BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Application of Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it to Construct, Install, Own, Operate, Maintain and Otherwise Control and Manage a 345-kV Electric Transmission Line from Palmyra, Missouri, to the Iowa Border and an Associated Substation Near Kirksville, Missouri.

File No. EA-2017-0345

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE RESPONSE

COMES NOW Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI) (Company or ATXI), and for its Request for Extension of Time to file a response to the December 12, 2017, *Order Directing Filing* states as follows:

1. ATXI understands the Commission's desire to promptly obtain information respecting local public hearings and the evidentiary hearing given Neighbor United Against Ameren's Power Line's withdrawal from this case.

2. Because of ATXI's own need to discuss internally the future processing of this case given that withdrawal, as well as the need to further consult with the other parties to this case, ATXI requests a modest two business day extension of time (to Tuesday, December 18, 2017) for the parties to respond to the above-referenced *Order Directing Filing*. The extension is particularly important given both Staff's (and the Office of the Public Counsel's) deep involvement in the Laclede Gas Company rate case evidentiary hearings, which will continue the rest of this week.

WHEREFORE, ATXI hereby request that the Commission issue its order granting the parties an extension of time, to December 18, 2017, to respond to the above-referenced *Order Directing Filing*.

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Dated: December 13, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that true and correct copies of the foregoing have been e-mailed or mailed, via first-class United States Mail, postage pre-paid, to counsel of record in this docket on this 13th day of December, 2017:

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