

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 20th day
of February, 2025.

In the Matter of Staff's Investigation of Matters)
Concerning the Rush Island Energy Center) **File No. EO-2022-0215**
Belonging to Union Electric Company d/b/a)
Ameren Missouri)

ORDER REDUCING REPORTING REQUIREMENT

Issue Date: February 20, 2025

Effective Date: February 20, 2025

This order relieves Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri from the requirement that it file a monthly report on the status of proceedings at the federal court and its planning for the retirement of Rush Island Energy Center (Rush Island). This order directs Ameren Missouri to file a quarterly report on unfinished items related to Rush Island's retirement.

Background

On February 15, 2022, the Commission issued an order opening an investigation into Ameren Missouri's plans to retire its Rush Island. The federal court had granted Ameren Missouri's motion to retire Rush Island early. The Commission's order noted that Ameren Missouri told the federal court that because Rush Island is integral to the stability and reliability of the transmission network, upgrades and modifications to the electric transmission grid may be needed before Rush Island could be safely retired.

The Commission ordered:

Ameren Missouri shall periodically report on the status of proceedings at the federal court, as well as the status of its planning for the retirement of Rush Island. Ameren Missouri shall file such reports by the fifteenth day of

each month, beginning on March 15, 2022, and continuing until further order of the Commission.

Ameren Missouri has regularly filed a monthly report since March 15, 2022, and filed its most recent monthly report on February 13, 2025.

Ameren Missouri's Request to Cease Reporting

On January 21, 2025, Ameren Missouri filed a motion asking the Commission to relieve it of the obligation to file a monthly report in this docket. In support of its position Ameren Missouri noted that US District Court proceedings had ended, that there were no open Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or Midcontinent System Operator proceedings open on the subject of Rush Island, and that necessary upgrades have been completed with the exception of the installation of one static synchronous compensator (STATCOM)¹.

The Commission set time for any responses to Ameren Missouri's request.

The Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) filed a response in opposition to the Commission ceasing Ameren Missouri's monthly reporting requirement. Public Counsel noted the Commission's concern in its February 15, 2022, order for the potential impacts on the reliability and adequacy of Ameren Missouri's ratepayers, including power outages, service disruptions, and excessive costs that could result from an accelerated retirement. Public Counsel argued that the STATCOM was necessary to ensure that safe and reliable service would be provided to Ameren Missouri's customers.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) also filed a response to Ameren Missouri's request. Staff noted that the Ameren Missouri's January 15, 2025, monthly report noted some projects not yet completed were referred to as "safe closure work" by Ameren

¹ A STATCOM is used to regulate voltage levels.

Missouri. Staff listed the following projects as part of Rush Island retirement and/or to prepare the site for decommissioning:

- Final STATCOM (in service June 2025).
- Draining oil from plant equipment (continues).
- Plant washdowns to remove coal combustion residual material including boilers, silos, etc. (continues).
- Continuing with the removal of all hazardous wastes (Antifreeze, feedwater chemicals, etc.).
- Installation of temporary power to critical areas such as stack & river lighting, sump pumps, etc. (in progress).
- Asbestos survey of the plant (continues).
- All equipment is being de-energized and Worker Protection Assurance devices installed.
- Remaining storeroom items are out for bid from vendors for removal. The transfer of pre-determined usable assets to other locations is continuing.

Staff's response states that it does not oppose discontinuing the monthly reporting requirement, but believes that Ameren Missouri should be required to provide updates on the above activities.

Ameren Missouri replied to Public Counsel's opposition and Staff's response. Ameren Missouri asserted that all service upgrades to ensure reliable service are complete and the only remaining transmission project is the STATCOM. Ameren Missouri additionally stated that it had no objection to making filings on a reasonable cadence to update the eight bulleted items about which Staff seeks an update.

Decision

The Commission has considered Ameren Missouri's request to cease monthly reporting about the retirement of Rush Island and the arguments of Public Counsel and Staff. The Commission will reduce Ameren Missouri's reporting requirement from monthly to quarterly until the items enumerated in Staff's response and listed above are complete.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Ameren Missouri is no longer required to file a monthly report concerning the retirement of Rush Island. Ameren Missouri shall file a report every three months from Ameren Missouri's February 2025 report on the completion of the items listed in Staff's response. Upon completion of the listed items Ameren Missouri may petition the Commission to cease Rush Island reporting.
2. This order shall be effective on February 20, 2025.



BY THE COMMISSION

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Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Hahn, Ch., Coleman, Holsman
Kolkmeier, and Mitchell CC., concur.

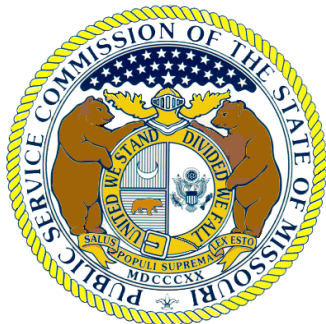
Clark, Senior Regulatory Judge

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 20th day of February 2025.



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,



**Nancy Dippell
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