

93 maintain the property on which we live and work. ATXI has submitted an Alternative  
94 Route that places its transmission line on top of our home and business, purportedly  
95 because of the need for greater reliability to electric transmission. With all due respect,  
96 ATXI's policy reasons for destroying (at worst) or disrupting (at best) is not greater than  
97 Hi-Blu's interests. The United States and the State of Illinois cannot afford to lose more  
98 dairy farms In 1992, there were 2662 dairy farms in the state. In 2011, that number had  
99 decreased to 810. See National Milk Producers Federation, October 2012, pg. 7. Hi-Blu  
100 provides milk to the citizens of Illinois as well as the Midwest. It employees dairy-hands  
101 and is an important part of the local economy. Indeed, as a result of Hi-Blu does business  
102 with the local feed company, requires milk drivers to haul milk, retains veterinary services  
103 to care for the cows, and is involved with numerous other dairy support businesses. If the  
104 Commission grants ATXI permission to install transmission lines as proposed, it will  
105 devastate my family's business. ATXI does not have enough money to compensate my  
106 family for the financial and emotional toll the project will have on my business and family.

107 Q: Does this conclude your testimony?

108 A: Yes.

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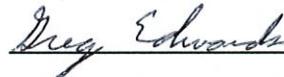
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**GREG EDWARDS ON BEHALF  
OF PAUL EDWARDS JR.  
TRUST (The "Trust) and HI-BLU  
DAIRY FARM**

124 STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
125 ) SS  
126 COUNTY OF ADAMS )  
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128 Signed and Sworn to before me, a Notary in the County and State aforesaid by Greg  
129 Edwards on behalf of Paul Edwards Jr. Trust and Hi-Blu Dairy Farm on this  
130 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013

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Nancy C. Greer  
NOTARY PUBLIC

