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6    **I.    INTRODUCTION**

7    **Q.    Please introduce yourself.**

8    **A.    My name is Linda S. Erdreich. I am a Senior Managing Scientist at Exponent, Inc.**  
9    **(“Exponent”), a scientific and engineering consulting firm. My business address is 420**  
10 **Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10170.**

11 **Q.    What are your responsibilities at Exponent?**

12 **A.    As a Senior Managing Scientist at Exponent, I work in the Health Sciences Practice in the**  
13 **Center for Epidemiology and Computational Biology, where we use scientific methods to**  
14 **examine complex questions about the causes and occurrence of disease in human populations. I**  
15 **manage research projects and assess scientific research, such as epidemiologic research on**  
16 **electric and magnetic fields (“EMF”).**

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18 **Q. Please describe your educational and professional credentials.**

19 **A.** I earned my B.A. in biological sciences from Temple University, a Masters in Science  
20 Education from Temple University, a Masters in Biostatics and Epidemiology from the  
21 University of Oklahoma, and a Ph.D. in Epidemiology from the University of Oklahoma. For  
22 over 30 years, I have prepared and presented scientific research assessments on a variety of  
23 environmental exposures for public health agencies, other scientists, private companies, local  
24 government entities such as planning and zoning boards, and the general public. After earning  
25 my Ph.D. in Epidemiology, I worked for 7 years in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's  
26 Office of Research and Development. My work involved health risk assessments and research  
27 on methods to determine exposure limits for chemicals in order to protect human health. These  
28 methods have been applied to develop standards for water quality in the United States. Since  
29 that time, I have been working as an independent scientific researcher, consultant, and teacher. I  
30 have published papers in peer-reviewed scientific journals, and I have prepared book chapters  
31 and technical reports. I routinely serve as a reviewer for scientific journals that publish research  
32 papers in epidemiology and in electromagnetic energy. Additional information on my education,  
33 publications, and memberships are described in my resume appended to this testimony  
34 (Appendix I).

35 **Q. On whose behalf are you presenting this testimony?**

36 **A.** I am sponsoring rebuttal testimony on behalf of Ameren Transmission Company of  
37 Illinois ("ATXI").

38 **Q. What is the purpose of your rebuttal testimony?**

39 **A.** I have been asked to render an opinion concerning whether the extremely low frequency  
40 ("ELF") EMF that would be produced by the proposed Illinois Rivers Project's (the "Project")

41 345 kilovolt (“kV”) transmission lines (the “Project”) would pose a health hazard to the public.  
42 As I explain below, health agencies and scientific organizations are in general agreement that the  
43 extensive research to date does not demonstrate that exposure to ELF EMF from power lines  
44 causes adverse health effects. My failure to address any witnesses’ testimony or position should  
45 not be construed as an endorsement of same.

46 **Q. In preparing your rebuttal testimony, did you review any direct testimony filed by**  
47 **Intervenors in this proceeding that discussed EMF?**

48 **A.** Yes. I reviewed specifically the direct testimony of Intervenors that expressed concern  
49 about the effect of EMF exposure on human and animal health.

50 **Q. Does your rebuttal testimony address concerns raised by other Intervenors about**  
51 **the effect of EMF exposure on electrical/mechanical equipment?**

52 **A.** No. My expert testimony is limited to the effect of EMF exposure on human and animal  
53 health.

54 **II. THE NATURE AND SOURCES OF ELF EMF**

55 **Q. What is EMF?**

56 **A.** In the context of this discussion, EMF refers specifically to ELF EMF at a frequency of  
57 60 Hertz (“Hz”), commonly called power frequency EMF, which is found wherever electricity is  
58 generated, delivered, or used. Power lines are the primary source of EMF outdoors. Sources of  
59 EMF indoors include wiring inside buildings, electrical appliances, electronic devices, and  
60 workplace equipment.

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62 **Q. How are EMF levels measured?**

63 **A.** Electric fields are measured in units of kilovolts per meter (kV/m). Magnetic fields are  
64 measured in milligauss (mG).

