



August 2, 2022

Missouri Office of the Public Counsel, Missouri Public Service Commission, Honorable Judge John Clark, Appointed Public Service Commissioners, and/or all vested parties

RE: Case #: EO-2022-0332

To whom it may concern,

The Boonslick Community Development Corporation is a 501 (c3) non-profit organization formed to promote economic development and growth in all of Cooper County. We are in the third year of five-year contracts with both the City of Boonville and Cooper County to represent them; and as their advocate, to promote on their behalf; economic growth, community development and bringing additional jobs that will benefit our citizens and enhance their lives in the City of Boonville and Cooper County. We have hired the first full-time Director of Economic Development that has served the area in a decade, replacing a part time economic developer. With our greatly increased emphasis on economic development for this county and area and; quite frankly, our successes, we are concerned that a public hearing has not been scheduled or held on the territorial agreement in the above referenced case between Ameren (Missouri) and Co-Mo Electric, which we have become aware of and for which, our Director of Economic Development has already expressed great concern to both parties.

At the July 28th monthly board meeting of the Boonslick Community Development Corporation, our Board of Directors unanimously passed a motion to request a public hearing on this proposed territorial agreement so that a reasonable discussion can occur. We see a benefit in the discussion, along with an airing of any objections and concerns of the proposed territorial agreement being expressed, along with the public discussion by the two companies, before a final decision is made that is so important to the citizens of our County. In Cooper County, we have benefitted by excellent support and relations with both of these companies, but we feel that shutting out any public discussion does not allow opinions and concerns of the affected communities and their citizens. We are unsure what harm there is in the public and affected municipalities expressing themselves and those views being considered in a decision by the Commission.

Please consider this our formal request for a public hearing so our community's voices can be heard by the Missouri Public Service Commission.

Sincerely,

BOONSLICK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Kenneth F. Hirlinger
President