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Order Approving a Territorial ) EO-2022-0332  
Agreement in Cooper, Cole, and )  
Moniteau Counties, Missouri )

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1 The following proceedings began at 6:22 p.m.:

2 JUDGE CLARK: Okay. Let's go on the record.  
3 Good evening. The question-and-answer portion of the  
4 public hearing just ended. If you had questions, I hope  
5 you were able to get answers to those questions. I'd  
6 like at this time to ask everyone to mute themselves  
7 unless they're going to be speaking or unless they are  
8 speaking, and that will cut down on the noise level and  
9 prevent any potential audio feedback.

10 If you're participating by phone and you need  
11 to unmute yourself to speak, you may do so by pressing  
12 \*6. Today is Thursday, September 15 of 2022, and the  
13 current time is 6:23 p.m.

14 The Missouri Public Service Commission has set  
15 aside this time for a local public hearing in the File  
16 EO-2022-0332, which is captioned as In the Matter of the  
17 Joint Application of Co-Mo Electric Cooperative and  
18 Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri for an  
19 Order Approving a Territorial Agreement in Cooper, Cole,  
20 and Moniteau Counties, Missouri. The Commission has  
21 scheduled this local public hearing to give the public  
22 an opportunity to ask questions and to comment about the  
23 proposed territorial agreement.

24 The Missouri Public Service Commission  
25 regulates investor-owned public utilities in Missouri

1 and as part of that has jurisdictions over territorial  
2 agreements such as this one involving a regulated  
3 utility and an unregulated electric cooperative. The  
4 Commission also regulates the quality of service and  
5 safety of operations of public utilities.

6 Now, the Commission is made up of five  
7 Commissioners. The Commissioners are appointed by the  
8 Governor to a fixed term and confirmed by the Senate.  
9 The Commission employs a staff of engineers,  
10 accountants, attorneys, financial analysts, and other  
11 specialists in the field of utility regulation. My name  
12 is John Clark. I'm the Regulatory Law Judge who is  
13 going to be overseeing this hearing tonight. With me  
14 today present are Commissioner Maida Coleman and  
15 Commissioner Glen Kolkmeyer.

16 Now, this is an official hearing of the  
17 Missouri Public Service Commission and the statements  
18 and testimony of witnesses will be recorded by the court  
19 reporter and must be given under oath or affirmation.  
20 All of the Commissioners will have an opportunity to  
21 read the witnesses' remarks, including the ones that are  
22 not here tonight, and the Commission values your  
23 comments and input.

24 Would either of the Commissioners like to make  
25 any opening remarks tonight?

1                   COMMISSIONER COLEMAN: This is Commissioner  
2 Coleman. I'd like to just say thank you to all those  
3 who are participating in tonight's public hearing and  
4 thank you for your interest and any information that you  
5 provide us to help us better make decisions. Thank you.

6                   JUDGE CLARK: Thank you, Commissioner. I see  
7 that someone has put their hand up. It's gone down.  
8 But I will call people in just a minute.

9                   I'm going to begin by asking counsel to enter  
10 their appearance for the record starting with Ameren  
11 Missouri.

12                  MR. LOWERY: Jim Lowery representing Ameren  
13 Missouri.

14                  JUDGE CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Lowery. For  
15 Co-Mo Electric Cooperative?

16                  MS. McCORD: This is Megan McCord, counsel for  
17 Co-Mo.

18                  JUDGE CLARK: Thank you, Ms. McCord.  
19 For the Commission Staff?

20                  MR. GRAHAM: This is Paul Graham, if you can  
21 hear me. I'm entering my appearance for Staff.

22                  JUDGE CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Graham. For the  
23 Office of the Public Counsel?

24                  MR. POSTON: Yeah, Marc Poston appearing for  
25 the Office of the Public Counsel.

1           JUDGE CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Poston. Is there  
2 any counsel present that I have not called?

3           Okay. If you want to make comments to the  
4 Commission, I'm first going to swear you in, ask you to  
5 affirm or tell the truth, and then I will ask you to  
6 state and spell your name. After that, you can offer  
7 your comments to the Commission.

