STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

Illinois Power Company	)	
d/b/a AmerenIP	)	
and Ameren Illinois Transmission Company	)	
	)	06-0706
Petition for a Certificate of Public Convenience and	)	
Necessity, pursuant to Section 8-406 of the Illinois	)	
Public Utilities Act, to construct, operate and	)	
maintain new 138,000 volt electric lines in La Salle	)	
County, Illinois.	)	

RESPONSIVE TESTIMONY

Of

NANCY JASIEK

On behalf of

SAVE OUR LITTLE VERMILION ENVIRONMENT, INC.

(SOLVE)

Q. Please state your name and your address.

A. My name is Nancy Jasiek. My home address is 462 North 2929th Street, La Salle, Illinois 61301.

Q Are you affiliated with Save Our Little Vermilion Environment, Inc. ("SOLVE")?

A. Yes, I am a director of SOLVE. I am also a past president and treasurer of SOLVE.

Q What is SOLVE's purpose?

A. SOLVE's general purposes are to preserve the natural environment along the Little Vermilion River from developments which would cause irreversible damage to the ecology; to create a greater environmental awareness in local citizens; to work with government agencies and industry; to protect homes and property values; to encourage responsible economic development; and to monitor ongoing conditions of the Little Vermilion environment which will affect the quality of life for this and all future generations.

By way of example, SOLVE has worked to implement our mission by:

- working through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("IEPA") to prevent hazardous waste burning;
- monitoring Superfund clean-ups;
- preserving stream banks and preventing erosion and siltation;

- holding public educational meetings and events;
- organizing and volunteering for Earth Day, La Salle Kids Fishing Rodeo, and tree planting projects;
- working with Illinois Valley Community College to monitor and test stream quality; and
- partnering with industry to develop a future greenway plan for the river valley.

Q What is SOLVE's position in this docket?

A. In this Docket, SOLVE is opposing Ameren's primary route for its transmission line from its North La Salle substation to its new Wedron substation. In its Petition in this Docket, Ameren is seeking authority to build two power transmission lines, one transmission line to connect its North La Salle substation to a new substation at Wedron, Illinois and the other transmission line to connect its Ottawa substation to the new Wedron substation. In each case, Ameren proposed a primary route and two alternate routes.

SOLVE is taking no position on the placement of the Ottawa to Wedron transmission line. SOLVE, however, objects to the primary route advocated by Ameren for the North La Salle to Wedron transmission line. Rather, SOLVE has joined the Proponents of Tourism and Economic Development Along I-80, Inc. ("PROTED 80") and is supporting the three alternatives advanced by PROTED 80 (PROTED 80 Alt 1, PROTED 80 Alt 2 and PROTED 80 Alt 3), each of which, SOLVE believes, would be superior to any of Ameren's proposed routes. SOLVE would also not object to Ameren's use of either the first or second alternative routes included in its Petition.

I would also note that Ameren's Petition requires Ameren to demonstrate its need for either of the transmission lines. While SOLVE does not take a position on the need for either transmission line, it encourages the Commission to require Ameren to meet its burden of proof on that issue because the placement of a transmission line anywhere is a burden on the area.

Q Have you ever testified in Illinois Commerce Commission proceeding before this?

A. No.

Q What is the purpose of your testimony?

A. I am providing testimony to explain the objections that SOLVE has to the primary route advance by Ameren in this docket.

Q Have you reviewed the testimony that Dee Bennett has submitted on behalf of SOVLE?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you agree with his analysis?

A. Yes, I do. In particular I believe that Ameren's primary route has significant shortcomings under the following elements that Mr. Bennett identified:

- Environmental Impacts;
- Social and land use impacts;
- Number of affected landowners and other stakeholders;

- Proximity to homes and other structures;
- Proximity to existing and planned development;
- Community acceptance;
- Visual impact; and
- Presence of existing corridors.

Q Please be more specific about the major shortfalls of Ameren's primary route.

A. SOLVE's primary objection to Ameren's primary route has to do with the section that route takes from the North La Salle power plant to the I-80 corridor. The topography of the Ameren primary route west of I-39 takes it through steeply wooded, ravines, deteriorating railroad beds, through a quarry, close to neighborhood homes and two subdivisions of approximately 100 homes. Throughout, Ameren's primary route would also traverse some of the deepest portions of the Little Vermilion River Valley.

