

AmerenIP's and Ameren Illinois Transmission Company's
Response to
IL 71 Resistors' Data Request
ICC Docket No. 06-0706
Petition for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

IL 71

Resistors 1-1: Please provide all work papers used by Ameren in preparing its filing in this case. Spreadsheets should be provided electronically, with all formulas intact and not password protected.

Response: See attached workpapers for each of the following Company witnesses: Roger Cruse, Martin Hipple, Doug Emmons, Roger Nelson, and Darrell Hughes. Please note that certain workpapers are designated **CONFIDENTIAL** and **PROPRIETARY** and should be treated as such.

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May 09, 2006 Ameren-IDNR Project Meeting Notes

LaSalle - Fox River – Ottawa Proposed 138kv Transmission Line

Attendees:

Rick Pietrusfra, IDNR (217.785.4992)	Diane Jecic, IDNR (618.462.1181)
Karen Miller, IDNR (217.524.1048)	Geoffrey Jones, Ameren Real Est. (217.535.5442)
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Meeting began at 2:00 PM at IDNR Springfield Office with introductions. Jeff Kraemer distributed maps and figures showing the three alternative routes and briefly described each one.

Rick indicated that he had given a cursory review of the three alternatives, but had not yet been able to share the route information with other staff. Diane inquired if Ameren's route selection and evaluation included using IDNR's database. Jeff indicated that it had not, but that Ameren and NRC would be very interested in incorporating that information.

The group discussed the various alternative routes and nearby resources of interest or concern. Some of the areas discussed included: May's Woods, Mitchell's Grove, Ottawa mill tailings and radiation sites, several contaminated sites, crossing over the Vermillion and Fox Rivers, Indiana bat habitat, and the I & M Canal at Ottawa. IDNR stated that they own 90 feet on either side of the I & M Canal.

The Fish & Wildlife considers all of Illinois to be Indiana bat habitat, but IDNR does not share this view. IDNR did indicate that there are seasonal tree clearing restrictions that will likely be imposed by the USFWS. The seasonal restrictions and critical habitat boundaries can be obtained from Jody Miller, in the FWS Rock Island Office. The tree clearing restriction will influence clearing activities that need to be conducted prior to construction.

Rick asked if Ameren still intended to follow the preferred route. Perry indicated that Ameren has been evaluating public input and the final preferred route has not yet been determined. He indicated that in response to public input, an additional alternative has very recently been developed (referred to in the meeting as the "pink alternative"). At this point, the pink alternative location is still preliminary, but should be finalized in the next week or so. Most input regarding the pink alternative was relatively favorable. Ameren agreed to provide IDNR with a digitized version as soon as it is finalized.

A route located south of I-80 (pink alternative) would still require crossing the Vermillion River, but provides better areas to cross. Diane indicated she believed a local watershed group is in the process of conducting some type of habitat enhancement/restoration or water quality project(s) associated with the Vermillion River. She will provide some contact information. In addition, she indicated IDNR field staff could provide additional data.

Jeff indicated that Ameren intended to conduct field surveys in support of the Corps of Engineers permit along the selected route and asked if IDNR would require anything in the way of field surveys. IDNR responded that they would not likely require any additional field surveys unless any rare species or natural communities could be impacted.

Doug indicated that the primary alternative and the pink alternative are the 2 most likely routes. He indicated the draft filing was originally due last month, so Ameren would like to file as soon as possible. Construction is currently scheduled for June 2008.

Participants agreed that Ameren would share route information and that IDNR would share resource database information. Ameren, through NRC, will provide digitized route location information for four alternatives to IDNR. Diane agreed to provide this information to IDNR field staff for their comments and input. She will collect their comments and provide them to Rick by 5/26/06 and Rick will provide them to Ameren. IDNR will provide NRC with the resource database shapefiles so that Ameren can incorporate that information into maps and permit documents. The information exchange will be coordinated between Jeff Kraemer and Chris Pekar, of NRC, and Tera Kieninger, IDNR CAD. The IDNR database-sharing will require signing a confidentiality agreement (signed by NRC).

In addition, IDNR staff requested that Ameren provide a figure depicting an overall view, with all four alternatives shown (in a format similar to Prairie States). Ameren agreed to provide IDNR with 3 hard copies of a large, overall figure showing all four alternatives once the pink alternative is finalized. Copies will be sent to Rick.

Roger Cruse agreed to provide NRC and the Ameren Real Estate staff the radiation sites information.

IDNR indicated that the activities constitute "cooperation", not "consultation." Additional IDNR comments will be go through Karen's group.

The meeting concluded at approximately 4 PM. Glen Kruse escorted Jeff, Tom Girman, Perry, and Doug and introduced them to Tera Kieninger.