BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Joint Application of GridLiance High Plains LLC, GridLiance GP, LLC, and GridLiance Holdco, LP ("GridLiance") NextEra Energy Transmission Investments, LLC, and NextEra Energy Transmission, LLC ("NextEra Entities") for approval of the Acquisition of GridLiance by the NextEra Entities

File No. EM-2021-0114

MOTION FOR EXTENSION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), through the undersigned counsel, and for its *Motion for Extension*, respectfully states as follows:

1. On October 20, 2020, GridLiance High Plains LLC; GridLiance GP, LLC; GridLiance Holdco, LP (collectively "GridLiance"); and NextEra Energy Transmission Investments, LLC; and NextEra Energy Transmission, LLC (collectively "NextEra Entities") together (collectively "Joint Applicants") filed a joint application with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"). The joint application requested that the Commission approve an acquisition or find that the Commission lacks jurisdiction over the transaction.

2. On October 21, 2020, the Commission ordered any application for intervention to be filed no later than November 10, 2020. Additionally, the Commission ordered Staff to file a recommendation or request additional time to file a recommendation no later than November 23, 2020.

3. On October 28, 2020, Evergy Metro, Inc. and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. (collectively "Evergy") filed a motion to intervene. On November 10, 2020, the Commission granted Evergy's motion.

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4. On November 10, 2020, the Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission ("MJMEUC") filed an application to intervene and on November 12, 2020 the Joint Applicants filed a response in opposition to MJMEUC's application to intervene.

5. The Joint Applicants held a conference call November 20, 2020, with Staff to explain any questions Staff has concerning the transaction.

6. Due to the complexity and need to further investigate the transaction, Staff requests a 30 day extension. Staff anticipates a filing date of no later than December 23, 2020.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this *Motion for Extension*, and hereby requests the Commission approve Staff's anticipated December 23, 2020, date for filing its recommendation in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

<u>/s/ Ron Irving</u>

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile, or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 23rd day of November, 2020.

<u>/s/ Ron Irving</u>