

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its Office in Jefferson City, Missouri on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

In the Matter of the Joint Application of	)	
Osage Valley Electric Cooperative	)	
Association and the City of Harrisonville for	)	<b><u>File No. EO-2021-0371</u></b>
Approval of a Change of Electric Supplier	)	
for a Certain Customer in Cass County for	)	
Reasons in the Public Interest	)	

**ORDER APPROVING CHANGE OF SUPPLIER**

Issue Date: June 30, 2021

Effective Date: July 11, 2021

On April 22, 2021, Osage Valley Electric Cooperative Association (Osage Valley) and the City of Harrisonville Missouri filed a joint application with the Missouri Public Service Commission requesting to change the electric supplier of one of Osage Valley's customers to the City of Harrisonville. The application seeks to change electric service suppliers for three structures on three separate properties, a 17,000 square foot retail warehouse building, an 11,000 square foot shop building, and a 5,000 square foot metal barn. Kip Unruh, the owner of the properties indicated to the applicants that he wishes to switch electrical providers due to his need for 3-phase service on these properties. His current supplier, Osage Valley, cannot provide 3-phase service without building a new 3-phase line crossing over Interstate 49. The City of Harrisonville is able to provide 3-phase service to these properties by constructing three transformers, and using approximately 200 feet of cable. Phase 3 power would be an upgrade from Mr. Unruh's current service.

On June 23, 2021, the Commission's Staff (Staff) filed its recommendation and accompanying memorandum in support of the change of supplier request. Staff notes that allowing the change of supplier will have a negligible impact on Osage Valley, and will prevent duplication of 3-phase electric service.

The Commission has limited jurisdiction over rural electric cooperatives. Section 393.106.2, RSMo, gives the Commission authority to order a change of supplier on the basis that it is in the public interest for a reason other than a rate differential. The parties agree that Osage Valley cannot presently meet the customer's need for 3-phase service, which is independent of any rate differential. A change of supplier is in the public interest because it prevents duplication of 3-phase electric service and the loss of Mr. Unruh's properties minimally effects Osage Valley. Additionally, both utilities are requesting this change.

The Commission has reviewed the application, and finds that the request complies with all applicable statutes and rules and is in the public interest for a reason other than a rate differential. The Commission will approve the application. The Commission will make this order effective on July 11, 2021, to expedite Mr. Unruh's acquisition of 3-phase service.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. Osage Valley and the City of Harrisonville's application for approval of a change in electric supplier is approved.
2. This order shall become effective on July 11, 2021.

3. This file may be closed on July 12, 2021.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

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

Clark, Senior Regulatory Law Judge