8           It appears that we have a few people who are  
9 here. I don't know how many people are going to speak  
10 tonight. So that everybody has an opportunity to speak,  
11 I want to give everybody a chance to make their  
12 comments; but if it goes on and starts to get  
13 repetitive, I may stop people after a bit. Also, after  
14 you've made your comments, please remain on the line as  
15 there may be follow-up questions from the Commission or  
16 from the parties. Then I'll dismiss you.

17           Now, the Commission will not be able to answer  
18 your questions today. That's because they have to  
19 remain impartial until such time as they actually  
20 consider this territorial agreement. The Commission has  
21 not made a decision in this case. Now, if you have  
22 questions after the hearing that weren't answered during  
23 the question-and-answer session, you may contact Co-Mo  
24 or Ameren and I believe they provided information for  
25 that; is that correct?



1 MR. LOWERY: Judge, we haven't provided any  
2 information. This is Jim Lowery with Ameren. We  
3 haven't provided any information, but we can if there  
4 are follow-up questions.

5 JUDGE CLARK: Okay. I've got one request so  
6 far. Here's what I'm going to do. I'm just going to go  
7 ahead, since we don't have a sign-up sheet or anything,  
8 I'm going to ask if anyone would like to make comments  
9 to the Commission at this time and I'll just take  
10 whoever speaks up first.

11 MS. FJELL: The City of Boonville. And my  
12 name is Kate Fjell. I'm the City Administrator. We'd  
13 like to offer comments for the record.

14 JUDGE CLARK: Thank you, Ms. Fjell. Would you  
15 -- I know you already have. Do you solemnly swear or  
16 affirm that the testimony you are about to give is the  
17 truth?

18 MS. FJELL: Yes.

19 JUDGE CLARK: Would you please state and spell  
20 your name for the record?

21 MS. FJELL: Sure. My name is Kate Fjell, and  
22 it's K-a-t-e F-j-e-l-l.

23 JUDGE CLARK: Thank you, Ms. Fjell. And what  
24 would you like to tell the Commission this evening?

25 KATE FJELL,

1 having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

2 MS. FJELL: Good evening. My name is Kate  
3 Fjell. I'm the City Administrator for the City of  
4 Boonville. Boonville has been served nearly exclusively  
5 by Ameren for years. The City has also worked with  
6 Co-Mo occasionally and mostly regarding internet and  
7 broadband expansion into our community.

8 Most recently the City did sign a franchise  
9 agreement with Co-Mo for electric service primarily  
10 because of the Thurman Construction's request for Co-Mo  
11 to serve the Fox Hollow Subdivision. I want to state up  
12 front that the City is open to working with both utility  
13 partners in an equal and fair manner and is not  
14 objecting to the request by Thurman Construction for Fox  
15 Hollow to be served by Co-Mo.

16 In June, the City was first made aware of a  
17 proposed territorial agreement between Co-Mo and Ameren.  
18 I, along with several others, provided comments to the  
19 OPC and PSC Staff regarding this territorial agreement.  
20 These comments were primarily focused on requesting rate  
21 information, a more detailed map, and a request for  
22 public hearing so all interested parties would have an  
23 opportunity to comment.

24 To date, all the information that we have  
25 requested has been made available and we're thankful to

1 both Co-Mo and Ameren for sharing this. We are also  
2 grateful that the PSC has made this public hearing  
3 available to interested parties. As a result of these  
4 comments and questions, there was a meeting held in  
5 Boonville with Ameren, Co-Mo, the County, the City, the  
6 Boonslick Community Development Corporation on July 26.  
7 The primary concern of the City comes from the  
8 discussion held at the meeting.

9 Co-Mo explained to us that any expansion,  
10 i.e., new buildings in the proposed Co-Mo territory will  
11 become Co-Mo served projects regardless of the current  
12 service provider. We are concerned with this policy  
13 particularly since one of the border parcels is the  
14 municipal city airport. The city has a master plan  
15 which includes the development of new hangars,  
16 additional -- excuse me, new hangars, new terminal,  
17 additional security lighting. It does not make sense  
18 from a safety and security standpoint to have Co-Mo  
19 serve these airport expansions when Ameren is already  
20 our service provider.

