BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of a Petition To Interpret 20 CSR 4240-20.065 And Establish The Status and Eligibility of the Members of the St. James Solar Farm Association to Receive Net-Metering Credits

File No. EO-2021-0408

ORDER DIRECTING STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND SETTING TIME FOR RESPONSES

Issue Date: June 24, 2021

Effective Date: June 24, 2021

On May 24, 2021, St. James Solar Farm Association (Association) filed a *Petition to Interpret Net-Metering Regulations*. On June 17, 2021, the Association filed its *First Amended Petition for Rulemaking* asking the Commission to amend its net metering rule, 20 CSR 4240-20.065,¹ to include multiple customer-generators operating a cooperative electric energy generating venture. Section 536.041, RSMo 2016, requires the Commission to respond to the Association's petition within 60 days. If the Commission decides to grant the Association's petition, it would then undertake the formal rulemaking process mandated by Chapter 536, RSMo.

Before deciding whether to grant the Association's petition, the Commission will direct its Staff to investigate that petition and provide the Commission with its recommendation. As this is not a contested case, anyone may offer a recommendation regarding the Association's petition without the need apply to intervene in this case.

¹ The petition incorrectly cites "4 CSR 24-20.065", which the Commission understands to mean Title 4, Chapter 240. Effective August 28, 2019, all of the Commission's regulations were transferred from the Department of Economic Development's (DED) Title 4 to the Department of Commerce and Insurance's (DCI) (formerly Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration) Title 20. Former rule 4 CSR 240-20.065 Net Metering is now located at 20 CSR 4240-20.065.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Staff shall investigate the Association's rulemaking petition and shall, no later than July 8, 2021, recommend whether the Commission should proceed with a rulemaking.

2. Any other person or entity wishing respond to the Association's petition shall file its response no later than July 8, 2021.

3. This order shall become effective upon issuance.



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Nancy Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 24th day of June, 2021.