Doni Murphy

From: Doni Murphy
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2013 2:50 PM
To: Doni Murphy
Subject: FW: Illinois Rivers Transmission Line

From: Morris, Leigh E
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2012 2:04 PM
To: 'Hiatt, Dave - NRCS, Martinsville, IL'
Subject: RE: Illinois Rivers Transmission Line

Hello Dave,

I apologize for the delay in getting back to you. This has been an especially hectic time for us.

Regarding your request, we cannot provide a GIS layer. This has been a standing policy and after careful consideration, we must reaffirm it. I would note that in addition to the amount of data, some of it is subject to licensing agreements or confidentiality agreements.

I regret that I cannot be of further assistance at this time.

--Leigh

From: Hiatt, Dave - NRCS, Martinsville, IL [mailto:Dave.Hiatt@il.usda.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2012 9:39 AM
To: Morris, Leigh E
Subject: RE: Illinois Rivers Transmission Line

Leigh,

Have you or your appropriate team members been able to come up with a GIS layer of the proposed power line alignment? It would be very beneficial to make a conclusive determination of the impacts to any NRCS conservation easement. As it stands we CANNOT allow the two identified easements to be impacts by the PRIMARY proposed route.

Thanks, Dave

From: Morris, Leigh E [mailto:LMorris@ameren.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2012 1:25 PM
To: Hiatt, Dave - NRCS, Martinsville, IL
Subject: RE: Illinois Rivers Transmission Line

Hello,

Thank you for this information. I have shared this with the appropriate members of our team.

--Leigh

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From: Hiatt, Dave - NRCS, Martinsville, IL [mailto:Dave.Hiatt@il.usda.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2012 1:20 PM
To: Morris, Leigh E
Subject: Illinois Rivers Transmission Line

Leigh,

Thanks for providing Jill Keeton with the information at the Bluff's public meeting last week. We have preliminarily identified two United State Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service conservation easements that will be directly impacted by the ***PRIMARY*** route of the line. They are identified by red polygons on the attached maps.

1. Wetlands Reserve Program easement located in Brown County and currently owned by The Nature Conservancy.
2. Emergency Watershed Protection – Floodplain Easement located in Clark County and currently owned by Carolyn Robinson. (also note two other conservation easements are located within the study area)

These easements must be avoided. There is very little to no authority for the NRCS to modify the terms of these conservation easements. The rights acquired under these conservation easements are quite inclusive and will be superior to any rights Ameren might obtain for an over head power line right-of-way. Our national office in Washington DC will be notified of the potential impacts. Typically they coordinate with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, as well as the Department of Energy and/or Department of State. The national office will also coordinate with our Office of General Counsel.

I do not see any impacts to any of our conservation easements along the ***ALTERNATE*** route. This is just my initial cursory review of the maps provided. A more detailed GIS layer of the transmission routes will allow to us to make a more thorough review.

If you have any questions feel free to call me, thanks!

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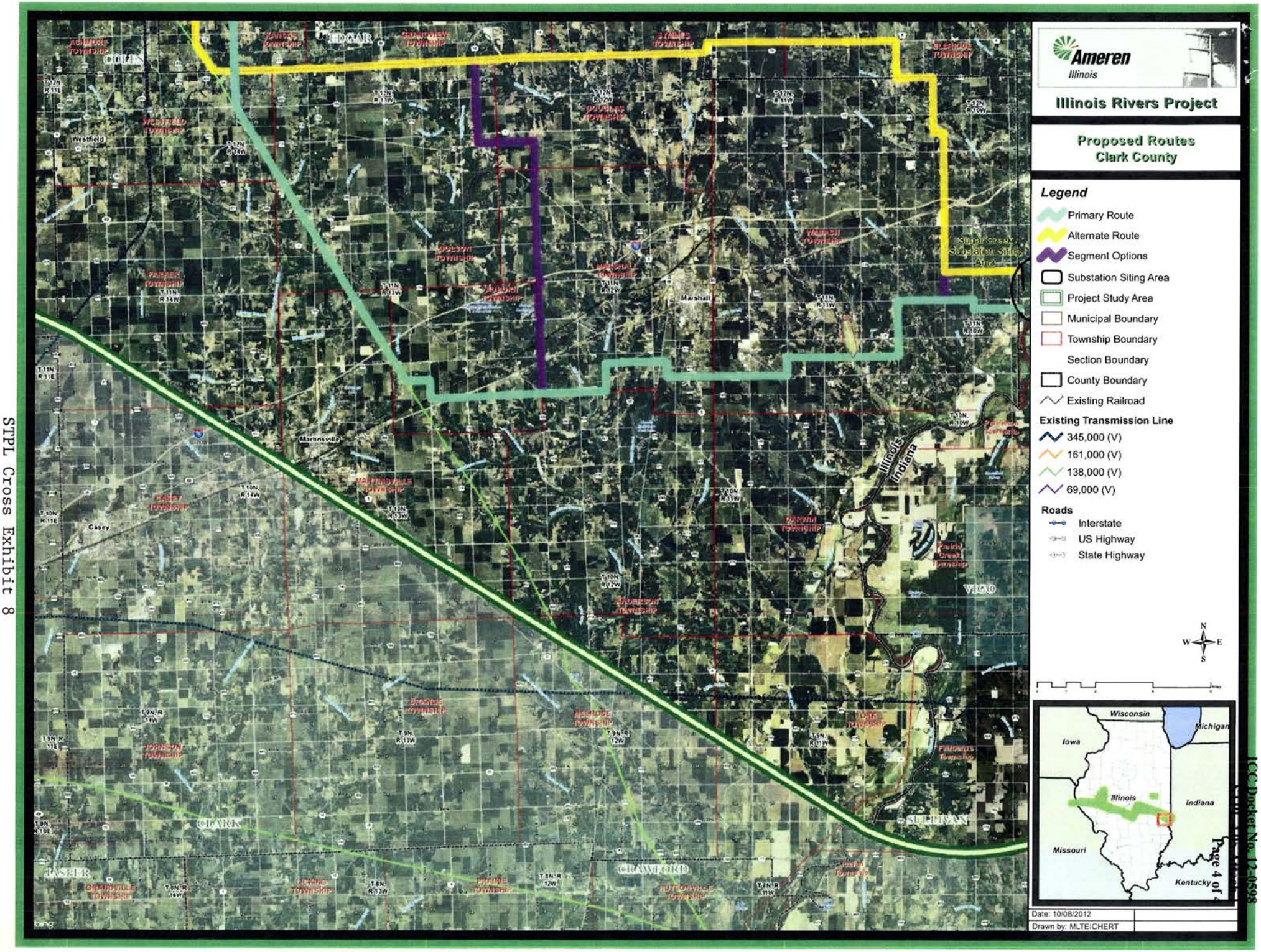

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