

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 Convenience and Necessity) **Case No. EA-2024-0302**
Under Section 393.170.1, RSMo Relating)
to Transmission Investments in Northwest)
and Northeast Missouri)

ORDER REGARDING DISCOVERY ISSUES

Issue Date: July 16, 2025

Effective Date: July 16, 2025

On July 15, 2025,¹ the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) contacted the presiding officer regarding a data request from Mark Harding. The data request concerned tax documents originally in Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois's (ATXI) possession. OPC indicated that neither ATXI nor the Staff of the Commission had objected to the proposed release of documents. The Commission then set a Discovery Conference on July 16 to address the issue.

At the Discovery Conference, the relevant parties appeared and each commented on their positions. Mr. Harding explained that his request is to further his testimony as the requested documents pertain to notification, what he claimed is the first step in sending the application, and, specifically, to the routing issue in which he will testify. ATXI indicated that it had objected to similar data requests sent directly to it by Mr. Harding on the grounds that the material is irrelevant to the routing issue and contains confidential information, arguably customer-specific information in the form of landowner information, that should only be released following the filing of a signed non-disclosure agreement and

¹ All dates refer to the year 2025 unless otherwise indicated.

only to an attorney-of-record or expert witness employed by a party, consistent with Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135(2)(A) and (13). Mr. Harding is admittedly neither an attorney nor an expert witness retained by a party. Mr. Harding also stated that he understood the documents to be otherwise publicly available. ATXI did not specifically state whether it objected to OPC releasing the documents, but was opposed to landowner information being released outside of Mr. Harding's specific information releasable pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135(6)(C).

OPC restated that it did not have a position, but felt that the documents may help Mr. Harding with writing his direct testimony that is due July 17. Staff also restated that it does not object to the release of information.

The Commission finds that, while the names and addresses of the affected landowners and the location information for the affected tracts of land may not constitute "customer-specific information" in this situation and may be available in public records, the personally identifiable information of the landowners should not unnecessarily be made public.

Accordingly, the Commission will allow the release of documents after the following conditions have been met: OPC draft language for a non-disclosure agreement to be signed and filed into EFIS by landowner-intervenors to provide them access to confidential information pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.135 and all protections thereof, OPC redact all landowner specific information within the requested documents, and landowners sign and file into EFIS the non-disclosure agreement by July 17.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than July 17, 2025, OPC shall draft language for a non-disclosure agreement and file it in EFIS.
2. No later than July 17, 2025, OPC shall redact all landowner specific information within the requested documents.
3. No later than July 17, 2025, all landowner-intervenors wishing to view confidential information shall sign and file the non-disclosure agreement.
4. After these conditions are met, the requested documents may be released to Mr. Harding.
5. This order shall become 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 this 16th 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 16th day of July 2025.



Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

July 16, 2025

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

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