

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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 in Marion County,)
Missouri and an Associated Switching Station)
Near Palmyra, Missouri.)

File No. EA-2015-0145

STAFF RESPONSE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, in response to the Missouri Public Service Commission’s March 25, 2015 Order Directing Filing directing the Staff to file no later than April 6, 2015 a recommendation or an alternative pleading on how it believes the Commission should proceed. Pursuant to the Commission’s Order, the Staff states as follows:

1. The Staff requests until April 20, 2015 to complete its review and file its recommendation. Unless the Staff becomes aware of information that would have a material impact on its present view, the Staff’s present intention is to recommend that the Commission does have jurisdiction and should grant approval of the Application of Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (“ATXI”) with conditions. At the present those conditions relate to the (a) treatment of property and property owners respecting the route of the 345,000-volt electric transmission line in Marion County, Missouri and the associated switching station near Palmyra, Missouri that is the Illinois Rivers Project for which ATXI is seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity and (b) the

restoration or recovery of service after forced outage or damage to said electric transmission line and/or switching station.

2. Counsel for Staff has advised Counsel for ATXI of the Staff's intention to request an April 20, 2015 filing date for Staff's recommendation, and Counsel for ATXI has related that Staff may indicate that ATXI has no objection.

WHEREFORE, the Staff files its response to the Commission's March 25, 2015 Order Directing Filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 6th day of April, 2015.

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