

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

In the Matter of the Application)	
Ameren Transmission Company of)	
Illinois for a Certificate of Convenience)	
and Necessity under Section)	
393.170.1, RSMo. relating to)	Case No. EA-2024-0302
Transmission Investments in)	
Northwest and Northeast Missouri)	

**THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL’S REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF
TIME TO RESPOND TO STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION OR REQUEST A HEARING**

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC” or “Public counsel”) and
for its Request for an Extension of Time, states as follows:

1. On December 20, 2024, Public Service Commission Staff (“Staff”) filed its recommendation regarding Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois’ (“ATXI’s” or “Company’s”) request that the Public Service Commission (“Commission”) approve the Company’s application for a certificate of convenience and necessity (“CCN”).

2. Approving ATXI’s application would permit the Company to, in relevant part, “construct, install, operate, control, manage, and maintain . . . approximately 44 miles of 345 kV transmission line . . . in Worth, Gentry, and Dekalb counties[.]”¹

3. On December 20, 2024, after a series of local public hearings,² Staff filed its recommendation as to how the Commission should rule on this case.³

¹ *Application*, EA-2024-0302, p. 1, EFIS Item No. 3.

² See generally *Transcript – Volume 1*, EA-2024-0302, EFIS Item No. 51; *Transcript – Volume 2*, EA-2024-0302, EFIS Item No. 52.

³ See generally *Staff Recommendation*, EA-2024-0302, EFIS Item No. 50; Please note, one of Staff’s recommendations was to hold an additional local public hearing, which the Commission did on January 16, 2025 (See Generally *Transcript – Volume 3*, EA-2024-0302, EFIS Item No. 60)).

4. On February 4, 2025, the OPC received some allegations that directly relate to an issue in this case.

5. On February 5, 2025, the OPC spent the day attempting to gather information and evidence regarding the credibility of the allegations.

6. While the OPC was able to verify some of the information that Public Counsel received on February 4, 2025, there are still questions outstanding and information that the OPC is seeking to collect—from multiple sources—at this time.

7. For this reason, the OPC is seeking a thirty-day (30-day) extension to provide an adequate Response to Staff's Recommendation. However, if the Commission does not believe such an extension is appropriate, then the OPC requests a hearing to present the Commissioners with the information that Public Counsel became aware of after Staff filed its Recommendation.

8. The OPC has reached out to both ATXI and Staff. The Company does not oppose an extension. Staff has not responded to OPC's request at this time.

WHEREFORE, the Office of the Public Counsel respectfully requests the Commission grants its request for an extension of thirty (30) days to determine whether it should provide a response to Staff's Recommendation. However, if the Commission does not grant the OPC's extension request, Public Counsel requests a hearing regarding the possible approval of this CCN.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the forgoing have been mailed, emailed, or hand-delivered to all counsel of record this 7th of February, 2025.

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