

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) **File No. EA-2022-0245**
for Approval of a Subscription-Based) Tracking No. YE-2023-0010
Renewable Energy Program)

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SETTING INTERVENTION AND RESPONSE DEADLINES, AND DIRECTING STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: July 15, 2022

Effective Date: July 15, 2022

On July 14, 2022, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri filed an application with the Commission seeking an order granting a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) pursuant to Sections 393.140, 393.170.1 and 393.190.1, RSMo. The CCN would authorize Ameren Missouri to construct, install, own, operate, maintain, and otherwise control and manage a 150 megawatt (MW) solar generation facility, located in White County, Illinois (referred to as the "Boomtown Solar Project") pursuant to a Build Transfer Agreement (BTA) with Boomtown Solar Holdings LLC. Ameren Missouri also seeks:

- authority to engage in transactions by which, through various subsidiaries, it would construct and finance the Boomtown Solar Project, including transactions under the BTA and utilizing a tax equity partnership;
- authority to complete various mergers and asset transfers once the tax equity partnership no longer exists and a determination by the Commission that doing so is not detrimental to the public interest;
- authority to record its investment in, and the costs to operate, the Boomtown Solar Project as described in testimony attached to the application;

- approval of the arrangements between Ameren Missouri and its affiliates necessary to own and operate the Boomtown Solar Project upon its completion including via a tax equity partnership, including waivers of 20 CSR 4240-20.015(2) and (3) as described in the application and discussed in the attached testimony;
- approval of the Renewable Solutions Program tariff sheets, Tracking No. YE-2023-0010, attached to the application;
- authority to track program revenues to ensure that they are reflected as an amortization to reduce the revenue requirement in future electric rate reviews for the benefit of all customers; and
- an order from the Commission approving the above transactions and CCN no later than March 31, 2023.

The Commission will provide notice of the application to the general public and interested parties, set a deadline for intervention requests, and direct the Staff of the Commission (Staff) to file a recommendation. If no party requests a hearing, the Commission may determine that a hearing is not necessary for a determination of the application.¹

Ameren Missouri also filed a motion for a protective order under Commission rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135(4). The Commission will set a time for responses to the motion for a protective order. Interested potential intervenors may file responses to the motion for a protective order without having been made parties to this proceeding.

¹ *State ex rel. Deffenderfer v. Public Service Commission*, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989).

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall provide a copy of this order to the County Board of White County, Illinois.
2. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make notice of this order available to the members of the Missouri General Assembly representing Ameren Missouri service territory and to the media serving that area.
3. Applications to intervene in this matter shall be filed no later than August 15, 2022. The application shall be filed in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS) or with the Secretary of the Commission, Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.
4. Responses to the Motion for Protective Order shall be filed no later than July 25, 2022, and may be submitted by entities or persons not yet granted intervention.
5. Staff shall file a recommendation regarding the application, or a status report stating when it expects to file a recommendation, no later than August 30, 2022.
6. Any other party may file a response no later than August 30, 2022.
7. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 15th day of July 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 15th day of July, 2022.




Morris L. Woodruff
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,



**Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary**

Recipients listed above with a valid e-mail address will receive electronic service. Recipients without a valid e-mail address will receive paper service.