

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 29th day of November, 2023.

In the Matter of the Application of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri for Permission and Approval and Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity Authorizing It to Construct Renewable Generation Facilities))))))	<u>File No. EA-2023-0286</u>
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ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING

Issue Date: November 29, 2023

Effective Date: November 29, 2023

On October 19, 2023,¹ the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a *Motion for Local Public Hearing*. In its motion, Staff requests a local public hearing based on a comment posted on September 11 on the Consumer Comments portal of the Commission’s website by Brock Bailey. Mr. Bailey is a County Commissioner for Pike County, Missouri. Per the application of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri, Pike County is the location of one of four solar generation facilities for which it seeks a certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN).

Although, in his comment, Mr. Bailey does not state that he is writing in his official capacity as a commissioner, he states that the Pike County Commission has had “discussions with several concerned citizens and local land owners” about the lack of planning and zoning in the county, questions about environmental studies, and questions about governmental subsidies, then asks, “Will there be any public hearings, considering the community impact of these facilities?”

¹ Unless otherwise noted, all dates refer to the year 2023.

On October 30, Ameren Missouri filed its *Response in Opposition to Staff's Motion for Local Public Hearing*, noting that, per an order issued by the Commission on June 21, the Pike County Commission received notice of Ameren Missouri's application and the opportunity to intervene in the case by a July 12 deadline. Neither the Pike County Commission, Mr. Bailey, nor any group of concerned citizens or local land owners sought to intervene. Additionally, the Commission notes that to date there have been no other public comments submitted in this case file.

Finally, in its motion, Staff states that it "believes that a local public hearing could benefit the Commission concerning the current status of Ameren Missouri's county tax strategies – as laid out in its testimony – and related discussions between Ameren Missouri and Pike County, Missouri." In its response, Ameren Missouri argues that Staff may conduct discovery on the topic if it has questions.

The Commission finds Ameren Missouri's arguments compelling and will deny Staff's motion. However, the Commission notes that anyone may submit public comments regarding Ameren Missouri's CCN application via the Commission's website at <https://efis.psc.mo.gov/PublicComment/Add> (Related Submission No.: EA-2023-0286) or by calling the Commission's Consumer Services Hotline at 1-800-392-4211.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Staff's *Motion for Local Public Hearing* is denied.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

Rupp, Chm., Coleman, Holsman,
And Kolkmeier CC., concur.
Hahn C., dissents.

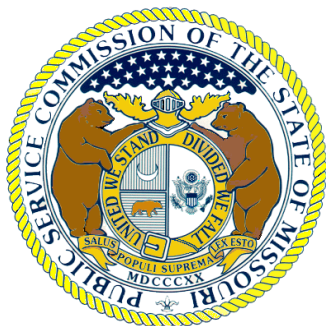
Seyer, Regulatory Law Judge

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 29th day of November 2023.



Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

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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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