

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

In the Matter of the Application of Transource)	
Missouri, LLC for a Certificate of Convenience and)	
Necessity Authorizing it to Own, Operate, and)	
Maintain a Switch Station Necessary for the Intercon-)	<u>File No. EA-2016-0190</u>
nection of the Osborn Wind Energy Center with the)	
Sibley- Nebraska City Electric Transmission Project)	

**STAFF’S STATUS REPORT AND REQUEST
FOR LEAVE TO FILE ONE-DAY OUT OF TIME**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through the Staff Counsel’s Office, submits the Staff’s Status Report, requests leave to file said Staff Status Report one-day out of time, and requests leave to file its Staff Recommendation by September 20, 2016, or earlier if possible. On January 27, 2016, Transource Missouri, LLC (“Transource Missouri”)¹ filed a Notice of Intended Case Filing with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) establishing File No. EA-2016-0190. Transource Missouri related that it did not believe that the matter was likely to be a contested case, however, out of an abundance of caution, it was submitting the Notice of Intended Case Filing to comply with 4 CSR 240-4.020.

1. On July 22, 2016, Transource Missouri filed an application with the Commission seeking an order declining jurisdiction, or, in the alternative, granting a certificate of convenience and necessity (“CCN”) pursuant to Section 393.170.1, RSMo.

¹ Great Plains Energy Incorporated and American Electric Power Company, Inc. formed Transource Energy, LLC as a joint venture to build regional transmission projects. Transource Missouri is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Transource Energy, LLC and is a Delaware limited liability company qualified to conduct business in Missouri, with its principal place of business located at 1 Riverside Plaza, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Its principal business is devoted exclusively to constructing, financing, owning, operating and maintaining transmission facilities that provide wholesale, interstate electric transmission service via the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (“SPP”) Open-Access Transmission Tariff (“OATT”).

2000, 4 CSR 240-2.060, and 4 CSR 240-3.105, to own, operate, and maintain a 345 kV Interconnection Switch Station in DeKalb County, Missouri, necessary to interconnect the Applicant's portion of the Sibley-Nebraska City 345 kV electric transmission line (currently under construction, from KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company's ("GMO") Sibley Generating Station in Jackson County to the new Mullin Creek Substation in Nodaway County, and then from the Mullin Creek Substation to the Missouri River crossing in Holt County) with the Osborn Wind Energy, LLC's ("Osborn Wind") 200 MW Wind Project in DeKalb County, Missouri.

2. The Staff would note that in the last few days the Missouri Department of Economic Development – Division of Energy² and Osborn Wind, organized under the laws of Delaware and qualified to do business in Missouri, applied to intervene in this proceeding pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075. Osborn Wind asserts it is an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC. Osborn Wind's principal place of business is 700 Universe Boulevard, Juno Beach, Florida, 33408.

3. In Paragraph 12 of its Application, Transource Missouri explains that although it will ultimately own, operate, and maintain the Switch Station, the developer Osborn Wind will construct and pay for the Switch Station and contribute the Switch Station and the land on which it is located to Transource Missouri, which will not increase Transource Missouri's FERC-regulated rate base, and Osborn Wind will have already secured all necessary easements and other private property rights. Transource Missouri asserts in effect that since Osborn Wind is not a public utility, the question of

² On August 28, 2013, Executive Order 13-03 transferred "all authority, powers, duties, functions, records, personnel, property, contracts, budgets, matters pending, and other pertinent vestiges of the Division of Energy from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to the Missouri Department of Economic Development"

whether the Commission has to authorize the construction of these items does not apply and the Commission is not required to grant its permission and approval regarding these items.

4. The Staff has only very recently submitted a number of Data Requests to Transource Missouri and Osborn Wind for which it is awaiting responses to review and consider in its Staff Recommendation to the Commission. Transource Missouri and Osborn Wind are endeavoring to provide the Staff expedited treatment regarding responses for which the Staff is appreciative. The Staff anticipates that it should be able to file a Staff Recommendation with the Commission by September 20, 2016 and will attempt to do so earlier if possible.

5. The Staff apologizes for any inconvenience its one-day delay in filing its Status Report may have caused the Commission or any of the Parties. The press of other Commission business caused the Staff to miss the filing deadline.

WHEREFORE the Staff submits its Status Report, requests leave to file said Staff Status Report one-day out of time, and requests leave to file its Staff Recommendation by September 20, 2016 or earlier if possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 24th day of August, 2016.

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