

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of Union )  
Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri for )  
a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to ) **File No. EA-2026-0058**  
Construct, Own, Operate and Maintain upgrades )  
to Transmission the Transmission System in )  
Montgomery and Callaway Counties, Missouri )

**JOINT PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through the undersigned counsel, on behalf of itself; Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri (“Ameren”); the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”); Missouri Farm Bureau Federation (“MOFB”); The Haden Family Trust (“Trust”); and The Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission (“MJMEUC”) (collectively, the “Parties”), and for this *Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule* respectfully states as follows:

1. On November 10, 2025, Ameren Missouri (“Ameren”) filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to Sections 393.170 RSMo., requesting a certificate of convenience and necessity (“CCN”) authorizing Ameren to construct, install, own, operate, control, manage, and maintain approximately 28 miles of new 345 kV transmission line and any associated necessary facilities to connect the Burns substation in Callaway County to the Montgomery substation in Montgomery County (the "Montgomery-Callaway Connector Project," or the "Project").

2. The deadline for intervention in this matter was set as December 12, 2025. Three parties<sup>1</sup> requested and have been granted intervention with the final grant being issued by the Commission on December 29, 2025. Staff has communicated with all parties.

3. The parties convened on February 17, 2026, to discuss a procedural schedule. Based on that discussion, the parties requested further time to develop a proposed procedural schedule. By order dated March 5, 2026, the Parties were given until March 12, 2026, to file said procedural schedule.

4. In accordance with the March 5 order, the Parties hereby submit this *Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule*, to include dates for AT LEAST a three-day evidentiary hearing during the week of April 19 through April 23, 2027:

EVENT	DATE
Local Public Hearing # 1	January 5, 2027 <sup>2</sup>
Local Public Hearing # 2	January 7, 2027
Virtual Local Public Hearing	January 12, 2027
Rebuttal Testimony	March 5, 2027
Discovery Conference	March 11, 2027
Settlement Conference	March 12, 2027
Surrebuttal/Cross-Surrebuttal	April 2, 2027
List of Issues and Witnesses, etc.	April 9, 2027
Last Day to Request Discovery	April 9, 2027

<sup>1</sup> Missouri Farm Bureau Federation (“MOFB”), The Haden Family Trust (“Trust”), and The Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission (“MJMEUC”)

<sup>2</sup> The Parties will file a suggestion for the location of the in-person local public hearings no later than November 5, 2026.

List of Exhibits	April 9, 2027
Position Statements	April 16, 2027
Evidentiary Hearing (three days)	April 19- April 23 <sup>3</sup>
Initial Briefs	May 14, 2027 <sup>4</sup>
Reply Briefs	May 28, 2027

5. The Parties request that the Commission adopt the following procedures:

- (a) All parties must comply with the requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240- 2.130 for prepared testimony, including the requirement that testimony be filed using line-numbered pages.
- (b) 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 Commission will view any issue not contained in this list of issues as uncontested and not requiring resolution by the Commission.
- (c) Each party shall file a simple and concise statement summarizing its position on each disputed issue.
- (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 the proper portions of the record concerning the remaining unresolved issues that are to be decided by the Commission.
- (e) Copies of prefiled testimony and documents served upon the parties before a hearing need not be provided to the court reporter for marking as exhibits where the record clearly identifies the prefiled testimony and documents that are made hearing exhibits. If not prefiled and served upon the parties, then a party who has a document marked for use at the hearing shall have sufficient copies of the document to provide a copy not only to the court reporter,

<sup>3</sup> The Parties request three consecutive days for the hearing during this five-day window.

<sup>4</sup> The briefing schedule is dependent upon expedited transcripts being available within five (5) business days after the conclusion of the hearing.

but also to each of the Commissioners, the presiding officer, and counsel for each other party.

