

**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 a)
Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to) **Case No. EA-2026-0018**
Construct, Own, Operate, and Maintain)
a Transmission Switching Station in Stoddard)
County, Missouri)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Public Service Commission Staff (“Staff”), by and through counsel, and recommends that the Commission grant to Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri (hereafter “Ameren Missouri” or “the Company”) a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (“CCN”) to construct, install, own, operate, maintain, and otherwise control a new 161 kV switching station and the associated facilities in Stoddard County, Missouri. In support of this *Recommendation*, Staff states as follows:

1. On January 15, 2026, Ameren Missouri filed an *Application* requesting the CCN to construct, own, operate, and maintain the Vanduser Switching Station in Stoddard County, Missouri, to inter-connect a renewable development with the Missouri transmission grid and to delivery renewable generation capacity and energy to the public.
2. On January 15, 2026, the Commission issued its *Order and Notice*, setting an intervention deadline of January 30, 2026, and ordering Staff to file its recommendation regarding Ameren Missouri’s *Application* no later than February 19, 2026. No intervention requests were received.
3. On February 17, 2026, Staff filed a request for an extension of time to file its recommendation, and on February 17, 2026, that Motion was granted. The Commission ordered Staff to submit its recommendation no later than March 19, 2026.

4. Pursuant to § 393.170.2, RSMo, no gas or electric corporation shall provide service to consumers without first having obtained approval from the Commission. In determining whether or not to grant such approval, the Commission has traditionally applied the five “Tartan Criteria” established in *In the Matter of Tartan Energy Company, et al.*, 3 Mo. PSC 3d 173, 177 (1994): (1) there must be a need for the service; (2) the applicant must be qualified to provide the service; (3) the applicant must have the financial ability to provide service; (4) the applicant’s proposal must be economically feasible; and (5) the service must promote the public interest.

5. As explained in the Staff *Memorandum*, attached hereto as Appendix A, Staff conducted an investigation into Ameren Missouri’s request. Based upon its review, Staff concludes that Ameren Missouri’s request to acquire and maintain the described switching station and associated facilities, known as the Vanduser Switching Station in Stoddard County, Missouri, promotes the public interest.

6. Accordingly, Staff recommends approval granting the CCN, with conditions described in the Staff *Memorandum*, as granting the requested CCN would be necessary and convenient for the public service.

7. The Commission need not hold a hearing if, after proper notice and opportunity to intervene, no party requests such a hearing. *State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission*, 776 S.W.2d 494 (Mo. App. W.D. 1989). No party or individual has requested a hearing, so the Commission need not hold a hearing to grant a CCN to the Company.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this Staff Recommendation for the Commission’s information and consideration, and requests the Commission grant

Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity, with conditions, to construct, install, own, operate, maintain, and otherwise control a new 161 kV switching station and the associated facilities in the requested service area.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 18th day of March, 2026, to all counsel of record.

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