

**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-                )  
nection of the Rock Creek Wind Project with the                 )  
Sibley- Nebraska City Electric Transmission Project             )        **File No. EA-2016-0188**

**STAFF’S STATUS REPORT AND MOTION FOR  
ORDER SCHEDULING PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through the Staff Counsel’s Office, and states that on January 21, 2016, 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. The Staff hereby files Staff’s Status Report And Motion For Order Scheduling Prehearing Conference for March 1, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. In support thereof, the Staff states as follows:

1. In its filing on January 21, 2016, Transource Missouri requested that the Commission waive the 60-day filing rule under 4 CSR 240-4.020(2) for good cause, and moved for expedited treatment of the Application, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.080(14). In paragraph 26 of its Application, Transource Missouri requests that the Commission grant the Application or that it decline jurisdiction as soon as reasonably practical, but in

no event no later than 90 days after the filing of this Application, which is Tuesday, April 11, 2016. In paragraph 26 of its Application, Transource Missouri states that its portion of the Sibley Nebraska City Project, which is entirely in Missouri, is currently under construction and has an anticipated in-service date of December 31, 2016.

2. In its January 21, 2016, Order Directing Notice And Setting Intervention Deadline, the Commission set February 17, 2016, as the deadline for intervention. No entity has filed for intervention.

3. The Staff believes that a prehearing conference would be beneficial and has talked with counsel for Transource Missouri and the Office of the Public Counsel. Both parties are available on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. for a prehearing conference in Jefferson City in one of the hearing rooms in the Governor Office Building or by speakerphone. The Staff requests that the Commission issue an Order directing a prehearing conference for Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. in Jefferson City with participation by appearance at the designated hearing room in the Governor Office Building or by speakerphone,<sup>1</sup> and that the Staff submit a status report, on behalf of the parties to the Commission by March 8, 2016, with a recommendation of the parties regarding how to proceed.

**WHEREFORE**, the Staff hereby submits the above Status Report And Motion For Order Scheduling Prehearing Conference with a suggested procedure set out therein.

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<sup>1</sup> The parties have a telephone port for the speakerphone for March 1 at 1:30 p.m., so it will not be necessary for the Commission to arrange for a phone-in number.

Respectfully submitted,

**/s/ Steven Dottheim**

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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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2016.

**/s/ Steven Dottheim**