

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City, Missouri on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2026.

In the Matter of the Application of Union )  
Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri for )  
a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity )  
to Construct, Own, Operate and Maintain )  
a Transmission Switching Station in Stoddard )  
County, Missouri. )

**Case No. EA-2026-0018**

**ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE  
OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY**

Issue Date: April 2, 2026

Effective Date: May 1, 2026

On January 15, 2026, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri filed an application requesting a certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) pursuant to Section 393.170.1, RSMo.(Supp. 2025).<sup>1</sup> Ameren Missouri asks for Commission approval authorizing it to construct, install, own, operate, maintain, and otherwise control and manage a project known as the Vanduser Switching Station in Stoddard County, Missouri, to interconnect a renewable development with the Missouri transmission grid.

On January 15, the Commission directed notice, established an intervention deadline, and directed the Staff of the Commission (Staff) to file a recommendation about the CCN request. No intervention requests were received. On March 18, 2026, Staff filed a Recommendation, recommending the certificate be granted with conditions.

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<sup>1</sup> All dates refer to 2026 unless otherwise indicated. Unless otherwise stated, all statutory citations are to the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as codified in the 2025 Cumulative Supplement.

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.080(13) allows parties ten days to respond to pleadings, unless otherwise ordered. The Commission issued no order to the contrary, more than ten days have elapsed since Staff filed its Recommendation, and no further responses or pleadings have been filed.

Ameren Missouri is an “electrical corporation” and a “public utility” as defined in Subsections 386.020(15) and (43), RSMo. According to Subsections 393.170.1 and .2, RSMo, an electrical corporation may not construct electrical plant, without first obtaining the permission and approval of this Commission. In granting a certificate, the Commission may give permission and approval when it has determined after due hearing<sup>2</sup> that the construction is “necessary or convenient for the public service.”<sup>3</sup> The Commission may also impose such conditions as it deems reasonable and necessary upon its grant of permission and approval.<sup>4</sup>

The Commission has articulated criteria (known as the Tartan criteria)<sup>5</sup> to be used when evaluating applications for utility certificates of convenience and necessity.<sup>6</sup> The criteria are as follows: (1) there must be a need for the service; (2) the applicant must be qualified to provide the proposed service; (3) the applicant must have the financial ability to provide the service; (4) the applicant's proposal must be economically feasible; and (5) the service must promote the public interest.

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<sup>2</sup> The requirement for a hearing is met when the opportunity for hearing is provided and no proper party requests the opportunity to present evidence. No party requested a hearing in this matter; thus, no hearing is necessary. *State ex rel. Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Comm'n of the State of Missouri*, 776 S.W.2d 494 (Mo. App. W.D. 1989).

<sup>3</sup> Section 393.170.3, RSMo.

<sup>4</sup> Section 393.170.3, RSMo.

<sup>5</sup> See Report and Order, *In re Application of Tartan Energy Company, L.C., d/b/a Southern Missouri Gas Company, for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity*, Case No. GA-94-127, 3 Mo. P.S.C. 3d 173 (September 16, 1994).

<sup>6</sup> 30 Mo P.S.C. (N.S.) 554, 561 (1991).

In its Memorandum accompanying its Recommendation, Staff stated there is a need for the service. Staff notes that Ameren Missouri's 2023 Integrated Resource Plan states that interconnection of new generation resources to the transmission grid under control of the Mid-Continent Independent System Operator (MISO) is an important part of Ameren Missouri's transmission planning effort.

Staff also states that Ameren Missouri is qualified to provide the proposed service. Considering all the generation, transmission, and distribution infrastructure Ameren Missouri owns and operates, Staff concludes that Ameren Missouri is qualified to construct, install, own, operate, maintain, and otherwise control and manage the proposed project.

Staff further states that Ameren Missouri has the financial ability to provide the service. Ameren Missouri will initially fund these costs using either available cash on hand or short-term borrowings under Ameren's Utility Money Pool Arrangement or through commercial paper.

Staff further believes that the project is economically feasible. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued Order No. 888, which among other provisions, requires Ameren Missouri to provide non-discriminatory access to its transmission system. Since Ameren Missouri is required to interconnect this Interconnection Customer to its transmission system and because the costs are covered by that customer, Staff finds that the project is economically feasible.

Finally, Staff states that the proposed project would promote the public interest as it facilitates the interconnection of a 225 MW generation facility to the Ameren Missouri transmission system as required by FERC Order 888. Therefore, the project is necessary,

Ameren Missouri is qualified to provide the service, has the financial ability, and the proposal is likely to be economically feasible. Thus, Staff concludes Ameren Missouri owning, operating, and maintaining the project promotes the public interest with the conditions recommended by Staff.

After reviewing the application and Staff's Recommendation, the Commission finds that the Tartan criteria have been satisfied. Thus, the Commission will grant the CCN subject to the conditions from Staff's Recommendation.

Ameren Missouri requested that the Commission grant its application to be effective on or before May 1, and no party objected. The Commission therefore finds it reasonable to make its order effective in fewer than 30 days.<sup>7</sup>

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. Ameren Missouri is granted a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct, install, own, operate, maintain, and otherwise control and manage the Vanduser Switching Station in Stoddard County, Missouri.
2. Ameren Missouri shall provide copies of all county, state, floodplain development and any other associated permits or approvals necessary to complete the project when they become available.
3. Ameren Missouri shall provide copies of final engineering drawings depicting the built condition (i.e. "As-built drawings") of the Vanduser Switching Station project and all connections when they become available.

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<sup>7</sup> Section 386.490, RSMo (2016).

4. The Commission reserves the right to consider the ratemaking treatment to be afforded the expenditures and properties herein involved, and the resulting cost of capital, in any later proceeding.

5. This order shall become effective on May 1, 2026.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



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Nancy Dippell  
Secretary

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

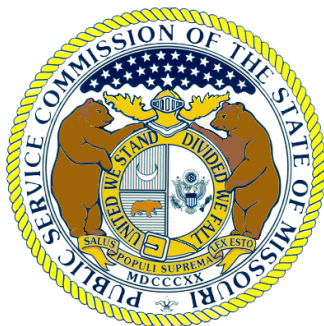
Pridgin, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2026.



*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).<sup>1</sup>**

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell  
Secretary**

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