

**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 to Construct, Install, Own,)
Operate, Maintain, and Otherwise Control)
and Manage a 138 kV Transmission Line and)
associated facilities in Perry County,)
Missouri)

Case No. EA-2025-0222

**UNOPPOSED MOTION TO SET LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS, DIRECT NOTICE,
AND EXTEND STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

COMES NOW, the Office of the Public Counsel (the “OPC”) and requests that the Commission set two local public hearings for this matter—one virtual and another in Altenburg, Missouri—direct notice of the local public hearings, and extend the deadline for Staff to file its Recommendation. In support, the OPC states as follows:

1. On May 1, 2025, Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (“ATXI”) filed an Application and supporting Direct Testimony requesting the Public Service Commission of the State of Missouri (the “Commission”) issue a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (“CCN”) for ATXI to “construct, install, own, operate, maintain, and otherwise control and manage a new, approximately four-mile, 138-kV transmission line and associated facilities in Perry County, Missouri.” (Appl. 1, Doc. 2). ATXI requested that the Commission issue an order on its Application no later than March 1, 2026. (*Id.*).
2. On May 2, 2025, the Commission issued an Order Directing Notice, Setting Intervention Deadline,¹ and Directing Staff Recommendation (the “Order”).

¹ The Commission set May 16, 2025, as the deadline to intervene in this matter. (Order 2). That deadline has passed and no party has requested to intervene.

(Doc. 8). In the Order, the Commission directed Staff to file a Recommendation regarding ATXI’s Application or a request for additional time no later than July 31, 2025. (Order 2).

3. The OPC believes that local public hearings would be beneficial in this matter, particularly so that all parties and the Commission may hear from affected landowners.
4. The OPC has conferred with ATXI and the Staff of the Commission (“Staff,” and collectively with ATXI and the OPC, the “Parties”) and neither ATXI nor Staff oppose this request.
5. The Parties have conferred regarding available dates, times, and locations for the local public hearings. The Parties respectfully offer the following for the Commission’s consideration:

Date/Time	Time	Location
August 18, 2025	12:00 p.m.	Virtual
August 26, 2025	6:00 p.m.	Gym at Trinity Lutheran Church 57 Church St. Altenburg, MO 63732

6. The OPC also requests that the Commission direct its Data Center to provide a copy of the order setting the local public hearings to the County Commission of Perry County, to the members of the General Assembly representing Perry County, and to the news media serving Perry County. In addition, the OPC requests that the Commission order ATXI to provide notice to all individuals who own property within 750 feet of the centerline of the proposed route for the project,² as stated in

² In its Direct Testimony, ATXI states that it “will need to acquire permanent 150-foot-wide (typically 75 feet on each side of centerline) [easements] along the route approved by the Commission.” (Spurlock Direct Test. 3, Doc. 5). ATXI also states that it may need to deviate from the route proposed in the Application “within the 600-foot-wide

the records of the county assessor's office for Perry County. The OPC further requests that this notice be sent via physical mail to be postmarked no later than 10 business days prior to the local public hearings and via electronic notification to all individuals for whom ATXI has contact information (either email or text message) no later than three days before the local public hearings.

7. Because the dates for the proposed local public hearings are beyond the date currently set for Staff's Recommendation, the OPC respectfully requests that the Commission extend the deadline for Staff to file its Recommendation to September 15, 2025. Counsel for Staff and ATXI have advised counsel for the OPC that neither Staff nor ATXI oppose this request.

WHEREFORE, the OPC respectfully requests that the Commission set the local public hearings as identified above, order that notice be provided as detailed above, extend the time for Staff to file its Recommendation, and for any other relief deemed necessary and appropriate by the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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Notification Area.” (*Id.* 4). If ATXI deviates the full 600 feet and seeks a 150-foot easement, it may affect landowners outside the 600-foot-wide Notification area referenced in Ms. Spurlock’s Direct Testimony.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the forgoing will be emailed to all counsel of record this 8th day of July 2025.

/s/ Lindsay VanGerpen