

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held by telephone
and internet audio conference
on the 17th day of March, 2021.

In the Matter of The Empire District)
Electric Company's Application for)
Approval of a Transportation Electrification)
Portfolio for Electric Customers in its)
Missouri Service Area)

File No. ET-2020-0390

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION TO INTERVENE

Issue Date: March 17, 2020

Effective Date: March 17, 2020

On November 29, 2020, The Empire District Electric Company applied for approval of a portfolio of transportation electrification pilot programs and accounting treatment pursuant to Section 393.140(8) RSMo. The Commission issued an order directing notice, and setting a deadline of December 30, 2020, for requests to intervene.

On February 26, 2021, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri filed an application to intervene out of time. In support of its application, Ameren Missouri stated that it has been developing transportation electrification programs and any decision resulting from a hearing in this proceeding could have a precedential effect on Ameren Missouri's program development.

No objections to Ameren Missouri's application to intervene out of time were received. However, Ameren Missouri did not state a reason that its application was late filed. On March 9, 2021, the Commission ordered Ameren Missouri to provide a reason its application was filed late. Ameren Missouri's response explained that it was monitoring the public documents for this file when it noticed that a proposed procedural schedule was filed including regular technical conferences. Ameren Missouri believes it has

information and experience to provide and collect through participation in the technical conferences. Ameren Missouri states that it did not request intervention sooner because it was not aware of the intent to schedule technical conferences until the procedural schedule was filed on February 16, 2021.

Late-filed applications to intervene are governed by Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.075(10), which provides in part, “[m]otions to intervene...filed after the intervention date may be granted upon a showing of good cause.”

The application satisfies the requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.075. The Commission also finds that granting Ameren Missouri’s application to intervene serves the public interest. Additionally, the Commission finds that Ameren Missouri’s explanation for why its application was filed late provides good cause to grant the requested intervention. The Commission will grant the unopposed application to intervene.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The application to intervene filed by Ameren Missouri is granted.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Rupp, Coleman, and
Holsman CC., concur.
Kenney, C., dissents.

Clark, Senior Regulatory Law 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 17th day of March, 2021.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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

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