# STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

In the Matter of the Application of Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity Under Section 393.170.1, RSMo Relating to Transmission Investments in Northwest and Northeast Missouri

File No. EA-2024-0302

# ORDER REGARDING APPLICATIONS TO INTERVENE AND DIRECTING FILING OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: May 7, 2025

Effective Date: May 7, 2025

On April 4, 2025,<sup>1</sup> the Commission issued an Order setting the time for intervention at April 18. On April 17, Mark Harding filed an application to intervene. On April 18, Rebecca McGinley, F. Neil Mathews, and David Gregory filed applications to intervene. On April 22, Paul Kazakevicius filed an application to intervene and on April 28, Kevin and Rochelle Hiatt filed their application to intervene.<sup>2</sup> On April 28, ATXI filed an opposition to each of the applications to intervene. The Commission will address the applications separately, as necessary.

Paul Kazakevicius's initial application to intervene states "As advocates for renewable energy and energy efficiency efforts, Paul Kazakevicius interests may be different than those of the general public and may be adversely affected by a final order arising from this case." His second application states that Mr. Kazakevicius "owns

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All dates refer to the year 2025 unless otherwise indicated.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Both Mr. Kazakevicius and Mr. and Ms. Hiatt had previously filed applications to intervene on April 16 and April 18, respectively, that were deficient. The later filed applications cured the deficiencies and will be treated as timely filed interventions.

property east and west of 26264 MO-46, Grant City, MO 64456" and that "Ameren's request to build a transmission line Near my property directly affects Landowner and his/her interests." In its objection and supplemental response,<sup>3</sup> ATXI states that it is not aware of any property owned by Mr. Kazakevicius "near" the proposed transmission line, but rather that there is property approximately "820 feet from the centerline of ATXI's proposed route" and another property approximately "1,130 feet from the centerline of ATXI's proposed route" each owned by Karma Unlimited, LLC, of which Mr. Kazakevicius is a member. Further, Karma Unlimited, LLC has not filed its own application, nor has an attorney filed on its behalf.

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.045(6)(K) requires applicants to "provide notice of its application to the owners of land, or their designee, as stated in the records of the county assessor's office, on a date not more than sixty (60) days prior to the date the notice is sent, who would be directly affected by the requested certificate, including the preferred route or location, as applicable, and any known alternative route or location of the proposed facilities. For purposes of this notice, land is directly affected if a permanent easement or other permanent property interest would be obtained over all or any portion of the land or if the land contains a habitable structure that would be within three hundred (300) feet of the centerline of an electric transmission line." Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.040(5) states: "A natural person may represent himself or herself. Such practice is strictly limited to the appearance of a natural person on his or her own behalf and shall not be made for any other person or entity."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> ATXI filed its Supplemental Response to Kazakevicius Application to Intervene on May 2, 2025.

Mr. Kazakevicius has not shown that he is an affected landowner, Karma Unlimited, LLC has not filed its own application to intervene, and Mr. Kazakevicius cannot represent Karma Unlimited, LLC if he is not an attorney, and it appears he is not.

On May 2, the Commission ordered David Gregory and counsel for Rebecca McGinley to clarify their applications to intervene no later than May 9. The Commission will take no action on their applications until further clarification is made.

Mark Harding, F. Neil Mathews, and Kevin and Rochelle Hiatt's applications to intervene were also objected to by ATXI due to ATXI's assertion that they were "late-filed" as each of the proposed intervenors received notice prior to the filing of the initial application on July 5, 2024, but did not file an application to intervene by the initial deadline of August 15, 2024. On April 4, the Commission reopened the intervention deadline upon finding that some landowners who would be affected by the transmission line did not receive notice from ATXI until seven months after that intervention deadline had passed. This was not a restrictive intervention period open to only those landowners, but rather a reopening of the intervention deadline for any person wishing to intervene.

The applications meet the requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.075(2) and were timely filed during the second intervention period. However, the Commission may limit interventions to particular issues or interests in a case per Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.075(9).

The Commission will deny Mr. Kazakevicius's application for intervention and grant Mr. Harding, Mr. Mathews, and Mr. and Ms. Hiatt's applications for intervention, but limit their interventions to the issue of routing concerns affecting their property. The Commission will set a date by which any requests or reassertions of a request<sup>4</sup> for hearing shall be filed. The Commission will also order the parties to file a joint proposed procedural schedule including dates for prefiled testimony from all parties and an evidentiary hearing.

# THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Paul Kazakevicius's application for intervention is denied.

2. Mark Harding, F. Neil Mathews, and Kevin and Rochelle Hiatt's applications for intervention are granted in a limited capacity to only the issue of routing concerns affecting their property.

3. Requests for hearing, including by the Office of the Public Counsel, shall be filed no later than May 16, 2025.

4. No later than May 20, 2025, Staff shall file a joint proposed procedural schedule including prefiled testimony from all parties and a date for an evidentiary hearing if any is requested.

5. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell Secretary

Hahn, Ch., Coleman, Kolkmeyer, and Mitchell CC., concur.

Fewell, Regulatory Law Judge

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Office of the Public Counsel previously requested a hearing on March 7, 2025 due to some landowners not having received notice at that time.

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 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.



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