For example, Illinois Cement Company is currently reclaiming a large part of its now-abandoned quarry (per state requirements), including a lake, all within the city limits of La Salle. At the end of this process, the City will acquire the area for a city park. Ameren's primary route, however, would traverse and border the park land the lake.

These transmission lines also would impact the future spur of the Grand Illinois Trail (American Discovery Trail) along the Little Vermilion River Greenway. The Grand Illinois Trail also uses the abandoned railroad bed to connect with the Illinois and Michigan Canal Trail (National Heritage Corridor). This area is included on the official City of La Salle bicycle route map.

The primary transmission lines would be adjacent to areas of a nature preserve and through habitat and timberland which exists in an urban area.

Building a transmission line along the primary route would disturb environmentally sensitive areas of PCBs (polychlorobiphenyls), hydrocarbons and solvents produced by the defunct Electrical Utilities Co. drainage. (Several members of SOLVE served on the Illinois Department of Public Health Citizen's Advisory Panel regarding the health effects of PCB's from the Electrical Utilities Co.) The main site was a $55 million Superfund clean-up and monitoring of the run-off by the IEPA is ongoing and still presents a problem to final closure. The resulting contaminated sediments in the path of the proposed primary route would be disturbed by construction. The primary transmission route would also be adjacent to a proposed Superfund site at the closed M&H Zinc Co. Toxic heavy metals exist at and near the site according to the IEPA.

SOLVE is also concerned about the impact of EMF (electromagnetic field) radiation on existing residential areas and park land. We feel that this is still unresolved controversy.

As evidence of the lack of community acceptance of this route, I am submitting as Schedule 1.1 to this testimony copies of petitions opposing the western section of Ameren’s primary route, which bear over 300 signatures, attesting to the concerns of the community.

SOLVE and its members have many concerns -- and have heard many concerns expressed by residents – regarding the visual impact of this line on their neighborhoods.

Ameren's primary route also ignores the existing corridors going north and northwest from the La Salle substation through an industrial park, which is the most logical direction to get to the Wedron substation.

I would also note that Ameren's primary route would be both longer and more costly because of the turns involved in going south-southeast, initially, to ultimately end up going north. By Ameren's own admission, turns are costly to build and this is not a direct route.

Q. Has SOLVE developed an alternative route?

A. As I indicated earlier, SOLVE has joined PROTED 80 in order to participate in its route development work. SOLVE supports the PROTED 80 alternatives with a strong preference for PROTED 80 Alt 1.

Q. In his prefiled testimony on behalf of Ameren, Roger D. Nelson testified that Ameren met with different groups, including SOLVE and, as a result of those meetings, evaluated different route segments from the North La Salle substation to interstate 39. (Direct Testimony of Roger D. Nelson at p. 7, lines 12-18.) Can you describe your recollection of that meeting?

A. Yes. SOLVE was involved in at least two meetings with Ameren in June 2006. I do not think it is fair to imply (as I believe Mr. Nelson does) that Ameren was in any way collaborating with SOLVE or SOLVE with Ameren. In fact, after hearing SOLVE's input, Ameren has basically acted in direct contravention to SOLVE's advice.

I believe Ameren's view of these meetings is appropriately captured in the minutes of one of those meetings which Ameren produced in response to Data Request No. 1-1 from the Illinois 71 Resistors and attached to my testimony as Schedule 1.2. They report a June 22, 2006 meeting between Ameren, whose lead spokesman was Perry Fife and the City of La Salle and SOLVE. In those minutes, Ameren reports that "Perry Fife opened the meeting by making it clear that *Ameren was not holding the meeting to negotiate some compromise on the new line installation*, but is willing to listen to any concerns that have arisen since the announcement was made regarding a shift to a new primary line location." (Emphasis added.)

Mr. Nelson was involved as Ameren's real estate supervisor in two different meetings with SOLVE in June 2006. In both meetings, SOLVE commented primarily on a route that approached the North La Salle substation from the east (as opposed to the south where Ameren's primary route now approaches). SOLVE advised Mr. Nelson that, to minimize any environmental impact, the transmission line route should leave the North La Salle substation from the north or slightly northwest industrial areas. This would be similar to the approach of Ameren's #1 and #2 alternatives as shown in Ameren Exhibit 3.1 to the Direct Testimony of Douglas R. Emmons.