21 In the case of an emergency, time is of the  
22 essence and having to contact and coordinate with two  
23 utility partners when there are potentially exposed  
24 power lines, a fire, tornado damage, et cetera, will  
25 create additional challenges hampering first responders'

1 ability to quickly and responsively address any issues.

2 It was explained to us in the case of the  
3 airport that the City could petition you all, the PSC,  
4 to keep Ameren as our sole provider. That is costly,  
5 time consuming, and burdensome. We are a small  
6 community of about 8,300 residents. The City does not  
7 and should not have to hire an attorney to facilitate  
8 this process. Airport expansion is good for the City,  
9 will assist in economic development, and provides a  
10 crucial amenity for the region. However, the  
11 territorial agreement as explained to us may stymie this  
12 growth if we must go through the additional burdens of  
13 petitioning the PSC to keep one utility provider.

14 Coordinating growth with two utility companies  
15 makes these already complex capital projects needlessly  
16 more complicated. And I would like to say that I don't  
17 think the City is the only entity or individual who may  
18 face such a situation.

19 Finally, just a comment regarding utilities  
20 and right-of-ways, as someone who also is often involved  
21 in those conversations. As technology improves and  
22 cities continue to develop, right-of-ways are becoming  
23 increasingly more important and less available. It  
24 appears that in a territorial agreement there are likely  
25 areas that are currently served by Ameren or the Co-op

1 and that adding additional service lines will needlessly  
2 take up land for utility right-of-ways that could be  
3 better developed for other purposes since it will  
4 duplicate services.

5 On the face, the territorial agreement is  
6 supposed to limit duplication of services and encourage  
7 utility companies to invest in their service areas.  
8 However, this agreement to the City feels like it's  
9 doing just the opposite. It is landlocking Ameren from  
10 future growth thereby discouraging investment and  
11 improvements and upgrades in the community and  
12 encouraging duplication of services by adding additional  
13 providers where one may already be present.

14 Thank you for your time and attention to this  
15 matter, and we appreciate your consideration of the  
16 City's comments.

17 JUDGE CLARK: Thank you, Ms. Fjell. Have you  
18 -- Let me ask first. Are there any Commissioner  
19 questions? Hearing none. I've got a couple of  
20 questions for you. Maybe one thing to ask additionally  
21 based upon those answers. Have you had an opportunity  
22 yet to talk with Co-Mo and Ameren about the City's  
23 concerns?

24 MS. FJELL: Yes, sir, we did have that joint  
25 meeting about it, and admittedly that was back in July.

1 So we haven't made the direct ask, but at the time that  
2 was just explained to us our route was to petition you  
3 all at the PSC.

4 JUDGE CLARK: Now, I believe they just filed  
5 the territorial maps and information the other day, but  
6 I gather from what you said you haven't had an  
7 opportunity to talk with them since then?

8 MS. FJELL: Not since then, but we knew the  
9 airport was in what would become Co-Mo territory but it  
10 is currently served by Ameren. It was not in the city  
11 until just recently.

12 JUDGE CLARK: I'm going to suggest that you  
13 might actually want to reach out to them again and  
14 reiterate your concerns. The other thing I might want  
15 to indicate, you said that one of the concerns that the  
16 City had was about duplication of service. I just  
17 wanted to let you know among the factors that the  
18 Commission considers in territorial agreements,  
19 duplication of services is one of those factors we  
20 consider.

21 MS. FJELL: Thank you.

22 JUDGE CLARK: Thank you for your comments. Is  
23 there anybody else who would like to make comments to  
24 the Commission?

25 MS. McAREAVY: This is Gigi Quinlan McAreavy.

1 I am the Director of Economic Development in Cooper  
2 County.

3 JUDGE CLARK: I'm sorry. Can you say your  
4 last name for me again. I don't want to butcher it.

5 MS. McAREAVY: That's okay. McAreavy like  
6 macaroni McAreavy.

7 JUDGE CLARK: Okay. Ms. McAreavy, do you  
8 solemnly swear or affirm that the testimony you are  
9 about to give is the truth?

