

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 Certificates of	)	<u>Case No. EA-2026-0226</u>
Public Convenience and Necessity for a	)	
Natural Gas Electrical Generation Facility	)	

ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND ASSIGNMENT OF EXHIBIT NUMBERS

Issue Date: September 23, 2026

Effective Date: September 23, 2026

On July 24, 2026, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri filed an application regarding a 2,100 megawatt (MW) natural gas-fired electric generation facility. The facility will consist of three advanced-class combined cycle units to be located at the site of Ameren Missouri's existing Sioux Energy Center in West Alton, Missouri.

On September 18, 2026, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a *Proposed Joint Procedural Schedule*. The filing indicates it is jointly filed on the basis of discussion with all parties.

The parties also request permission to follow-up by September 24, 2026 with either an agreed-upon proposal, or if agreement cannot be reach, 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.

The proposed procedural schedule seeks a Commission decision no later than June 30, 2027, and thus the parties have requested expedited transcripts. The Commission finds the request for expedited transcripts reasonable and will grant it.

The Commission finds the proposed procedural schedule reasonable and will order it unchanged. The Commission will also grant the parties' request to file a follow-up pleading regarding local public hearings.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The following procedural schedule is established:

Local Public Hearings ¹	Week of November 16, 2026
Staff/Intervener Rebuttal ²	January 22, 2027
Surrebuttal	March 5, 2027
Last Day to Request Discovery	March 31, 2027
List of Issues	April 5, 2027
Settlement Conference	April 9, 2027
Position Statements	April 12, 2027
Evidentiary Hearing	April 19 – 23, 2027
Expedited Hearing Transcript	April 30, 2027
Initial Briefs	May 14, 2027
Reply Briefs	May 26, 2027

2. The parties shall comply with the following procedures:

¹ 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.

² At its option, Staff may file a report and recommendation in either testimony or memorandum form.

- 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 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 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 prior to the evidentiary hearing need not be provided to the court reporter for marking as 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 every other party.
- f. All parties shall provide copies of testimony (including schedules), exhibits, and pleadings to other counsel of record 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. Parties are not required to put information that does not exist in electronic format into electronic format for purposes of exchanging it.

- 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 email. The parties agree that confidential documents may be obtained from EFIS and so agree not to serve those documents via email.
- 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 email 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. Parties shall make all reasonable efforts to not include confidential information or highly confidential information in data requests. If confidential information must be included in data requests, the confidential information will be appropriately designated as such pursuant to 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 calendar days, with five calendar days to object or notify the requesting party that more than eight 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 calendar days, with two business days to object or notify the requesting party that more than five 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.
- m. Discovery conferences shall be on the record and will be transcribed by a court reporter if requested.
- 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 witness' testimony (including schedules) and exhibits shall not be filed with the Commission, but shall be submitted to each party within two business days following the filing of the particular testimony, 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 or outputs, 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. The parties may also choose to meet on a different or additional date as schedules allow.

3. Exhibit numbers are assigned as follows:

1-99	Ameren Missouri
100-199	Staff
200-299	Public Counsel
300-399	Midwest Energy Consumers Group
400-499	Renew Missouri
500-599	Sierra Club

Exhibits shall be marked as set forth in Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135(10)(C); for example, "Exhibit 2" is public, whereas "Exhibit 2C" is the confidential version.

4. No later than September 24, 2026, the parties shall file a follow-up pleading regarding local public hearings – a joint filing if the parties agree, or if agreement cannot be

reach, with a party's own proposal. Such filing(s) shall detail the proposed number of local public hearings, their format, and whether any additional notice should be required.

5. The evidentiary hearing shall be held at the Commission's office at the Governor Office Building, Room 310, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, and will begin its first day, April 19, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. This building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need an accommodation to participate in the evidentiary hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

6. Requests for witnesses or counsel to appear remotely must be filed no later than April 5, 2026.

7. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell".

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Charles Hatcher, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo (2016).

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 23rd day of September, 2026.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Pursuant to 386.290, RSMo., 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 23rd day of September, 2026.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).¹

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

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