

**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 Authorizing             )  
it to Construct, Install, Own, Operate,               )  
Control, Manage and Maintain a Sub-                 )  
Transmission Line to Provide Electric                )  
Service in Clay County, Missouri                     )

**CASE NO. EA-2013-0316**

**STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO  
GRANT CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Service Commission of the State of Missouri ("Staff") and, for its recommendation the Commission grant to Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri the Certificate of Convenience and Necessity it requests, states:

1. On November 29, 2012, Ameren Missouri filed with the Commission an application seeking a certificate of convenience and necessity from the Commission for that portion of a planned electric 69 kV line in Clay County, Missouri, it plans to use to serve customers within its existing service area, but which will be outside where it presently has authority to construct, install, own, operate, control, manage and maintain such a line. Ameren Missouri states in its verified application that that portion of the line is about 885 feet of a total line length of approximately 12,020 feet routed to bring service from its existing Mauer-42 69 kV line to the new LMV automotive plant in Heartland Meadows Industrial Park, Liberty, Missouri, as described in Appendices B and C of Ameren Missouri's application.

2. Factually, this case is similar to the contested case *Application of Union Electric Company for Permission and Authority to Construct, Operate and Maintain a 161 kilo-volt Transmission Line in Camden County, Missouri*, 1 MoP.S.C.3d 189 (December 13, 1991, Report

and Order, Case No. EA-91-56), in that only a portion of the line is without Ameren Missouri's existing certificated service area.

3. Ameren Missouri states in its application that it estimates the about 885 feet of line will cost \$82,759. Ameren Missouri also states, "If possible, Ameren Missouri would like Commission approval of this line certificate request by December 31, 2012, or as soon after as is possible, so that it may begin construction after the first of the year, once the necessary easements have been obtained. This timeline will allow the Company to complete construction by early summer of 2013, which coincides with when LMV will need electric service to commence."

4. On November 30, 2012, the Commission issued an order in which it, among other things, set an intervention date, and directed Staff "to investigate and file a report and recommendation regarding [Ameren Missouri's] application no later than December 21, 2012."

5. Section 393.170, RSMo 2000, cited by Ameren Missouri in its application, in part, provides:

No gas corporation, electrical corporation, water corporation or sewer corporation shall begin construction of a gas plant, electric plant, water system or sewer system without first having obtained the permission and approval of the commission.

6. In the attached *Memorandum*, which is labeled Appendix A, Staff, having taken into account all that it uncovered during the course of its investigation, recommends that the Commission grant to Ameren Missouri permission and approval to construct, operate, own, and maintain the about 885 feet of the approximately 12,020 foot 69 kV line in Clay County, Missouri, because it will bring approximately 155 jobs to the area.

7. Staff has confirmed that Ameren Missouri already has authority to build lines in the sections labeled 28-52-31, 33-52-31 and 34-52-31, but not in 3-51-31 by reviewing

Tariff Sheet No. 14 of Ameren Missouri's tariff. In Case No. EA-87-159 the Commission granted Ameren Missouri a certificate of convenience and necessity by section where it had existing distribution lines (34.5 kV or less) and substations, and ordered they be listed in its tariff, along with maps of its certificated area. *In the Matter of the Application of Union Electric Company*, Case No. EA-87-159, April 27, 1990 *Report and Order*; June 29, 1990, *Order Setting Further Hearing and Granting Motion for an Extension of Time*; and March 13, 1991, *Supplemental Report and Order*.

8. Staff has verified that Ameren Missouri has filed its annual report, and is not delinquent on any assessment.

9. On December 14, 2012, KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company filed its request to intervene, but did not state a position on Ameren Missouri's application.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff recommends the Commission grant to Ameren Missouri the certificate of convenience and necessity it requests by this application.

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 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012.

/s/ Nathan Williams

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