10 MS. McAREAVY: Yes, I do.

11 JUDGE CLARK: Would you please state your name  
12 again and spell it for the record?

13 MS. McAREAVY: My name is Gigi, G-i-g-i,  
14 Quinlan, Q-u-i-n-l-a-n, McAreavy, M-c-A-r-e-a-v-y.

15 JUDGE CLARK: And what would you like to tell  
16 the Commission this evening?

17 GIGI McAREAVY,  
18 having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

19 MS. McAREAVY: So my name is Gigi Quinlan  
20 McAreavy. I'm the Director of Economic Development in  
21 Cooper County which includes Boonville, Missouri and the  
22 Village of Windsor. I am an individual. I am not an  
23 attorney and not acting as one. So I just want to make  
24 sure that I set the record straight there.

25 I want to begin by thanking you, most

1 Honorable Judge Clark and all the Missouri Public  
2 Service Commissioners, Ryan Silvey, Scott Rupp, Maida  
3 Coleman, Jason Holsman, and Glen Kolkmeier, and thank  
4 you Maida and Jason and Glen for being here. I really  
5 appreciate you being on and taking your time.

6 This is a great opportunity for us to be able  
7 to speak and be heard, and I know your time is valuable.  
8 Sometimes to hear from those with boots on the ground  
9 gives a new perspective which was not considered  
10 initially. I want you to know I have no favorites or  
11 biases with either Ameren or Co-Mo. They have both been  
12 very helpful, professional, and instrumental in my  
13 professional success as Director of ED, and I hope to  
14 continue that professional relationship.

15 As Kate had mentioned, we first learned this  
16 on 6/14 about this magnitude of a territorial agreement,  
17 immediately researched, and I just want to let you guys  
18 know there was a little confusion about how to  
19 communicate with you. We were given in Press Release  
20 22-172 to send emails to the OPC, the Office of the  
21 Public Counsel and emails to the Public Service  
22 Commission by different deadlines, which we did, and I  
23 wasn't aware about posting it on a particular site. But  
24 we did as individuals were instructed to do and we did  
25 intervene at the dates we were instructed to intervene.



1 And that's the reason I kind of highlighted that.

2 The following will be in layman terms, of  
3 course. And as I understand from what I've read,  
4 researched and in meetings with both parties, and please  
5 forgive me, this is oversimplified I know but I'm going  
6 to try to get through some points that I think this  
7 magnitude of an agreement could be affected for economic  
8 development in Cooper County.

9 The new statute passed in August of 2021, as a  
10 result of Senate Bill 44 and as written in parts of  
11 Section 386.800 under certain provisions may allow a  
12 majority of the existing developers, landowners, or  
13 prospective electric customers to have a choice and/or  
14 preference if submitted in good faith to determine which  
15 electric service supplier is best suited to serve all or  
16 portions of the area in question.

17 Fox Hollow and owner Troy Thurman in Cooper  
18 County put wheels in motion to choose their electrical  
19 company for their 400-home subdivision. Fox Hollow was  
20 sandwiched between two Ameren Missouri service sites and  
21 Co-Mo was within the mile regulation to serve the  
22 location. The developer of Fox Hollow's 216 acres  
23 utilized his preference for his electric provider and  
24 chose Co-Mo Electric.

25 Co-Mo Electric filed a motion with the PSC.

1 Ameren, I'm assuming, rebutted that motion. Ameren  
2 appeared -- This is what we were told in our meeting  
3 that I asked how it got from 216 to 20,000 acres. So it  
4 went from a 216 ask to a 20,000 acre ask, and I was told  
5 by an Ameren representative that they did not want to  
6 set a precedence across the state if they happened to  
7 lose this case.

8 It appeared that because of such, I don't know  
9 how this happened, but because I don't know if Co-Mo had  
10 them over the barrel and then turned this 216 acres into  
11 20,000 acres of this territorial agreement, but from the  
12 outside looking in that's what it appeared from my  
13 conversations. Who loses and why? Well, landowners,  
14 developers, businesses, and communities who are located  
15 in this massive territorial agreement by potentially  
16 eliminating competition, potentially stalling and/or  
17 hindering economic development.

