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I. Introduction and Witness Qualifications

1 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

2 A. My name is Geoffrey M. Jones. My business address is 607 E. Adams Street,
3 Springfield, Illinois.

4 **Q. Are you the same Geoffrey M. Jones that prepared direct testimony in this**
5 **proceeding?**

6 A. Yes.

7 **Q. What is the purpose of your supplemental direct testimony?**

8 A. As explained in greater detail in AmerenIP Exhibit 6.0, the supplemental direct
9 testimony of Ms. Tracy Dencker, Petitioners are recommending a modification to
10 the primary route of the Baldwin-Rush Line that was described in AmerenIP
11 Exhibit 3.0. As a consequence my direct testimony is affected in some instances.

12 **Q. What are the changes to your direct testimony?**

13 A. There are four changes to my testimony and they are as follows:

14 1. In my direct testimony response to the question (Line 35) “Q. What are the
15 primary routes of the proposed transmission line?”, I answered “The primary
16 routes are as described in Ms. Tracy Dencker’s testimony, AmerenIP Exhibits
17 3.1, 3.1A, 3.2, 3.2A and 3.2D” (Lines 36 and 37).

18 AmerenIP Exhibit 3.1 is now AmerenIP Exhibit 6.1 and AmerenIP Exhibit
19 3.1A is now AmerenIP Exhibit 6.1A.

20 2. In my direct testimony response to the question (Lines 38 and 39) “Q. How
21 many parcels of property will be affected along the primary route for the
22 proposed transmission line?”, I answered “153” (Line 40).

23 That answer now is 156.

24 3. In my direct testimony response to the question (Line 46) “Q. Have the
25 property owners of the affected parcels been contacted?”, I answered as
26 follows:

27 Landowners on the initial preferred route, as defined in project engineer Ms.
28 Dencker’s testimony, were invited to an informational workshop December 7,
29 2005, to view and discuss the proposed line route, the need for the
30 transmission line, the proposed facilities and the area and alternatives
31 considered by AmerenIP in defining its proposed route. The workshop was
32 for informational purposes only and no easement negotiations were permitted.
33 Landowners along the segment of the proposed route near Baldwin, Illinois,
34 that was re-prioritized per Ms. Dencker’s testimony will be presented the
35 same information upon our initial contact with them. That information will
36 also be outlined in our initial letter to them. Landowners, as show by the
37 Records of the Tax Collectors, have also been, or will also be, sent a letter and
38 “Statement of Information from the Illinois Commerce Commission
39 Concerning Acquisition of Rights of Way by Illinois Utilities” as least
40 fourteen (14) days prior to any contact by AmerenIP representatives for the

41 purpose of seeking right of way. The information contained in the letter and
42 the Statement of Information will comply with the requirements of 83 Ill.
43 Administrative Code Part 300 and will be mailed certified, return receipt
44 requested. These letter and statement were sent to landowners along the
45 initial proposed route on January 5 and 6, 2006. Landowners along the
46 revised segment near Baldwin were sent similar informational letters, together
47 with the Statement of Information referenced above January 30, 2006. No
48 contact with these owners was initiated by AmerenIP for at least fourteen (14)
49 days subsequent to that mailing. Efforts for direct landowner contacts began
50 in February 2006.

51 That answer remains valid and is supplemented with the following:

52 Landowners along the modified portion of the proposed primary route will be
53 mailed an informational letter and “Statement of Information from the Illinois
54 Commerce Commission Concerning Acquisition of Rights of Way by Illinois
55 Utilities” at least 14 days prior to any contact by AmerenIP representatives for
56 the purpose of seeking right of way. The information contained in the letter
57 and the Statement of Information will comply with the requirements of 83 Ill.
58 Administrative Code Part 300 and will be mailed Certified Return Receipt
59 Requested.

60 4. In my direct testimony response to the question (Line 144) “Q. Did AmerenIP
61 consider other routes for the proposed transmission line?”, I answered (Line
62 145) “Yes. See AmerenIP Exhibits 3.1 and 3.2.”

63 AmerenIP Exhibit 3.1 is now AmerenIP Exhibit 6.1.

64 **Q. Does this complete your supplemental direct testimony?**

65 **A. Yes.**