

29 My mother, Ruth Peters, has a 50% interest in the parcel reflected in Exhibit 2. I
30 retain a 25% interest and my sister, Barbara Miller, retains the remaining 25% interest in
31 this parcel.

32 My mother, Ruth Peters, has a 50% interest in the parcels reflected in Exhibits 3
33 through 5. My sister-in-law, Pam Peters, maintains a 25% interest in these parcels, and my
34 brother, Mark Peters, retains the remaining 25% interest in these parcels.

35 I also farm the land owned by Ruth Peters who is my mother and resides at 4520
36 Brandywine, Quincy, IL 62301.

37 Q: How is the Property currently used?

38 A: It is primarily used as farmland. Additionally, my son farms with me and he has
39 cattle on the Property. I operate the farming business and he operates livestock business.
40 There are one hundred and fifty-one tillable acres, and roughly twenty acres used for
41 pasture. We maintain a beef cow herd at this time with cow and calf. My son manages
42 anywhere between 15 to 30 heads on those acres and pasture at any one time.

43 Q: Are there any building(s) and/or structure(s) on the Property?

44 A: On the Property reflected in Exhibit 4 there are confinement buildings, barns, and
45 ponds, for the cattle and hog operation. There is a residence, which my niece and her
46 husband and two children live. They own an acre and the house. They bought that from
47 the farm so that they could own the house. No one else resides there, and the rest of the
48 land is for farming.

49 Q: Is there any revenue that is earned from the Property, if so what is the revenue?

50 A: Generally, the gross amount is approximately \$800.00-\$1000.00 per acre, which
51 calculates to approximately \$300,000.00-\$400,000.00 gross amount for the Property per
52 year.

53 Q: What is the quality of the soil on the Property?

54 A: Some of it is has some of the best soil rating for this area.

55 Q: Is the Property encumbered by any existing utility easement(s)?

56 A: Other than utility easements to the home and buildings I am not aware of existing
57 easements.

58 Q: Do you oppose the primary route proposed by ATXI?

59 A: Yes.

60 Q: Do you oppose the entire length of the primary route?

61 A: Yes.

62 Q: What is the basis of your opposition to the primary route?

63 A: First of all, it is a safety hazard to me. Some of these transmission lines are going to
64 be placed where we pull equipment into and off the field. We have a 90 foot spray boom
65 that requires unfolding prior to use of the equipment. I have pulled into this field and
66 unfolded this spray boom since the time I began farming the Property. I am concerned
67 that by habit I will pull into this field and unfold the spray boom and hit one of those
68 electric lines. If I hit that electric line while unfolding the spray boom I will likely be
69 seriously injured or die. That's a big issue, if I make a mistake that's my only mistake and
70 I am done.

71 In addition to the safety concerns, from my understanding there is a 120 ton crane
72 that they are going to use to set these towers. Based on my personal experience using this
73 equipment will cause enormous amounts of compaction. Additionally, as I understand it,
74 the bases are all concrete, which means ATXI will require heavy concrete trucks to enter
75 upon the Property. This type of construction will cause irreversible compaction. I believe
76 that it will cause compaction so deep that it will not be able to be reversed. The compaction
77 will not allow the roots of the crops to penetrate the soil. This means the crops cannot get
78 moisture which will limit, if not completely prohibit, our ability to raise anything there. It
79 could be 20 years, before that compaction leaves.

80 Another major concern is the affect the construction of the primary route will have
81 on drainage. There is a lot of drainage on every farm. Where they are putting the
82 transmission lines could very well affect the drainage tile. This is because we have a lot of
83 conservation measures with tile, seep tile, and drainage tile for the terraces and dry dams.
84 If the primary route is placed in the wrong place it could affect our conservation on the
85 farms.

86 Additionally, the farm my mother owns ATXI is considering putting the primary
87 route 75 feet inside the fence. This will cause problems, and additional expense, because I
88 will not be able to maneuver my 90 foot spray boom between the fence and the electrical
89 pole. I believe the same problem will occur when spraying fertilizer. We will be required
90 to dodge around the poles. Furthermore, the placement of the primary route will be very

91 detrimental to auto tracking. I am concerned it will affect our GPS, because we do auto
92 track and swath control to try and be efficient as possible with our seed and fuel.

93 In addition to these concerns, at a meeting that ATXI held, I was informed that if
94 machinery broke down under the line that you did not want to kneel down and work on the
95 machinery. The reason for this was because there is enough electricity from these lines that
96 if you ground yourself it would shock you when you work on machinery. When I asked
97 them what happens when this machinery breaks down under these lines, their suggestion
98 was to move it at any cost. If something breaks down they said you have to do what you
99 have to do, and you should move it for your safety. This gives me a lot of concern
100 considering one mistake would likely lead to severe injury or death.

101 Finally, I am concerned that our livestock may be electrocuted when drinking from
102 a pond that the lines are near or run above. I am also concerned with the proximity of
103 the primary route to our hog confinement. While we don't have live stock on the farm at
104 this time, we intend to put live stock on it at some time and do not want to be limited in
105 how we use the Property.

106 Q: What is the expected financial loss from the use of the Property as a result of the primary
107 route?

108 A: At this time I am not able to calculate the exact loss. However, there are so many
109 potential problems such as the affect it may have on our technology with swath control,
110 auto steer, soil compaction, and/or that there could be considerable financial loss.

111 Q: What is the proximity of the building(s) and/or structure(s) on the Property to the primary
112 route proposed by ATXI?

113 A: The primary route's proposed location is within 200 to 300 feet of the house. The
114 hog confinement could be within 100 feet of the route, and it potentially runs over the top
115 of the pond located on the Property.

116 Q: Are you in favor of ATXI utilizing existing right of ways for the ATXI transmission line?

117 A: If ATXI has an existing right-of-way I would think that they would want to use it
118 because they have already acquired that particular right-of-way from land owners. First of
119 all I would think it would be cheaper for them if they used existing right of way. This
120 would make sense to me, if you already have an easement why not use it.

121 Q: Does this conclude your testimony?

122 A: Yes.

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129 STATE OF ILLINOIS)

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131 COUNTY OF ADAMS)

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133 Signed and Sworn to before me, a Notary in the County and State aforesaid by John

134 Peters on this 27th day of March, 2013

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JOHN PETERS





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