

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Joint Application by the            )  
City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri and Ozark            )  
Border Electric Cooperative for Approval of            )  
Minor Modifications and Extension of a            )  
Territorial Agreement Involving Three Areas        )  
In Butler County, Missouri                            )

**File No. EO-2022-0264**

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”) and for its Motion for Extension in regards to a recommendation for the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri (“Poplar Bluff”), operating through its Municipal Utilities, and Ozark Border Electric Cooperative (“Ozark Border”), hereinafter collectively referred to as Applicants, pursuant to Section 394.312 RSMo., Section 416.041 RSMo., 20 CSR 4240-2.060 and 20 CSR 4240-3.130, and respectfully state as follows:

1. On March 30, 2022, Applicants filed a joint application with the Commission for approval of modifications and extension of their existing territorial agreement. The new agreement extends the existing territorial agreement for a period of thirty years, and makes minor modifications to some aspects of that agreement. The new agreement does not require any current customer of either Poplar Bluff or Ozark Border to change their supplier.

2. Staff and Applicants are discussing the joint application and have agreed that a one-month extension will allow for more productive discussions and information exchanges about the Applicant's application. Upon initial review of the application, Staff identified certain information missing from the joint application which Staff believes is necessary before Staff can make a recommendation concerning the application.

Staff therefore has requested additional documentation such as land surveys and clarifying language for the territorial agreement extension.

3. Section 394.312, RSMo., provides that “**Unless otherwise ordered by the commission for good cause shown**, the commission shall rule on such applications not later than one hundred twenty days after the application is **properly filed** with the secretary of the commission.” (emphasis added) Staff submits there is good cause, as shown above, to extend the timeline for this case.

4. Staff has consulted with Applicants, who do not oppose the request to extend.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff respectfully requests an extension until June 17, 2022 to file a recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

**/s/ Eric Vandergriff**