

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Osage )  
Valley Electric Cooperative Association and the )  
City of Rich Hill for Approval of a Change of ) **File No. EO-2022-0009**  
Electric Supplier for Customers in Bates County )  
for Reasons of Public Interest )

## ORDER EXTENDING DEADLINE

Issue Date: July 12, 2021

Effective Date: July 12, 2021

On July 9, 2021,<sup>1</sup> Osage Valley Electric Cooperative Association (Osage Valley) and the City of Rich Hill (Rich Hill) filed a Joint Application for Change of Electric Supplier. Osage Valley and Rich Hill (the “Joint Applicants”) state that Osage Valley is a rural electric cooperative and that Rich Hill is a Missouri fourth-class municipality. The application states that Rich Hill has asked Osage Valley to purchase its electric system and provide service for all of Rich Hill’s 696 properties and that the structures now served by Rich Hill are located both within the corporate boundaries of Rich Hill and outside of the corporate boundaries. The application states that Rich Hill, through negotiations and a vote of the citizens, has committed to have its electric service provided by Osage Valley. The Joint Applicants state that they are authorized to make this application per Section 394.315.2, RSMo, and are asking the Commission to approve a change of supplier for the properties in question that will allow Rich Hill to discontinue service and allow Osage Valley to provide service.

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<sup>1</sup> All date references will be to 2021 unless otherwise indicated.

The Commission will order notice delivered to elected officials and published in newspapers, set a deadline for intervention, and direct the filing of a staff recommendation. In Staff's recommendation, it should specifically address the Commission's jurisdiction to grant the relief requested in the Joint Application.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Commission's Data Center shall send a copy of this order to the county commission of Bates County, Missouri.
2. The Commission's Public Information Office shall make this notice available to the members of the General Assembly representing Bates County, Missouri, and to the newspapers and other media serving those counties.
3. Any person or entity wishing to intervene in this matter shall file an application to intervene no later than July 27, 2021.
4. The Staff of the Commission shall file a recommendation or a status report stating when it expects to file its recommendation on the Joint Application no later than August 12, 2021.
5. Any other party wishing to file a recommendation shall do so no later than August 12, 2021.
6. 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

Paul T. Graham, Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant  
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.**



  
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**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**

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