- (f) All parties shall provide copies of testimony (including schedules), exhibits, and pleadings to other counsel 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 (PDF, .DOC, .WPD, .XLS, etc.). Parties are not required to put information that does not already exist in electronic format into electronic format.
- (g) Public documents filed in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System ("EFIS") shall be considered properly served by serving the same on counsel of record for all other parties via e-mail. The parties agree confidential documents may be obtained from EFIS and so agree not to serve those documents via e-mail.
- (h) Counsel for each party shall receive electronically from all other parties serving a data request, an electronic copy of the text of the "description" of that data request contemporaneously with service of the data request. Data requests issued to or by Staff shall be submitted and responded to in EFIS, if feasible, or in electronic format on compact disc, or by other means agreed to by counsel, if infeasible. Also, regarding Staff-issued data requests, if the description contains highly confidential or proprietary 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, objections to data requests, and notifications respecting the need for additional time to respond to 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. In the case of Ameren Missouri data request responses, Ameren Missouri shall post its data request responses on its Caseworks Extranet site and the website [webftp.ameren.com](http://webftp.ameren.com); however, in the case of responses to data requests Staff issues, Ameren Missouri shall also submit the responses to Staff data requests in EFIS, if feasible, or in electronic format on compact disc or by other means agreed to by Staff counsel, if infeasible.
- (i) The parties shall make an effort to not include confidential information or highly confidential information in data requests. If confidential information must be

included in a data request, the confidential information shall be appropriately designated as such pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135. If highly confidential information must be included in a data request, the highly confidential information shall be appropriately designated as such.

- (j) From and after March 5, 2027, the response time for all data requests shall be ten (10) calendar days, with five (5) calendar days to object or notify the requesting party that more than ten (10) calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information. From and after surrebuttal/cross-surrebuttal testimony is filed (April 2, 2027) the response time for all data requests shall be five (5) business days, with three (3) business days to object or notify the requesting party that more than five (5) business days will be needed to provide the requested information. If a data request has been responded to, a party's request for a copy of the response shall be timely responded to without waiting the full response time allowed (except that, with the exception of responses to Staff, responses will not be needed for Ameren Missouri data request responses posted on Ameren Missouri's Caseworks Extranet site since Ameren Missouri will allow parties who have requested copies of Ameren Missouri's responses to other parties' data requests to access them through its Caseworks Extranet site).
- (k) Discovery conferences will be held either virtually via phone and/or computer or at the Commission's office at the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, in a room to be designated by the Commission. Each discovery conference will begin at 10:00 a.m.
- (l) Not less than three business days before each discovery conference, any party that has a discovery disagreement or concern involving another party shall file a brief statement describing that disagreement or concern and identifying any other parties involved. Such statement does not need to be a formal motion to compel. Any party may attend a discovery conference, but only those parties involved in an identified discovery disagreement must attend. If the parties do not identify any discovery disagreements or concerns as described herein, the presiding officer may cancel the conference.
- (m) Discovery conferences shall be on the record and will be transcribed by a court reporter if requested by the parties.
- (n) Any pending written discovery motion may be taken up at a discovery conference and may be ruled upon by the presiding regulatory law judge either on the record, or in a written order.
- (o) Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.090's requirement that a party must seek a telephone conference with the presiding officer before filing a discovery motion is waived.
- (p) Workpapers prepared in the course of developing a testimony shall not be filed with the Commission but shall be submitted to each party within two (2)

- business days following the filing of the testimony document, 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. If there are no workpapers associated with testimony, the party's attorney shall so notify the other parties within the time allowed for providing those workpapers.
- (q) 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, 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. Ameren Missouri may provide workpapers by posting the same on its Ameren Missouri Legal Regulatory File Sharing site, with an e-mail notification to counsel for the parties to be provided essentially concurrently with the posting of workpapers on the external site with instructions on how to access.
  - (r) The Settlement conference provided for in the Procedural Schedule is designed to facilitate information sharing and encourage settlement, but does not impose on any party the obligation to participate.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff respectfully submits this *Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule* on behalf of the Parties and requests the Commission issue an order establishing a procedural schedule and procedural requirements in accordance with the above proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been transmitted by electronic mail to counsel of record this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

**/s/ Tracy D. Johnson**