

In the Matter of:

AMEREN TRANSMISSION COMPANY OF ILLINOIS FOR CERTIFICATES, etc.

EA-2021-0087, VOL. II

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STATE OF MISSOURI

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Application of Ameren)	
Transmission Company of)	Case No. EA-2021-0087
Illinois for a Certificate)	
of Public Convenience and)	
Necessity to Construct,)	
Install, Own, Operate,)	
Maintain, and Otherwise)	
Control and Manage a 138 kV)	
Transmission Line and)	
associated facilities in)	
Perry and Cape Girardeau)	
Counties, Missouri)	

NANCY DIPPELL, Presiding
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GLEN KOLKMEYER, Commissioner

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1 (August 17, 2021)

2 JUDGE DIPPELL: We can go ahead and go on the
3 record. First, again I'd like to ask everyone if you're
4 not going to be speaking be sure and stay muted. That
5 helps us cut down on any extra noise and prevents the
6 audio feedback.

7 Today is August 17, 2021. The Missouri Public
8 Service Commission has set this time for a virtual local
9 public hearing to give members of the public a chance to
10 comment about Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois
11 application in File No. EA-2021-0087, which is captioned
12 In the Matter of the Application of Ameren Transmission
13 Company of Illinois for a Certificate of Public
14 Convenience and Necessity to Construct, Install, Own,
15 Operate, Maintain, and Otherwise Control and Manage a
16 138 kV Transmission Line and associated facilities in
17 Perry and Cape Girardeau Counties in Missouri.

18 The Missouri Public Service Commission
19 regulates the rates and services of investor-owned
20 public utility companies in Missouri to ensure that
21 those rates and services are just and reasonable. The
22 Commission also regulates the quality of service and the
23 safety of operations of public utilities.

24 The Commission is made up of five
25 Commissioners. The Commissioners are appointed by the

1 Governor to fixed terms and confirmed by the Missouri
2 Senate. The Commissioners employ a staff of engineers,
3 accountants, attorneys, financial analysts and other
4 specialists in the field of utility regulation.

5 My name is Nancy Dippell. I'm the Regulatory
6 Law Judge and I will be presiding over this hearing. We
7 have on the virtual conference with us tonight some of
8 the Commissioners. Commissioner Kolkmeyer I know is
9 present. I haven't heard specifically the other
10 Commissioners jump on, but they may be in and out as the
11 hearing continues. Thank you, Commissioner, for joining
12 us this evening.

13 This is an official hearing of the Missouri
14 Public Service Commission, and the statements and
15 testimony of the witnesses will be recorded by a court
16 reporter and must be given under oath or affirmation.
17 The Commission has not made any decisions in this case
18 and cannot answer any questions today because they must
19 remain impartial as myself also until after all of the
20 evidence is presented in this case.

21 Commissioner Kolkmeyer, did you have any
22 opening remarks you wanted to say at all?

23 COMMISSIONER KOLKMEYER: I want to thank
24 everyone for being on here and giving their testimony.
25 Thank you for joining us.

1 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. Let's go ahead and
2 start then with entries of appearance. Is there an
3 attorney present to make an entry of appearance for
4 Ameren Transmission Company?

5 MR. SCHULTE: This is Andrew Schulte with the
6 Polsinelli law firm on behalf of Ameren Transmission
7 Company of Illinois, and also making an appearance in
8 this case is Frank Caro.

9 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. Commission Staff?
10 You may have to press *6 if you're on a phone line only.

11 MS. MERS: Can you hear me now?

12 JUDGE DIPPELL: Yes, I can.

13 MS. MERS: Okay. This is Nicole Mers on
14 behalf of the Staff. My information is 200 Madison
15 Street, PO Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

16 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. The Office of the
17 Public Counsel.

18 MR. WILLIAMS: Nathan Williams appearing on
19 behalf of the Office of the Public Counsel and the
20 public in this proceeding. My contact information is
21 Governor Office Building, Suite 650, PO Box 2230,
22 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

23 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. And the
24 Intervenors Mary Frances and Terry L. Scholl.

25 MS. BELL: This is Stephanie Bell entering on

1 behalf of the Scholls. I'm with Ellinger and
2 Associates, and that's 308 East High Street, Suite 300,
3 Jefferson City, Missouri 65101.

4 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you, Ms. Bell. Okay.
5 The process that we're going to follow tonight is that
6 we had a list for preregistrations. I think we only had
7 one person actually preregister, but I will call the
8 names that we have on that list and then when I call
9 your name if you go ahead and unmute I'll ask you to
10 swear or affirm to tell the truth and I will ask you to
11 state your name and to spell it. Then you can give us
12 your comments for the Commission.

13 I would ask that you stay on the line until we
14 see if there are any follow up questions from the
15 Commissioners or myself or perhaps sometimes there are
16 clarifying questions from the parties' attorneys.

17 After that person has testified, I'll ask if
18 there's anyone else present that wants to. And it's
19 sometimes a little awkward on a telephone conference
20 like this, but I'll just have you speak up and I'll take
21 you as I can and we'll try to get anyone else that would
22 like to speak on the record.

23 So with that, if you are on the telephone, you
24 will have to press *6 to unmute yourself. So I think
25 the person that I had preregistered was a Dorothy

1 Palisch. I apologize if I'm not pronouncing that
2 correctly. Is Ms. Palisch on the line? It's
3 P-a-l-i-s-c-h. Maybe she decided not to testify or if
4 you're having trouble unmuting yourself again you can
5 press the * and 6 on your phone to unmute.

6 I'm not seeing anybody. We'll move on. We'll
7 just start with is there anyone present that would like
8 to testify, give comments tonight? Just unmute yourself
9 and speak up and we'll try to sort out who needs to
10 testify. I hope that this means that you got your
11 questions answered and have otherwise had an opportunity
12 to give comments to the Commission.

13 Is there anyone that would like to testify?
14 Okay. Well, if no one would like to testify, I do
15 appreciate you calling in. I assume that that means you
16 got some information at least and got an opportunity to
17 ask any questions you might have had during the question
18 and answer portion.

19 If you decide that you would like to give
20 written comments or know someone who couldn't be here
21 tonight that would like to give comments, you can go to
22 the Public Service Commission website at psc.mo.gov.
23 That's psc.mo.gov. And there will be a link there to
24 submit comments, and we would ask that you try to put
25 this case number in your comments which is EA-2021-0087,

1 and those comments will get submitted into the file.

2 If there's no one that has had a last minute
3 change of heart, I appreciate again your time this
4 evening and I guess we can go ahead and go off the
5 record. Thank you very much.

6 (Off the record.)

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