

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

AMEREN TRANSMISSION COMPANY OF ILLINOIS	§	
	§	Docket No. 12-0598
Petition for A Certificate of Public Convenience and	§	
Necessity, pursuant to Section 8-406.1 of the Illinois Public	§	
Utilities Act	§	

**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM A. SMITH
ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF SAVOY
FOR THE CITY OF CHAMPAIGN AND THE VILLAGE OF SAVOY**

CHAMPAIGN/SAVOY EX. 3.0

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1 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.**

2 A. My name is William A. Smith.

3 **Q. FOR WHOM ARE YOU OFFERING TESTIMONY?**

4 A. I am offering testimony on behalf of the Village of Savoy, Illinois.

5 **Q. WHAT IS YOUR CAPACITY WITH THE VILLIAGE OF SAVOY?**

6 A. I am a trustee for the Village of Savoy and have served in that capacity for 20 years,
7 including serving as mayor pro tem.

8 **Q. PLEASE BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND.**

9 A. I have undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Illinois. For 27 years,
10 I was an associate professor in parks and resource management at Eastern Illinois
11 University. After I retired, I taught at the University of Illinois for three years.

12 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?**

13 A. The purpose of my testimony is to explain why the Village of Savoy has an interest in the
14 location of the 345 kV transmission line proposed by Ameren Transmission Company
15 (ATXI) of Illinois, from Rising to Sidney and to comment on the location of the
16 transmission line.

17 **Q. WHAT IS THE VILLAGE OF SAVOY'S CONCERN ABOUT THE LOCATION
18 OF THE ATXI 345 KV TRANSMISSION LINE?**

19 A. The Village of Savoy is concerned that the primary route of the proposed transmission
20 line as it runs south of the Village will interfere with the Village's ability to grow in an

21 orderly manner. Attached to my testimony is a map showing Savoy's area of concern as
22 it relates to ATXI's primary route.

23 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN.**

24 A. The Village of Savoy has by law the right to control the use of land that extends 1 ½
25 miles from its municipal limits. This control is exercised by requiring that prior to any
26 development that the land owners submit a plat to the municipality for approval.

27 **Q. IS THE PROPOSED PRIMARY ROUTE OF ATXI'S 345 KV TRANSMISSION**
28 **LINE CURRENTLY WITHIN THE VILLAGE'S ETJ?**

29 A. Yes. A portion of the primary route is within the Village of Savoy's ETJ.

30 **Q. WHY DOES SAVOY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE LINE AND THIS**
31 **PROCEEDING?**

32 A. Not only is a portion of the 345 kV line inside the Village's ETJ, the also primary route is
33 within the growth area for Savoy. As a result, any restriction on the use of the land, such
34 as a power line, affects the future orderly growth of the Village of Savoy.

35 **Q. WHY IS THE AREA SOUTH OF SAVOY ITS GROWTH AREA?**

36 A. The Village of Savoy is restricted in its ability to grow east because the land is owned or
37 controlled by the University of Illinois. There are also restrictions to the southwest
38 because of the location of the airport.

39 **Q. WHAT IS THE VILLAGE OF SAVOY'S RECOMMENDATION AS TO THE**
40 **LOCATION OF THE 345 KV TRANSMISSION LINE?**

41 A. The Village of Savoy supports ATXI's designated primary route of the transmission line
42 from Rising which utilizes the route approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission in
43 Docket No. 12-0080. From the point that the transmission line turns east just south of

44 Savoy, the Village supports the Alternate Route submitted by ATXI. The initial portion
45 of the alternate route follows I-57.

46 **Q. ARE YOU OR THE VILLAGE OF SAVOY OFFERING ANY TESTIMONY**
47 **REGARDING WHETHER THE LINE IS NEEDED FROM EITHER AN**
48 **ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING OR RELIABILITY POINT OF VIEW?**

49 A. No. For purposes of my testimony, I defer to the ICC staff and others to determine if the
50 line is needed. My testimony is limited to the location of the line if it is approved.

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

52 A. Yes.

