# 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

## ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: July 8, 2025

Effective Date: July 8, 2025

On June 10, 2025, the Commission ordered the Staff of the Commission (Staff) to file available dates of the parties for an evidentiary hearing to potentially be held during the months of August, September or October 2025 or a joint proposed procedural schedule on behalf of all of the parties including the parties' available dates during those months. Staff filed the *Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule* on June 23, 2025.<sup>1</sup> The Commission ordered responses by June 27, 2025, but none were received. The Commission has reviewed the proposed procedural schedule and will adopt it.

Due to the limited scope of the evidentiary hearing, Clean Grid Alliance, Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. (MISO), Missouri Electric Commission (MEC), Renew Missouri, and Sierra Club all requested to be excused. Counsel for those parties also requested permission to attend virtually. The Commission finds those requests reasonable and will grant them.

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The following procedural schedule is established:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The *Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule* was submitted on behalf of all parties except F. Neil Mathews. The filing indicates that F. Neil Mathews shared his availability for an evidentiary hearing on September 26 by email, but did not confirm agreement on the schedule provided by the other parties.

Direct Testimony (Optional)	-	July 17, 2025
Rebuttal Testimony (Optional)	-	August 14, 2025
Surrebuttal Testimony (Optional)	-	August 28, 2025
Last Day for Discovery Requests	-	September 4, 2025
List of Issues and Witnesses, Order of Openings, Witness Testimony, and		
Cross-Examination	-	September 9, 2025
Position Statements	-	September 16, 2025
Evidentiary Hearing	-	September 26, 2025
Post Hearing Briefs	-	October 16, 2025

2. The evidentiary hearing is scheduled for September 26, 2025, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The 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 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.

3. Clean Grid Alliance, MISO, MEC, Renew Missouri, and Sierra Club are excused from attending the evidentiary hearing. Counsel for those parties are also granted permission to attend virtually.

4. The parties shall comply with the following additional procedural requirements:

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- A. All parties shall provide copies of testimony (including schedules), exhibits, and pleadings to other counsel of record 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. Parties are not required to put information that does not exist in electronic format into electronic format for purposes of exchanging it.
- B. Parties shall make all reasonable efforts to not include confidential information in data requests. If confidential information must be included in data requests, the confidential information will be appropriately designated as such pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.135.
- C. 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 parties recognize that the Commission may view any issue not contained in this list of issues to be uncontested and not requiring resolution by the Commission. 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 proper portions of the record concerning the remaining unresolved issues that are to be decided by the Commission.
- E. Data requests issued to or by Staff shall be submitted and responded to in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS), if feasible, or in electronic format on compact disc or by other means agreed to by counsel, if infeasible. 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. Regarding Staff-issued data requests, if the description contains confidential information, or is voluminous, a hyperlink to the EFIS record of that data request shall be considered a sufficient copy. 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 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.

- E. Until the due date for filing of Direct testimony, July 17, 2025, the response time for all data requests shall be 20 calendar days, and ten calendar days to object or notify that more than 20 calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information. After the due date for filing of Direct testimony (July 17, 2025) and before the due date for filing of Surrebuttal testimony (August 28, 2025), the response time for data requests shall be ten calendar days to provide the requested information, and five business days to object or notify that more than ten calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information. After the due date for filing of Surrebuttal testimony (August 28, 2025), the response time for data requests shall be five business days to provide the requested information, and two business days to object or notify that more than five calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information. Data requests sent after 5:00 pm will be considered served on the next business day. The Commission may rule on discovery motions filed after Surrebuttal testimony is filed without holding the conference required by 20 CSR 4240- 2.090(8)(B).
- F. Workpapers prepared in the course of developing a witness' testimony (including schedules) and exhibits shall not be filed with the Commission, but shall be submitted to each party within two business days following the filing of the particular testimony, 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. Counsel shall undertake to advise other counsel if the sponsored witness has no workpapers related to the round of testimony.
- G. 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 or outputs, 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. Workpapers shall be provided in electronic format by e-mailing or by delivery of a compact disc or other electronic storage media.

- I. Documents filed in EFIS shall be considered properly served by serving the same on counsel of record for all other parties via e-mail.
- J. Exhibit numbers are assigned in the following manner:

ATXI	1-99
Staff	100-199
Office of the Public Counsel	200-299
MEC	300-399
Renew Missouri	400-499
Clean Grid Alliance	500-599
Sierra Club	600-699
MISO	700-799
Mark Harding	800-850
F. Neil Mathews	851-899
Kevin and Rochelle Hiatt	900-950
McGinley-Krawczyk Farms, LLC	951-999

If any party requires additional exhibit numbers, it may add a 10 to the beginning of its assigned numbers. For example, if ATXI has exhibits in addition to exhibit number 99, its next exhibit numbers would be 1001, 1002, 1003, etc.

Exhibits shall be marked as set forth in Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135(10)(C); for example, "Exhibit 2" is public, whereas "Exhibit 2C" is the confidential version.

- K. Each party shall prepare a list of its pre-filed, pre-marked exhibits and file a copy of that list in EFIS. 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.
- 5. This order shall be effective when issued.



## BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell Secretary

Riley G. Fewell, Regulatory Law Judge, By delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, On the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025. 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 2025.



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Nancy Dippell Secretary

## MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION July 8, 2025

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

Sincerely,

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