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In The Matter of the Application) of Ameren Transmission Company of) Illinois for Other Relief or, in) the Alternative, a Certificate of) Public Convenience and Necessity) Authorizing it to Construct, Install, Own, Operate, Maintain) and Otherwise Control and Manage) a 345,000-Volt Electric Transmission) Line from Palmyra, Missouri to the) lowa Border and an Associated) Substation Near Kirksville, Missouri)

File No. EA-2015-0146

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1	JUDGE PRIDGIN: Good morning. We are on the				
2	record. This is the prehearing conference in File Number				
3	EA-2015-0146. It's in the Matter of the Application of Ameren				
4	Transmission Company of Illinois for Other Relief or, in the				
5	Alternative, a Certificate Of Public Convenience and Necessity				
6	Authorizing to Construct, Install, Own, Operate, Maintain, and				
7	Otherwise Control and Manage a 345,000-Volt Electric				
8	Transmission Line from Palmyra, Missouri to the Iowa Border and				
9	Associated Substation Near Kirksville, Missouri.				
10	I'm Ron Pridgin. I'm the regulatory law judge				
11	assigned to preside over this conference. It's being held on				
12	July 15th, 2015. We're in the Governor Office Building in				
13	Jefferson City, Missouri. The time is just a little bit after				
14	10:00 a.m.				
15	If I could get entries of appearance from Counsel,				
16	please, beginning with ATXI.				
17	MR. LOWRY: Thank you, Your Honor. James B. Lowry				
18	and Michael R. Tripp, law firm Smith Lewis, LLP, P.O. Box 918,				
19	Columbia, Missouri 65205, on behalf of Ameren Transmission				
20	Company of Illinois.				
21	JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Lowry, Mr. Tripp, thank you.				
22	On behalf of the Staff of the Commission, please.				
23	MR. ROSENCRANTS: Your Honor, Jeffrey K.				
24	Rosencrants for Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois,				
25	in-house counsel, senior corporate counsel at our corporate				

1	offices at 1901 Chouteau Avenue in St. Louis, Missouri.
2	JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Rosencrants, thank you.
3	On behalf of the Staff of the Commission, please.
4	MR. DOTTHEIM: Nathan Williams and Steven
5	Dottheim, Post Office 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102,
6	appearing on behalf of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service
7	Commi ssi on.
8	JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Dottheim, Mr. Williams, thank
9	you.
10	On behalf of the Office of the Public Counsel,
11	pl ease.
12	MR. ALLISON: Dustin Allison, Office of the Public
13	Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.
14	JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Allison, thank you.
15	On behalf of Neighbors United Against Ameren's
16	Powerline, please.
17	MS. HERNANDEZ: Good morning. Jennifer Hernandez
18	of Hernandez Law Firm, LLC. Our address is 1305 Southwest
19	Boulevard, Suite D, Jefferson City, Missouri 65109, appearing
20	on behalf of Neighbors United.
21	JUDGE PRIDGIN: Ms. Hernandez, thank you.
22	On behalf of United for Missouri, please.
23	MR. LINTON: Good morning, Judge. David Linton on
24	behalf of United for Missouri, 301 Romaine Spring View, Fenton,
25	Missouri 63026.

Mr. Linton, thank you. 1 JUDGE PRIDGIN: 2 On behalf of MISO, please. 3 MS. WHIPPLE: Good morning, Jacqueline Whipple and 4 Karl Zobrist from the law firm of Dentons US, LLC, 4520 Main 5 Street, Suite 1100, Kansas City, Missouri 64111. 6 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Ms. Whipple, Mr. Zobrist, thank 7 you. 8 On behalf of MIEC, please. 9 MS. ILES: Carole lles on behalf of MIEC. Di ana 10 Vuyl steke and Ed Downey have also entered their appearance in 11 this case. Our address is 221 Bolivar Street, Jefferson City, 12 Missouri. 13 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Ms. Iles, thank you. 14 On behalf of IBEW Local 1439, please. No 15 appearance. 16 Have I overlooked anyone? 17 All right. I don't know that I have anything that 18 I need to instruct the parties to do. I normally would have 19 this room the rest of the day. I think there's another 20 prehearing conference set for 2:00 this afternoon. So I would 21 think you safely have this room until 1:00 if you need it. If 22 you need other arrangements and can't find them on your own, 23 please let me know. But, otherwise -- and correct my memory. 24 I don't recall if I've asked for a proposed procedural schedule 25 yet. I normally would do that a week out from the prehearing

