

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its Office in Jefferson City, Missouri on the 22nd day of July, 2021.

In the Matter of the Application of Ameren)
Transmission Company of 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)

File No. EA-2021-0087

ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: July 22, 2021

Effective Date: July 22, 2021

On April 28, 2021, Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI) filed an application requesting a certificate of 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. ATXI requests a Commission order no later than December 30, 2021.

On June 28, 2021, the parties submitted a jointly proposed procedural schedule. The Commission will adopt the proposed schedule with some changes to accommodate scheduling. Additionally, because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and since the public can give comments by telephone or video at a virtual public hearing, and the public can also give comments by mail or through the Commission's Electronic Information and Filing System (EFIS), the Commission will schedule the public hearing for this case via WebEx telephone and video conference.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The following procedural schedule is established:

Date	Event
Local Public Hearing via WebEx	August 17, 2021
Rebuttal Testimony/Staff Report Due	August 24, 2021
Surrebuttal Testimony Due	September 14, 2021
Last Day for Discovery Requests	September 24, 2021
List of Issues, List of Witnesses, and Order of Cross-Examination	October 4, 2021
Position Statements	October 8, 2021
Evidentiary Hearing	October 21-22, 2021
Initial Post-Hearing Briefs	November 12, 2021
Reply Post-Hearing Briefs	November 22, 2021

2. The parties shall comply with the following procedures:

- (a) All parties must comply with the requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.130 for prepared testimony or reports, including the requirement that testimony be filed on line-numbered pages.
- (b) Although not all parties may agree upon how each issue should be described or on whether a listed issue is in fact a proper issue in this case, the parties shall agree upon and file a list of the issues to be heard, the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing, the order in which they will be called, and the order of cross-examination for each witness. The list of issues should be detailed enough to inform the Commission of each issue

that must be resolved. The Commission will view any issue not contained in this list of issues as uncontested and not requiring resolution by the Commission.

- (c) Each party shall file a simple and concise statement summarizing its position on each disputed issue, including citations to pre-filed testimony supporting its position.
- (d) All pleadings, briefs, and amendments shall be filed in accordance with Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.080. Briefs shall follow the same list of issues as filed in the case and must set forth and cite the proper portions of the record concerning the remaining unresolved issues that are to be decided by the Commission.
- (e) If testimony or documents are prefiled and served upon the parties before a hearing, a party need only provide a copy of the testimony or document to the court reporter for marking as an exhibit. If not prefiled and served upon the parties, then a party who has a document marked for use at the hearing shall have sufficient copies of the document to provide a copy not only to the court reporter, but also to each of the Commissioners, the presiding officer, and counsel for each other party.
- (f) All parties shall provide copies of testimony, schedules, exhibits, and pleadings to other counsel by electronic means and in electronic form, essentially concurrently with the filing of such testimony, exhibits, or pleadings where the information is available in electronic format (.PDF, .DOC, .WPD, .XLS, etc.). Parties are not required to put information that

does not exist in electronic format into electronic format for purposes of exchanging.

- (g) All data requests, subpoenas, or other discovery requests shall be issued no later than September 24, 2021. September 24, 2021 shall also be the last day by which a deposition may be taken.
- (h) Public documents filed in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS) shall be considered properly served by serving the same on counsel of record for all other parties via e-mail. The parties agree confidential documents may be obtained from EFIS and so agree not to serve those documents via email.
- (i) Counsel for each party shall receive electronically from each other party serving a data request, an electronic copy of the text of the "description" of that data request contemporaneously with service of the data request. Data requests issued to or by Staff shall be submitted and responded to in EFIS, if feasible, or in electronic format on compact disc or by other means agreed to by counsel, if infeasible. Regarding Staff-issued data requests, a hyperlink to the EFIS record of that data request shall be considered a sufficient copy for the purpose of service. If a party desires the response to a data request that has been served on another party, the party desiring a copy of the response must request a copy of the response from the party answering the data request. Data requests, objections to data requests, and notifications respecting the need for additional time to respond to data requests shall be sent by e-mail to counsel for the other parties. Counsel

may designate other personnel to be added to the service list for data requests, but shall assume responsibility for compliance with any restrictions on confidentiality. Data request responses shall be served on counsel for the requesting party, unless waived by counsel, and on the requesting party's employee or representative who submitted the data request, and shall be served electronically, if feasible and not voluminous as defined by Commission rule.

