

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

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 ) **File No. EA-2017-0345**  
345-kV Electric Transmission Line from Palmyra, Missouri )  
to the Iowa Border and an Associated Substation Near )  
Kirksville, Missouri )

**RESPONSE TO THE COMMISSION’S ORDER DIRECTING FILING**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), and on behalf of the Office of Public Counsel (“OPC”), Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (“ATXI”), IBEW Local Union 2, Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri, and Wind on the Wires, files this response to the Commission’s *Order Directing Filing*.

1. ATXI filed its application on September 15, 2017, and asked for Commission approval no later than January 18, 2018. On November 30, 2017, the Commission issued an *Order Setting Procedural Schedule*.

2. On December 4, 2017, the Commission granted Neighbors United Against Ameren’s Power Line’s *Motion to Withdraw*. On December 12, 2017, the Commission noted that it appeared no parties remaining in the case oppose the application, and ordered the parties to state whether they believe they can resolve any remaining disputes in time to meet ATXI’s requested approval date. The Commission requested the parties state what evidentiary hearings and local public hearings, if any, the Commission will need to hold.

3. The parties believe it likely that a resolution among the parties can be reached. With the understanding the Commission may need to deliberate regarding any agreement at agenda, or request an on the record presentation, the parties do not expect to have a final resolution by January 18, 2018, but do not expect any limited additional time required to be detrimental to the public interest.

4. The parties suggest that no evidentiary hearing or local public hearings are necessary. However, if the Commission prefers to proceed with local public hearings, Staff will work with the parties to provide local public hearing recommendations and make any additional filings that may be necessary.

**WHEREFORE**, the parties pray the Commission accepts this response to its *Order Directing Filing*.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2017, to all counsel of record.

**/s/ Nicole Mers**