

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

In the Matter of the Application of Ameren)	
Transmission Company of Illinois for a)	
Certificate of Convenience and Necessity)	<u>File No. EA-2025-0087</u>
Under Section 393.170.1, RSMo Relating)	
to Transmission Investments in North)	
Central Missouri.)	

**MOTION REQUESTING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS
AND FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, and pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.080, requests that the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) schedule two (2) local public hearings in this proceeding – one to be held at a location physically located in eastern Grundy County or western Sullivan County and the other to be held virtually. In support of this motion, Staff states as follows:

1. On December 11, 2024, Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (“ATXI”) filed an application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (“CCN”) for Phase 2 of the Northern Missouri Grid Transformation Program (“Program”).¹ The application also requests that the Commission grant ATXI waivers from certain requirements under Commission Rules, approve either a single or double circuit option in one of the project segments, and grant ATXI permission and authority to transfer an undivided 49% interest in and to the DZTM Project assets that were subject to MISO’s competitive developer selection process to the Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission (“MJMEUC”).

2. On December 13, 2024, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Notice, Setting Intervention Deadline, and Setting Time for Responses*.

¹ The Denny-Zachary-Thomas Hill-Maywood Project (“DZTM Project”) constitutes Phase 2 of the Program.

3. On January 28, 2025, the Commission issued an order in which the Commission directed Staff to file a recommendation or a request for an extension no later than April 2, 2025.

4. It is Staff's opinion that local public hearings would be beneficial in this matter, particularly because Staff would like to hear input from affected individuals regarding the single circuit versus double circuit options referred to earlier in this motion and because local public hearings were held in Phase 1 of the Program.²

5. Accordingly, Staff respectfully requests that the Commission schedule two (2) local public hearings – one at a location physically located in eastern Grundy County or western Sullivan County (preferably on April 22, 2025) and the other to be held virtually (preferably held at noon or later on April 23, 2025).

6. Staff suggests that the Commission investigate the availability and suitability of an appropriate venue for the in-person local public hearing, but Staff and ATXI suggest the following venues for the Commission's consideration:

Sullivan Community Center
205 N Market St
Milan, MO 63556

Ketcham Community Center
1322 Mable St
Trenton, MO 64683

North Central Missouri College
1301 Main Street
Trenton, MO 64683

² See Commission File No. EA-2024-0302.

7. Staff requests that the Commission direct the Data Center to provide a copy of the order setting the local public hearings to the County Commissions of DeKalb, Daviess, Grundy, Sullivan, Adair, Knox, Lewis, Marion, Macon, and Randolph Counties, and to the news media serving those Counties. In addition, ATXI and Staff agree that ATXI or the Commission (at the option and direction of the Commission) should provide notice to individuals who own property within the notification corridor for ATXI's proposed route shown in Appendices E, F, and G to the Application, which are the persons and entities listed in the CONFIDENTIAL Attachments to Appendix D to the Application. Staff further requests that notice be sent via physical mail to the abovementioned affected individuals, to be postmarked no later than 10 business days prior to the in-person LPH.

8. Staff provided this motion to all parties via email and has heard no objection from the parties who responded.

9. Pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.080(14), Staff respectfully asks the Commission to act on this motion by April 4, 2025, in order to allow sufficient time for notice of the hearings to be sent to potential attendees. In compliance with Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.080(14)(C), this motion was filed as soon as it could have been.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests the Commission schedule two (2) local public hearings as set forth in this motion, grant this motion on or before April 4, 2025, and for any other relief deemed necessary and appropriate by the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been transmitted by electronic mail to counsel of record this 31st day of March, 2025.

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