65 **Q. Is EMF something people encounter in everyday life?**

66 **A.** Yes. Most people encounter magnetic fields over a wide range of values throughout the  
67 day, but exposure to high levels are usually shorter, so that the daily average of these exposures  
68 is approximately 1 mG (Zaffanella, 1998). For example, a hair dryer may expose the user to a  
69 few hundred mG at 6 inches for the time it is used. One foot from a dishwasher, microwave  
70 oven, or electric range may measure from a few to 200 mG, depending on the item, and at that  
71 distance fields from clocks and lights may be a few milligauss or not detectable. (NIEHS, 2002),

72 **Q. Does the level of exposure to electric or magnetic fields vary with the proximity to**  
73 **the source?**

74 **A.** Yes. Whatever the source, the strength of both electric fields and magnetic fields  
75 diminishes quickly with distance from that source. There are differences between electric and  
76 magnetic fields related to potential exposure:

77 *Electric fields* are easily blocked by most objects such as buildings, walls, trees, and  
78 fences. As a result, the major indoor sources of electric fields are the many appliances  
79 and equipment we use within our homes and workplaces.

80 *Magnetic fields*, unlike electric fields, are not easily blocked by objects. While higher  
81 magnetic-field levels are measured near distribution and transmission lines, the distance  
82 of most buildings from a power line's right-of-way ("ROW") reduces the effect of these  
83 sources, since the intensity of magnetic fields diminishes quickly with distance from the  
84 source. The strongest sources of magnetic fields encountered indoors are from common  
85 household electrical appliances and electronic equipment (e.g., refrigerators, vacuum

86 cleaners, lamps, televisions, computers, hair dryers, etc.), as well as from electrical  
87 wiring.

88 **Q. Is it accurate to refer to power frequency EMF as “radiation”?**

89 **A.** Not really. In the context of power frequency EMF, the term “radiation” is misleading to  
90 most people who are not physicists. To most non-scientists, ‘radiation’ is associated with the  
91 radiation produced by x-rays and nuclear material, which is only one part of the electromagnetic  
92 spectrum. There are many different forms of electromagnetic energy, each of which has  
93 different characteristics based on their frequency and wavelength. The types of electromagnetic  
94 energy range from that with low frequencies and long wavelengths (e.g., the static fields of the  
95 earth and atmosphere, power frequency EMF, radio waves, and infrared light) to electromagnetic  
96 energy with high frequencies and short wavelengths (e.g., ultraviolet light, x-rays, and gamma  
97 rays). The frequency and wavelength of electromagnetic energy is a key factor in its interaction  
98 with living things.

99 Electromagnetic energy with high frequencies and short wavelengths is ionizing  
100 radiation, and this is the type of electromagnetic energy that many non-scientists generally  
101 associate with the term ‘radiation.’ Ionizing radiation carries enough energy to break chemical  
102 bonds and therefore has the potential to cause cellular and DNA damage. Power frequency  
103 EMF, along with other energy with low frequencies and long wavelengths, on the other hand, is  
104 non-ionizing radiation. Non-ionizing radiation does not carry enough energy to cause cellular or  
105 DNA damage (NIEHS, 2002).<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> This information also is currently provided on the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences website (<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/health/topics/agents/emf/>).

107 **Q. Is EMF the same as “stray voltage”?**

108 **A.** No. While stray voltage occurs due to electricity, it is not related to EMF from  
109 transmission lines or from any other source. Stray voltage, also known as “tingle voltage” or  
110 “contact current,” is defined as a small voltage (less than 10 Volts), measured between two  
111 objects that can be simultaneously contacted by an animal in a confinement area. Upon contact,  
112 small current flows through the animal, but exposure can only occur if both contact points are  
113 touched by the animal at the same time. Stray voltage can arise from a farm’s electrical system  
114 or the distribution system that is supplying electricity to the farm.

115 **Q. Are electric transmission lines a source of stray voltage?**

116 **A.** No. A transmission line is not a source of stray voltage, since it only connects to  
117 electrical substations at each end of the line, and is not connected directly to customers’ electrical  
118 systems.

119 **Q. Are there any laws in the United States to limit public exposure to power frequency**  
120 **EMF?**

121 **A.** There are no federal or state statutes for limiting public exposure to power frequency  
122 EMF based on health effects. A numbers of states have enacted limits for magnetic-field levels  
123 at the edges of a transmission line’s ROW (e.g., 150 mG in Florida and 200 mG in New York),  
124 but the basis for these standards is to maintain the *status quo* so that fields from new  
125 transmission lines are no higher than those produced by existing transmission lines.

