

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STATE OF MISSOURI

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

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

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KEN SEYER, Presiding
REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

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

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1 THE COURT: All right. Let's go on the
2 record. It is December 18th. It's 1:30 in
3 the afternoon, and the commission has set this
4 time for a procedural conference in case
5 number EA-2025-0222.

6 It is in the matter -- it is captioned,
7 "In the matter of the application of Ameren
8 Transmission company of Illinois," who I will
9 probably refer to as ATXI during this hearing,
10 for a certificate of public convenience and
11 necessity to construct, install, own, operate,
12 maintain and otherwise control and manage a
13 138 kilovolt transmission line and associated
14 facilities in Perry County, Missouri.

15 My name is Ken Seyer, and I am the
16 regulatory law judge assigned to this case.
17 Before we go any further, I'd like the
18 attorneys to identify themselves for the
19 record, beginning with ATXI.

20 MR. TRIPP: Judge, this is Michael Tripp,
21 attorney for ATXI.

22 THE COURT: All right. Thank you, Mr.
23 Tripp. And for the staff of the commission?

24 MS. JOHNSON: Thank you, Judge. This is
25 Tracy Johnson from staff counsel's office.

1 THE COURT: Okay. And for the office of
2 the public counsel?

3 MS. VANGERPEN: Good afternoon, Judge
4 Seyer. This is Lindsay VanGerpen on behalf of
5 the OPC.

6 THE COURT: All right. So I wanted to
7 have a conference call, a conference meeting,
8 what have you, because it seems to me that
9 we're at an impasse on these two conditions
10 that the office of public counsel has
11 requested be imposed on the granting of this
12 CCN.

13 ATXI is unwilling to agree to those
14 conditions, and that's understandable. So
15 we're at a point where OPC public counsel has
16 asked for a procedural schedule be ordered.

17 And my question really to the parties is,
18 is there any dispute on any factual issue, or
19 is there a possibility that this issue could
20 simply be a matter of stipulating to facts and
21 briefing this issue?

22 MR. TRIPP: Judge, this is Michael Tripp.

23 THE COURT: Go ahead.

24 MR. TRIPP: Yeah. As I think from our
25 filing, I do believe it's something that we

1 can resolve through a stipulation of facts and
2 just can be resolved on the record after
3 filing. Although I think we kind of both had
4 our say, so to speak.

5 You know, with that being said, Judge, I
6 will say, with regard to the notice letter
7 condition, you know, we've just never seen any
8 proposed language. So it was when we learned
9 from the last filing with regard to their
10 complaint about the particular notice letter
11 and one of the issues -- what their issue was.

12 But I'm not saying that that issue maybe
13 would get resolved. But we just have never
14 received any kind of a response to the
15 language that we actually have.

16 So -- but I do think, ultimately,
17 especially with regard to removing that second
18 condition and removing language from the
19 easement and requiring us to put a certain
20 voltage in the actual easement language, that
21 probably is something we can just resolve
22 through stipulation of facts and get a -- in
23 whatever additional briefing there is needed.

24 THE COURT: Right. And I could envision
25 any briefs not really touching on anything

1 that hasn't already been filed, but to put it
2 in a more formal format.

3 MS. VANGERPEN: Judge, this is Lindsay
4 with OPC. And I don't mean to interrupt, but
5 I do kind of want to give our position before
6 we go too much further. You know, we would
7 like the opportunity to develop our position a
8 little bit further with the filing of
9 testimony.

10 And so -- especially, you know, we're
11 happy to provide what we envision for the
12 notice letter and for the language in the
13 proposed easement. So we'd need a forum to do
14 that. I envision that we'd have to do that
15 through the filing of testimony.

16 So we would like the opportunity to do
17 that. I think a lot of the facts we'd be
18 willing to stipulate to, the facts about the,
19 the proposed project and the scope of the
20 project, but there are other issues at play as
21 well.

22 THE COURT: Okay.

23 MR. TRIPP: Judge, if I may. That seems
24 to be the problem, is that we can't get a
25 straight sense of what actually the issues

1 are, because even in the filings we've had so
2 far, positions change.

3 I don't know what testimony is necessary,
4 but they've set their conditions out and
5 they've worded the conditions that they
6 propose. So I guess it seems to me that the
7 commission can make a decision.

8 THE COURT: If we are talking a
9 procedural schedule, is there any value in
10 holding off on a procedural schedule order for
11 a few weeks to see if this can be resolved or
12 at least partially resolved?

13 MS. VANGERPEN: Your Honor, this is
14 Lindsay. You know, we're happy to continue
15 discussions on these two issues, but if the
16 commission would like, you could perhaps set
17 the requirement for procedural schedule out
18 past the holidays so that we'd have something
19 on the schedule. But we're, we're certainly
20 happy to continue discussions.

21 THE COURT: No. I --

22 MR. TRIPP: Judge -- sorry. Go ahead,
23 Judge.

24 THE COURT: I was going to say that is
25 essentially what I had in mind, is if I issue

1 an order for the parties to come up with a
2 joint proposed procedural schedule, and set
3 that into January, then that would give the
4 party some time.

5 And then if they cannot come -- if you
6 cannot come to agreement on one or both of
7 these issues, then at that point if you'll get
8 together and come up with the procedural
9 schedule, and I'll see what our availability
10 is hearing wise room and -- or hearing room
11 wise, and the availability of the
12 commissioners. But go ahead, Mr. Tripp. I'm
13 sorry.

14 MR. TRIPP: I'm sorry, Judge. I didn't
15 mean to interrupt. In terms of putting off
16 and developing a procedural schedule later,
17 that's fine. Although, you know, as I
18 understand it, OPCs position is they have to
19 have testimony to support whatever language
20 that they want.

21 If they're willing in this interim to
22 provide us with what language they propose,
23 then I could see some value in maybe this
24 possibly getting at least resolved partially.
25 But if they're not, I'm not sure what purpose

1 the delay would serve.

2 MS. VANGERPEN: Your Honor, we're, we're
3 happy to send that language to the company.

4 THE COURT: Okay. So if I issued an
5 order today asking for a joint proposed
6 procedural schedule sometime mid-January,
7 would anyone have an objection to that?

8 MR. TRIPP: I would not, Judge.

9 MS. VANGERPEN: No objection from the
10 OPC.

11 THE COURT: Okay.

12 MS. JOHNSON: No objection from staff,
13 Judge.

14 THE COURT: Thank you. Since I've got
15 you all here, is there anything else that
16 you'd like to discuss today?

17 MS. VANGERPEN: Nothing from the OPC,
18 Judge.

19 MR. TRIPP: Judge, nothing from ATXI. I
20 mean, this is really the only issue that's at
21 issue, so.

22 THE COURT: I see. Okay. Then I will
23 adjourn this conference, and we'll go off the
24 record.

25 (End of audio recording.)

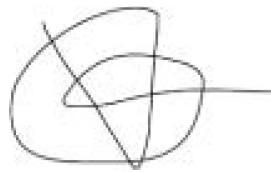
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