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JOINT PETITION OF ILLINOIS POWER COMPANY )  
d/b/a AmerenIP and THE CITY OF PRINCETON, )  
ILLINOIS, FOR APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT )  
TO PURCHASE AND SELL CERTAIN ASSETS )  
AND TRANSFER CERTAIN CUSTOMERS )  
IN PRINCETON, ILLINOIS. )

DOCKET No.

07-031

**VERIFIED JOINT PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF  
AN AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE AND SELL CERTAIN  
ASSETS AND TRANSFER CERTAIN CUSTOMERS**

COME NOW the Petitioners, Illinois Power Company d/b/a AmerenIP ("AmerenIP") and the City of Princeton ("Princeton"), by their respective representatives, and pursuant to Section 8-508 of the Public Utilities Act and Section 11-117-6 of the Illinois Municipal Code, to the extent necessary, petition and represent to the Illinois Commerce Commission (the "Commission") the following:

1. AmerenIP is a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Illinois, owning and operating electric transmission lines and distribution systems in Illinois, and is in so doing, a public utility (220 ILCS 5/3-105) within the meaning of "An Act Concerning Public Utilities" approved June 29, 1921 (220 ILCS 5-101 *et. seq.*) as amended and is an electric supplier within the meaning of the Electric Supplier Act approved July 2, 1965 as amended (220 ILCS 30/1 *et. seq.*).

2. Princeton is a municipal corporation within the meaning of Section 8-508 of the Public Utilities Act (220 ILCS 5/8-508). The City of Princeton is also a "municipality" authorized to own and operate a "public utility" and to "purchase . . . the product or service of any such utility . . ." within the meaning of Section 11-117-1(1) of the Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-117-1(1)).

3. AmerenIP does not have a franchise agreement with the City of Princeton.

4. On December 15, 2006, AmerenIP and Princeton entered into an "Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Certain Assets and Transfer of Certain Customers (the "Agreement"). A copy of the Agreement is attached as Joint Exhibit No. 1. The Agreement was initiated in response to a beautification project Princeton is performing along Main Street in the City and entails the removal of power poles and overhead power lines and the subsequent burial of the power lines in City right-of-way along Main Street. Certain assets of AmerenIP inside the City limits of Princeton along and adjacent to Main Street are affected by the project. To avoid the duplication of new facilities the assets will be sold to Princeton and removed and replaced by Princeton with buried facilities. AmerenIP is selling 16 poles, conductor and associated equipment, except the customer meters and transformers, highlighted in bold on Exhibit A to Joint Exhibit 1.

As a result of the sale of the assets four customers are being transferred from AmerenIP to Princeton. *Meters installed at the customers' locations pre-date July 19, 1996.* The locations of the customers are reflected on Exhibit B to Joint Exhibit 1, and the names of the customers are listed on Exhibit C to Joint Exhibit 1. All the customers are located on Main Street within the City limits. Copies of customer notices and acceptances of the transfer of service from AmerenIP to Princeton are attached to the Verified Joint Petition as Joint Exhibit 2. In addition, Princeton has agreed to serve any new customers along and adjacent to the current route of the assets being sold to Princeton.

5. The proposed sale of assets and transfer of customers to Princeton identified in the Agreement is compatible with existing and proposed facilities and operations of the parties and avoids duplication of electric facilities for which reason the proposed Agreement is reasonable and in the public interest and should to be approve.

WHEREFORE, Joint Petitioners respectfully request that the Illinois Commerce Commission approve the Agreement between the parties with respect to sale of the assets and transfer of the customers identified therein.

CITY OF PRINCETON

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State of Illinois )  
County of Bureau )ss

I, **Keith L. Cain**, as Mayor of the City of Princeton, have read the Verified Joint Petition for Approval of an Agreement to Purchase and Sell Certain Assets and Transfer Certain Customers, and the statements therein are true, correct and complete to the best of his knowledge and belief.

*Keith L. Cain*  
**KEITH L. CAIN**

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2006.

*Angie Lucas*  
**Notary Public**

State of Illinois )  
County of Sangamon )ss

I, **Richard S. Wolters**, as Attorney for Illinois Power Company d/b/a AmerenIP, have read the Verified Joint Petition for Approval of an Agreement to Purchase and Sell Certain Assets and Transfer Certain Customers, and the statements therein are true, correct and complete to the best of his knowledge and belief.

*Richard S. Wolters*  
**RICHARD S. WOLTERS**

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY, 2007.

*Lindy Stocker*