126

127 **Q. Has the scientific community developed recommendations for acceptable levels of**  
128 **exposure to power frequency EMF?**

129 **A.** Yes. The International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (“ICNIRP”)  
130 and the International Committee for Electromagnetic Safety (“ICES”), have provided guideline  
131 limits for exposure of both the general public and for occupational exposure. These guidelines  
132 for exposure to EMF are based on acute, short-term health effects that can occur at very high  
133 field levels, and based on the lack of convincing evidence for long term effects. NIRP  
134 recommends screening values for magnetic fields of 2,000 milligauss (mG) for the general public  
135 and 4,200 mG for workers (ICNIRP, 2010). The ICES recommends a screening value for  
136 magnetic fields of 9,040 mG for the general public and 4,200 mG for workers (ICES, 2002).  
137 These organizations also have set screening values for exposure to electric fields—ICNIRP at 4.2  
138 kilovolts per meter (kV/m) for the general public and 8.3 kV/m for workers and ICES at 5 kV/m  
139 for the general public and 20 kV/m for workers.

140 **Q. How do the EMF levels associated with the Project compare to these levels?**

141 **A.** Ameren’s engineers have predicted that the magnetic-field level at the edge of the ROW  
142 will be 18 mG, which is less than 1% of the ICNIRP recommended exposure limit for the general  
143 public. The electric field at the edge of the ROW will be 1 kV/m, which is less than 25% of the  
144 ICNIRP’s recommended limits for electric-field levels. Because both types of fields decrease  
145 with distance from the source, levels further from the right of way will be even lower.

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147 **III. EMF RESEARCH AND FINDINGS**

148 **Q. Are you familiar with the scientific research of ELF EMF exposure?**

149 **A.** Yes. Considerable scientific research has been conducted over the past thirty years to  
150 understand the potential health effects associated with exposure to ELF EMF. Generally, studies  
151 of EMF and health outcomes have focused on magnetic fields. This research has been evaluated  
152 in weight-of-evidence reviews by numerous national and international health and scientific  
153 agencies. The types of studies considered in weight-of-evidence reviews falls into three  
154 categories—epidemiology research, laboratory research of whole animals (*in vivo*), and  
155 laboratory research of cells and tissues (*in vitro*). The differences in these studies may be  
156 explained as follows:

- 157 • Epidemiology research is observational. Data is collected by scientists about human  
158 populations observed in their day-to-day environments to determine if there are  
159 patterns between a particular exposure and biological indicators of disease.  
160 Epidemiology studies measure statistical associations to evaluate whether an  
161 exposure and disease occurs together more often than would be expected by chance.
- 162 • Laboratory studies of animals (*in vivo*) are conducted by scientists to expose an  
163 animal to the substance in question under controlled conditions, usually at levels  
164 significantly greater than the levels at which people would be exposed, and generally  
165 for the entire lifetime of the animal.
- 166 • Laboratory studies in cellular systems (*in vitro*) are conducted by scientist to  
167 understand biological processes that might be affected by an exposure.

168 As I discuss in more detail below, various national and international health organizations  
169 have convened multidisciplinary scientific expert panels to conduct weight-of-evidence

170 assessments of the available research. Is it possible to draw broad conclusions about EMF based  
171 on a single study?

172 **A.** No. To understand the potential health effects of ELF EMF, one cannot consider the  
173 results of a single study in isolation because different studies provide different information,  
174 depending on the type of study and its design. Rather, the results of all this research must be  
175 evaluated together in a weight-of-evidence assessment, taking into consideration the strengths  
176 and weaknesses of the different studies, their results, and whether the findings are replicated in  
177 multiple studies and in multiple laboratories (for *in vivo* and *in vitro studies*) and that results are  
178 consistent across the different types of research available.

179 **Q. Are you familiar with a 1999 report by the National Institute of Environmental**  
180 **Health Services, which is part of the National Institutes of Health, concerning EMF?**

181 **A.** Yes. The National Institute of Environmental Health Services (“NIEHS”) produced a  
182 report in 1999 entitled *Health Effects from Exposure to Power-Line Frequency Electric and*  
183 *Magnetic Fields*. The remainder of my testimony will refer to this report as the 1999 NIEHS  
184 Report.

