

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 1st day of
November, 2023.

In the Matter of Union Electric Company)
d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Request for)
Variance Regarding Its Renewable Energy)
Standard Compliance)
File No. EE-2024-0037

ORDER GRANTING VARIANCE AND WAIVER

Issue Date: November 1, 2023

Effective Date: December 1, 2023

On August 16, 2023, 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 have a large REC bank and expects to use RECs generated during the compliance year. Ameren Missouri will need to retire RECs generated during the 2023 compliance year to meet the RES requirements. Ameren Missouri submits that the 90% requirement forces the Company and its customers to incur RES compliance costs for 2023 that it should be able to avoid.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed its Recommendation on October 16, 2023. Staff recommends that the Commission approve Ameren Missouri's request for a variance from Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.100(3)(J) for the 2023 compliance year. Staff also recommends the Commission grant a waiver to the Commission's 60-day notice requirement. No other party responded to the application or to the Staff Recommendation.

Under 20 CSR 4240-20.100(11), the Commission may grant a variance for good cause shown. The Commission finds that Ameren Missouri has presented good cause for the variance and will grant the requested relief. The Commission further finds that Ameren Missouri has filed a verified declaration that it 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) for the 2023 compliance year is granted.
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 1, 2023.
4. This file shall be closed on December 2, 2023.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

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

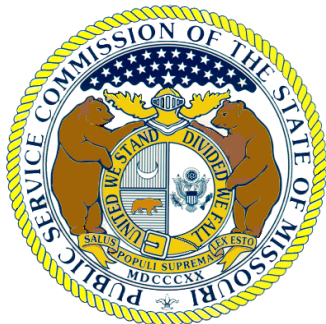
Pridgin, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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 1st day of November 2023.



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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



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