1	conference. I don't recall if it's in that order. And if it's
2	not, I guess I would ask Counsels' thoughts on if you could get
3	a schedule in in a week or if you need more time, less time?
4	MR. LOWRY: Your Honor, from our perspective, we
5	certainly would expect to have a schedule submitted within a
6	week and would not want there to be more time beyond that. I
7	think that's pretty typical.
8	JUDGE PRIDGIN: Right.
9	MR. LOWRY: And hopefully sooner than that. And I
10	do not believe it's in any order that you've issued up to this
11	point in time.
12	JUDGE PRIDGIN: That's my recollection. So I
13	appreciate your confirming that.
14	MR. WILLIAMS: Judge, I do have a question.
15	JUDGE PRIDGIN: Yes, sir.
16	MR. WILLIAMS: In a somewhat similar case, Grain
17	Belt Express Clean Line case, Commission had public hearings in
18	each county through which the line passed or was proposed to
19	pass. Do they want something similar in this case?
20	JUDGE PRIDGIN: I can't say that I know,
21	Mr. Williams, I'm sorry. If somebody wants those, we can
22	certainly request them. I have not talked to the commissioners
23	to see, you know, what their feelings are on that. I honestly
24	don't know.
25	MR. ALLISON: I'll chime in on that. In the

1 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Allison. 2 MR. ALLISON: -- Grain Belt case, if I recall, 3 having a local public hearing in each of the counties might have been at my insistence, to be honest with you, as opposed 4 5 to the Commission. I think that was the limit of our 6 involvement, actually, in the Grain Belt case, ensuring that we 7 have local public hearings in each of the counties. And it 8 would be my expectation that in this case we would try to work 9 something out with the parties. It makes sense in this case, 10 you know, looking at the populations that are affected by this. 11 And we can figure that out here shortly. 12 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay. Very good, Mr. Allison, 13 thank you. 14 And, Your Honor, we anticipated that, MR. LOWRY: 15 and we've actually circulated post schedule to the parties 16 before we got here today and intended to discuss, we figured 17 with Mr. Allison primarily, but others as well, that very 18 i ssue. So --19 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Very good. 20 MR. LOWRY: -- it's definitely on our agenda. 21 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Very good. Thank you. Anythi ng 22 further I can do for the parties before I excuse myself? 23 MR. LOWRY: Judge, I just wanted to inquire about 24 one thing. There have been two intervention applications that 25 have not been granted. They were both slightly late.

1 Company is not going to object to those applications, primarily 2 because they were -- while they were late, they were before we 3 had this prehearing. There's no -- I don't think there's any particular impact. But I do want to make clear, which perhaps 4 5 goes without saying, that if there were other interventions 6 after we've started this process, we're working on schedule, 7 those kinds of things, our position might be completely 8 different. I don't want the fact that we're not objecting to 9 these to somehow be taken as an implied consent to intervention 10 Later. 11 JUDGE PRIDGIN: I understand. And if -- it sounds 12 like you have no objection, Mr. Lowry. I can issue written 13 orders granting those applications to intervene. I believe it 14 was Local 1439. And was it MIEC as well? 15 MR. LOWRY: Correct. 16 JUDGE PRIDGIN: I can certainly take care of that. 17 It may be a little while. I'm a little tied up with some other 18 But if you don't see written orders for a few days, matters. 19 please don't panic. I mean, I don't hear any objection and I 20 see no problem getting those orders out here before too long. Anything further from Counsel? 21 22 Hearing nothing, I will excuse myself All right. 23 shortly, and I'll leave the phone on. If you're on the phone, 24

please don't hang up. I will go off the record here and let

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the parties talk.

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1	That will conclude the prehearing conference in
2	File Number EA-2015-0146. Thank you very much.
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