

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of Union)
Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri)
for Permission and Approval and)
Certificates of Public Convenience and)
Necessity Authorizing It to Construct)
Renewable Generation Facilities)

File No. EA-2023-0286

ORDER SETTING A PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: August 8, 2023

Effective Date: August 8, 2023

On June 16, 2023,¹ Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri filed an application with the Commission seeking an order granting Certificates of Convenience and Necessity to construct solar generation facilities. On the same date, Ameren Missouri filed a *Motion for Adoption of Procedural Schedule and Motion for Expedited Treatment* in which it proposed a procedural schedule and requested that the procedural schedule be adopted by the Commission upon the completion of a prehearing conference that it requested be held on July 13.

The Commission granted Ameren Missouri’s request for a July 13th prehearing conference. During the prehearing conference, the parties agreed to collaborate and submit a joint proposed procedural schedule. On July 20, Ameren Missouri filed a *Jointly Proposed Procedural Schedule* that included proposed procedural requirements. After being informed of conflicts on certain dates, Ameren Missouri filed an *Amended Jointly Proposed Procedural Schedule* on August 1.

¹ All dates refer to 2023, unless otherwise noted.

The Commission has reviewed the amended proposed procedural schedule and procedures, finds them reasonable, and will adopt them. In addition, the Commission will address additional procedural matters.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The following procedural schedule is established:

July 14	Technical Conference No. 1 ²
August 25	Technical Conference No. 2
September 1	Discovery Conference No. 1
October 11	Rebuttal Testimony Due
October 17	Settlement Conference
October 25	Discovery Conference No. 2
November 3	Surrebuttal and Cross-Surrebuttal Testimony Due
November 9	List of Issues, List of Witnesses, and Order of Cross-Examination Due
November 16	Position Statements Due
November 17	Last Day to Request Discovery
November 29-30, December 1	Evidentiary Hearing
December 8	Expedited Transcripts Filed
December 29	Initial Post-Hearing Briefs Due
January 10, 2024	Reply Briefs Due

2. The Commission shall hold an evidentiary hearing on November 29 through December 1, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the first day.

² This conference took place on this date.

3. The hearing shall be held at the Commission's office at the Governor Office Building, Room 310, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

4. The parties shall comply with the following procedural requirements:
- (A) For written testimony, 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 on 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 Commission will view any issue not contained in this list of issues as not requiring resolution by the Commission.
 - (C) Each party shall file a simple and concise statement summarizing its position on each disputed issue. Position statements shall track the list of issues. Any position statement shall set forth any order requested, cite any law authorizing that relief, and allege facts relevant under the law with citations to any prefiled testimony in support.
 - (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. Confidential documents may be obtained from EFIS and so those documents do not need to be served 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) Until rebuttal testimony is filed, 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. From the date rebuttal testimony is filed until the date surrebuttal testimony is filed, the response time for all data requests shall be eight (8) days, with two (2) business days to object or notify the requesting party that more than eight (8) days will be needed to provide the requested information. From and after surrebuttal testimony is filed the response time for all data requests shall be five (5) days, with two (2) business days to object or notify the requesting party that more than five (5) days will be needed to provide the requested information. From and after the due date for rebuttal testimony, 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) Discovery conferences will be held at the Commission's office at the Governor Office Building, Room 305, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. Parties shall be given an option to participate via Cisco Webex videoconference or telephone upon request. Each discovery conference shall begin at 2:00 p.m. unless otherwise ordered.
- (L) Not less than three (3) business days before each discovery conference, any party that has a discovery disagreement or concern involving another party shall file a brief statement describing that disagreement or concern and identifying any other parties involved. Such statement does not need to be a formal motion to compel. Any party may attend a discovery conference, but only those parties involved in an identified discovery disagreement must attend. If the parties do not identify any discovery disagreements or concerns as described herein, the presiding officer may cancel the conference.
- (M) Discovery conferences shall be on the record and will be transcribed by a court reporter, if requested by the parties.
- (N) Any pending written discovery motion may be taken up at a discovery conference and may be ruled upon by the presiding regulatory law judge either on the record, or in a written order.
- (O) Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.090's requirement that a party must seek a telephone conference with the presiding officer before filing a discovery motion is waived.

- (P) 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.
- (Q) 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 e-mailing or by delivery of a compact disc or other electronic storage.
- (R) 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.
- (S) Exhibit numbers are assigned in the following manner:

Ameren Missouri	1-99
Commission Staff	100-199
Office of the Public Counsel	200-299
Midwest Energy Consumers Group (MECG)	300-399
Sierra Club	400-499
Renew Missouri	500-599
Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers (MIEC)	600-699

Exhibits shall be marked as set forth in Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135(10)(C). For example, public Exhibit 2 would be marked as Exhibit 2, whereas the confidential version of Exhibit 2 would be marked as Exhibit 2C.

- (T) Each party shall prepare a list of its pre-filed, pre-marked exhibits and file a copy of that list in EFIS no later than two (2) business days prior to the start of the hearing. Exhibits offered during cross-examination, but which have not been pre-filed, need not be included on the list. However, when

those documents are offered during the hearing, they will be assigned a number from that party's number group.

4. This order is effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Kenneth J. Seyer, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

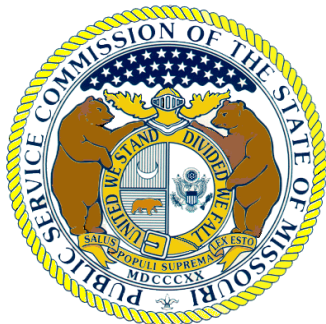
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 8th day of August, 2023.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

**WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission,
at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 8th day of August, 2023.**



Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



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