

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application    )  
of Ameren Transmission Company    )  
of Illinois for a Certificate        )  
of Convenience and Necessity to    )  
Construct, Install, Own, Operate,   )  
Maintain, and Otherwise Control    ) Case No. EA-2025-0222  
and Manage a 138kV Transmission    )  
Line and Associated Facilities       )  
in Perry County, Missouri           )

LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING  
VOLUME I  
MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025  
12:32 p.m. - 12:40 p.m.

Jefferson City, MO  
via WebEx

KEN SEYER, Presiding  
REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

KAYLA HAHN, Chair,  
MAIDA J. COLEMAN,  
GLEN KOLKMEYER,  
JOHN MITCHELL,  
COMMISSIONERS

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1 The following proceedings began at 12:32 p.m.:

2 JUDGE SEYER: Let's go on the record. Today  
3 is August 18, 2025. The time is 12:32 p.m. My name is  
4 Ken Seyer, and I'm a Regulatory Law Judge with the  
5 Missouri Public Service Commission and I will preside  
6 over this hearing.

7 The Commission has set this time for a local  
8 public hearing to give members of the public a chance to  
9 comment about the Application of Ameren Transmission  
10 Company of Illinois for a Certificate of Convenience and  
11 Necessity Relating to a Transmission Line and Associated  
12 Facilities in Perry County, which is Commission Case No.  
13 EA-2025-0222.

14 The Commission regulates the rates charged by  
15 public utility companies in Missouri to ensure that  
16 those rates are just and reasonable. The Commission  
17 also regulates the quality of service and the safety of  
18 the operations of public utilities.

19 The Commission has five Commissioners,  
20 although there is currently a vacancy. They are  
21 appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.  
22 The Commission employs a staff of engineers,  
23 accountants, attorneys, financial analysts, and other  
24 specialists in the field of utility regulation.

25 Joining us online today is Chair Kayla Hahn

1 and Commissioners Maida Coleman, Glen Kolkmeier, and  
2 John Mitchell. The Commissioners have not made any  
3 decisions in this case and cannot answer questions today  
4 because they have to remain impartial until all of the  
5 evidence is presented at the evidentiary hearing in this  
6 matter.

7 Chair Hahn, would you like to make opening  
8 remarks? If you're there, Chair Hahn.

9 COMMISSIONER COLEMAN: Judge, the Chair might  
10 be having issues getting unmuted. So I'll go ahead, and  
11 this is Commissioner Coleman, and thank those who are in  
12 attendance for this hearing.

13 We are available and here to listen to the  
14 public testimony and take those concerns and comments to  
15 all of the Commissioners. The fact that we may not be  
16 in person today does not mean that this is not as  
17 important as those that are face to face, because a  
18 written transcript of the meeting will be given to and  
19 read by all of the Commissioners in the case. So your  
20 comments will be a part of the official record and are  
21 considered in the decision making.

22 We know that it's the middle of the day, we  
23 thank those who are in attendance, and we look forward  
24 to hearing your comments. Thank you, Judge.

25 JUDGE SEYER: Thank you, Commissioner. There

1 are attorneys here today that represent the parties in  
2 this matter, and so for the sake of the record would  
3 each of you identify yourselves and state which parties  
4 you're representing beginning with Ameren Transmission  
5 Company of Illinois.

6 MR. TRIPP: This is Michael R. Tripp for  
7 Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois.

8 THE COURT REPORTER: Judge Seyer, I did not  
9 catch his first name.

10 JUDGE SEYER: There's a bit of a feedback or  
11 echo. So Mr. Tripp, could you tell us your first name.

12 MR. TRIPP: Michael R. Tripp, Ameren  
13 Transmission Company of Illinois.

14 JUDGE SEYER: All right. And you said Michael  
15 R. Tripp?

16 MR. TRIPP: Yes, that's correct, sir.

17 JUDGE SEYER: And it's T-r-i-p-p?

18 MR. TRIPP: Yes, that's correct.

19 JUDGE SEYER: Thank you. Is there anyone else  
20 on behalf of Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois?  
21 All right.

22 MR. PAULEK: No, there's not.

23 JUDGE SEYER: Thank you. For the sake of the  
24 record though, we've got to get your name then.

25 MR. PAULEK: Sorry about that. This is Eric

1 Paulek. P-a-u-l-e-k is my last name. First name Eric,  
2 E-r-i-c. And I'm the project manager for Ameren  
3 Transmission.

4 JUDGE SEYER: All right. Thank you. Then I  
5 see Ms. Johnson is on for the Commission staff. Go  
6 ahead.

7 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. Thank you, Judge. Tracy  
8 Johnson, T-r-a-c-y J-o-h-n-s-o-n, representing the  
9 Commission staff, and the contact address is 200 Madison  
10 Street in Jefferson City, Missouri and it's 65102.

11 JUDGE SEYER: Thank you. And I also see that  
12 Ms. VanGerpen is on.

13 MS. VanGERPEN: Yes. Good afternoon, Judge.  
14 Lindsay VanGerpen on behalf of the Office of the Public  
15 Counsel, and that's L-i-n-d-s-a-y and V-a-n-G-e-r-p-e-n.

16 JUDGE SEYER: All right. Now, I have not been  
17 made aware of any people that have indicated that they  
18 wish to testify today. But I will open it up and ask is  
19 there anyone on the line today that would like to put  
20 their comments on the record?

21 COMMISSIONER COLEMAN: Judge, as a reminder,  
22 anyone that does want to comment should hit star 6 on  
23 their phone in case they're having trouble.

24 JUDGE SEYER: Gotcha. What Commissioner  
25 Coleman is indicating is that if you are on a phone that

1 does not have a mute button, star 6 will toggle that  
2 mute function off and on. All right. If you are on the  
3 meeting today and you'd like to leave comments for the  
4 Commissioners after the hearing, you may submit them via  
5 the Commission's website which is psc.mo.gov. If you go  
6 to the right side of the home page of that website,  
7 there's a link titled submit comments. If you click on  
8 that link, you can enter your comments, and I would just  
9 ask that you reference this Case No. EA-2025-0222.

10 All right. Before we do end the hearing  
11 today, I will ask again is there anyone online that  
12 would like to testify under oath? Okay. Commissioner  
13 Coleman, is there anything you'd like to add before we  
14 go off the record? Commissioner Coleman. Okay. You  
15 were on mute.

16 COMMISSIONER COLEMAN: I was having trouble  
17 just hitting the simple mute button. Thank you, Judge.  
18 No comments.

19 JUDGE SEYER: Okay. All right. Then I do  
20 thank everyone for their participation today and I will  
21 adjourn the hearing and we will go off the record.  
22 Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER COLEMAN: Thank you, Judge.

24 (WHEREUPON, the proceedings concluded at 12:40  
25 p.m.)

CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

STATE OF MISSOURI )

COUNTY OF COLE )

I, Beverly Jean Bentch, RPR, CCR No. 640, do hereby certify that I was authorized to and did stenographically report the foregoing Public Service Commission Local Public Hearing and that the transcript, pages 1 through 7, is a true record of my stenographic notes.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am not a relative, employee, attorney, or counsel of any of the parties, nor am I a relative or counsel connected with the action, nor am I financially interested in the action.

Dated this 18th day of August, 2025.

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