185 **Q. What did the 1999 NIEHS report conclude?**

186 **A.** The *NIEHS Report* was based on a comprehensive review of the research studies  
187 prepared by a Working Group of 30 international scientists who used standard scientific methods  
188 for evaluating research about the health impacts of EMF (NIEHS, 1998). Their work reflects the  
189 review of nearly 1000 research studies. The NIEHS “Recommended Actions” based on the  
190 *entire body* of research evaluated in their weight of evidence review was as follows:

191 The NIEHS suggests that the level and strength of evidence  
192 supporting ELF-EMF exposure as a human health hazard are  
193 insufficient to warrant aggressive regulatory actions; thus, we do  
194 not recommend actions such as stringent standards on electric  
195 appliances and a national program to bury all transmission and  
196 distribution lines (NIEHS 1999, p 37).

197 **Q. The NIEHS Report was issued 14 years ago. Are the conclusions and**  
198 **recommendations of that report still relevant today?**

199 **A.** Yes. The scientific review conducted by the NIEHS is widely respected for its scientific  
200 methodology and the depth and breadth of the Working Panel's expertise. Scientific research,  
201 however, is a process that builds and develops information over time, so an evaluation of recent  
202 research is particularly important for reducing the uncertainty as to whether there are or are not  
203 effects from the exposure of interest. So, the only limitation of the NIEHS review is that the  
204 review is not the "last word," simply because a large body of research since its publication has  
205 provided additional relevant information. The considerable amount of research conducted over  
206 the past 15 years about long-term health risks should be considered to ascertain whether health  
207 risks have been documented, or that earlier uncertainties have been clarified.

208 **Q. Have other agencies that have looked at EMF since 1999 reached the same**  
209 **conclusions as NIEHS?**

210 **A.** Yes. Considerable research has been published since 1999. Some of the organizations  
211 that have prepared reviews of the research include: the International Agency for Research on  
212 Cancer ("IARC") in 2002, the National Radiological Protection Board ("NRPB") of Great  
213 Britain in 2004,<sup>2</sup> the World Health Organization ("WHO") in 2007, the European Union's

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<sup>2</sup> In 2005, the NRPB was merged into the Health Protection Agency of the United Kingdom.

214 Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks (“SCENIHR”) and the  
215 Health Council of the Netherlands (“HCN”), and the International Commission on Non-Ionizing  
216 Radiation Protection (“ICNIRP”), the European Health Risk Assessment Network on  
217 Electromagnetic Field Exposure (“EFHRAN”), and the Swedish Radiation Safety Authority  
218 (“SSM) in 2010. The most comprehensive and detailed of these reviews was that conducted by  
219 the WHO in 2007.

220 **Q. What did WHO conclude based on its 2007 review?**

221 **A.** The WHO review provided the following recommendation similar to the  
222 recommendation of the NIEHS noted previously:

223                   Given the weakness of the evidence for a link between exposure to  
224                   ELF magnetic fields and childhood leukaemia and the limited  
225                   potential impact on public health, the benefits of exposure  
226                   reduction on health are unclear and thus the cost of reducing  
227                   exposure should be very low (WHO, 2007, p. 372).

228 **Q. Is there a consensus among the organizations you just identified concerning the**  
229 **health effects of power frequency EMF?**

230 **A.** Yes. The scientific consensus among these various expert panels is that the available  
231 evidence does not support the conclusion that exposure to ELF EMF is a cause of any adverse  
232 health effects in adults or children at the levels found in the ordinary public environment. These  
233 reviews are readily available at the websites for these organizations. In addition, many of these  
234 organizations have published short summaries of their research for the general public (Appendix  
235 II).

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237 **Q. Has EMF research shown that exposure can cause cancer?**

238 **A.** No. The NIEHS Working Group concluded from their evaluation of epidemiology  
239 studies, experimental animal studies (*in vivo*) and cellular studies of mechanism that the  
240 epidemiology studies provided weak support (i.e., limited evidence) for an association between  
241 childhood leukemia and average residential magnetic field intensities of less than 4 milligauss  
242 (“mG”).

243 Subsequent reviews by the IARC and the WHO evaluated additional published research  
244 and also judged the epidemiologic research as limited. These groups also concluded that the *in*  
245 *vivo* data were “inadequate” to support a risk of cancer (IARC, 2002; WHO, 2007). Overall, the  
246 IARC and the WHO categorized ELF magnetic fields as “possibly carcinogenic to humans”  
247 based on the statistical association of higher than average residential magnetic fields (i.e.,  $\geq 3$ -4  
248 mG) and childhood leukemia, and based on the lack of laboratory support for cancer.

