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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Ameren Illinois receives approval to construct the McLean County Reliability Project

Normal, Ill. (Nov 13, 2018) –Ameren Illinois, a wholly owned subsidiary of Ameren Corporation (NYSE: AEE), received approval from the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) to proceed with the construction of the McLean County Reliability Project, an electric transmission line and associated facilities that form part of Ameren Illinois' plan to improve the efficiency and reliability of its electric delivery system in central and southern Illinois.. The ICC issued Ameren Illinois a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) for the project, including approval of a route for the electric transmission line.

"The approval of the McLean County Reliability Project is a significant milestone toward strengthening the local area's energy reliability," said Jami Stone, senior project manager of the McLean County Reliability Project. "We're appreciative of the community's feedback to help us develop this route and receive project approval."

The approximate 10-mile, 138,000 volt transmission line will be built to improve energy reliability to local customers. The new line will connect the existing McLean County Substation and the upgraded Normal East Substation located near Normal, Illinois.

"We look forward to more discussions and continuing to work with McLean County landowners, county officials and other state and local agencies as this beneficial project progresses," said Stone.

The McLean County Reliability Project, estimated to cost approximately \$21 million, is directly aligned with Ameren Illinois' goals of improving energy reliability and supporting continued growth in the area. Project construction is expected to begin in 2019, and the Project is proposed to be in-service by December 2020.

Additional information is available on the project's website at [mcleancountyreliabilityproject.com](http://mcleancountyreliabilityproject.com), by sending an email to [mcleancountyreliabilityproject@ameren.com](mailto:mcleancountyreliabilityproject@ameren.com) or by calling the project hotline at 309-319-7186.

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