

24 A. According to Melanie Blackwell at our initial meeting, they plan to take 5.8
25 acres. She is of Coats Field Service, Inc. representing Ameren IP. The power
26 line is to run diagonally throughout the middle of my property, greatly devaluing it.

27 **Q How do you use your property?**

28 A. My property is currently used for grain farming.

29 **Q. How will this powerline interfere with your usage of your property?**

30 A. The value of my property will be decreased tremendously! My property is
31 highly developmental with what development that has occurred in or near the
32 town of Baldwin being near my property. My property is already within the
33 incorporated town of Baldwin by Special Ordinance #176, signed December 2,
34 1963, and finalized at the Randolph County Courthouse on December 11, 1963.
35 This Ordinance was signed by Village Clerk, Wesley Stellhorn, who 37 years
36 later is now the Village Clerk of Baldwin. He should have known that the Green
37 Route goes directly through the incorporated area of the Village. My property
38 adjoins developed land. The plan is for the power lines to go diagonally across
39 my property defacing ALL of it. To say that the routing is to protect the future
40 growth of Baldwin in unincorporated areas to the East is odd, in that the
41 development in Baldwin has been towards the West, where my property is. It is
42 also odd in that the red route was outside of the incorporated area, and the
43 change to the green route placed the line through my incorporated property.

44 **Q. Will this powerline cross any streams or creeks, or have to cross**
45 **steep grades?**

46 A. There are no streams, creeks, or steep grades on my property. It is
47 described as flat to gently rolling land. It is both prime farmland and prime for
48 development.

49 **Q. Did you have planned specific uses for your property that this**
50 **powerline will interfere with?**

51 A. There is possible growth on my property. It is to the WEST of Baldwin and
52 is already incorporated within the Village of Baldwin. There are already utilities
53 available, i.e. waterlines and electricity. It is my understanding that Baldwin
54 stated that they wanted to protect their growth to the EAST, thereby objecting to
55 the "Red Route". There has been no growth to the East side of Baldwin.
56 However, there has been growth to the WEST side, especially between
57 Stringtown Road and my property.

58 **Q. Are there any particular health issues you have that may be affected**
59 **by the power line?**

60 A. The health issue is a VERY important concern for my neighbors who
61 already live near my property, as well as for possible development. Should
62 someone or some company want to consider my property, they would take one
63 look at the power lines and say "no!" because of the dangers connected with high
64 voltage lines

65 **Q. Do you believe there are any reasons why they made a mistake as to**
66 **switching from the Red Route to the Green Route?**

67 A. Referring to Exhibit 3.0, beginning on line 101, of Tracy J. Dencker's
68 testimony, she says quote "as a part of the route selection criteria, we tried to

69 maintain a distance of no closer than 1.5 miles to incorporated communities. . .".
70 The present "Green Route" cuts diagonally across already incorporated property
71 that belongs to me. Line 105 states "avoids traversing through the incorporated
72 community of Baldwin". There again, my property is incorporated and has been
73 since 1968. Also, beginning on line 166, Baldwin's concern for growth to the east
74 has no bearing. There has been none. The growth has been to the west.
75 Seems to me what is "cost efficient" for Ameren IP is at the expense of the
76 property owners and of little concern to Ameren IP.

77 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

78 A. Yes it does.

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