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June 5, 2013

Stephen Yoder, Administrative Law Judge  
Illinois Commerce Commission  
527 E. Capital Avenue  
Springfield, IL 62701  
Docket number 12-0598

Dear Judge Yoder,

We are writing in regard to the proposed alternate route of the Ameren 161k transmission line, located southwest of Quincy, IL.

The portion of the line that we are referring to is located in Adams County, Melrose Township 2 South, Range 9 West. The property description numbers provided to Breckenkamp Farms, L.L.C. by Ameren that we are referring to are 200182600000, 200183400000 and 200183000000. This portion of the line continues west until it intersects the existing line crossing the Mississippi River. The section of line we are referring to has a total length of approximately 3/4 of a mile. This length includes all the property owners of the proposed section of line.

We understand that at the time the alternative route was in the planning stage this seemed to be a good alternative to the primary route. However, since the planning of the alternate route some things have changed that may provide a better and less intrusive alternative. At the time of planning, we are sure the route now proposed by GREDF, which lies due south of the alternate route that runs along Turtle Lake Road to the Mississippi River, would have been preferred. At the time of planning there were several

residences that would have been affected by the now proposed GREDF route. Since the alternative route has been proposed, the landowner that had leased all the residential properties that would be affected by the proposed GREDF route have been terminated or evicted. It is our understanding that there will be only one occupied house left, south of the proposed GREDF route. The remaining house is located on the south side of Turtle Lake Road approximately 1/4 mile east of the Mississippi River.

We understand that this new information has come to light very late in the planning process, however, we feel it is a better alternative for everyone involved. We hope this will warrant some consideration.

The proposed GREDF route would allow the entire section of this line to be built in more or less a straight line along an existing public road, being less expensive to build and maintain. There are several reasons why we think the proposed GREDF route would be better than the proposed alternate route: It will be less expensive to construct by eliminating two(2) 90 degree angles in the line, approximately 20% - 30% shorter, less intrusive to the timber and wetlands in affected areas, cheaper to maintain due to the public road access, no maintenance of the wetland and timber crossings and not de-valuing the farm land by crossing through the middle of the fields. As you know, this drainage district has a 500 year industrial levee which has attracted many industries. Crossing any open field would affect any future industrial expansion in these areas. The City of Quincy, Adams County, the State of IL and the South Quincy Drainage District have worked very hard to construct and promote this area for future industrial expansion. Your proposed alternative route would be counter productive to our goals. It is our hope that Ameren will work with these entities to help insure future expansion in this area. Decisions like this have long lasting consequences and many future jobs could be lost because of factories or businesses not being built along your proposed alternative route.

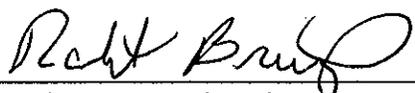
We hope you feel this new information is important enough to reconsider the proposed GREDF route. We think the proposed GREDF route would be in the best interest of Ameren, future industries in the South Quincy Drainage District, the City of Quincy, the State of Illinois and the landowners.

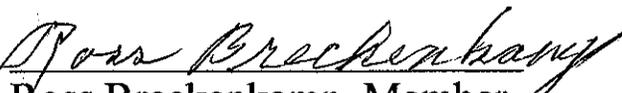
We are enclosing maps depicting the GREDF route as well as the two Ameren proposed routes. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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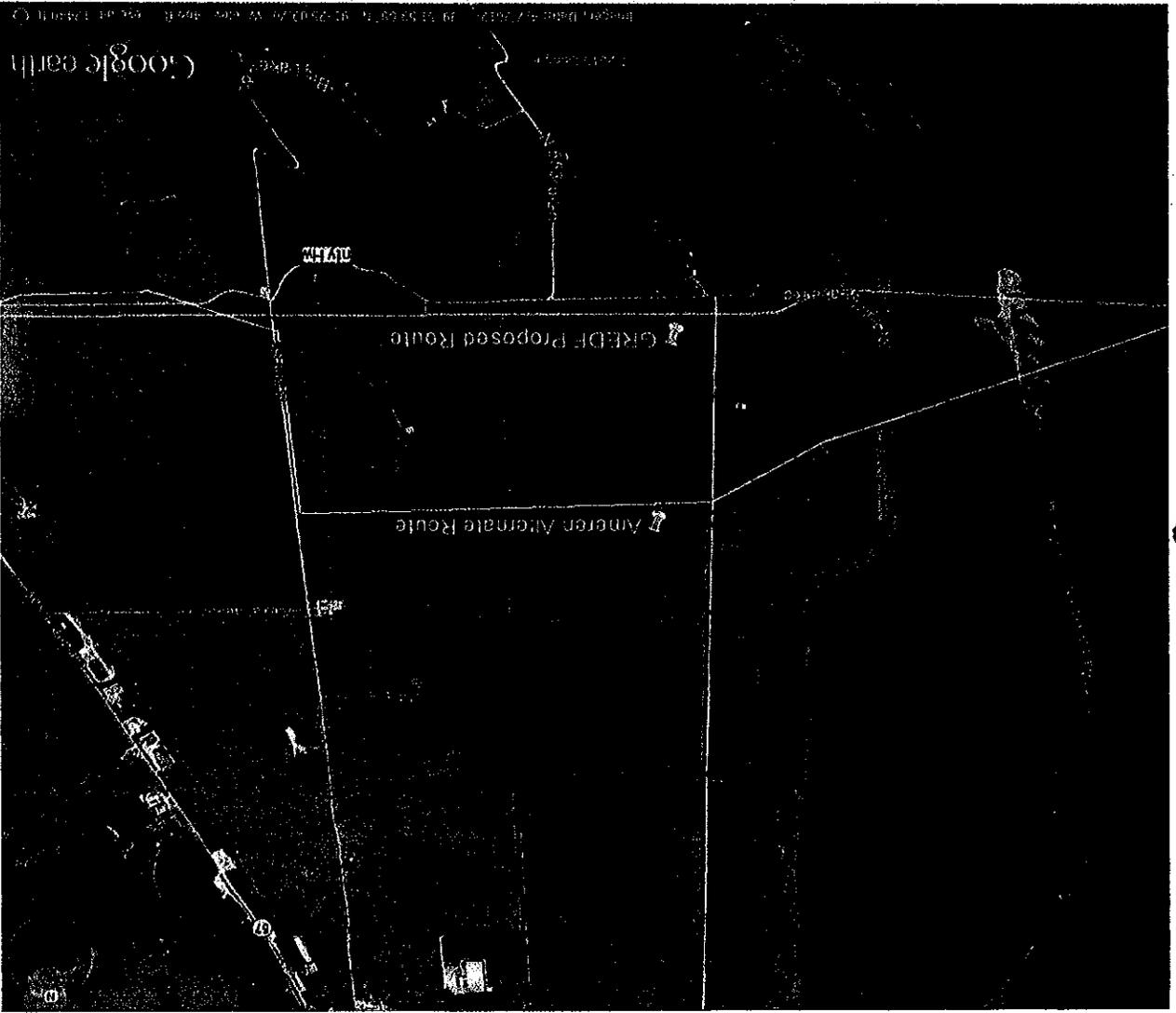
  
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