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ICC Docket Number, or Docket Number or Case Number from Other Jurisdiction

(Please be specific): 12-0598

Subject of the Communication (Note - This field is limited to 8 lines of text):

Location of Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois ("ATXI") 345 kV transmission line

Name of the Commission Officer or Employee Making Report (first, then last name):

John | Albers

Job Title:

Administrative Law Judge

Names and Job Titles of Other Commission Employees Present:

Stephen Yoder, Administrative Law Judge

Date of Communication: Jan 24, 2013

Location of Parties to Communication:

Quincy and Springfield

Mode of Communication (Please Check All That Apply):

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Name of, Title of, and Entity Represented by Person Communicating to You:

Phil Conover, Interim President of the Great River Economic Development Foundation

State What Action, If Any, the Person Requested or Recommended (Note - 11 lines of text):

The Great River Economic Development Foundation requests that the Commission, ALJs, and Staff consider an alternative route to that which ATXI has proposed

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CHICAGO

January 18, 2013

Illinois Commerce Commission
527 E. Capitol Avenue
Springfield, IL 62701

Re: Docket 12-0598
ATXI 345 KV Line

Attention: Administrative Law Judges, John D. Albers & Stephen Yoder:

Great River Economic Development Foundation (GREDF) is the organization, in conjunction with the City of Quincy and Adams County Board, to promote the retention, expansion and attraction of industry and business in the area, thereby aiding the quality of life for the citizens. GREDF has been in existence for over 27 years and is well regarded and respected in the area and throughout the tri-state region.

GREDF was originally excited to hear about Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI) plans to bring additional electric transmission capacity to our area. GREDF representatives attended all six (6) of the informational meetings held in Quincy. During the first five (5) meetings no detail was shown of the exact location of 345KV line from the Mississippi River Crossing to the southeast Quincy substation site. At the sixth and last meeting detail was presented and GREDF representatives were stunned by what they saw. The primary route selected would severely compromise projects in progress such as the Kohl Grocer expansion and impede future development of the area southwest of Quincy known as the South Quincy Development District. The City of Quincy and County of Adams have invested significant monies (approximately $12,000,000) to make the specific area attractive for industrial development, as well as extending Enterprise Zone designation into the area. Given the short time frame of the last meeting we had no immediate response to an alternate route. We did suggest later to ATXI an alternate which their consultant did not like.

The alternate proposed by GREDF would cross the Mississippi River slightly south of the primary route proposed by ATXI and proceed in an almost straight line east for approximately one and a half miles where it would then follow the ATXI alternate route to the southeast Quincy substation site.

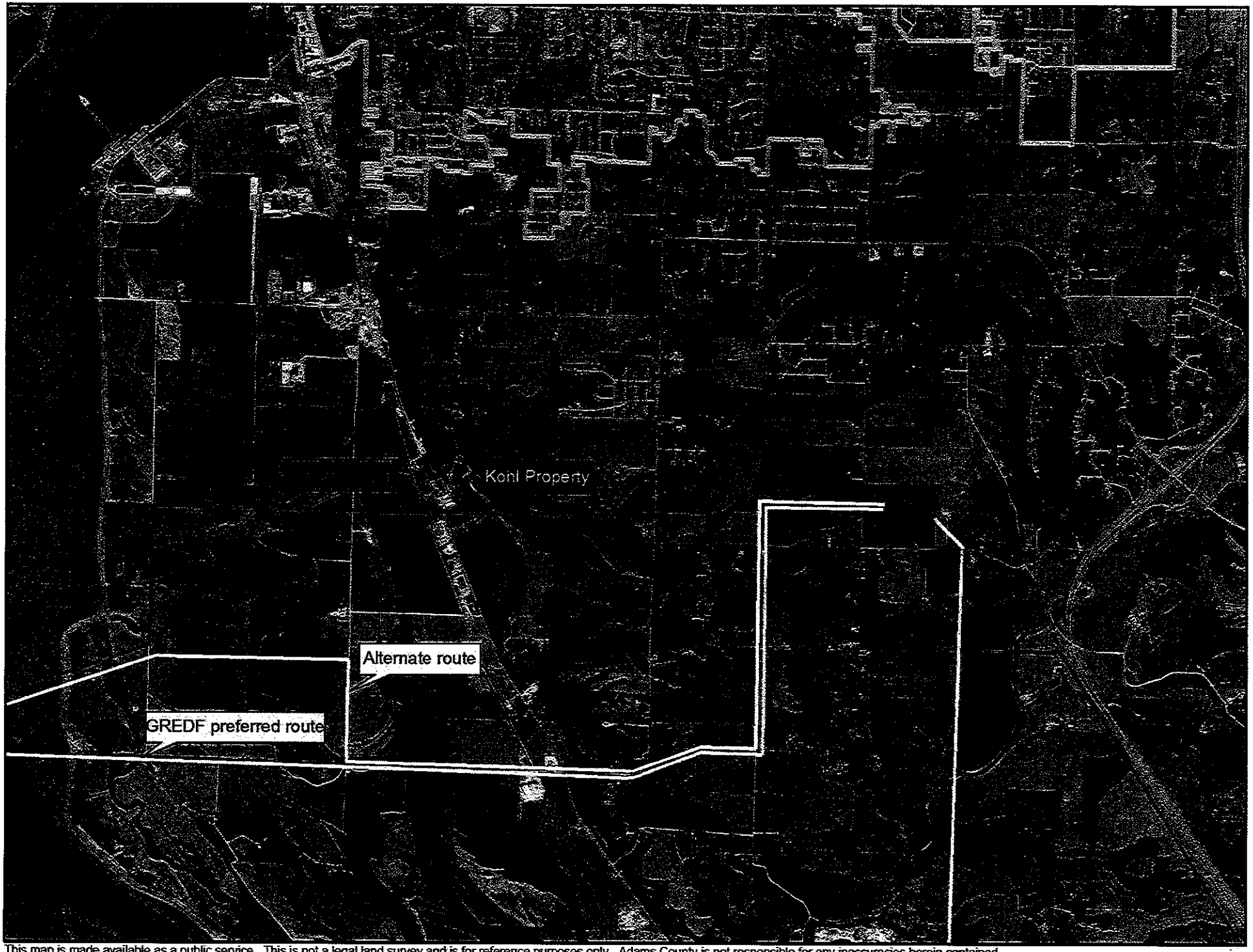
The GREDF preferred route should be less costly to construct and maintain as it eliminates two 90 degree turns and has less tree clearing and trimming needed. (See attachment A & B)

GREDF would ask the Illinois Commerce Commission and the ALJ hearing officers and staff to seriously consider the one and a half mile change in the route to remove the primary route proposed 345KV line from present and future development of the South Quincy Development area.

Sincerely,

Phil Conover
Interim GREDF President

Attachment A



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