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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission

FROM: John D. Albers, Administrative Law Judge
J. Stephen Yoder, Administrative Law Judge

DATE: January 31, 2014

SUBJECT: Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois

Petition for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, pursuant to Section 8-406.1 of the Illinois Public Utilities Act, and an Order pursuant to Section 8-503 of the Public Utilities Act, to Construct, Operate and Maintain a New High Voltage Electric Service Line and Related Facilities in the Counties of Adams, Brown, Cass, Champaign, Christian, Clark, Coles, Edgar, Fulton, Macon, Montgomery, Morgan, Moultrie, Pike, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott and Shelby, Illinois.

RECOMMENDATION: Enter the attached Second Order on Rehearing.

On November 7, 2012, Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois ("ATXI") filed a petition under Section 8-406.1 of the Public Utilities Act ("Act") seeking authorization to construct, operate, and maintain a new 375-mile long 345-kilovolt electric transmission line running generally from the Mississippi River near Quincy, Illinois to the Indiana border, just south of Terre Haute, Indiana. On August 20, 2013, the Commission entered an Order granting much of what ATXI had requested. Following entry of the Order, the Commission received various Applications for Rehearing, and on October 3, 2013 the Commission granted the Rehearing Applications of ATXI, MISO, Coalition of Property Owners and Interested Parties in Piatt Douglas and Moultrie Counties and Channon Family Trust ("PDM/CFT"); and Morgan, Sangamon and Scott Counties Land Preservation Group ("MSSCLPG").

Following an evidentiary hearing on December 17, 18 and 19, 2013, a Proposed Second Order on Rehearing was served which involved the segments of the Illinois Rivers Project from (1) Meredosia to Pawnee; (2) Pawnee to Pana or Mt. Zion (3) Mt. Zion to Kansas; as well as substation sites at Mt. Zion, Kansas, Sidney, Rising, Ipava and Pana. Briefs on Exceptions were filed by ATXI, PDM/CFT, Staff of the Illinois Commerce Commission, Moultrie County Property Owners, Eric and Julia Sprague, Macon County Property Owners, and MSSCLPG. The schedule in this rehearing did not allow for the filing of Reply Briefs on Exceptions. The deadline for Commission action on the rehearing is March 1, 2014.

Pursuant to Section 2-107 of the Act, the Commission must accept from Illinois residents' comments on matters before the Commission through its website and toll-free telephone number. As of January 30, 2014, there have been 371 comments placed on the Commission's e-docket site.

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