

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

In the Matter of the Application of Union Electric            )  
Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri, for Permission            )  
And Approval and Certificate of Public Convenience        )  
And Necessity Authorizing it to Construct a Simple        )  
Cycle Natural Gas Generation Facility                        )  
**File No. EA-2024-0237**

**JOINTLY PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

**COME NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”) and Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri (“Company” or “Ameren Missouri”) and hereby submit the following Jointly Proposed Procedural Schedule and related Procedural Items. Staff and Ameren Missouri have consulted with all the parties, and the proposed schedule is based upon and in accordance with the responses which Staff and Ameren Missouri have received.

**Proposed Procedural Schedule<sup>1</sup>**

Local Public Hearings (per OPC request)	July or August <sup>2</sup>
Discovery Conference	August 15
Rebuttal Testimony	September 13
Settlement Conference	September 20
Discovery Conference	September 26
Surrebuttal/Cross-Surrebuttal	October 11
List of Issues and Witnesses, Order of Openings, Witness Testimony, And Cross Examination	October 18

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<sup>1</sup> All date references are to 2024 unless otherwise indicated.

<sup>2</sup> One in-person and one virtual local public hearing as requested in *Public Counsel’s Request for Local Public Hearings* filed June 18, 2024.

Last Day to Request Discovery	October 18
Position Statements	October 23
Evidentiary Hearings	October 29 to November 1
Transcripts Available	November 8
Initial Briefs	November 22
Reply Briefs	December 6
Decision Requested	December 31

### **Proposed Procedural Requirements**

- (a) All parties must comply with the requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.130 for prepared testimony, including the requirement that testimony be filed using line-numbered pages.
- (b) Although not all parties may agree upon how each issue should be described or on whether a listed issue is in fact a proper issue in this case, the parties shall agree upon and file a list of the issues to be heard, the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing, the order in which they will be called, and the order of cross-examination for each witness. The list of issues should be detailed enough to inform the Commission of each issue that must be resolved. The Commission will view any issue not contained in this list of issues as uncontested and not requiring resolution by the Commission.
- (c) Each party shall file a simple and concise statement summarizing its position on each disputed issue.
- (d) All pleadings, briefs, and amendments shall be filed in accordance with Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.080. Briefs shall follow the same list of issues as filed in the case and must set forth and cite the proper portions of the record concerning the remaining unresolved issues that are to be decided by the Commission.
- (e) Copies of prefiled testimony and documents served upon the parties before a hearing need not be provided the court reporter for marking as exhibits where the record clearly identifies the prefiled testimony and documents that are made hearing exhibits. If not prefiled and served upon the parties, then a party who has a document marked for use at the hearing shall have sufficient copies of the document to provide a copy not only to the court reporter, but also to each of the Commissioners, the presiding officer, and counsel for each other party.

- (f) All parties shall provide copies of testimony (including schedules), exhibits, and pleadings to other counsel by electronic means and in electronic form, essentially concurrently with the filing of such testimony, exhibits, or pleadings where the information is available in electronic format (.PDF, .DOC, .WPD, .XLS, etc.). Parties are not required to put information that does not already exist in electronic format into electronic format.
- (g) Public documents filed in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System ("EFIS") shall be considered properly served by serving the same on counsel of record for all other parties via e-mail. The parties agree confidential documents may be obtained from EFIS and so agree not to serve those documents via e-mail.
- (h) Counsel for each party shall receive electronically from all other parties serving a data request, an electronic copy of the text of the "description" of that data request contemporaneously with service of the data request. Data requests issued to or by Staff shall be submitted and responded to in EFIS, if feasible, or in electronic format on compact disc, or by other means agreed to by counsel, if infeasible. Also regarding Staff-issued data requests, if the description contains highly confidential or proprietary information, or is voluminous, a hyperlink to the EFIS record of that data request shall be considered a sufficient copy. If a party desires the response to a data request that has been served on another party, the party desiring a copy of the response must request a copy of the response from the party answering the data request. Data requests, objections to data requests, and notifications respecting the need for additional time to respond to data requests shall be sent by e-mail to counsel for the other parties. Counsel may designate other personnel to be added to the service list for data requests, but shall assume responsibility for compliance with any restrictions on confidentiality. Data request responses shall be served on counsel for the requesting party, unless waived by counsel, and on the requesting party's employee or representative who submitted the data request, and shall be served electronically, if feasible and not voluminous as defined by Commission rule. In the case of Ameren Missouri data request responses, Ameren Missouri shall post its data request responses on its Caseworks Extranet site; however, in the case of responses to data requests Staff issues, Ameren Missouri shall also submit the responses to Staff data requests in EFIS, if feasible, or in electronic format on compact disc or by other means agreed to by Staff counsel, if infeasible.
- (i) The parties shall make an effort to not include confidential information or highly confidential information in data requests. If confidential information must be included in a data request, the confidential information shall be appropriately designated as such pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135. If highly confidential information must be included in a data request, the highly confidential information shall be appropriately designated as such pursuant to the Commission's July 12, 2024, protective order.

