

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 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)

File No. EF-2025-0246

ORDER ESTABLISHING PROTECTIVE ORDER

Issue Date: March 25, 2025

Effective Date: March 25, 2025

On March 10, 2025,¹ 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 Project² site. The application also seeks authority to execute and perform the necessary agreements to this conveyance. That same day, Ameren Missouri filed a *Motion for Protective Order*, requesting a protective order under Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135(4) covering materials and information deemed “highly confidential” by Ameren Missouri.

Ameren Missouri seeks protection for the *Plan for Industrial Development Project and Cost/Benefit Analysis* marked as Schedule B-HC, property tax savings amounts included in the application and the *Solar Property Tax Analysis* marked as Schedule C-HC.

¹ All dates refer to the year 2025 unless otherwise indicated.

² 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.

The Commission allowed responses by March 24 and none were received.³ The Commission will grant Ameren Missouri's motion.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Ameren Missouri's request for a protective order is granted. The specific protections to be afforded are as follows:

- a. Certain materials and information divulged by Ameren Missouri shall be considered to be "highly confidential" if so designated at the time of disclosure. Any such designation shall be made in good faith.
- b. With regard to entities and individuals other than the Commission, the Staff of the Commission, and the Office of the Public Counsel:
 - i. Disclosure of materials or information so designated shall be made only to attorneys and/or to such outside consultants who have executed a Commission Nondisclosure Agreement. No Highly Confidential information shall be provided directly or indirectly to any non-attorney individual or employee.
 - ii. Persons afforded access to materials or information designated "Highly Confidential" shall neither use nor disclose such materials or information for purposes of business or competition or any other purpose other than in regard to the case referenced above and shall keep the materials and information secure and confidential and in accordance with the purposes and intent of the protective order.
 - iii. All material and information designated as "highly confidential" in the possession of any entity or person, as well as any notes pertaining to such information, shall be returned to Ameren Missouri or destroyed upon the conclusion of the referenced case.
- c. If a party disagrees with the "highly confidential" designation of any information, the party shall follow the informal discovery dispute resolution procedures set forth in Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.090(8). If the party exhausts these dispute resolution procedures, the party may file a motion challenging the designation.

2. All persons authorized to access "highly confidential" information in this

³ Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(13) allows parties ten days from the filing of a pleading to respond unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

case shall complete the nondisclosure agreement attached to this order as Exhibit A.

3. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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 25th day of March, 2025.

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

**NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT
For Case No.: EF-2025-0246
(To Access Highly Confidential Information)**

I, _____, have reviewed the Commission's Rule at 20 CSR 4240-2.135 on the _____ day of _____, 2025. I have requested review of the highly confidential information produced in Case No. EF-2025-0246 on behalf of _____.

I hereby certify that:

- (a) Only an outside expert retained by a party in this case may receive highly confidential information;
- (b) I am an employee of _____ acting as an outside expert for [state name of intervenor] _____ retained to provide expert consultation or testimony in this docket; and
- (c) I have read and agree to abide by the Commission's Rule at 20 CSR 4240-2.135 and all terms of the Protective Order issued by the Commission in this docket.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Signature & Title

Employer

Party

Address

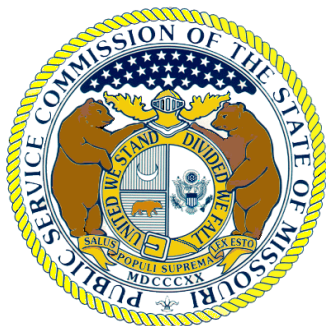
Telephone and Email Address

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 25th day of March 2025.



Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

March 25, 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**

Recipients listed above with a valid e-mail address will receive electronic service. Recipients without a valid e-mail address will receive paper service.