18 Why? A territorial agreement of this  
19 magnitude removes choices for the very thing the new  
20 statute appeared to promote. This same statute was  
21 shared by Co-Mo's representative to Ameren in one of  
22 your all's document in the one that says Co-Mo's  
23 Surreponse to Ameren Missouri's Motion for Summary  
24 Determination comes now to Co-Mo Cooperative. And it  
25 states Ameren Missouri's Reply to Co-Mo Response to

1 Ameren for Summary Determination reflects Ameren  
2 Missouri's ongoing strenuous attempt to force a  
3 cooperative member, Mr. Thurman, against his preference  
4 to take an electric service from Ameren Missouri when  
5 the new law passed last session by General Assembly  
6 provides a method by which that result certainly can be  
7 avoided by the exercise of the new powers granted to the  
8 Commission.

9           This goes against the mission statements of  
10 the PSC that provided the public the information they  
11 need to make an educated utility choice, which is one of  
12 the mission statements. If this choice -- If these  
13 choices are not available in this huge territorial  
14 agreement, then there isn't much of an educated utility  
15 choice to utilize. On the economic development front, I  
16 am concerned about this magnitude of an agreement with  
17 no competition and all who this could impact.

18           This is another PSC mission statement to  
19 establish standards so that competition will maintain or  
20 improve the quality of service. I want to give some  
21 examples. I checked with our water district and I asked  
22 if he would be on this line. And he has conversed with  
23 an electric company and chose not to be. He said I  
24 could share this example, and I confirmed with him this  
25 was true.

1           Our water district a few years ago needed  
2 three phase. Both utilities were around the area. The  
3 water district reached out to both Ameren Missouri and  
4 Co-Mo Electric for estimates. One of the providers was  
5 at the site. The other provider had to acquire utility  
6 easements to reach the site destination up to the water  
7 district and would have cost much needed time and  
8 potential money. They were both offering the same  
9 price, but because the other one couldn't get there in a  
10 potential timely manner the other one was chosen because  
11 of competition.

12           Another example. I have been speaking with  
13 landowners about a particular site. Neither Ameren nor  
14 Co-Mo are at the site. However, they both appear to be  
15 within a mile guideline. In this new territorial  
16 agreement, the one utility company is automatically  
17 eliminated to compete. Here both landowner and the  
18 potential new company could lose because they cannot  
19 seek competition bids. They will not be given the  
20 luxury of competition Mr. Thurman was allowed.

21           The PSC, another PSC mission statement to  
22 provide an efficient regulatory process that is  
23 responsive to all parties and perform our duties  
24 ethically and professionally. How is landlocking Ameren  
25 Missouri on three sides and a fourth of another side

1 responsive to all parties? It is hard to observe the  
2 ethics behind this territorial agreement. Do you think  
3 Ameren is going to want to give the City of Boonville  
4 the latest and greatest new technology when they know  
5 they can grow in other areas? Most businesses I would  
6 say would not invest their capital into markets that  
7 they have less of an opportunity to grow. The PSC,  
8 another mission statement of the PSC that this  
9 territorial statement kind of rebukes is a statement to  
10 support economic development through either traditional  
11 rate return regulation or competition as required by  
12 law.

13 I started this position in economic  
14 development three years ago next month when there was  
15 not a full-time economic developer working in this space  
16 for a decade. We have had great success with the  
17 announcement of Kawasaki Motors Manufacturing  
18 Corporation bringing initially 280 jobs to our area and  
19 now are reporting to up that count to 400 to 500 with  
20 two additional lines being constructed as we speak.

21 We have had CMMG expand their facility this  
22 year with an additional 32,000 square feet and  
23 additional 25 more jobs. Spirit of '76 expanded their  
24 footprint with a huge addition on to their distribution  
25 center. The Thurmans are bringing us 400 single-family

1 homes, which I worked with the Thurmans for two years to  
2 get this project into our area because I knew it was  
3 needed. Boone Point is bringing us mixed-use dwelling  
4 with 63 homes, over a hundred apartments, and 24  
5 condominiums. In the works is a workforce housing in  
6 the form of subsidized rentals to bring us a huge need  
7 of affordable housing.

