

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

In the Matter of the Application of Union	)	
Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri	)	
For Permission and Approval and a	)	<b><u>Case No. EA-2025-0344</u></b>
Certificate of Public Convenience and	)	Tracking No. JE-2025-0173
Necessity	)	

**ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF  
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY**

Issue Date: July 29, 2025

Effective Date: August 8, 2025

On June 26, 2025, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri filed the above-referenced application (New Madrid Solar Project). Ameren Missouri applied to be the retail service provider for notification purposes for a solar farm operated by New Madrid Solar LLC as required by the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) Schedule 20. Ameren Missouri also filed Tariff Tracking No. JE-2025-0173 to implement its certificate. Also included therewith was a motion for expedited treatment, in which Ameren Missouri asks for a Commission order no later than August 1, 2025.<sup>1</sup> Ameren Missouri also requests a waiver of the Commission’s 60-day notice rule, found in Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017.

The Commission gave notice of the application, and Renew Missouri applied for intervention. More than ten days have passed since the application was filed and no one has responded. After considering the unopposed application to intervene, the Commission finds that Renew Missouri has interests which are different from that of the

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<sup>1</sup> Tracking No. JE-2025-0173 was initially filed on June 4, 2025, with an effective date of July 4, 2025. Ameren Missouri extended the effective date to August 1, 2025.

general public and allowing them to intervene will serve the public interest. Therefore, in accordance with Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.075(3), the Commission will grant the application to intervene.

The Staff of the Commission filed its Recommendation on July 15, 2025. Staff recommends the Commission grant the requested certificate, and also recommends that Ameren Missouri be ordered to indicate on its tariff sheet the location that Pemiscot-Dunklin Electric Cooperative, Inc. may provide emergency service to New Madrid Solar. The Commission gave time for parties to respond, and no party objected to Ameren Missouri's application or to Staff's Recommendation.

In an effort to comply with Staff's Recommendation, Ameren Missouri filed a substitute tariff sheet on July 21, 2025. No party objected to the substitute tariff sheet, and the Commission will allow that tariff to go into effect by operation of law.

Ameren Missouri is an "electrical corporation" and a "public utility" as defined in Subsections 386.020(15) and (43), RSMo (2016). The Commission may grant an electric corporation a CCN to operate after determining that the operation is "necessary or convenient for the public service."<sup>2</sup> The Commission articulated criteria (known as the "Tartan criteria")<sup>3</sup> to be used when evaluating applications for utility certificates of convenience and necessity in *In Re Intercon Gas, Inc.*<sup>4</sup>

The *Intercon* case combined the standards used in several similar certificate cases, and set forth the following criteria: (1) there must be a need for the service; (2) the

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<sup>2</sup> Section 393.170.3, RSMo (Supp. 2024).

<sup>3</sup> See Report and Order, *In re Application of Tartan Energy Company, L.C., d/b/a Southern Missouri Gas Company, for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity*, Case No. GA-94-127, 3 Mo. P.S.C. 3d 173 (September 16, 1994).

<sup>4</sup> 30 Mo P.S.C. (N.S.) 554, 561 (1991).

applicant must be qualified to provide the proposed service; (3) the applicant must have the financial ability to provide the service; (4) the applicant's proposal must be economically feasible; and (5) the service must promote the public interest.

There is a need for the service in that New Madrid Solar requires interconnection with the transmission system for its solar project. New Madrid Solar represents that Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) requires identification of a retail provider. Ameren Missouri is willing to be that provider, and according to Ameren Missouri, the electric cooperatives in the area were not willing to enter into a territorial agreement.

Ameren Missouri is qualified to provide the service. Ameren Missouri participates in MISO and has existing Missouri rate schedules that may be applied to New Madrid Solar in the event certain transactions are determined to be retail transactions.

Ameren Missouri's financial ability to provide the service is not applicable to this application. Ameren Missouri is not constructing facilities, nor will Ameren Missouri have ownership of or responsibility for operations and maintenance for the interconnection facilities.

The provision of service is economically feasible. If any retail transactions occur, New Madrid Solar will be billed under one of Ameren Missouri's high voltage service rates and Ameren Missouri will receive revenues with no material costs.

Because of the need for the service, Ameren Missouri is qualified to provide the service, and the provision of the service is economically feasible, the Commission finds that the service would promote the public interest.

The Commission has reviewed the application, and the Staff Recommendation.

The Commission concludes Ameren Missouri offering retail service to a solar farm operated by New Madrid Solar LLC meets the Tartan criteria and will grant the application, subject to the recommended conditions.

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1)(D) states that the Commission may grant a waiver from the Commission's rule requiring a 60-day notice before filing an application may be granted for good cause. Good cause exists in this case. Ameren Missouri has filed a verified declaration that it has had no communication with the office of the Commission within the prior 150 days regarding any substantive issue likely to be in this case, other than those pleadings filed for record. Accordingly, for good cause shown, the Commission waives the 60-day notice requirement of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1).

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The application to intervene filed by Renew Missouri is granted.
2. Ameren Missouri is granted a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct, install, own, operate, control, manage facilities to provide retail service to a solar farm operated by New Madrid Solar LLC detailed in its application, with the condition that Ameren Missouri notify the Commission in this case if distribution facilities are constructed by Ameren Missouri to serve New Madrid Solar in the future.
3. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1) is waived for good cause shown.
4. This order shall become effective on August 8, 2025.
5. This file shall close on August 9, 2025.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

*Nancy Dippell*

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Secretary

Ronald D. Pridgin, Deputy Chief  
Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation  
of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

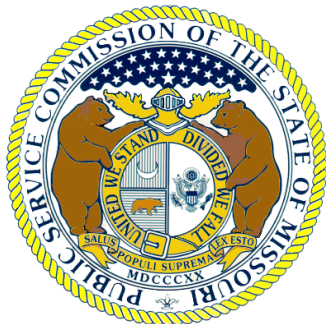
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri  
on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025.

**STATE OF MISSOURI**

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.**

**WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July 2025.**



*Nancy Dippell*  
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**Secretary**

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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**Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).**

*Sincerely,*



**Nancy Dippell  
Secretary**

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