BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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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

Case No. EA-2024-0302

The Office of the Public Counsel's Request for a Prehearing Conference

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC") and for its *Request for a Prehearing Conference*, states:

1. On May 7, 2025, the Public Service Commission ("Commission")

approved the intervention request made by several intervention applicants. The Commission also ordered parties requesting an evidentiary hearing to file their request May 16, 2025. Finally, the Commission ordered parties to file a Joint Procedural Schedule no later than May 20, 2025.

2. On May 14, 2025, the Commission approved an intervention request made by another intervention applicant.

3. Most of the approved intervenors are acting *pro se* in this case and none of them are likely to have experienced a hearing in front of the Commission before.

4. The OPC believes it is important for the intervenors to understand their rights and duties in front of the Commission. Further, the

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OPC believes the intervenors may want an explanation of the evidentiary hearing process, itself, before their right to request one expires.

5. Therefore, the OPC requests for the Commission to order a prehearing conference, wherein the intervenors can learn applicable prior to the termination of their right to request an evidentiary hearing.

WHEREFORE, the OPC respectfully for the Commission to order a prehearing conference for the benefit of the intervenors.

Respectfully submitted,

<u>/s/ Anna Kathryn Martin</u>

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, emailed or handdelivered to all counsel of record this 15th day of May 2025.

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