

**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 a Certificate)
of Convenience and Necessity to Construct, Own,) File No. EA-2025-0028
Operate and Maintain a Transmission Substation in)
Cooper County, Missouri.)

**RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING, JOINT STATUS REPORT
AND UNOPPOSED JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

COMES NOW Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Ameren Missouri"), the Missouri Public Service Commission Staff ("Staff"), and Renew Missouri, and for their Response to Order Directing Filing and Status Report, state as follows:

1. On October 18, 2024, Ameren Missouri filed an application in this matter for a certificate of convenience and necessity ("CCN") to build a new 161kV transmission substation to be located near Woolridge, Missouri.
2. On November 19, 2024, the Missouri Public Service Commission (the "Commission") entered an order directing the parties in this case to file a proposed procedural schedule or alternative pleading. The November 19th order also approved the applications to intervene from Renew Missouri and four residents who live near the proposed transmission substation (the "Neighboring Residents").
3. On November 27, 2024 and on December 27, 2024, Ameren Missouri, Staff, OPC, and Renew Missouri filed joint status reports and requested additional time by which to file a proposed procedural schedule or other alternative pleading.
4. On December 27, 2024, the Commission issued an order granting the latest request and setting a deadline for January 27, 2024 by which to file a proposed procedural schedule or alternative pleading.

5. At present, discovery continues. Staff recently submitted an additional data request to Ameren Missouri, with a response currently due on February 11, 2025.

6. Ameren Missouri continues to negotiate with the Neighboring Residents and address their concerns with the proposed transmission substation. Among other things, Ameren Missouri recently developed a landscaping plan to reduce the visibility of the new substation and transmission lines from the viewpoint of the Neighboring Residents. Ameren Missouri has shared this landscaping plan with the Neighboring Residents.

7. Additionally, Ameren Missouri intends to seek leave to amend its CCN application and update a paragraph to reflect corrected information regarding certain terminal positions for the Cooper Substation and the terminal positions that currently exist at the existing Overton 161 kV / 69 kV substation.

8. Ameren Missouri and Staff are currently discussing a proposed procedural schedule, which will include a proposed hearing date. Ameren Missouri and Staff need only a short extension to draft the procedural schedule and solicit input from the other stakeholders.

9. Ameren Missouri has reached out to counsel for the Office of Public Counsel ("OPC") regarding this Joint Status Report and Joint Motion for Extension of Time. OPC responded that it does not oppose this request for additional time.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned parties respectfully request to be relieved of the order to submit a procedural schedule by January 27, 2025, and request until February 3, 2025 to submit either a proposed procedural schedule or a follow-up status report.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served on the parties listed on the official service list via electronic mail (e-mail) on this 27th day of January, 2025.

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