BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Elizabeth Taranto for Change of Electric Supplier from City of Butler to Osage Valley Electric Cooperative.

Case No: EO-2023-0047

RESPONSE OF OSAGE VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE TO APPLICATION OF ELIZABETH TARANTO FOR CHANGE OF ELECTRIC SUPPLIER

)

)

COMES NOW Osage Valley Electric Cooperative ("Cooperative") by and through its undersigned counsel, and for its response to the Application of Elizabeth Taranto ("Applicant") for Change of Electric Supplier from the City of Butler, Missouri Municipal Electric Utility ("City") to Osage Valley Electric Cooperative ("Application"), respectfully states as follows:

- As to Paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Application, Cooperative recently became aware that City was serving addresses that are outside of the corporate boundaries of the City when City approached Cooperative to enter into a Territorial Agreement to rectify this issue as allowed by Section 394.312(2), RSMo. City and Cooperative have entered into a Territorial Agreement, Case No. EO-2023-0126, that Cooperative believes will alleviate the complaints referenced in the Application regarding the inability of the City to connect any new services in this area.
- Cooperative is without information to confirm or deny all remaining allegations of the Application.
- 3. Cooperative takes no position on the sufficiency of Applicant's application for satisfaction of the statutory standard for approval of a change of electric supplier.

- 4. Cooperative affirms that if the Application is approved, Cooperative has sufficient ability to become Applicant's electric supplier. However, Cooperative would need to construct a 2400-foot line extension and conduct significant tree clearing which would be very costly.
- Cooperative requests the PSC deny this Application for Change of Electric Supplier as it believes Applicant's grievances will be remedied with approval of the Territorial Agreement referenced in Paragraph 1.
- 6. Correspondence, orders, and other communications regarding this Application should be directed to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

FRIEL, McCORD & SMILEY, LLC

By: /s/ Megan E. McCord Megan E. McCord, # 62037 P.O. Box 14287 Springfield, MO 65814 (417) 227-8405 Phone

ATTORNEYS FOR OSAGE VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

mmccord@reclawfirm.com

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all the below parties and counsel of record on this 7th day of October 2022.

Missouri Public Service Commission Staff Counsel Department 200 Madison Street, Suite 800 PO Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102 staffcounselservice@psc.mo.gov

Missouri Public Service Commission Eric Vandergriff 200 Madison Street, Suite 800 PO Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102 <u>Eric.Vandergriff@psc.mo.gov</u>

Office of Public Counsel 200 Madison Street, Suite 650 PO Box 2230 Jefferson City, MO 65102 opcservice@opc.mo.gov

City of Butler, Missouri Anthony Hernandez #69129 250 NE Tudor Road Lee's Summit, MO 64086 <u>Ahernandez@laubermunicipal.com</u>

Applicant Elizabeth Taranto 1399 NE Kelly Drive Butler, MO 64730

/s/ Megan E. McCord