

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

In the Matter of the Application of Union)
Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri)
for Permission and Approval and) **Case No. EA-2026-0226**
a Certificates of Public Convenience and)
Necessity for a Natural Gas Electric Facility.)

PROPOSED JOINT PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, and, on the basis of discussion with all parties, tenders the following Proposed Joint Procedural Schedule.¹

Week of November 16, 2026	Local Public Hearings ²
January 22, 2027	Staff/Intervener Rebuttal ³

¹ The Parties are aware that the proposed evidentiary hearing dates set out below currently conflict with evidentiary hearing dates set in File No. EA-2026-0058, another Ameren Missouri certificate of convenience and necessity case. However, Ameren Missouri has agreed to file an amended procedural schedule motion in the EA-2026-0058 case that will resolve the conflict and has obtained the consent of all parties to that docket to hold the evidentiary hearings in the EA-2026-0058 docket the week of May 10, 2026. Ameren Missouri has advised counsel for the parties that if the Commission is not available the week of May 10, 2026, Ameren Missouri will take steps in the EA-2026-0058 docket to obtain agreement of the parties to that docket on alternative dates.

² The parties agree that Ameren Missouri should give notice to all customers by email and/or text message who have consented to receive such communications no later than five days before the first local public hearing. In order to timely meet this requirement, the Commission would need to finalize the location and time of each local public hearing and notify the parties of the same no later than 21 days (and preferably 25 days) prior to the first local public hearing. The parties request permission to follow-up this filing by September 24, 2027 with either an agreed upon proposal, or if agreement cannot be reached, with a party's own proposal, respecting the number of local public hearings that should be held, their format, and whether any additional notice should be required.

³ At its option, Staff may file a report and recommendation in either testimony or memorandum form.

March 5, 2027	Surrebuttal
March 31, 2027	Last Day to Request Discovery
April 9, 2027	Settlement Conference ⁴
April 5, 2027	List of Issues
April 12, 2027	Position Statements
April 19 – 23, 2027	Evidentiary Hearing
April 30, 2027	Expedited Hearing Transcript
May 14, 2027	Initial Briefs
May 26, 2027	Reply Briefs
June 30, 2027	Requested Commission Order

The parties suggest that the procedural order include the following procedural provisions:

- (a) All parties must comply with the requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.130 for prepared testimony, including the requirement that testimony be filed using line-numbered pages.
- (b) Although not all parties may agree upon how each issue should be described or on whether a listed issue is in fact a proper issue in this case, the parties shall agree upon and file a list of the issues to be heard, the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing, the order in which they will be called, and the order of cross-examination for each witness. The list of issues should be detailed enough to inform the Commission of each issue that must be resolved. The Commission will view any issue not contained in this list of issues as uncontested and not requiring resolution by the Commission.
- (c) Each party shall file a simple and concise statement summarizing its position on each disputed issue.
- (d) All pleadings, briefs, and amendments shall be filed in accordance with Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.080. Briefs shall follow the same list of issues as filed in the case

⁴ This date is scheduled to encourage settlement discussions in an attempt to resolve the case or narrow the issues but does not impose an obligation on any party to participate in settlement discussions. The parties may also choose to meet on a different or additional date as schedules allow.

and must set forth and cite the proper portions of the record concerning the remaining unresolved issues that are to be decided by the Commission.

