

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 19th day of
December, 2018.

In the Matter of the Application of GridLiance High Plains)
LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and)
Necessity to Construct, Own, Install, and Maintain) **File No. EA-2019-0112**
Certain Southwest Power Pool, Inc.-Mandated Network)
Upgrades to a 69kV Electric Transmission Line Located)
In Christian and Greene Counties, Missouri.)

**ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY**

Issue Date: December 19, 2018

Effective Date: December 29, 2018

Procedural History

On October 25, 2018¹, GridLiance High Plains LLC, f/k/a South Central MCH LLC (“GridLiance”) filed an application describing its plans to construct, own, install, and maintain certain Southwest Power Pool (“SPP”) mandated network upgrades to 1.25 miles of a 69kV electric transmission line location in Christian County, Missouri. GridLiance asked the Commission to either find that it does not have jurisdiction over this project or, in the alternative, to grant GridLiance a certificate of convenience and necessity to build it.

GridLiance requests an order no later than 60 days from the date of this Application to better enable it to meet the SPP schedule and thereby ensure continued reliability of service for SPP consumers served by these facilities. GridLiance further requests a waiver

¹ Calendar references are to 2018.

of the Commission rule requiring applicants to file a 60-day notice prior to filing a case at the Commission.²

The Commission provided notice and set a deadline for applications to intervene. The Commission received no intervention requests.

The Staff of the Commission filed its Recommendation on December 5. Staff recommends that the Commission grant the certificate, subject to the condition that GridLiance will file plans and specifications for the complete construction project with the Commission before the authority to construct under the CCN is exercised. Staff further recommends the Commission grant a rule waiver to GridLiance, as requested in the application.

Unless otherwise ordered, parties have ten days to respond to pleadings.³ The Commission issued no order contrary to the pertinent rule, and no party has responded to the Staff Recommendation. Thus, the Commission will rule upon the unopposed application.

Decision

GridLiance is an electrical corporation and a public utility subject to Commission jurisdiction. GridLiance's Missouri facilities, according to its application, are electric plant that will be used for the transmission of electricity that will be used for light, heat or power.⁴

The Commission may grant an electrical corporation a certificate of convenience and necessity to operate after determining that the construction and operation are either

² Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-4.017.

³ Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(13).

⁴ Section 386.020(14), (15), (43).

“necessary or convenient for the public service.”⁵ The Commission has stated five criteria that it will use to make this determination:

- 1) There must be a need for the service;
- 2) The applicant must be qualified to provide the proposed service;
- 3) The applicant must have the financial ability to provide the service;
- 4) The applicant’s proposal must be economically feasible; and
- 5) The service must promote the public interest.⁶

Based on the verified application and the verified recommendation of Staff, the Commission finds the application for a certificate of convenience and necessity to provide electrical service meets the above listed criteria.⁷ The application will be granted. This order will be given a ten-day effective date because the application is unopposed, and the Commission does not wish to cause undue delay.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-4.017(1)(D) states that a waiver may be granted for good cause. Good cause exists in this case. GridLiance has had no communication with the office of the Commission within the prior 150 days regarding any substantive issue likely to be in this case, other than those pleadings filed for record. Accordingly, for good cause shown, the Commission waives the 60-day notice requirement of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-4.017(1).

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Motion for Expedited Consideration is granted.

⁵ Section 393.170, RSMo.

⁶ *In re Tartan Energy Company*, 3 Mo. P.S.C. 173, 177 (1994).

⁷ The requirement for a hearing is met when the opportunity for hearing is provided and no proper party requests the opportunity to present evidence. No party requested a hearing in this matter; thus, no hearing is necessary. *State ex rel. Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Comm’n of the State of Missouri*, 776 S.W.2d 494 (Mo. App. W.D. 1989).

2. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-4.017(1) is waived.

3. GridLiance High Plains LLC, f/k/a South Central MCH LLC is granted permission, approval, and a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct, install, own, operate, control, manage, and maintain electrical plant for its existing facilities in Missouri, as more particularly described in its application and Staff Recommendation.

4. The certificate of convenience and necessity is subject to the condition that GridLiance High Plains LLC, f/k/a South Central MCH LLC will file plans and specifications for the complete construction project with the Commission before the authority to construct under the certificate of convenience and necessity is exercised.

5. This order shall become effective on December 29, 2018.

6. This file shall be closed on December 30, 2018.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Kenney, Hall, Rupp, and
Coleman, CC., concur.

Pridgin, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge

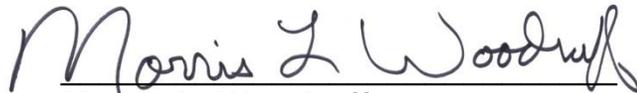
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OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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 19th day of December 2018.




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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