Rich Hill.

Jason Rich
Jason Rich

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of June, 2021.

Casey Crews
_____, Notary Public



CASEY CREWS
My Commission Expires
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