To be clear, SOLVE does not now endorse the western segment of Ameren's route (southwest of the I-39 and I-80 interchange) because, for the reasons explained above, that route impacts too many environmentally sensitive areas. Not only is Ameren's current primary route a poor choice from an environmental standpoint, this particular route was never discussed in any meetings between Ameren and SOLVE and, to the best

knowledge of SOLVE and its members, Ameren's current route was also not addressed in any news coverage preceding its filing.

Q. Does that conclude your testimony?

A. Yes.

Certificate of Service
(Docket No. 06-0706)

A copy of Save Our Little Vermilion Environment, Inc.'s Responsive Testimony of Nancy Jasiek was served upon the following persons by e-mail this 30th day of March, 2007.

John D. Albers
Administrative Law Judge
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 E. Capitol Avenue
Springfield, IL 62701
jalbers@icc.illinois.gov

Ron Linkenback
Case Manager
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 E. Capitol Ave.
Springfield, IL 62701
rlinkenb@icc.illinois.gov

Rochelle Phipps
Dan Kahle
David Rearden
Scott Struck
Case Staff
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 E. Capitol Ave.
Springfield, IL 62701
phardas@icc.illinois.gov
dkahle@icc.illinois.gov
drearden@icc.illinois.gov
sstruck@icc.illinois.gov
rphipps@icc.illinois.gov

James V. Olivero
Janis Von Qualen
Office of General Counsel
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 E. Capitol Ave.
Springfield, IL 62701
jolivero@icc.illinois.gov
jvonqual@icc.illinois.gov

Erika Dominick
Paralegal
Legal Department
Ameren Services Company
1901 Chouteau Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63103
edominick@ameren.com

Edward C. Fitzhenry
Ameren Services Company
P.O. Box 66149
1901 Chouteau Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63166-6149
efitzhenry@ameren.com

Steven R. Sullivan
Sr. Vice President
Illinois Power Company d/b/a AmerenIP
One Ameren Plz.
1901 Chouteau Ave.
P.O. Box 66149, MC 1300
St. Louis, MO 63103
srsullivan@ameren.com

Jackie K. Voiles
Illinois Power Company d/b/a/ AmerenIP
607 E. Adams St.
Springfield, IL 62739
jvoiles@ameren.com

Christopher W. Flynn
Albert D. Sturtevant
Atty. for Applicants
Jones Day
77 W. Wacker, Ste. 3500
Chicago, IL 60601-1692
cwflynn@jonesday.com
adsturtevant@jonesday.com

Michael Seneca
William M. Shay
Atty. for SHOCK
Howard & Howard Attorneys, P.C.
211 Fulton, Ste. 600
Peoria, IL 61602
mss@h2law.com
wms@h2law.com

John L. Cantlin
760 Etna Road
Ottawa, IL 61350
cantlin@cantlinlaw.com

Eric M. Madiar
Michael J. Scotti III
Atty. for Illinois 71 Resistors
Freeborn & Peters, LLP
217 E. Monroe St., Ste. 202
Springfield, IL 62701
emadiar@freebornpeters.com
mscotti@freebornpeters.com

Troy A. Fodor
E.M. Fulton Jr.
Troy A. Fodor, P.C.
Atty. for IMEA
913 S. Sixth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
troyafodor@aol.com

Herbert J. Klein
Atty. for Village of North Utica
Law Office of Herbert J. Klein
925 Shooting Park Rd., Ste. A
Peru, IL 61354
hjklein@sbcglobal.net

Brien J. Nagle
Successor Trustee of LeRoy J. Nagle
Declaration of Trust
Nagle & Higgins, P.C.
222 S. Mill St., Ste. 200
Naperville, IL 60540
binagle@naglehiggins.com

Patricia Leary
For Estate of Margaret M. Kennedy and
Margaret M Kennedy Declaration of Trust
301 W. Union Ave.
Wheaton, IL 60187
trishleary@aol.com

A copy of Save Our Little Vermilion Environment, Inc.'s Responsive Testimony of Nancy Jasiek was served upon the following persons by depositing a copy of same in the U.S. Mail, properly addressed and with postage fully paid this 30th day of March, 2007.

Frederick J. Blue
3168 E. 9th Rd.
Utica, IL 61373