

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, Install, Own, ) File No. EA-2015-0273  
Operate, Maintain and Otherwise Control and Manage )  
Solar Generation Facilities in Montgomery County, Missouri. )

COMES NOW Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri (“Ameren Missouri” or “Applicant”), pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060, 4 CSR 240-3.105, and Section 393.170, RSMo., and hereby submits to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) its Application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("CCN") authorizing it to construct, install, own, operate, maintain and otherwise control and manage solar generation facilities in Montgomery County, Missouri. In support of its request, Applicant states as follows:

1. Union Electric Company is a Missouri corporation doing business under the fictitious name of Ameren Missouri, in good standing in all respects, with its principal office and place of business located at One Ameren Plaza, 1901 Chouteau Ave., St. Louis, Missouri 63103. Applicant is engaged in providing electric and gas utility services in portions of Missouri as a public utility under the jurisdiction of the Commission. There is already on file with the Commission a certified copy of Applicant's Articles of Incorporation (See Case No. EA-87-105), and Applicant's Fictitious Name Registrations as filed with the Missouri Secretary of State's Office (See Case Nos. GO-98-486 and EO-2011-0069). Said documents are incorporated herein

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by reference and made a part hereof for all purposes. A Certificate of Corporate Good Standing for Applicant is attached as Schedule A.

2. Pleadings, notices, orders and other correspondence and communications concerning this Application should be addressed to:

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3. Ameren Missouri has no pending action or final unsatisfied judgment or decision against it from any state or federal agency or court which involves customer service or rates, which action, judgment, or decision has occurred within three years of the date of this Application, other than the pending appeal of its rate case, File No. ER-2014-0258.

4. Applicant has no overdue annual report or assessment fees.

## **II. REQUEST FOR CCN**

5. Applicant requests a CCN in order to construct, own, operate and maintain a solar generation facility in Montgomery County, Missouri. This location is within Ameren Missouri certificated service territory.

6. Applicant is constructing a solar generation facility in furtherance of its commitment to renewable energy generation in the state of Missouri, and as part of its strategy to comply with Missouri's Renewable Energy Standard ("RES"), specifically that a portion of the required renewable energy come from solar generation.<sup>1</sup> (Section 393.1030.1 RSMo (Cum. Supp. 2011)). The facility is the next step in Ameren Missouri's investment in solar generation in the state of Missouri. Applicant currently supports Missouri solar development through solar rebate payments. Ameren Missouri reached a settlement in File No. ET-2014-0085, which allows it to pay out over \$90 million in rebates to its customers. This pool of rebate dollars was created in order to provide customers and solar installers more transparency around solar rebate payments. In addition, Ameren Missouri has established a solar learning center in its offices where it has tested various types of solar power generation and operates a solar generating facility in O'Fallon, Missouri.

7. The facility that is the subject of this application will initially consist of a 15 MW-DC photovoltaic ground mount fixed axis solar facility that will produce approximately 20,655 megawatt-hours ("MWh") of solar generated energy per year, on average. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2015 and is to be completed by the end of 2016. Once constructed,

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<sup>1</sup> Utilities are allowed to comply with this requirement by purchasing renewable energy or Renewable Energy Credits derived from renewable generation.

Ameren Missouri anticipates that this facility will generate enough energy to provide approximately 25,818 solar renewable energy credits (“SRECs”) annually.<sup>2</sup>

8. Applicant has requested or soon will request all of the permits and approvals required for the construction of this facility. Applicant expects to have all permits granted in a timely manner as necessary for construction of this project. Schedule B contains a list of the government permits required for construction of this facility. Ameren Missouri will file certified copies of all permits received in this case, as they are granted.

9. The estimated cost of the initial construction is approximately \*\*\*\*\*,\*\* which Ameren Missouri intends to finance through the use of existing funds and indebtedness. The project specifications are attached as Schedule C. Drawings for the project are attached as Schedule D.

10. This project will not cross any regulated or non-regulated utilities, railroad tracks or underground facilities.

11. Applicant requests the Missouri Public Service Commission approve this CCN promptly, but in no event later than September 4, 2014, so that all permissions required prior to commencement of construction can be obtained so that the Company can begin work on the project in fall of 2014.

12. The foregoing facts demonstrate that issuance of a CCN authorizing Ameren Missouri to construct, own, operate and maintain this facility is required by the public convenience and necessity. Applicant requests the Missouri Public Service Commission approve this CCN promptly, so that ground work may begin yet this fall.

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<sup>2</sup> The facility is expected to generate 20,655 MWh, which is multiplied by 1.25 because it is located in Missouri. 20,655 times 1.25 = 25,818 SRECs.

**WHEREFORE**, Ameren Missouri respectfully requests that the Commission enter an Order, no later than September 4, 2015, granting its request for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct, own, operate and maintain a solar generation facility in Montgomery County, Missouri.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 29th day of June, 2015, to the Missouri Public Service Commission Staff and to the Office of the Public Counsel.

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