

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 6th day of
January, 2016.

In the Matter of the Application of Union Electric)	
Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri and Boone County)	<u>File No. EO-2016-0087</u>
Electric Cooperative for Authority to Transfer)	
Customers Between Electric Suppliers)	

ORDER GRANTING CHANGE OF RETAIL ELECTRIC SUPPLIER

Issue Date: January 6, 2016

Effective Date: January 16, 2016

On October 8, 2015, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri and Boone Electric Cooperative¹ (jointly, "Applicants") filed a *Joint Application for Authority to Transfer Customers Between Electric Suppliers*. On November 16, Applicants filed an *Amended Joint Application for Authority to Transfer Customers Between Electric Suppliers*. Boone Electric Cooperative seeks authority to transfer to Ameren Missouri the exclusive right to provide retail electric service to a 155 acre tract of land located at 16100 S. Hagans Road in Boone County, Missouri ("Garrett Property").

Currently serviced by Boone Electric Cooperative, the Garrett Property is owned by the Bade Raymond-Anna Trust, for which Ms. Laverene Garrett is the sole trustee. Applicants included with their amended joint application a copy of a June 11 agreement letter in which Boone Electric Cooperative agreed to transfer responsibility for providing retail electric service for the Garrett Property and to sell to Ameren Missouri poles, spans of

¹ Boone Electric Cooperative is a rural electric cooperative organized under Chapter 394 of the Missouri Revised Statutes.

conductor, and related appurtenances used by Boone Electric Cooperative to serve that location.² In addition to representatives for Applicants, Ms. Garrett also signed the June 11 letter. Also attached as Exhibit C to the amended joint application is an affidavit by Ms. Garrett consenting to the transfer of retail service provider for the Garrett Property.

The Commission directed notice be provided to Ms. Garrett and ordered Staff to file a recommendation. Staff timely filed a recommendation stating that the Garrett Property is currently subject to a territorial agreement between Applicants that allows Boone Electric Cooperative to provide electrical service to that property, even though it is located in Ameren Missouri's exclusive service area.³ Boone Electric Cooperative has 13 poles and 12 spans of conductor in an approximately 0.74 mile long distribution line used solely to provide service to the Garrett Property. If transferred from Boone Electric Cooperative, Ameren Missouri would use the distribution line to not only provide service to the Garrett Property, but also to provide service to two potential residential developments located within Ameren Missouri's exclusive service territory just north of the Garrett Property.

Staff recommends the Commission grant the amended joint application. Staff states that by allowing the transfer of electric suppliers, Boone Electric Cooperative can avoid the associated maintenance costs of the distribution line while Ameren Missouri can avoid installing otherwise unnecessary and duplicative facilities in order to provide service in the area.

No objections to the amended joint application or to Staff's recommendation were received. Sections 393.106.2 and 394.315.2, RSMo 2000 authorize the Commission to

² ¶ 8 of *Amended Joint Application for Authority to Transfer Customers Between Electric Suppliers*. A typographical error in the June 11 letter agreement incorrectly identifies the address of the Garrett Property as "16001 South Hagans Road." The correct address is "16100 South Hagans Road."

³ The Commission approved the territorial agreement between Ameren Missouri and Boone Electric Cooperative in a March 16, 1999 Report and Order in Case No. EO-99-267.

order a change of suppliers if it is in the public interest for a reason other than a rate differential. Having considered the amended joint application and Staff's recommendation, the Commission finds the proposed transfer of suppliers is in the public interest since it allows for a more efficient use of existing infrastructure, while also aiding Boone Electric Cooperative to avoid continued service and maintenance costs for a stranded asset. Furthermore, it facilitates residential development of the land located near the Garrett Property.

The Commission will grant the *Amended Joint Application for Authority to Transfer Customers Between Electric Suppliers*. Since no objections to the application were received and the Applicants will need to complete a bill of sale for the distribution line prior to transferring customer service, the Commission finds good cause exists to allow this order to go into effect in less than thirty days.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The *Amended Joint Application for Authority to Transfer Customers Between Electric Suppliers* filed by Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri and Boone County Electric Cooperative is granted.
2. This order shall be effective on January 16, 2016.
3. This file shall be closed on January 17, 2016.

BY THE COMMISSION



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Hall, Chm., Stoll, Kenney, Rupp, and
Coleman, CC., concur.

Burton, Regulatory Law Judge.