

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

In the Matter of Union Electric Company)
d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Report and Corrective)
Action Plan Per and Request for Variances) **File No. EE-2026-0234**
from the Commission's Vegetation Management)
Rule 20 CSR 4240-23.030, Notice of Case)
Filing, and Request for Waiver of 60-Day)
Notice Requirement)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, and for its *Staff Recommendation*, states as follows:

1. On March 13, 2026, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri (“Ameren”) filed its *Report and Corrective Action Plan Per, and Request for Future Variances from Certain Portions of, the Missouri Public Service Commission's Vegetation Management Rule 20 CSR 4240-23.030, Notice of Case Filing, and Request for Waiver of the 60- Day Notice Requirement.*

2. On March 16, 2026, the Commission entered an order directing Staff to file a recommendation no later than April 15, 2026, and for “[a]ny other responses” to be filed no later than April 15, 2026.

3. Ameren is a Missouri corporation, doing business under the fictitious name of Ameren, in good standing in all respects, with its principal office and place of business located at One Ameren Plaza, 1901 Chouteau Ave., St. Louis, Missouri 63103. Ameren “electrical corporation” and a “public utility” subject to the jurisdiction, supervision, and control of the Commission under Chapters 386 and 393.

4. As set forth in Staff's Recommendation filed herewith and incorporated herein by reference, Staff has reviewed Ameren's filings, and Staff recommends the Commission grant Ameren Missouri's requested variances to 20 CSR 4240-23.030(9)(A)5 for calendar years 2026 and 2027 as relates to vegetation management in urban areas; 20 CSR 4240-23.030(9)(A)5 for calendar year 2026 as relates to vegetation management in rural areas; 20 CSR 4240-23.030(9)B for calendar years 2026 and 2027 as relates to vegetation management in urban areas; and 20 CSR 4240-23.030(9)B for calendar year 2026 as relates to vegetation management in rural areas. Additionally, Staff recommends the Commission grant Ameren Missouri a variance from the 60-day notice requirement of 20 CSR 4240-4.017.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests that the Commission accept its Recommendation on this matter; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just and reasonable in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First-Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 15th day of April, 2026, to all counsel of record.

/s/ Ray Cunneen