- (j) The parties shall make an effort to not include confidential information in data requests. If confidential information must be included in a data request, the confidential information shall be appropriately designated as such pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135.
- (k) Exhibit numbers will be assigned by the Regulatory Law Judge prior to hearing. Exhibits shall be marked as set forth in Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135(10)(C). For example, public exhibit two would be marked as Exhibit 2, whereas the confidential exhibit two would be marked as Exhibit 2C.
- (l) Each party shall prepare a list of its exhibits and submit a copy of that list to every other party and to the regulatory law judge no later than two business days prior to the evidentiary hearing. The lists shall not be filed in the EFIS case file. Exhibits that may be offered during cross-examination, but which have not been pre-filed, need not be included on the list. However, when those documents are offered during the hearing, they will be assigned a number from that party's number group.

- (m) Workpapers prepared in the course of developing a witness' testimony shall not be filed with the Commission, but shall be submitted to each party within two (2) business days following the filing of the testimony document, unless a party has indicated that it does not want to receive some or all of the workpapers. Workpapers containing confidential information shall be appropriately marked. If there are no workpapers associated with testimony, the party's attorney shall so notify the other parties within the time allowed for providing those workpapers.
- (n) Where workpapers or data request responses include models or spreadsheets or similar information originally in a commonly available format where inputs or parameters may be changed to observe changes in inputs, if available in that original format, the party providing the workpaper or response shall provide this type of information in that original format with formulas intact.
- (o) Any discovery dispute may be ruled upon by the presiding regulatory law judge either on the record or in a written order.

3. The local public hearing shall be held via WebEx video and telephone conference on August 17, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

4. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make an informal presentation and conduct a question-and-answer session for the public at the beginning of the local public hearing. The formal comment hearing will begin at the conclusion of the question and answer session.

5. ATXI and Staff, shall make a representative available to address substantive issues during the question-and-answer sessions. ATXI and Staff shall each prepare a short statement outlining their current assessment of the case, and shall make a short statement at the beginning of the question-and-answer session at the beginning of the local public hearing. The Office of the Public Counsel and any other party may also have a representative present and may make a short statement at the beginning of the question and answer session.

6. No later than ten business days before the local public hearing, ATXI shall provide notice of the local public hearing to each property owner within 300 feet of the centerline of the proposed project route, as stated in the records of the county assessor's offices of Perry and Cape Girardeau counties, via direct mailings substantially in the form of Attachment A to the Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule.¹

7. To facilitate an orderly hearing that can be preserved for the record, members of the public who wish to make comments to the Commission during the local public hearing should register by sending their first and last name to pscinfo@psc.mo.gov, or by calling (800) 392-4211 by 5:00 p.m. the day before the hearing.

8. A live audio web stream at the Commission's website, www.psc.mo.gov, will provide audio of the question and answer session and hearing. Those who do not intend to participate in the question-and-answer session or make comment to the Commission should listen via the web stream if able.

¹ The notice shall be changed to account for only an online local public hearing and that hearing will begin immediately after the question and answer session.

9. To attend the public hearing by telephone, at the time of the hearing call toll free 1-855-718-6621, listen to the prompt and enter the meeting number 177 629 7914 followed by # (pound/hashtag symbol). If prompted for a password, enter 0087. To attend by video/internet visit the website at www.webex.com or download the Cisco WebEx Meetings application. At hearing time, enter the corresponding meeting access code and password above.

10. Comments may also be submitted to the Commission in writing by mail to the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, or electronically using the Commission's electronic filing system at https://psc.mo.gov/General/Submit_Comments. When submitting comments please reference File No. EA-2021-0087.

11. The evidentiary hearing shall be held at the Commission's office at the Governor Office Building, Room 310, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

12. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make notice of this order available to the members of the media and the General Assembly representing Perry County and Cape Girardeau County.

13. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Rupp, Coleman, Holsman, and
Kolkmeier CC., concur.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge


STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission,
at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 22nd day of July, 2021.





Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



Morris L. Woodruff
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