

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 21st
day of June, 1991.

In the matter of the application of Union Electric)
Company for permission and authority to relocate,) CASE NO. EA-91-295
reconstruct, operate and maintain an existing 69 kV)
distribution line in Clark County, Missouri.)

ORDER AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION OF TRANSMISSION LINE

By an application filed March 22, 1991, Union Electric Company (Applicant or UE) seeks authority to reconstruct and relocate an existing 69 kV electric transmission line in Clark County, Missouri.

On April 2, 1991, the Commission issued an Order And Notice informing the County Commission of Clark County, the newspapers serving the area affected and the members of the General Assembly representing Clark County of the application. Under the proposed construction no poles will be located on Missouri Highway Department right-of-way nor will the line cross any facilities of any other utility, regulated or nonregulated, railroad tracks or any underground facilities. No interested person or party has responded to the 30-day intervention period established in the order.

On June 14, 1991, the Commission's Energy Department filed its recommendation of approval of the instant application. In the Commission's opinion, based on the application, the exhibits offered in support thereof, and the recommendations of its Staff, a hearing is unnecessary in this matter and the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

The Applicant is a public utility existing under the laws of the State of Missouri and engaged in the business of distributing electricity within the State of Missouri subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

By the instant application the Applicant seeks permission to reconstruct and relocate an existing 69 kV line from a point on its Iowa electric system near

Keokuk, Iowa, to a connection in Clark County Missouri. Construction and operation of that line was approved by order of the Commission in Case No. 13,774 on August 27, 1957. The existing line serves a substation near Wayland, Missouri, and the continued operation of the line is important for reliable electric service.

The existing line crosses the Des Moines River at a point where the current has resulted in persistent erosion in the area of some of the present supporting structures. By the instant application the Applicant proposes to relocate approximately one mile of the line which will be built on new easements 3,000 feet downstream permitting a river crossing with structures that will not be subject to erosion.

The Company has secured a franchise from Clark County. No portion of the proposed line will be in an incorporated area. The estimated construction cost of \$169,489 will be financed from funds available in the Company's treasury, and will be constructed in accordance with the National Electric Safety Code.

Based on the Staff's representation that the proposed construction and relocation will improve reliability of service presently rendered and needed, the Commission is of the opinion that the authority sought should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Union Electric Company be authorized to relocate, reconstruct, operate and maintain a 69 kV transmission line in Clark County, Missouri, the route of which is more particularly described in Exhibit C attached to the application filed herein.

2. That this Order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION

Brent Stewart

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Executive Secretary

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Steinmeier, Chm., Rauch, McClure,
and Perkins, CC., Concur.
Mueller, C., Absent.