

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 12th day
of November, 2021.

In the Matter of Union Electric Company)
d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Request for a)
Variance Regarding its Renewable Energy)
Standard Compliance)
File No. EE-2022-0074

ORDER GRANTING VARIANCE AND WAIVER

Issue Date: November 12, 2021

Effective Date: December 12, 2021

On September 9, 2021, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri filed an application for a variance regarding the Commission's Renewable Energy Standard rules. Ameren Missouri requests a variance from 20 CSR 4240-20.100(3)(J).

That rule requires utilities to retire Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) within the compliance calendar year, or by April 15 of the following calendar year, as long as the retirements the following year do not exceed 10% of the retirements of the total RECs retired for the compliance year. Ameren Missouri also asks for a waiver from Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1), the Commission's 60-day notice rule.

In support of its request, Ameren Missouri states that it does not know the total sale figure upon which the numbers of RECs to retire is derived from until the year after the compliance year in question. Ameren Missouri claims allowing the variance means Ameren Missouri would not have to purchase RECs it may not need.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed its Recommendation on October 21, 2021. Staff recommends that the Commission approve Ameren Missouri's request only for the calendar year 2021. Staff also recommends the Commission grant a waiver to the Commission's 60-day notice requirement.

Ameren Missouri responded on November 1, 2021. Ameren Missouri agrees with Staff on the variance for 2021, and Ameren Missouri states it would like to work with Staff on compliance with Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.100(3)(J) for future years.

Under 20 CSR 4240-20.100(11), the Commission may grant a variance for good cause shown. The Commission finds that Ameren has presented good cause for the variance and will grant the requested relief. The Commission further finds that Ameren Missouri has not communicated with the Office of the Commission about this case for more than 150 days prior to filing it. Thus, Ameren Missouri is eligible for waiver of the 60-day notice requirement of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1), and the Commission will waive it.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's request for variance from Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.100(3)(J) is granted for the calendar year of 2021.
2. The 60-day notice requirement of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1) is waived.
3. This order shall become effective on December 12, 2021.
4. This file shall be closed on December 13, 2021.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Rupp, Coleman, Holsman, and
Kolkmeier CC., concur.

Pridgin, Regulatory Law Judge

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 12th day of November, 2021.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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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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