

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois }
 }
Petition for a Certificate of Public Convenience }
and Necessity, pursuant to Section 8-406.1 of }
the Illinois Public Utilities Act, and an Order }
pursuant to Section 8-503 of the Public Utilities }
Act, to Construct, Operate and Maintain a New }
High Voltage Electric Service Line and Related }
Facilities in the Counties of Adams, Brown, Cass, }
Champaign, Christian, Clark, Coles, Edgar, }
Fulton, Macon, Montgomery, Morgan, Moultrie, }
Pike, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott, and Shelby, }
Illinois. }

Case No.: 12-0598

DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

GERALD KORSMEYER

Intervenor Korsmeyer Exhibit 1.0

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2 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND CURRENT RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.**

3 A. Gerald L. Korsmeyer. RR 1, Box 91A, Frederick, Illinois 62639.

4 **Q. ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE PROCEEDING IN WHICH YOU ARE**
5 **SUBMITTING THIS TESTIMONY?**

6 A. Yes, I am.

7 **Q. CAN YOU BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR FAMILIARITY WITH THE**
8 **PROCEEDING IN WHICH YOU ARE SUBMITTING THIS TESTIMONY?**

9 A. Yes, I can. Illinois Commerce Commission Docket No.: 12-0598 is a proceeding initiated
10 by Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (“ATXI”), seeking a Certificate of Public
11 Convenience and Necessity and an Order from the Commission to construct, operate, and
12 maintain a new high voltage electric service line and related facilities in the Illinois counties
13 of Adams, Brown, Cass, Champaign, Christian, Clark, Coles, Edgar, Fulton, Macon,
14 Montgomery, Morgan, Moultrie, Pike, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott, and Shelby. The original
15 Petition in this matter was filed on November 7, 2012. Because of some amendments to the
16 original Petition, the Administrative Law Judges in this matter ruled that the Petition should
17 be treated as if it were filed in total on January 7, 2013. The Korsmeyer Family Farm Trust,
18 on whose behalf I am submitting this testimony, filed a Petition to Intervene in this
19 proceeding on March 27, 2013.

20 **Q. ARE YOU AUTHORIZED TO TESTIFY ON BEHALF OF, AND AS A**
21 **REPRESENTATIVE OF, THE KORSMEYER FAMILY FARM TRUST?**

22 A. Yes, I am.

23 Q. BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE NATURE OF THE KORSMEYER FAMILY FARM
24 TRUST.

25 A. The Korsmeyer Family Farm Trust owns and operates a 146-acre farm in Schuyler County,
26 Illinois. Jane D. Korsmeyer and I are Co-Trustees of the Trust.

27 Q. CAN YOU STATE AS SUCCINCTLY AS POSSIBLE WHAT OUTCOME THE
28 KORSMEYER FAMILY FARM TRUST ADVOCATES IN THIS PROCEEDING?

29 A. Yes, I can. Quite simply, the Korsmeyer Family Farm Trust advocates approval of the
30 Petition as filed with approval given to ATXI's proposed Primary Route. The Korsmeyer
31 Family Farm Trust opposes approval of ATXI's proposed Alternate Route.

32 Q. CAN YOU ELABORATE AS TO THE KORSMEYER FAMILY FARM TRUST'S
33 OPPOSITION OF THE PROPOSED ALTERNATE ROUTE?

34 A. Yes, I can. The 146-acre farm owned and operated by the Korsmeyer Family Farm Trust
35 would be affected only by the proposed Alternate Route and would be unaffected by the
36 proposed Primary Route. Our farm lies directly in the path of the proposed Alternate Route.
37 We are in the process of installing a very costly center pivot irrigation on the farm. The only
38 circumstance holding up completion of this project is the unavailability of necessary
39 irrigation equipment due to current overwhelming demand. Any construction through and/or
40 upon the property of a 345 kV line would jeopardize the ongoing installation and cause funds
41 already invested to be wasted.

42 Q. CAN YOU INDICATE WHERE SPECIFICALLY THE LAND WHICH IS THE
43 INTEREST OF THE KORSMEYER FAMILY FARM TRUST EXISTS?

44 A. Yes, I can. Please see a legal description which is attached hereto and labeled Intervenor

45 Korsmeyer Exhibit 1.1.

46 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

47 A. Yes, it does.