

**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 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 )

**Case No. EE-2026-0234**

**ORDER GRANTING VARIANCES**

Issue Date: April 16, 2026

Effective Date: May 16, 2026

On March 13, 2026, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri filed the above-referenced request. Following the procedure detailed in 20 CSR 4240-23.030(11), Ameren Missouri has requested variances to the Commission’s vegetation management rule and has submitted a detailed corrective action plan to correct violations of this rule which occurred in 2025. Ameren Missouri reported its violations of the vegetation management rule, which occurred due to an industry-wide workforce shortage.

The Commission ordered its Staff to file a Recommendation no later than April 15, 2026, and allowed until April 15, 2026, for other responses.

On April 15, 2026, Staff filed its Recommendation. 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. No other responses were received.

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-23.030(11) allows the Commission to grant variances from the vegetation management rule based upon good cause shown. Based upon the pleadings, the Commission finds Ameren Missouri has shown good cause for the requested variances. Thus, the Commission will grant them.

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1)(D) states that the Commission may grant a waiver from the Commission's rule requiring a 60-day notice before filing an application may be granted for good cause. Good cause exists in this case. Ameren Missouri has filed a verified declaration that it has had no communication with the office of the Commission within the prior 150 days regarding any substantive issue likely to be in this case, other than those pleadings filed for record. Accordingly, for good cause shown, the Commission waives the 60-day notice requirement of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1).

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. 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 are granted.

2. Ameren Missouri's requested variances to 20 CSR 4240- 23.030(9)(A)5 for calendar year 2026 as relates to vegetation management in rural areas are granted.

3. Ameren Missouri's requested variances to 20 CSR 4240- 23.030(9)(B) for calendar years 2026 and 2027 as relates to vegetation management in urban areas are granted.

4. Ameren Missouri's requested variances to 20 CSR 4240-23.030(9)(A)5 for calendar year 2026 as relates to vegetation management in rural areas are granted.

5. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017 is waived.

6. This order shall be effective on May 16, 2026.

7. This case shall be closed on May 17, 2026.



**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

Ronald D. Pridgin, Deputy Chief  
Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation  
of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri  
on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.



*Nancy Dippell*

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Secretary

# MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

April 16, 2026

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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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