

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a)
Ameren Missouri 2023 Utility Resource Filing) **File No. EO-2024-0020**
Pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-Chapter 22)

PROTECTIVE ORDER AND ORDER GRANTING EXPEDITED TREATMENT

Issue Date: November 30, 2023

Effective Date: November 30, 2023

On September 26, 2023, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri filed its *2023 Integrated Resource Plan*, as required by the Commission’s Electric Utility Resource Planning Rules found at 20 CSR 4240-22. On November 30, 2023, Ameren Missouri filed a motion for a protective order and a motion for expedited treatment.

The motion explains that commercially-sensitive information regarding generation costs are at issue, and certain information in Chapters 6 (including Appendix A) and 9 of Ameren’s triennial Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) filed in this docket and expected to be exchanged as the subject of discovery requests, will not be adequately protected by the “confidential” designation under Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135. As permitted by the rule, Ameren Missouri requests a protective order to increase the level of protection for that particularly sensitive information so that it is not available to employees of any non-state agency entities not covered by statutory confidentiality requirements who may be parties to this case.

Ameren Missouri also states in its motion that expedited treatment is necessary to prevent the harms to the company and its customers described in its motion by making clear that any resource cost information in Chapters 6 (and Appendix A) and 9 should not

be shared with any employees of a party, or if it has been shared, that such employees should promptly return all such information to the party's attorney of record. Ameren Missouri alleged that such an order will not harm the public or the company's customers. Ameren Missouri attached two non-disclosure agreement forms similar to those ordered to be used in other cases before the Commission.

The Commission finds Ameren Missouri's motion for a protective order and motion for expedited treatment to be reasonable and will grant the motions.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Ameren Missouri's Motion for Protective Order is granted as to the following information designated by Ameren Missouri as "highly confidential":

Resource cost information¹ for candidate resources in Chapters 6 (and Appendix A) and 9 of the IRP, in any related workpapers, and any such resource cost information that may later be sought via discovery.

2. Information designated by Ameren Missouri as "highly confidential" shall be disclosed only to attorneys of record for all parties, to state agency parties and their employees covered by statutory confidentiality requirements, and to designated outside experts of any non-state agency party.

3. Except for attorneys of record for all parties, and employees of state agency employees covered by statutory confidentiality requirements, all persons authorized to access "confidential" information in this case shall complete the nondisclosure agreement attached to this order as Exhibit A.

4. Except for attorneys of record for all parties, and employees of state agency

¹ "Resource cost information" includes cost estimates and curves used for different types of supply-side resources, and related information used to develop such estimate and curves such as requests for proposals (RFP) responses and information showing resource cost components like bids or pricing for equipment, materials, and labor.

employees covered by statutory confidentiality requirements, all persons authorized to access “highly confidential” information in this case shall complete the nondisclosure agreement attached to this order as Exhibit B.

5. Any resource cost information in Chapters 6 (and Appendix A) and 9 accessed prior to the issuance of this order should not be shared with any employees of a non-state party, or if it has been shared, that such employees shall promptly return all such information to that party’s attorney of record.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell".

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Nancy Dippell, Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

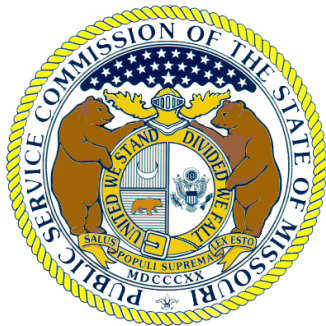
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 30th day of November, 2023.

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 30th day of November 2023.



Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell
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