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 Certificates of Convenience and Necessity for Solar Facilities.

File No. EA-2023-0286

MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT

COMES NOW Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Company" or "Ameren Missouri"), and submits this Motion for Adoption of Procedural Schedule and for Expedited Treatment and, in support thereof, states as follows:

1. On this date, Ameren Missouri filed its verified Application (the "Application") in the above-captioned case. The Application and Direct Testimony submitted by Company witness Scott Wibbenmeyer outline the planned in-service dates for the solar facilities that are the subject of this Application.

2. In order to timely construct the facilities according to their project schedules as contemplated by the agreements governing their construction, Ameren Missouri's Application requests that the Commission enter an order approving the Application by January 17, 2024.

3. In order to avoid delays in establishing a procedural schedule for this case, Ameren Missouri requests that the Commission promptly set a prehearing conference to occur on July 13, 2023, and establish an intervention deadline of July 12, 2023. This would allow establishing the requested procedural schedule by the date of the first procedural milestone reflected therein.

4. It should be noted that the Company has filed its Application as soon as reasonably possible under the circumstances, which occurred shortly after the execution of the definitive agreements relating to the Projects, which are included as schedules to Company witness Wibbenmeyer's Direct Testimony. The Company has also previously met with Staff and Public

Counsel regarding the Application and has provided key information relating to the Projects. The Company will also provide its workpapers in a few business days and is providing its Direct Testimony concurrently with its filing. This proposed schedule was prepared and filed concurrently with the filing of the Company's Application. Finally, as discussed in the Company's pre-filed testimony, the Projects that are the subject of the Application are needed and in the public interest for the same reasons as is the Boomtown solar project approved by the Commission.¹ The Projects at issue in this case will, like Boomtown, provide additional clean, zero marginal cost energy to meet the energy needs of the Company's customers, capacity in all seasons including in the summer to assist in addressing the conditions in MISO, and varying degrees of capacity in all seasons.

4. Ameren Missouri also hereby indicates its willingness to serve objections to, or notifications of the need for additional time, for any Data Requests within three (3) business days of service thereof, and to respond to any Data Requests within twelve (12) calendar days of service thereof, as set forth in the Proposed Procedural Requirements outlined below. Moreover, Ameren Missouri is proposing that multiple technical/settlement conferences be built into the procedural schedule to facilitate other parties' review and discovery with respect to the filing.

5. For the foregoing reasons, Ameren Missouri respectfully submits that its proposed Procedural Schedule and Procedural Requirements, as set forth below, are fair, reasonable, appropriate, and necessary under the circumstances of this case. Consequently, Ameren Missouri hereby respectfully requests that its proposed Procedural Schedule and Procedural Requirements be adopted by the date of the requested prehearing conference, July 13, 2023. Doing so will avoid

¹ File No. EA-2022-0245, Report and Order, Issued April 12, 2023.

the harm caused by delaying the processing of this case, which would lead to Project schedule delays and would also delay filling the needs to be addressed by the Projects.

Proposed Procedural Schedule

Technical/Settlement Conference No. 1	July 13, 2023
Technical/Settlement Conference No. 2	August 25, 2023
Rebuttal Testimony Due	September 22, 2023
Settlement Conference	October 3, 2023
Surrebuttal and Cross-Surrebuttal Testimony Due	October 20, 2023
List of Issues, List of Witnesses, and Order of Cross-Examination Due	October 31, 2023
Last Day to Request Discovery ²	November 3, 2023
Position Statements Due	November 7, 2023
Evidentiary Hearing	November 13 – Nov. 16, 2023
Transcripts Available	November 27, 2023
Initial Post-Hearing Briefs Due	December 15, 2023
Reply Briefs Due	December 21, 2023
Requested Commission Order	On/before January 17, 2024

Proposed Procedural Requirements

- (a) All parties must comply with the requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.130 for prepared testimony, including the requirement that testimony be filed using line-numbered pages.
- (b) Although not all parties may agree upon how each issue should be described or on whether a listed issue is in fact a proper issue in this case, the parties shall agree upon and file a list of the issues to be heard, the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing, the order in which they will be called, and the order of cross-examination for each witness. The list of issues should be detailed enough to inform the Commission of each issue that must be resolved. The

 $^{^2}$ By issuing Data Requests or other written discovery requests, subpoenas, or the last date by which a deposition may be taken.

Commission will view any issue not contained in this list of issues as uncontested and not requiring resolution by the Commission.