- (j) Until rebuttal testimony is filed, the response time for all data requests shall be twelve (12) days, with three (3) business days to object or notify the requesting party that more than twelve (12) days will be needed to provide the requested information. From the date rebuttal testimony is filed until the date surrebuttal testimony is filed, the response time for all data requests shall be eight (8) days, with two (2) business days to object or notify the requesting party that more than eight (8) days will be needed to provide the requested information. From and after surrebuttal testimony is filed the response time for all data requests shall be five (5) days, with two (2) business days to object or notify the requesting party that more than five (5) days will be needed to provide the requested information. From and after the due date for rebuttal testimony if a data request has been responded to, a party's request for a copy of the response shall be timely responded to without waiting the full response time allowed (except that, with the exception of responses to Staff, responses will not be needed for Ameren Missouri data request responses posted on Ameren Missouri's Caseworks Extranet site since Ameren Missouri will allow parties who have requested copies of Ameren Missouri's responses to other parties' data requests to access them through its Caseworks Extranet site).
- (k) Discovery conferences will be held either virtually via phone and/or computer or at the Commission's office at the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, in a room to be designated by the Commission. Each discovery conference will begin at 2:00 p.m.
- (l) Not less than three business days before each discovery conference, any party that has a discovery disagreement or concern involving another party shall file a brief statement describing that disagreement or concern and identifying any other parties involved. Such statement does not need to be a formal motion to compel. Any party may attend a discovery conference, but only those parties involved in an identified discovery disagreement must attend. If the parties do not identify any discovery disagreements or concerns as described herein, the presiding officer may cancel the conference.
- (m) Discovery conferences shall be on the record and will be transcribed by a court reporter if requested by the parties.
- (n) Any pending written discovery motion may be taken up at a discovery conference and may be ruled upon by the presiding regulatory law judge either on the record, or in a written order.
- (o) Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.090's requirement that a party must seek a telephone conference with the presiding officer before filing a discovery motion is waived.
- (p) Workpapers prepared in the course of developing a testimony shall not be filed with the Commission, but shall be submitted to each party within two (2) business

days following the filing of the testimony document, unless a party has indicated that it does not want to receive some or all of the workpapers. Workpapers containing confidential information shall be appropriately marked. If there are no workpapers associated with testimony, the party's attorney shall so notify the other parties within the time allowed for providing those workpapers.

- (q) Where workpapers or data request responses include models or spreadsheets or similar information originally in a commonly available format where inputs or parameters may be changed to observe changes in inputs, if available in that original format, the party providing the workpaper or response shall provide this type of information in that original format with formulas intact. With the exception of workpapers provided to Staff, Ameren Missouri may provide workpapers by posting the same on its Ameren Missouri Legal Regulatory File Sharing site, with an e-mail notification to counsel for the parties to be provided essentially concurrently with the posting of workpapers on the external site with instructions on how to access. Ameren Missouri shall provide its workpapers to Staff in electronic format by e-mailing or by delivery of a compact disc or other electronic storage.
- (r) The Technical/Settlement conferences provided for in the Procedural Schedule are designed to facilitate information sharing and encourage settlement, but do not impose on any party the obligation to participate.

**WHEREFORE**, Movants respectfully pray that the Commission issue its order adopting the Jointly Proposed Procedural Schedule and Procedural Requirements proposed herein.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that true and correct copies of the foregoing was served on the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel via electronic mail (e-mail) on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

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