8           Just last week I am proud to say a huge  
9 investment, and mostly because of Co-Mo, we have a  
10 certified 103-acre industrial development site with the  
11 State of Missouri in Cooper County. Economic  
12 development is alive in Cooper County. I get it why  
13 Co-Mo wants to tap in and I'm flattered at their  
14 aggressiveness. However, I don't believe a territorial  
15 agreement of this magnitude is an asset in any form to  
16 our great county.

17           I'm hoping for Your Honor and the PSC  
18 Commissioners to take a realistic approach on this  
19 territorial agreement. My honest and good faith  
20 estimate of a territorial agreement would be for Co-Mo  
21 Electric to receive the 216 acres that was initially  
22 asked along with the 103 acres that they worked so  
23 diligently and hard on to become state certified in  
24 Windsor Village.

25           There are measures that are less drastic and

1 more fair to everyone. I just don't see this huge  
2 territorial agreement being the intent of this new  
3 statute nor favorable to economic development allowing  
4 competition responsive to all parties, especially  
5 Ameren. Thank you all so much for your time and I do  
6 hope this was meaningful.

7 JUDGE CLARK: Are there any questions from the  
8 Commissioners?

9 COMMISSIONER KOLKMEYER: Not at this time,  
10 Judge. Thank you.

11 JUDGE CLARK: Thank you, Commissioner  
12 Kolkmeier. I don't have any questions for you, Ms.  
13 McAreavy. I thank you for your comments. They were  
14 very thorough.

15 Is there anybody else who would like to offer  
16 comments to the Commission this evening? And I'll  
17 apologize when I'm unmuted you may hear a marching band,  
18 which I can't do anything about. Is there anybody else  
19 who would like to offer comments this evening?

20 Okay. Nobody has come forward. Please feel  
21 free to interrupt me if you change your mind while I go  
22 through my hearing closing. I'd like to thank everyone  
23 for their participation today. It's wonderful when  
24 people participate, and the Commission takes your  
25 comments very seriously.

1           The Commissioners who were not here tonight  
2 will be able to read your comments in the transcript of  
3 tonight's proceeding. If you have additional comments  
4 or someone that you know was unable to make it tonight  
5 and would like to offer comments, you can make written  
6 comments by using the email address pscinfo@psc.mo.gov,  
7 by contacting the Office of the Public Counsel, or by  
8 going to the PSC's web page and I believe there's a link  
9 there to offer comments. I think if you do that you  
10 need to put in the case number which in this case is  
11 EO-2022-0332.

12           Now, I asked at one point if the electric  
13 utilities had provided information where people who had  
14 additional questions regarding either the territorial  
15 agreement or their own property could call with those  
16 questions. Mr. Lowery, does Ameren have such a number  
17 that you would be willing to give out?

18           MR. LOWERY: Sure. Should I just put it in  
19 the chat, Judge?

20           JUDGE CLARK: You can put it in the chat and  
21 you can also say it out loud.

22           MR. LOWERY: Okay. This is the assistant in  
23 the Central Missouri Division, Ms. Campbell, and the  
24 phone number is 573-681-7101.

25           JUDGE CLARK: Say those last four, please.



1 MR. LOWERY: 7101.

2 JUDGE CLARK: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Lowery.

3 And for Co-Mo? Ms. McCord, is there a number where  
4 Co-Mo can be reached for information?

5 MS. McCORD: I'm sure there is, Judge. I'll  
6 ask Aaron to comment about which number he'd like for  
7 them to use.

8 MR. BRADSHAW: Hi. This is Aaron with Co-Mo.  
9 I will give you a direct line to my desk. 660-433-6164.  
10 Anybody that has any questions can reach out to us  
11 directly and we'll be able to help them. Thank you all  
12 very much for attending this evening, by the way.

13 JUDGE CLARK: Thank you. And that's  
14 660-433-6164?

15 MR. BRADSHAW: You got it.

16 JUDGE CLARK: Okay. Thank you so much.  
17 Again, thank you to everybody for attending. And I  
18 don't see anything further. So this hearing is now  
19 adjourned and we will go off the record.

20 COMMISSIONER KOLKMEYER: Thank you, Judge.

21 JUDGE CLARK: Thank you, Commissioner  
22 Kolkmeier. Thank you, Commissioner Coleman.

23 (Thereupon, the public hearing concluded at  
24 6:52 p.m.)

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