

**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)
Electric Supplier for Customers in Bates County)
For Reasons of Public Interest)
File No. EO-2022-0009

STAFF STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through the undersigned counsel, and submits the following Status Report:

1. On July 9, 2021, Osage Valley Electric Cooperative Association (Osage Valley) and the City of Rich Hill (Rich Hill) filed a Joint Application for Change of Electric Supplier for all 696 properties currently served by Rich Hill.

2. On July 12, 2021, the Commission issued an *Order* that provided, in part, that “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.” (Emphasis added) Staff is therefore filing this Status Report.

3. Staff has been in contact with representatives of the joint applicants and suggested the joint applicants file an amended joint application in order to avoid a negative recommendation. At this time, Staff anticipates that the joint applicants will file an amended joint application, although it has not yet been filed. If the joint applicants file an amended joint application, Staff will, in all likelihood, then need to conduct certain discovery. Therefore, Staff expects to file its recommendation 60 days after the joint applicants file an amended application. The recommendation will be filed sooner if possible.

WHEREFORE, Staff submits this Status Report and requests that Staff be allowed until 60 days after the joint applicants file an amended joint application to file a Staff recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to parties of record as reflected on the certified service list maintained by the Commission in its Electronic Filing Information System this 12th day of August 2021.

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