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

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In the Matter of the Application of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri for Permission and Approval and a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it to Construct a Wind Generation Facility.

File No. EA-2019-0181

## NOTICE

**COMES NOW** Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Ameren Missouri" or the "Company"), and to address a question posed by Commissioner Hall at the Commission's August 14, 2019 Agenda session, provides the following notice:

1. Commissioner Hall, in light of the cancellation of the Brickyard Hills wind project due to the regional transmission organizations' ("RTOs'") estimated amount of transmission interconnection costs to complete the project, raised the question of whether future RTO interconnection studies might produce interconnection cost requirements that could also lead to the cancellation of the Outlaw wind project that is the subject of this docket.

2. The Brickyard Hills project was in a transmission interconnection study cycle, or queue, that was six months behind the study cycle for the Outlaw project and, therefore, the RTOs' interconnection studies had not reached the final of three study phases at the time the Commission issued a certificate of convenience and necessity.. Consequently, there was significantly more uncertainty about the final interconnection costs for that project. However, both RTOs to whose systems the Outlaw project could connect issued their final interconnection studies a few weeks ago. As outlined at page 7 at lines 1-6 of the Surrebuttal Testimony of Company witness Ajay K. Arora filed in this docket on August 13, 2019, the interconnection costs revealed by those studies are in line with interconnection costs expected when this case was filed and there is no expectation that interconnection costs will prevent the Outlaw project from moving forward.

#### <u>/s/ James B. Lowery</u>

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the public version of the foregoing Application has been e-mailed, this 19th day of August, 2019, to counsel of record in this docket.

/s/ James B. Lowery

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