- (c) Each party shall file a simple and concise statement summarizing its position on each disputed issue.
- (d) All pleadings, briefs, and amendments shall be filed in accordance with Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.080. Briefs shall follow the same list of issues as filed in the case and must set forth and cite the proper portions of the record concerning the remaining unresolved issues that are to be decided by the Commission.
- (e) If part of testimony or documents are prefiled and served upon the parties before a hearing, a party need only provide a copy of the testimony or document to the court reporter for marking as an exhibit. If not prefiled and served upon the parties, then a party who has a document marked for use at the hearing shall have sufficient copies of the document to provide a copy not only to the court reporter, but also to each of the Commissioners, the presiding officer, and counsel for each other party.
- (f) All parties shall provide copies of testimony (including schedules), exhibits, and pleadings to other counsel by electronic means and in electronic form, essentially concurrently with the filing of such testimony, exhibits, or pleadings where the information is available in electronic format (.PDF, .DOC, .WPD, .XLS, etc.). Parties are not required to put information that does not already exist in electronic format into electronic format for purposes of exchanging.
- (g) Public documents filed in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System ("EFIS") shall be considered properly served by serving the same on counsel of record for all other parties via e-mail. The parties agree confidential documents may be obtained from EFIS and so agree not to serve those documents via e-mail.
- (h) Counsel for each party shall receive electronically from all other parties serving a data request, an electronic copy of the text of the "description" of that data request contemporaneously with service of the data request. Data requests issued to or by Staff shall be submitted and responded to in EFIS, if feasible, or in electronic format on compact disc, or by other means agreed to by counsel, if infeasible. Also regarding Staff-issued data requests, if the description contains highly confidential or proprietary information, or is voluminous, a hyperlink to the EFIS record of that data request shall be considered a sufficient copy. If a party desires the response to a data request that has been served on another party, the party desiring a copy of the response must request a copy of the response from the party answering the data request. Data requests, objections to data requests, and notifications respecting the need for additional time to respond to data requests shall be sent by e-mail to counsel for the other parties. Counsel may designate other personnel to be added to the service list for data requests, but shall assume responsibility for compliance with any restrictions on confidentiality. Data request responses shall be served on counsel for the requesting party, unless waived by counsel, and on the requesting party's employee or representative who submitted the data request, and shall be served electronically, if feasible

and not voluminous as defined by Commission rule. In the case of Ameren Missouri data request responses, Ameren Missouri shall post its data request responses on its Caseworks Extranet site; however, in the case of responses to data requests Staff issues, Ameren Missouri shall also submit the responses to Staff data requests in EFIS, if feasible, or in electronic format on compact disc or by other means agreed to by Staff counsel, if infeasible.

- (i) The parties shall make an effort to not include confidential information in data requests. If confidential information must be included in a data request, the confidential information shall be appropriately designated as such pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135.
- (j) The response time for all data requests shall be twelve (12) days, with three (3) business days to object or notify the requesting party that more than twelve (12) days will be needed to provide the requested information. If a data request has been responded to, a party's request for a copy of the response shall be timely responded to without waiting the full response time allowed (except that, with the exception of responses to Staff, responses will not be needed for Ameren Missouri data request responses posted on Ameren Missouri's Caseworks Extranet site).
- (k) Workpapers prepared in the course of developing a testimony shall not be filed with the Commission, but shall be submitted to each party within two (2) business days following the filing of the testimony document, unless a party has indicated that it does not want to receive some or all of the workpapers. Workpapers containing confidential information shall be appropriately marked. If there are no workpapers associated with testimony, the party's attorney shall so notify the other parties within the time allowed for providing those workpapers.
- (1) Where workpapers or data request responses include models or spreadsheets or similar information originally in a commonly available format where inputs or parameters may be changed to observe changes in inputs, if available in that original format, the party providing the workpaper or response shall provide this type of information in that original format with formulas intact. With the exception of workpapers provided to Staff, Ameren Missouri may provide workpapers by posting the same on its Ameren Missouri Legal Regulatory File Sharing site, with an e-mail notification to counsel for the parties to be provided essentially concurrently with the posting of workpapers on the external site with instructions on how to access. Ameren Missouri shall provide its workpapers to Staff in electronic format by emailing or by delivery of a compact disc or other electronic storage.
- (m) Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.090(8)(B)'s requirement that a party must seek a telephone conference with the presiding officer before filing a discovery motion shall be waived.
- (n) The Technical/Settlement conferences provided for in the Procedural Schedule are designed to facilitate information sharing and encourage settlement, but do not impose on any party the obligation to participate.

WHEREFORE, Applicant Ameren Missouri respectfully prays that the Commission

(a) immediately issue its order giving notice of this case; (b) immediately issue its order

shortening the time for intervention, as contemplated by 20 CSR 4240-2.075(1), and requiring that all applications for intervention be filed on or before July 12, 2023; (c) issue its order setting a Prehearing Conference on July 13, 2023, and (d) at or upon conclusion of the Prehearing Conference, issue its order adopting the Procedural Schedule and Procedural Requirements proposed herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that true and correct copies of the foregoing was served on the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel via electronic mail (e-mail) on this 16th day of June, 2023.

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