# 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 an Order Authorizing Applicant to	
Convey to and Lease Back from Audrain	
County, Missouri, Certain Real Property	) File No. EF-2025-0246
and Improvements and to Execute and	)
Perform the Necessary Agreements Under	)
Section 100.010 Through 100.200, RSMo,	)
for the Purpose of Constructing Applicant's	
Electric Generating Facility in Audrain	)
County, Missouri	)

## ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, STAFF TO FILE RECOMMENDATION AND SETTING DEADLINE FOR RESPONSES

Issue Date: March 12, 2025 Effective Date: March 12, 2025

On March 10, 2025, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri filed an application requesting authority to convey to and lease back from Audrain County, Missouri (County) certain real property, known as the Vandalia Project<sup>1</sup> site. The application also seeks authority to execute and perform the necessary agreements to this conveyance.

The agreements include Ameren Missouri's conveyance of the Vandalia Project site to the County in exchange for the County's issuance of taxable industrial development revenue bonds in an amount of up to \$60,000,000. The agreements also include the County's lease of the Vandalia Project to Ameren Missouri for a term of approximately 25 years, subject to a provision that allows Ameren Missouri to terminate the lease prior to the conveyance if the authority sought from the Commission is not obtained. In addition,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Commission granted a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for a 50 MW solar generation facility in Audrain County (referred to as the Vandalia Project) in an *Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement and Granting Certificates of Convenience and Necessity* in file number EA-2023-0286.

Ameren Missouri requested waiver of the Commission's 60-day notice requirement.<sup>2</sup> That same day, Ameren Missouri filed a *Motion for Protective Order* in order to designate certain information as "Highly Confidential."

The Commission will direct its Staff to file a recommendation regarding Ameren Missouri's application. The Commission will also direct notice of the application, set a time for intervention and set a deadline for responses to to the application.

### THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The Commission's Data Center shall provide a copy of this order to the parties from File No. EA-2023-0286.
- 2. The Commission's Data Center shall provide notice of this order to the county commission for Audrain County.
- 3. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall provide notice of this order to news media serving residents in Ameren Missouri's service territory.
- 4. Any response to Ameren Missouri's *Motion for Protective Order* shall be made no later than March 22, 2025.
  - 5. Applications for intervention shall be filed no later than March 26, 2025.
- 6. No later than April 10, 2025, Staff shall file a recommendation regarding Ameren Missouri's application or a status report indicating when it expects to file its recommendation.
- 7. Any other responses to the application shall be filed no later than April 10, 2025.
  - 8. This order shall be effective when issued.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1).

### BY THE COMMISSION



Nancy Dippell Secretary

Riley G. Fewell, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

### 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.

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Nancy Dippell Secretary

## MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION March 12, 2025

#### File/Case No. EF-2025-0246

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

Sincerely,

Nancy Dippell Secretary

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