

Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois's  
Response to MPSC Data Request

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 an Associated Substation Near Kirksville, Missouri.  
Data Request

Data Request No.: MPSC 0069 - Dan Beck

What would ATXI agree to in lieu of the limitation Mr. Beck proposes on the route of the line in his prefiled rebuttal testimony at p. 17, ll. 3-7.

**RESPONSE**

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By way of background, in order to safely and reliably construct the transmission line, ATXI must perform essential topographic, easement and boundary surveys and, as necessary, geotechnical, topographical, cultural and environmental testing and studies (including, but not limited to the taking of limited soil samples) on parcels from which an easement is required. These surveys and tests will confirm the suitability of locating ATXI's proposed route as depicted on aerial photos which have been made available at ATXI open houses and which have been provided in discovery in this case. Pending the completion of the initial surveys and tests, ATXI will commence negotiations with affected landowners. After surveying and testing is complete and the suitability of the location of ATXI's facilities is confirmed, ATXI will then discuss with the landowners the specific permanent easements and other temporary and permanent rights that are necessary so that the necessary easements are obtained prior to the commencement of construction in accordance with Missouri law.

ATXI would agree to the following condition:

Throughout the right-of-way acquisition process, ATXI will use all reasonable efforts to abide by the depicted route on each of the 377 parcels identified as of the filing of its application as parcels over which an easement will be required, but will be allowed to deviate from the depicted route within one of the 377 parcels in two scenarios.

First, if surveys or testing do not necessitate a deviation, ATXI may deviate from the depicted route on a particular parcel if ATXI and the landowner agree, e.g, upon request of the landowner and ATXI's agreement with the request.

Second, if ATXI determines that surveys or testing require a deviation, ATXI will negotiate in good faith with the affected landowner and if agreement can be reached,

ATXI may deviate from the depicted route on that parcel, as agreed with the affected landowner.

With respect to any parcel other than the 377 identified parcels where ATXI determines that testing or surveys necessitate acquisition of an easement on that parcel, ATXI will negotiate in good faith with the landowner of the affected parcel over which ATXI has determined an easement is needed and, if agreement is reached, may deviate from the depicted route by locating the line on the affected parcel but will notify the Commission of the deviation and parcels affected prior to construction on that parcel. If agreement is not reached, despite good faith negotiations, ATXI will file a request with the Commission to allow it to deviate from the depicted route onto the affected parcel and shall, concurrently with the filing of its request with the Commission, send a copy of its request to the owner(s) of record of the affected parcel via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, as shown by the County Assessor's records in the county where the affected parcel is located, or at such other address that has been provided to ATXI by the owner(s). ATXI shall fully explain in that request why ATXI determined the change in route is needed and file supporting testimony with its request and the name(s) and addresses of the owner(s) to whom it provided a copy of its request. After Commission notice of the opportunity for a hearing on the issue of whether the change in route should be approved given to the owner, Staff and Public Counsel, the Commission will grant or deny the request.