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Volume 1

In the Matter of the)
Application of Ameren)
Transmission Company of)
Illinois for a Certificate)
Of Public Convenience and) File No. EA-2017-0345
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)

RONALD D. PRIDGIN, Presiding
DEPUTY CHIEF REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

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1 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Good afternoon. We are on
2 the record. This is the prehearing conference in File
3 Number EA-2017-0345. This prehearing conference is being
4 held on Wednesday, October 25th, 2017 in Jefferson City,
5 Missouri. We're in the Governor Office Building in
6 Jefferson City, and the time is 1:00 p.m.

7 I would like to get entries of appearance
8 from Counsel. And I'm just going to poll parties from my
9 order granting applications to intervene.

10 And first let me get an entry from ATXI,
11 please.

12 MR. DEARMONT: Good afternoon, Judge. Eric
13 Dearmont on behalf of Ameren Transmission Company of
14 Illinois. My business address is 1901 Chouteau Avenue,
15 St. Louis, Missouri 63103.

16 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Dearmont, thank you.

17 MR. TRIPP: Good afternoon, Judge.
18 Michael R. Tripp for Ameren Transmission Company of
19 Illinois. Business address 111 South 9th Street,
20 Columbia, Missouri 65205-0918.

21 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Mr. Tripp, thank
22 you.

23 On behalf of the Staff of the Commission,
24 please.

25 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, Judge. Mark Johnson

1 on behalf of the Staff of the Public Service Commission.
2 I've already provided my information to the court
3 reporter.

4 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Johnson, thank you.
5 On behalf of the Office of the Public
6 Counsel, please.

7 MR. WILLIAMS: Judge, my name is Hampton
8 Williams. I'm appearing on behalf of the Office of the
9 Public Counsel. I provided my information to the court
10 reporter.

11 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Williams, thank you.
12 On behalf of MISO, please.

13 MR. SMALL: Thank you, Your Honor.
14 Jeffrey L. Small, Midcontinent Independent System
15 Operators, 701 City Center Drive, Carmel, Indiana.

16 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Small, thank you.
17 On behalf of Ameren Missouri, please.

18 MR. MITTEN: Judge, Russ Mitten, 312 East
19 Capitol Avenue, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, appearing
20 on behalf of Ameren Missouri.

21 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Mitten, thank you.
22 On behalf of the Neighborhoods United Against
23 Ameren's Power Line, please.

24 MR. HERNANDEZ: Judge, on behalf of Ameren's
25 Neighbors United Against Ameren's Power Line, Arturo A.

1 Hernandez, III. Address is 3225 Emerald Lane, Suite A,
2 Jefferson City, Missouri 65109.

3 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Hernandez, thank you.

4 On behalf of IBEW Local Number 2, please. No
5 appearance.

6 On behalf of Wind on the Wires, please.

7 MR. BRADY: Hi, Judge. Can you hear me?

8 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Just barely. If you can
9 enunciate and speak up, I would appreciate it.

10 MR. BRADY: Yeah, I'll take myself off
11 speakerphone. Is this better?

12 JUDGE PRIDGIN: A little better. Thank you.

13 MR. BRADY: Okay. My name is Sean R. Brady
14 with Wind on the Wires. My address is PO Box 4207,
15 Wheaton, W-H-E-A-T-O-N, Illinois 60189.

16 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Brady, thank you.

17 Have I overlooked anyone?

18 MR. JOHNSON: Judge.

19 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Yes, I'm sorry.

20 MR. JOHNSON: I'm sorry. With us today also
21 we have our newest attorney, Alexandra Klaus, on behalf
22 of Staff.

23 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Ms. Klaus, thank
24 you and welcome to the madness.

25 I don't think I've overlooked anyone. I

1 think the only thing I would have for parties is, I
2 guess, a request or, I guess, an indication from the
3 parties on whether either, A, a proposed procedural
4 schedule or competing proposed procedural schedules might
5 be workable within about a week. That's normally how I
6 would try to prod the parties. And, obviously, if the
7 parties need more time, you're free to file a motion.
8 But unless I'm hearing some objection, I would expect
9 some sort of schedule or schedules, I guess, a week from
10 today, which would be November 1st, I believe. Any -- I
11 don't hear any objections.

12 Anything else?

13 I think that's all I have for you. Is there
14 anything else I can do for the parties before I go off
15 the record?

16 Mr. Hernandez, I'm sorry, go ahead.

17 MR. HERNANDEZ: Judge, just for the record,
18 Neighborhoods United will be proposing an extended
19 procedural schedule, based on our understanding that
20 there are some people that we have to subpoena that have
21 not been named as parties, therefore, inquiring -- or
22 requiring the Missouri Statutes and Missouri Rules of
23 Civil Procedure to be implemented, as opposed to the
24 Commission's local rules in regards to discovery.

25 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay. Thank you. I'll see

1 what the parties propose here in about a week. And if
2 the parties don't agree, the Commission will obviously
3 order a procedural schedule.

4 Just, I guess, a word of warning. Even
5 though you may look and find dates that are available --
6 that appear to be available on the commissioners'
7 calendars, sometimes commissioners are not available,
8 even though they appear to be; and that may be a
9 roadblock as well, as far as trying to find hearing
10 dates.

11 With that, anything else I can do for the
12 parties before we go off the record?

13 MR. SMALL: Your Honor, there is -- on behalf
14 of MISO --

15 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Small.

16 MR. SMALL: -- there is a pending motion for
17 the submission of testimony as direct testimony in this
18 case. The reason why it has a bearing as far as the
19 procedural schedule is that the procedural schedule sets
20 out what parties will do in response and so forth. And
21 it would be good to know how that would affect MISO,
22 based on its motion and its prefiled testimony.

23 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Sure. I understand and I
24 think it's been -- correct my memory. I think it's been
25 well past ten days since that's been filed. Is there any

1 objection to MISO's motion? Was that the motion for
2 Mr. Smith to file prefiled?

3 MR. SMALL: J. T. Smith to file his testimony
4 as direct.

5 JUDGE PRIDGIN: As direct. Excuse me. Okay.
6 Do I hear any objections that motion? All right. I will
7 grant that motion, and that way he can file direct
8 testimony.

9 MR. SMALL: The testimony was filed with the
10 motion. Would you suggest that we refile it or is that
11 sufficient?

12 JUDGE PRIDGIN: As long as it's been filed
13 and we've got the motion.

14 MR. SMALL: It was attached to the motion.

15 JUDGE PRIDGIN: That's perfectly fine. You
16 don't need to refile.

17 MR. SMALL: Thank you.

18 JUDGE PRIDGIN: You're welcome.

19 Anything further? All right. If there's
20 nothing further from the parties, we will then go off the
21 record.

22 That concludes the on-the-record portion of
23 this prehearing conference. Thank you very much.

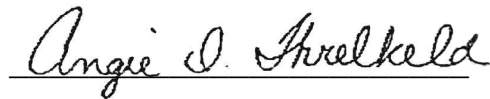
24 We are off the record.

25 (Off the record.)

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