BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri¹ for Certificates of Convenience and Necessity for Solar Facilities

File No. EA-2023-0286

MOTION FOR LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"),

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through the undersigned counsel, and prays that the Commission set a local public

hearing in this proceeding, stating further:

The Commission's Public Comments website reflects that the following comment

was received per the authority of Pike County Commissioner Brock Bailey:

Rural Missouri is being overwhelmed with Solar projects. The Pike County Commission have had discussions with several concerned citizens and local land owners. We do not have planning and zoning and we have little jurisdiction with regards to these projects. • Have any environmental studies been completed by "third party" or government entities? • Where does the responsibility lie if there is an environmental issue? • What happens if governmental subsidies/funding cease at any time during construction and beyond? (Similar to petroleum) • Will there be any public hearings, considering the community impact of these facilities? Thank you for your time and consideration to this matter. We look forward to hearing from you.

Staff has verified that Pike County Commissioner Bailey, as Pike County Commissioner and also on the basis of his discussions with Pike County concerned citizens, does wish for the Public Service Commission to hold a local public hearing on the questions and concerns which he has raised in the above comment. Based on Staff's further inquiries and investigation, Staff also believes that a local public hearing could benefit the Commission concerning the current status Ameren Missouri's county tax

¹ Hereinafter, "Ameren Missouri."

strategies—as laid out in its testimony--and related discussions between Ameren Missouri and Pike County, Missouri.

WHEREFORE, the Staff prays that the Commission order that a local public hearing be held; and for such other orders as the Commission deems are necessary or appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies by his signature below that on October 19, 2023, he filed the above document entitled Motion for Public Hearing the EFIS file of the Missouri Public Service Commission.

<u>ISI Paul T. Graham</u>