

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 30th day of
March, 2022.

In the Matter of the Application of Ameren)
Transmission Company of Illinois for a)
Certificate of Convenience and Necessity) **File No. EA-2022-0099**
Under Section 393.170 RSMo Relating to)
Transmission Investments in Southeast)
Missouri)

ORDER SETTING A PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: March 30, 2022

Effective Date: March 30, 2022

On December 21, 2021, Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI) filed an application with the Commission seeking an order granting a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) pursuant to section 393.170, RSMo 2016. The CCN would authorize ATXI to construct, acquire, own, operate, and maintain certain transmission facilities in, around, and between the cities of New Madrid and Sikeston, Missouri. ATXI states that the requested CCN and related approvals will enable it to participate in a collaborative effort among ATXI, New Madrid, Sikeston (including the Sikeston Board of Municipal Utilities), and the Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission (MJMEUC).

ATXI, on behalf of itself, the Staff of the Commission, and MJMEUC, filed a joint motion on March 16, 2022, asking the Commission to adopt a procedural schedule. The Commission will adopt the procedural schedule proposed by the parties except that the date for the filing of the statements of positions has been adjusted to give the Commission an opportunity to review the case before the evidentiary hearing and the deadlines for

briefs have been extended. The Commission will also expedite the transcript. The Commission has made minor adjustments to the parties' procedural requirements to correct rule citations and require citations to testimony in the position statements. Finally, the Commission rejects proposed procedural requirement (m) that would waive the requirement of a telephone conference with the presiding officer before filing a discovery motion.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The following procedural schedule is established:

Rebuttal Testimony	-	April 8, 2022
Surrebuttal Testimony	-	April 29, 2022
List of Issues	-	May 3, 2022
Statements of Position	-	May 4, 2022
Evidentiary Hearing	-	May 11-12, 2022
Expedited Hearing Transcripts	-	May 19, 2022
Initial Post-Hearing Briefs	-	May 27, 2022
Reply Briefs	-	June 6, 2022

2. The parties shall comply with the following procedures:

- (a) All parties must comply with the requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.130 for prepared testimony, including the requirement that testimony be filed on line-numbered pages.
- (b) Although not all parties may agree upon how each issue should be described or on whether a listed issue is, in fact, a proper issue in this case, the parties shall agree upon and file a list of the issues to be heard, the

witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing, the order in which they will be called, and the order of cross-examination for each witness. The list of issues should be detailed enough to inform the Commission of each issue that must be resolved. The Commission will view any issue not contained in this list of issues as not requiring resolution by the Commission.

- (c) Each party shall file a simple and concise statement summarizing its position on each disputed issue, including citations to pre-filed testimony supporting its position.
- (d) All pleadings, briefs, and amendments shall be filed in accordance with Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.080. Briefs shall follow the same list of issues as filed in the case and must set forth and cite the proper portions of the record concerning the remaining unresolved issues that are to be decided by the Commission.
- (e) If testimony or documents are pre-filed and served upon the parties before a hearing, a party need only provide a copy of the testimony or document to the court reporter for marking as an exhibit. If not pre-filed and served upon the parties, then a party who has a document marked for use at the hearing shall have sufficient copies of the document to provide a copy not only to the court reporter, but also to each of the Commissioners, the presiding officer, and counsel for each other party.
- (f) 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.

- (g) Public documents filed in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS) shall be considered properly served by serving the same on counsel of record for all other parties via e-mail. The parties agree confidential documents may be obtained from EFIS and so agree not to serve those documents via e-mail.
- (h) 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 confidential 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, 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.

- (i) The parties shall make an effort to not include confidential information in data requests. If confidential information must be included in a data request, the confidential information shall be appropriately designated as such pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135.
- (j) The response time for all data requests shall be ten (10) business days, with five (5) business days to object or notify the requesting party that more than ten (10) business days will be needed to provide the requested information. 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 ATXI's Caseworks Extranet site).
- (k) Workpapers prepared in the course of developing a testimony shall not be filed with the Commission, but shall be submitted to each party within two

(2) business days following the filing of the related testimony, unless a party has indicated that it does not want to receive some or all of the workpapers. Workpapers containing confidential information shall be appropriately marked. If there are no workpapers associated with testimony, the party's attorney, or designee, shall so notify the other parties within the time allowed for providing those workpapers.

- (l) 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-mail or by delivery of a compact disc or other electronic storage.

3. The hearing shall be held beginning at 8:30 a.m. on the first day at the Commission's office at the Governor Office Building, Room 310, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

4. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Rupp, Coleman, Holsman, and
Kolkmeier CC., concur.

Seyer, Regulatory Law Judge


STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 30th day of March, 2022.





Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Sincerely,



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