

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

In the Matter of the Application of Transource)	
Missouri, LLC for a Certificate of Convenience and)	
Necessity Authorizing it to Own, Operate, and)	
Maintain a Switchyard Necessary for the Intercon-)	<u>File No. EA-2016-0188</u>
nection of the Rock Creek Wind Project with the)	
Sibley- Nebraska City Electric Transmission Project)	

STAFF’S SECOND STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through the Staff Counsel’s Office, and submits the instant pleading as its Second Status Report. The instant case was initiated on January 21, 2016, when Transource Missouri, LLC (“Transource Missouri”) filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) seeking an order declining jurisdiction, or, in the alternative, granting a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (“CCN”) pursuant to Section 393.170, RSMo 2000. Also, on January 21, 2016, the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order Directing Notice And Setting Intervention Deadline granting the Staff until February 23, 2016 to file a recommendation or a status report on Transource Missouri’s Application. On February 23, 2016, the Staff filed Staff’s Status Report And Motion For Order Scheduling Prehearing Conference for March 1, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. The Commission ordered a Prehearing Conference for March 1, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. The Prehearing Conference was held. The Staff reports as follows:

1. At the Prehearing Conference attended by all the Parties,¹ the Staff and Public Counsel asked questions of Transource Missouri and another conference call was scheduled for March 7, 2016. The Staff followed up the Prehearing Conference with a list questions for which (1) the Staff asked confirmation whether it heard Transource Missouri correctly at the Prehearing Conference; (2) the Staff had read documents in File No. EA-2016-0188 correctly; and (3) the Staff asked additional questions to Transource Missouri that had occurred to the Staff. The Staff submitted these questions to Transource Missouri by e-mail on March 3, 2016 in advance of the March 7, 2016 conference call.

2. On March 7, 2016 prior to the scheduled conference call with Transource Missouri and Public Counsel, the Staff received by e-mail from Transource Missouri responses to Staff's questions sent on March 3, 2016. Later that day, the conference call with Transource Missouri and Public Counsel occurred. As a result of the information filed in File No. EA-2016-0188 and the information otherwise obtained by the Staff, the Staff believes it can file by March 15, 2016, its Staff Recommendation that the Commission: (a) has jurisdiction over Transource Missouri's Application, (b) should grant a certificate of convenience and necessity ("CCN") to Transource Missouri; and (c) as a condition of granting Transource Missouri a CCN, Transource Missouri should agree to file with the Commission, as soon as they are available, the engineering deliverables,² including design packages, procurement delivery schedules, construction contract bid technical specifications, and Holt County testing and checkout, etc. that are

¹ The Parties are Transource Missouri, the Staff, and the Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel").

² Starting with 30% design submittal.

addressed in the Table: "Project Development And Coordination Milestones," on page C-4, of Appendix C to the Generation Interconnection Agreement, which is Exhibit 4 to Transource Missouri's Application.

WHEREFORE the Staff hereby submits the above, its Second Status Report.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 8th day of March, 2016.

/s/ Steven Dottheim