STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 5th day of August, 2015.

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 Iowa Border and Associated Substation Near Kirksville, Missouri.

) <u>File No. EA-2015-0146</u>

ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: August 5, 2015

Effective Date: August 5, 2015

On August 3, 2015, the parties filed competing proposed procedural schedules. The

Commission will set the procedural schedule as follows:¹

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The parties are directed to comply with the conditions set out in this order.
- 2. The following procedural schedule is adopted:

Response Time for Data Requests Reduced to 10 Calendar Days to Respond and 5 Busines Days to Object/Notify of Need for Additional	
Time to Respond	September 30, 2015
Rebuttal Testimony	October 21, 2015
Surrebuttal and Cross-Surrebuttal	November 16, 2015

¹ The Commission will set three local public hearings will be set in a subsequent order.

Close of Discovery	November 30, 2015
List of Issues, Order of Witnesses, Order of Cross-Examination and Opening	November 30, 2015
Statements of Position	December 9, 2015
Evidentiary Hearings	December 14-18, 2015 beginning at 8:30 a.m.
Initial Post-Hearing briefs	January 15, 2016
Reply briefs	January 29, 2016

3. The evidentiary hearing shall be held at the Commission's offices in the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Room 310, Jefferson City, Missouri. The Governor Office Building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs specific accessibility accommodations may call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

4. All parties shall provide copies of testimony (including schedules), exhibits and pleadings to other counsel by electronic means and in electronic form essentially concurrently with the filing of such testimony, exhibits or pleadings where the information is available in electronic format (.PDF, .DOC, .WPD, .XLS, etc.). Parties are not required to put information that does not exist in electronic format into electronic format for purposes of exchanging it.

5. Parties shall try to not include highly confidential or proprietary information in data request questions. If either highly confidential or proprietary information must be

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included in data request questions, the highly confidential or proprietary information will be appropriately designated as such pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.135.

6. Counsel for each party shall receive electronically from each other party serving a data request, an electronic copy of the text of the "description" of that data request contemporaneously with service of the data request. Regarding Staff-issued data requests, if the description contains highly confidential or proprietary information, or is voluminous, a hyperlink to the EFIS record of that data request shall be considered a sufficient copy. If a party desires the response to a data request that has been served on another party, the party desiring a copy of the response must request a copy of the response from the party answering the data request. Data requests, objections to data requests, and notifications respecting the need for additional time to respond to data requests shall be sent by e-mail to counsel for the other parties. Counsel may designate other personnel to be added to the service list for data requests, but shall assume responsibility for compliance with any restrictions on confidentiality. Data request responses shall be served on counsel for the requesting party, unless waived by counsel, and on the requesting party's employee or representative who submitted the data request, and shall be served electronically, if feasible and not voluminous as defined by Commission rule. In the case of ATXI data request responses, ATXI shall post its data request responses on its Caseworks Extranet site; however, in the case of responses to data requests Staff issues to it, ATXI shall also submit the responses to Staff data requests in EFIS, if feasible, or in electronic format on compact disc or by other means agreed to by Staff counsel, if infeasible.)

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7. If a data request has been responded to, a party's request for a copy of the response shall be timely responded to, considering that the underlying data request has already been responded to (except that, with the exception of responses to Staff, responses will not be needed for ATXI data request responses posted on the Company's Caseworks Extranet site).

8. Workpapers prepared in the course of developing a witness' testimony (including schedules) and exhibits shall not be filed with the Commission, but shall be submitted to each party within 2 business days following the filing of the particular testimony, unless a party has indicated that it does not want to receive some or all of the workpapers. Workpapers containing highly confidential or proprietary information shall be appropriately marked.

9. Where workpapers or data request responses include models or spreadsheets or similar information originally in a commonly available format where inputs or parameters may be changed to observe changes in inputs, if available in that original format, the party providing the workpaper or response shall provide this type of information in that original format with formulas intact. With the exception of workpapers provided to Staff, ATXI may provide workpapers by posting the same on its Caseworks Extranet site, with e-mail notification to counsel for the parties to be provided essentially concurrently with the posting of workpapers on the Extranet site. ATXI shall provide its workpapers to Staff in electronic format by e-mailing or by delivery of a compact disc or other electronic storage media.

10. Documents filed in EFIS shall be considered properly served by serving the same on counsel of record for all other parties via e-mail.

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11. All data requests, subpoenas, or other discovery requests or notices shall be issued no later than November 30, 2015. With respect to deposing a witness, so long as a notice of deposition is issued by November 30, 2015, the deposition may occur so long as it is scheduled on or before December 7, 2015.

12. All motions to compel a response to any discovery request shall be filed no later than December 4, 2015.

13. Data requests sent after 5:00 p.m. will be considered served on the next business day. The Commission may rule on discovery motions filed after Surrebuttal Testimony is filed without holding the conference required by 4 CSR 240-2.090(8)(B)

14. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

R. Kenney, Chm., Stoll, W. Kenney, Hall, and Rupp, CC., concur.

Pridgin, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge