

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)
GridLiance High Plains LLC, GridLiance)
GP, LLC, and GridLiance Holdco, LP)
("GridLiance"), NextEra Energy) **File No. EM-2021-0114**
Transmission Investments, LLC, and)
NextEra Energy Transmission, LLC)
("NextEra Entities") for approval of the)
Acquisition of GridLiance by the NextEra)
Entities)

**ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SETTING DEADLINES FOR
INTERVENTION REQUESTS, AND DIRECTING STAFF
RECOMMENDATION**

Issue Date: October 21, 2020

Effective Date: October 21, 2020

On October 20, 2020, a joint application was filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission requesting either that the Commission approve an acquisition, or that the Commission finds it lacks jurisdiction over this matter. The acquisition involves multiple corporations on both sides:

- GridLiance High Plains LLC, GridLiance GP, LLC, and GridLiance Holdco, LP ("GridLiance"); and
- NextEra Energy Transmission Investments, LLC, and NextEra Energy Transmission, LLC ("NextEra Entities").

In sum, the NextEra Entities seek to acquire GridLiance. The acquisition will occur at the holding company level, with GridLiance High Plains LLC remaining the operating public utility in Missouri. Because the transaction is holding company to holding company, the joint applicants state that the Commission's jurisdiction is unclear and request an order

disclaiming jurisdiction if the Commission concludes it does not have jurisdiction, or an order of approval if it does have jurisdiction.

The joint applicants request waiver of the 60-day notice of case filing required by Commission rule, and request expedited treatment with an order to be issued by February 19, 2021. They also filed direct testimony.

As GridLiance High Plains LLC is the only applicant that operates in Missouri, the Commission will direct notice of the application be given to the county commissions of each county in which GridLiance High Plains LLC operates, newspapers local to those counties, and members of the General Assembly representing residents of those counties. The Commission will set a deadline for interested parties to intervene, and direct its Staff to file a recommendation with regard to the application.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall provide a copy of this order and the application to the county commissions of those counties in which GridLiance High Plains LLC operates.
2. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Division shall make notice of this order available to the members of the General Assembly representing those counties in which GridLiance High Plains LLC operates, and to the media serving those counties.
3. Any application to intervene shall be filed no later than November 10, 2020.
4. The Commission's Staff shall file a recommendation regarding the joint application, or a request for additional time, no later than November 23, 2020.
5. 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

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 21st day of October, 2020.