BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Union) Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri,) and Three Rivers Electric Cooperative,) for an Order Approving a Territorial Agreement) in Cole and Osage Counties, Missouri)

File No. EO-2020-0315

RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND FILING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, through counsel, and states:

1. On May 27, 2020 Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Ameren Missouri") filed an application seeking authority to sell, transfer, and otherwise dispose of a portion of its franchise to Three Rivers Electric Cooperative ("Three Rivers"). Ameren and Three Rivers also jointly applied for orders authorizing a customer exchange and establishing exclusive service territories in portions of Cole and Osage Counties.

2. On June 11, 2020 the Commission ordered Staff to file a pleading stating when it anticipates filing its recommendation and whether a new certificate of convenience and necessity ("CCN") will be required.

3. Staff anticipates filing its recommendation by September 18, 2020. A new CCN is not required because the involved areas are within Ameren's existing territorial boundaries.¹

WHEREFORE, Staff submits this pleading for the Commission's consideration and information.

¹ See Order Approving Tariffs, In the Matter of the application of Union Electric Company, Case No. EA-87-159 (Aug 9, 1991).

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the foregoing was served via e-mail on counsel for the parties of record to this case on this 17th day of July, 2020.

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