

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Case No. EA-2026-0343
Buchanan Bluffs Energy Center Unit 2

STATEMENT OF ERIN BURNHAM

Commissioners:

I respectfully ask the Commission to consider my Application to Intervene despite its having been “officially” filed after the intervention deadline. My original filing was accepted on September 17, 2026, at 3:04 PM. I did not receive a notification stating it had been removed. After realizing it was no longer listed, I called support at 5:31 and left a message. I did not receive a call or email explaining the reason. I called the support line again on September 18, 2026, at 11:32 am and again at 12:57 pm. I spoke with Emily, who believed the issue was resolved. Had I received an email or phone call explaining why the application would have been received by the deadline, the application would have been filed on September 17, 2026. My filing was made in good faith. I am participating as an individual without an attorney, and I did not intend to delay this case or create an unnecessary burden for the Commission or the parties.

I accept the record established in Case No. EA-2026-0343 as of the date my application was filed. I will comply with the Commission’s procedural schedule and will not ask the Commission to repeat any proceeding or extend any deadline because of my participation.

I sought the intervention because the proposed Buchanan Bluffs Energy Center could cause lasting changes for nearby residents and the surrounding rural community. The issues include water supply, noise, nighttime lighting, construction and operational traffic, air quality, property values, and the use and enjoyment of surrounding property. These concerns alone deserve careful consideration before a project of this size is approved at this location. However, this isn’t the only reason I sought intervention. The Commission should allow this application for intervention to stand. Section 393.170.3 requires the Commission to determine, after hearing, whether the proposed construction is **necessary or convenient for the public service**. The applicant should not receive a CCN based upon generalized assertions of future electricity demand. **The relevant question under Section 393.170.3 and the CCN Rule is whether this facility is necessary or convenient for the public service. A project that imposes substantial agricultural, environmental, health, water, wildlife, climate, and economic costs without a demonstrated need and without a showing that its benefits justify those costs should not receive a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity.** Accordingly, the Commission should **deny the requested Certificate of Convenience and Necessity** for the proposed Buchanan Bluffs Energy Center.

A public comment allows me to express concern, but it does not provide the same ability to receive case filings, review evidence, respond to proposed conditions, or participate in decisions that may affect the community. I am willing to focus my participation on the matters directly related to the proposed location and to follow every direction of the Commission.

I respectfully ask the Commission to find good cause, accept my filing, and grant my request to intervene. If the Commission does not grant full intervention, I ask it to consider my limited intervention on the issues affecting nearby residents and property.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Burnham

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