BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of the Application of Ameren)	
Transmission Company of Illinois for a)	
Certificate of Public Convenience and) <u>C</u>	ase No. EA-2022-0099
Necessity Under Section 393.170.1 RSMo.) _	
Relating to Transmission Investments in)	
Southeast Missouri)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through the undersigned counsel, and for its *Staff Recommendation* states:

- 1. On October 1, 2021, Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois ("ATXI") filed a *Notice of Intended Case Filing*, provided notice of its intentions to file an application for authority to construct, install, own, operate, maintain, and otherwise control and manage transmission facilities in, around, and between the Cities of New Madrid and Sikeston, Missouri.
- 2. On December 21, 2021, ATXI filed its *Application*, as well as the direct testimony of four witnesses.
- 3. On December 23, 2021, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Notice*And Setting Deadlines For Intervention Applications and Staff's Recommendation,
 directing Staff to file a recommendation or a request for additional time by February 23,
 2022. It also established an intervention deadline of January 24, 2022. It also directs any
 party wishing to request a hearing to do so no later than February 25, 2022.
- 4. On December 30, 2021, the Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission filed an intervention request. This application was granted on January 14, 2022.

- 5. Staff requests additional time, until March 9, 2022 to file its recommendation. In light of the Commission's request for parties to request a hearing no later than February 25, 2022, Staff requests the Commission direct the parties to establish a procedural schedule. Staff suggests that its March 9, 2022 date be considered the due date for rebuttal testimony in furtherance of this request.
- 6. **WHEREFORE,** Staff prays the Commission accepts its *Staff Recommendation*, grants Staff's request for additional time, and orders parties to establish a procedural schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing were served electronically to all counsel of record this 23rd day of February, 2022.

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