

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of NextEra )  
Energy Transmission Southwest, LLC for a )  
Certificate of Public Convenience and )  
Necessity to Construct, Install, Own, ) **File No. EA-2022-0234**  
Operate, Maintain, and Otherwise Control )  
and Manage a 345 kV Transmission Line )  
and associated facilities in Barton and )  
Jasper Counties, Missouri )

## ORDER GRANTING APPLICATIONS TO INTERVENE

Issue Date: August 16, 2022

Effective Date: August 16, 2022

On July 7, 2022, NextEra Energy Transmission Southwest, LLC (NEET Southwest) filed an application (Application) for a certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) regarding a 345 kV transmission line. The Commission provided notice of NEET Southwest's Application and set a deadline for applications to intervene.

On August 1, 2022, Evergy Metro, Inc. and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. (together, "Evergy") timely filed applications to intervene. Evergy stated that it is an electrical corporation and public utility. Evergy stated its interests are different than those of the general public as a transmission-owning public utility. Evergy argued it could be impacted by certain decision points in the case. Evergy also offers that an Evergy sister company owns a substation which will be connected to the transmission line at issue. Evergy stated that it does not have a position on the issues in this case.

On August 4, 2022, Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (SPP) timely filed an application to intervene. SPP stated that it is a regional Transmission Organization approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. SPP stated the need for 345 kV transmission line was determined by SPP's Integrated Transmission Planning Process. SPP stated its

interests are different than those of the general public. SPP also stated its intervention would serve the public interest by allowing SPP to provide information and expertise. SPP stated that it supports NEET Southwest's Application.

On August 5, 2022, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (Liberty) timely filed an application to intervene. Liberty stated that it is an electrical corporation and public utility, and that Liberty's interest in this case arises from its status as a potentially-impacted landowner. Liberty stated its interests are different than those of the general public. Liberty also stated its intervention would serve the public interest by allowing Liberty to provide information and insights. Liberty stated that it does not have a position on the case.

More than ten days have passed since the filing of the above applications to intervene and no one has responded.<sup>1</sup> After considering the unopposed applications to intervene, the Commission finds that Evergy, SPP, and Liberty each has interests which are different from that of the general public. Therefore, in accordance with Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.075(3), the Commission will grant the unopposed applications to intervene.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. Evergy Metro and Evergy Missouri West's applications to intervene are granted.
2. SPP's application to intervene is granted.
3. Liberty's application to intervene is granted.

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<sup>1</sup> Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.080(13).

4. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Charles Hatcher, Senior Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022.**



  
**Morris L. Woodruff**  
**Secretary**

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**August 16, 2022**

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

**Sincerely,**



**Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary**

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