249 No organization that has evaluated the research using a scientifically validated weight of  
250 evidence process, however, has determined that EMF is a “probable carcinogen” or “known  
251 carcinogen.” Scientific organizations and health agencies that have conducted comprehensive  
252 reviews of the research have not concluded that either electric fields or magnetic fields from  
253 transmission lines (or other sources) pose long term health risks, cause cancer, or have adverse  
254 reproductive effects. None of these scientific organizations or health agencies has recommended  
255 routing lines away from homes based on minimizing potential long-term health exposure  
256 (NRPB, 2004; WHO, 2007; SCENIHR, 2009; EFHRAN, 2010; ICNIRP 2010).

257 The largest and most recent study of adult cancer in relation to transmission lines did not  
258 report an association between any types of cancer that had been suggested as related to EMF  
259 exposure in the NIEHS 1999 review. Based on comparisons of thousands of cases (for example,

260 7823 cases of leukemia and 6781 cases of brain cancer) with controls, no statistical associations  
261 were found with distance from power lines or estimated magnetic fields (Elliott et al., 2013).

262 **Q. What is the difference between a “possible,” “probable” and “known” carcinogen?**

263 **A.** To help put the classification into perspective, it is helpful to understand the IARC’s  
264 classification scheme. A rating of “limited evidence” for epidemiology studies requires that the  
265 IARC categorize a particular exposure as a “possible carcinogen,” even without evidence from  
266 laboratory studies that the exposure might pose a cancer risk, as is the case for EMF.  
267 Classification as a “possible carcinogen” is below classification of “probable carcinogen” and of  
268 course below the group of “known carcinogens.” For perspective, the classification as a  
269 “possible carcinogen” puts ELF magnetic field exposure in the same cancer classification  
270 category as coffee, gasoline engine exhaust, and pickled vegetables.

271 **Q. Does it seem likely that the public along either the Proposed or Alternate Routes**  
272 **would have prolonged exposure to ELF EMF at levels above that commonly encountered in**  
273 **homes, schools, and offices?**

274 **A.** No, it is unlikely that the public located along either the Proposed or Alternate Routes  
275 would have prolonged exposure to ELF EMF at levels above those that are commonly  
276 encountered in residential settings. In general, ELF EMF levels would be highest directly under  
277 the conductors, and would decrease exponentially with distance from the line. No home or other  
278 structures may be built within the ROW of the Project, where fields would be highest.  
279 Therefore, exposures to these ELF EMF levels would be of limited duration and intermittent; for  
280 example, when walking or driving near the ROW or when crossing the ROW. Further, the  
281 magnetic field levels at the edges of the ROW and beyond would be similar to those experienced

282 at or near other ELF EMF sources, such as the distribution lines that feed into our homes and the  
283 electrical appliances and electronics that we use daily.

284 **IV. CONCLUSION**

285 **Q. Do you have an opinion, within a reasonable degree of scientific certainty, whether**  
286 **the levels of ELF EMF produced by the Project pose a health hazard to the public?**

287 **A.** It is my opinion that the reviews of research about ELF EMF that have been published by  
288 national and international health and scientific agencies are in general agreement that exposures  
289 in the community do not cause adverse health effects. These reviews provide a sufficient and  
290 reliable basis to a reasonable degree of scientific certainty upon which to conclude that the ELF  
291 EMF levels associated with the Project would not pose a health hazard to the general public.

292 **Q. Does this conclude your rebuttal testimony?**

293 **A.** Yes, it does.

