

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 2nd day of
June, 2015.

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)	<u>File No. EA-2015-0145</u>
345,000-volt Electric Transmission Line in Marion)	
County, Missouri, and an Associated Switching Station)	
Near Palmyra, Missouri.)	

ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

Issue Date: June 2, 2015

Effective Date: June 12, 2015

Procedural History

On February 20, 2015¹, Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (“ATXI”) asked the Commission to either find that it does not have jurisdiction over this project or, in the alternative, to grant ATXI a certificate of convenience and necessity to build it. In particular, ATXI wants to build a 345,000 volt transmission line about seven miles long that runs from Palmyra, Missouri and across the Mississippi River to the Missouri state line.

The Commission provided notice and set a deadline for applications to intervene. The Commission received timely intervention requests from United for Missouri, Inc., and Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers, which the Commission granted.

The Staff of the Commission filed its Recommendation on April 20. Staff recommends that the Commission grant the certificate, subject to certain conditions. Staff

¹ Calendar references are to 2015.

further recommends the Commission grant certain rule waivers to ATXI, as requested in the application.

ATXI responded on April 24, accepting Staff's conditions. No party has objected to Staff's Recommendation or to ATXI's acceptance of the Recommendation.

Decision

ATXI is an electrical corporation and a public utility subject to Commission jurisdiction. ATXI's Missouri facilities, according to its application, are electric plant that will be used for the transmission of electricity that will be used for light, heat or power.²

The Commission may grant an electrical corporation a certificate of convenience and necessity to operate after determining that the construction and operation are either "necessary or convenient for the public service."³ The Commission has stated five criteria that it will use:

- 1) There must be a need for the service;
- 2) The applicant must be qualified to provide the proposed service;
- 3) The applicant must have the financial ability to provide the service;
- 4) The applicant's proposal must be economically feasible; and
- 5) The service must promote the public interest.⁴

Based on the verified application and the verified recommendation of Staff, the Commission finds that granting ATXI's application for a certificate of convenience and

² Section 386.020(14), (15), (43).

³ Section 393.170, RSMo.

⁴ *In re Tartan Energy Company*, 3 Mo. P.S.C. 173, 177 (1994).

necessity to provide electrical service meet the above listed criteria.⁵ The application will be granted. Because the application is unopposed, and because the Commission does not wish to cause undue delay, this order will be given a ten-day effective date.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois is granted permission, approval, and a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct, install, own, operate, control, manage, and maintain electrical plant for its existing facilities in Missouri and its new facilities in Missouri, as more particularly described in its application and Staff Recommendation.

2. As requested by Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois, and agreed upon by Staff, the Commission waives the reporting requirements of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.145 (rate schedule filing), 4 CSR 240-3.175 (depreciation) and Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.190(1), (2) and (3)(A)-(D) (generation).

3. As requested by Staff, and agreed upon by Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois, Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois shall file with the Commission the annual report it files with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

⁵ The requirement for a hearing is met when the opportunity for hearing is provided and no proper party requests the opportunity to present evidence. No party requested a hearing in this matter; thus, no hearing is necessary. *State ex rel. Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Comm'n of the State of Missouri*, 776 S.W.2d 494 (Mo. App. W.D. 1989).

4. This order shall become effective on June 12, 2015.
5. This file shall be closed on June 13, 2015.



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff

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Secretary

R. Kenney, Chm., Stoll, W. Kenney,
Hall, and Rupp, CC., concur.

Pridgin, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge