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Illinois Court Decision Gives Consumers a Victory and Ensures Lower Electricity Transmission Costs

Ameren Court Case Dismissed from the Bench. Illinois Remains a Pro-Transmission Competition State.

Ameren's petition to reinstate a Right of First Refusal Law (ROFR) was dismissed with prejudice from the bench. The case that was brought by Ameren would have reinstated a ROFR and prevented regionally planned transmission projects from competition and resulted in higher electricity prices. In their dismissal, the judge said "You are asking this court to ignore 100 years of history of the ICC dealing with these issues. There has never been an instance for a court to make this finding in the entire 100-year history of ICC. I do not buy your first in field argument. Grant motion to dismiss with prejudice and a final order of court. I am doing this from bench."

In a statement, Paul Cicio, Chair of the Electricity Transmission Competition Coalition said "consumers won in court in Illinois. Now, we urge FERC to enforce Order 1000 nationwide to require that electric utilities compete with one another to build new regionally planned transmission projects and provide consumers with relief from escalating prices.

Competitive bidding on new transmission projects was enshrined in Order 1000 in 2011, but FERC has failed to enforce the order leading to rising transmission costs across the country. Electricity prices are up almost 13% since the start of the year, and over 32% since January 2021. Competition has been shown to lower prices by as much as 40%.

About the Electricity Transmission Competition Coalition

The Electricity Transmission Competition Coalition (ETCC) is a broad-based, nation-wide coalition committed to increasing competition in America's electricity transmission infrastructure. We advocate for common-sense policies and solutions that result in competitively priced transmission projects, which reduce energy costs for all ratepayers – from large manufacturers to residential consumers. The ETCC represents a diverse group of 95 companies and organizations from all 50 states, including manufacturing groups, retail electric consumers, state consumer advocates, think tanks, and non-incumbent transmission developers.

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