- (e) Copies of prefiled testimony and documents served upon the parties before a hearing need not be provided to the court reporter for marking as exhibits where the record clearly identifies the prefiled testimony and documents that are made hearing exhibits. If not prefiled and served upon the parties, then a party who has a document marked for use at the hearing shall have sufficient copies of the document to provide a copy not only to the court reporter, but also to each of the Commissioners, the presiding officer, and counsel for each other party.
- (f) All parties shall provide copies of testimony (including schedules), exhibits, and pleadings to other counsel by electronic means and in electronic form, essentially concurrently with the filing of such testimony, exhibits, or pleadings where the information is available in electronic format (.PDF, .DOC, .WPD, .XLS, etc.). Parties are not required to put information that does not already exist in electronic format into electronic format.
- (g) Public documents filed in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System ("EFIS") shall be considered properly served by serving the same on counsel of record for all other parties via e-mail. The parties agree confidential documents may be obtained from EFIS and so agree not to serve those documents via e-mail.
- (h) Counsel for each party shall receive electronically from all other parties serving a data request, an electronic copy of the text of the "description" of that data request contemporaneously with service of the data request. Data requests issued to or by Staff shall be submitted and responded to in EFIS, if feasible, or in electronic format on compact disc, or by other means agreed to by counsel, if infeasible. Also regarding Staff-issued data requests, if the description contains highly confidential or proprietary information, or is voluminous, a hyperlink to the EFIS record of that data request shall be considered a sufficient copy. If a party desires the response to a data request that has been served on another party, the party desiring a copy of the response must request a copy of the response from the party answering the data request. Data requests, objections to data requests, and notifications respecting the need for additional time to respond to data requests shall be sent by e-mail to counsel for the other parties. Counsel may designate other personnel to be added to the service list for data requests, but shall assume responsibility for compliance with any restrictions on confidentiality. Data request responses shall be served on counsel for the requesting party, unless waived by counsel, and on the requesting party's employee or representative who submitted the data request, and shall be served electronically, if feasible and not voluminous as defined by Commission rule. The Company shall submit the responses to Staff data requests in EFIS, if feasible, or in electronic format on compact disc or by other means agreed to by Staff counsel, if infeasible.
- (i) The parties shall make an effort to not include confidential information or highly confidential information in data requests. If confidential information must be included in a data request, the confidential information shall be appropriately designated as such pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135. If highly

confidential information must be included in a data request, the highly confidential information shall be appropriately designated as such.

- (j) From and after the filing of rebuttal testimony, the response time for all data requests shall be eight (8) calendar days, with five (5) calendar days to object or notify the requesting party that more than eight (8) calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information. From and after surrebuttal testimony is filed, the response time for all data requests shall be five (5) calendar days, with two (2) business days to object or notify the requesting party that more than five (5) calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information.
- (k) If discovery conferences are requested, they will occur subject to the following orders. Discovery conferences will be held either virtually via phone and/or computer or at the Commission's office at the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, in a room to be designated by the Commission. Each discovery conference will begin at 10:00 a.m.
- (l) Not less than three business days before each discovery conference, any party that has a discovery disagreement or concern involving another party shall file a brief statement describing that disagreement or concern and identifying any other parties involved. Such statement does not need to be a formal motion to compel. Any party may attend a discovery conference, but only those parties involved in an identified discovery disagreement must attend. If the parties do not identify any discovery disagreements or concerns as described herein, the presiding officer may cancel the conference.
- (m) Discovery conferences shall be on the record and will be transcribed by a court reporter if requested by the parties.
- (n) Any pending written discovery motion may be taken up at a discovery conference and may be ruled upon by the presiding regulatory law judge either on the record, or in a written order.
- (o) Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.090's requirement that a party must seek a telephone conference with the presiding officer before filing a discovery motion is waived.
- (p) Workpapers prepared in the course of developing a testimony shall not be filed with the Commission, but shall be submitted to each party within two (2) business days following the filing of the testimony document, unless a party has indicated that it does not want to receive some or all of the workpapers. Workpapers containing confidential information shall be appropriately marked. If there are no workpapers associated with testimony, the party's attorney shall so notify the other parties within the time allowed for providing those workpapers.
- (q) Where workpapers or data request responses include models or spreadsheets or similar information originally in a commonly available format where inputs or parameters may be changed to observe changes in inputs, if available in that original format, the party providing the workpaper or response shall provide this type of information in that original format with formulas intact.
- (r) The Settlement conference provided for in the Procedural Schedule is designed to facilitate information sharing and encourage settlement, but does not impose on

any party the obligation to participate.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully prays that the Commission issue its order adopting the Jointly Proposed Procedural Schedule and Procedural Requirements proposed herein.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE of Service

The undersigned certifies by his signature below that on 18th day of September, he filed the above captioned pleading in the EFIS file of the Missouri Public Service Commission.

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