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### **Prior Experience**

Bailey Research Associates, Principal Scientist, 1991–1999

Environmental Research Information (ERI), Senior Research Associate, 1989–1991

Clement Associates, Senior Associate, 1987–1989

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development, Methods Evaluation and Development Staff, Group Leader, 1984–1987

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development, Environmental Criteria and Assessment Office, Senior Epidemiologist, 1980–1984

### **Current Academic Appointments**

- Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Environmental and Community Medicine, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey, 1993–present

### **Teaching Appointments**

- Lecturer, Short Course on Electromagnetic Energy: University of Texas Health Science Center, Center for Environmental Radiation Toxicology, San Antonio, Texas (1998, 2000)
- Adjunct Assistant Professor, Institute of Environmental Health, University of Cincinnati Medical Center, 1982–1987
- Teaching Assistant, Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology, University of Oklahoma School of Public Health, 1975–1979
- Teacher of Biology and Chemistry, Ann Arbor, MI; Philadelphia, PA; Montgomery County, MD, 1964–1972

### **Advisory Positions**

- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), 1992–present
  - Chair, Epidemiology Workgroup of Subcommittee 4 Safety Level with Respect to Human Exposure to Radiofrequency Fields (3 kHz–33 GHz), for the Standards Coordinating Committee 28 Non-Ionizing Radiation, 1992–2000
  - Member, Standards Coordinating Committee 28 Non-Ionizing Radiation, and Subcommittee 3 Safety Levels with Respect to Human Exposure (0-3 kHz), Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
- Member of the Committee on Man and Radiation (COMAR) of the Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society, 1995–2000; 2002–2007; 2009–2012

- Chair of the Expert Panel to advise the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Environmental Health Assessment regarding radio-frequency exposure from the Air Force Space Command's PAVE PAWS radar system on Cape Cod, 1998–1999
- Member of a panel convened by Health Canada to review a toxicity assessment of a priority substance under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (1,3-butadiene), 1998
- Served on peer review panels for risk assessments for chromium, cadmium, acrylamide, and for methylmercury, convened by Toxicology Excellence for Risk Assessment, a non-profit, 501(c)(3) corporation, 1997–1998
- Contributor to NATO Standardization Agreement: Evaluation and Control of Personnel Exposure to Radio-Frequency Fields - 3 kHz to 300 GHz, 1995
- At EPA, managed and co-authored the agency's first draft Interim Methods for Development of Inhalation Reference Doses, 1987–1988
- Member of U.S. EPA's work group to develop Oral Reference Doses for non-carcinogens, available on Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS), 1986–1987
- Member of EPA's Risk Assessment Forum's Technical Panel: Developing a Scientific Policy for Thyroid Neoplasia, 1986–1987
- Panel member for an EPA workshop in weight of evidence/hazard identification for non-cancer health endpoints, 1986–1987
- Co-Chair of EPA's agency-wide committee to write Risk Assessment Guidelines for Chemical Mixtures, 1985–1986
- Program Committee to plan a national symposium Epidemiology and Health Risk Assessment, sponsored by private, governmental and academic institutions, 1984–1985
- Member, Environmental Advisory Council to the City of Cincinnati. Appointed to the Executive Committee, 1986, 1984–1987
- Planned and managed an international symposium on "Advances in Risk Assessment of Systematic Toxicants and Chemical Mixtures," held October 1984; co-edited the proceedings, 1983–1984
- Chairperson for two international symposia: "Risk Assessment for Multiple Chemical Exposures," sponsored by EPA, 1981–1983

## Appendix II

### *Fact sheets and brief summaries on Internet*

#### **Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency**

Electricity and Health Fact Sheet 19

[http://www.arpansa.gov.au/pubs/factsheets/019is\\_electricity.pdf](http://www.arpansa.gov.au/pubs/factsheets/019is_electricity.pdf)

#### **Health Canada**

It's Your Health – Electric and Magnetic Fields from Power Lines and Electric Appliances

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hl-vs/iyh-vsv/environ/magnet-eng.php>

#### **International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection**

Fact Sheet on the Guidelines for Limiting Exposure to Time-Varying Electric and Magnetic Fields (1 Hz – 100 kHz)

<http://www.icnirp.de/documents/FactSheetLF.pdf>

#### **National Cancer Institute at the National Institutes of Health**

Magnetic Field Exposure and Cancer: Questions and Answers

<http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/Risk/magnetic-fields>

#### **National Institute of Environmental Health Services**

EMF – Electric and Magnetic Fields Associated with the Use of Electric Power  
Questions & Answers

<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/health/docs/emf-02.pdf>

#### **US Environmental Protection Agency**

Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF) Radiation from Power Lines

<http://www.epa.gov/radtown/power-lines.html>

#### **World Health Organization**

Electromagnetic Fields and Public Health – Exposure to Extremely Low Frequency Fields, Fact Sheet No. 322, June 2007

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