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

Re: Docket 12-0598
ATXI345 KV Line

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

Mill Creek Water District located at 6415 Hickory Grove North, Quincy, Illinois 62305 in Adams County, Illinois is involved in the distribution of potable water to 2190 services located adjacent to the south and east sides of the City of Quincy, Illinois.

The availability of sufficient and reliable electricity just like potable water is important to the citizens of the area. We are supportive of the general concept of additional transmission capacity in the Quincy area. We do however have some concerns about the specific location of the primary route near Quincy. One of our concerns is the primary route 345 line runs on the section line between sections 24 & 25 in the west part of Melrose Township, Adams County, Illinois T2S-R8W. Mill Creek Water District recently completed a 14 inch water transmission line in the exact same location, which is the only connection for finished water for our 2190 customers. This will cause problems during construction of the 345 line and in the future when maintenance may be needed to be performed by Ameren Transmission and /or Mill Creek Water District to their facilities.

Mill Creek would recommend the Illinois Commission to adopt the alternate route of the GREDF preferred route from the Mississippi River to the Southeast Quincy Substation. The alternate route will also impact Mill Creek's Distribution system but not to the magnitude of the primary route.

Another concern is the Ameren Transmission 345 line primary route crosses through the South of Quincy Development Area which in several cases compromises the site for industrial development? The City of Quincy and Adams County have expended significant monies in infrastructure development to make this area attractive for new or expanding companies. These jobs could provide the income necessary to support themselves and yes pay for their water service.

We do not envy the arduous task facing you at this point but ask for your sagacious attention and consideration for selection of the alternate or GREDF route from the Mississippi River crossing to the Southeast Quincy substation site.

Sincerely,

Mill Creek Water District Board of Directors



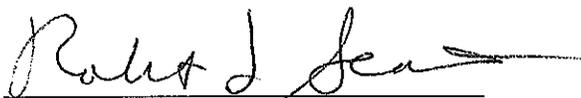
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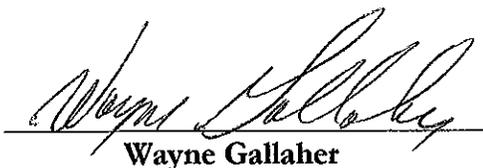
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