

**STATE OF ILLINOIS  
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

AMEREN TRANSMISSION COMPANY OF ILLINOIS )  
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Petition for a Certificate of Public Convenience and )  
Necessity, pursuant to Section 8-406.1 of the Illinois )  
Public Utilities Act, and an Order pursuant to Section 8- ) Docket No. 12-0598  
503 of the Public Utilities Act, to Construct, Operate and )  
Maintain a New High Voltage Electric Service Line and )  
Related Facilities in the Counties of Adams, Brown, )  
Cass, Champaign, Macon, Clark, Coles, Edgar, Fulton, )  
Macon, Montgomery, Morgan, Moultrie, Pike, )  
Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott and Shelby, Illinois. )

**REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF INTERVENOR PAULA D. COOLEY ON REHEARING**

NOW comes Intervenor Paula D. Cooley, through her attorneys, and files her rebuttal testimony in this proceeding on rehearing.

**Q: Please state your name?**

A.: Paula Cooley

**Q: Please explain the issues with the Federal Aviation Commission (FAA) that you believe make the Staff's latest recommendation for a substation north of W. Hilvety Rd (CR 2100N) and east of Rosedale Rd. the preferable alternative for a Mt. Zion area substation?**

A: In discovery, we learned that "ATXI did not order nor is ATXI aware of any air case study from the FAA for the purpose of the Illinois Rivers Project in Macon County. Pending final route approval by the Commission, ATXI will obtain all required permits or approvals associated with this route in advance of construction." [See Exhibit 1, answer to Macon 3.01]. I made a public comment on August 20, 2013, meant to bring notice to FAA issues in Section 22 of Macon County. [See Exhibit 2, containing a my public comment and the lease at issue for the site described, which I incorporate herein by reference]. I have, twice, personally met with FAA

engineers on sight in Section 22 of Macon County and have driven the proposed primary and alternate routes with them. This was prior to Staff's introduction of the Kinkaid route and, until staff proposed substation options 1 and 2 on that route, appeared not to be terribly relevant. However, should either of these substation options occur (1 and 2), then the FAA issue would once again be in play. I have also spoken with 2 FAA flight study department specialists and the technical information in my public comment is from one of the specialists.

It appears, however, that the Hilvety substation and the lines coming and going from it would not be in close proximity to the active FAA Very High Frequency Omni-directional Range/Tactical Air Navigation facility on property owned by Juanita Rutherford (and more specifically described in my public comment), and would therefore not implicate the concerns with the FAA I previously expressed.

**Q: Is your testimony that the Staff's latest Hilvety location for a substation is the least problematic meant to be a concession that a Mt. Zion area needs another substation?**

A: No. To supplement my previous testimony as to Decatur's declining industrial outlook, please see Exhibits 3, 4 & 5. ADM is moving its global HQ out of Decatur. Caterpillar not only cut 460 jobs earlier this year but in September it sent out letters to white-collar workers as well. The attachment reads "...800 recent production-related job cuts that have already hit the Decatur plant. ...." Additionally, according to Ameren, "AIC is expanding its Faries Park substation and in the process of constructing the new facilities. ADM is not building nor an owner of the AIC substation." [See Exhibit 1, answer to Macon 3.03]. Note the former EDC's president's comment in there-"This will go a long way toward stabilizing the electrical system out on that end of town". I submit that building any other substation near Decatur might fly in the face of "least cost" analogy. I reiterate the question of AIC's responsibility for and likelihood to hook up

to yet another new substation in the Decatur area. Note in Exhibit 6 "The capital investment will be somewhere between \$39 million and \$47 million" for the new Faries Park substation. How many of these do they need or can they afford? Mr. Rockrohr also voices this concern in lines 20-25 of his testimony on November 13, 2013.

**Q: Do you have any other comments you wish the Commission and the ALJ's to consider when making their decision?**

A: Yes. Basically, should the commission still see a need for a new substation, Greg Rockrohr's recommendation of the Hilvety site stands on the merits of his testimony. His three-pronged analysis of Pana, Moweaqua and Mt. Zion 138Kv connections make a lot of sense to me. No, I am not a transmission line planning specialist, but since people who are don't necessarily agree, maybe understanding it from a macro approach is preferable. Least cost is self-explanatory. Finally, a project of this magnitude will affect many future generations. I trust the Commission appreciates this and will exercise all due diligence in this process.

DATED this 2nd day of December, 2013

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I, Christopher M. Ellis, being an attorney admitted to practice in the State of Illinois, and one of the attorneys for Paula D. Cooley, herewith certify that I did on the 2nd day of December, 2013, electronically file with the Illinois Commerce Commission, Rebuttal Testimony of Intervenor Paula D. Cooley on Rehearing and electronically served same upon the persons identified on the Commission's official service list.

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**Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois's  
Response to MaconCPO Data Requests  
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, and an Order pursuant to Section 8-503 of the Public Utilities Act, to Construct, Operate and Maintain a New High Voltage Electric Service Line and Related Facilities in Various Counties in the State of Illinois.  
Data Request on Rehearing Response Date: 11/27/2013**

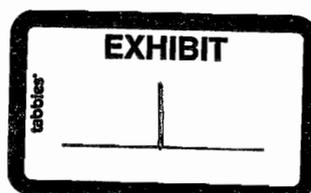
Macon 3.01

Did ATXI order or is it aware of any order for an air case study from the FAA for the purpose of the Illinois Rivers Project in or near section 22 of Macon County. If answered in the affirmative, please provide the FAA study number and date it was requested.

**RESPONSE**

**Prepared By: Donell Murphy  
Title: Partner, Environmental Resources Management  
Phone Number: 847-258-8912**

ATXI objects to this request as vague with respect to which Section 22 within Macon County is being referred to. Subject to and without waiving this objection, ATXI responds as follows. AXTI did not order, nor is ATXI aware of any air case study from the FAA for the purpose of the Illinois Rivers Project in Macon County. Pending final route approval by the Commission, ATXI will obtain all required permits or approvals associated with this route in advance of construction.



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Macon 3.02

Did ATXI perform any studies or give any consideration to drainage issues when choosing its location for a proposed substation in Mt. Zion.

**RESPONSE**

**Prepared By: Donell Murphy  
Title: Partner, Environmental Resources Management  
Phone Number: 847-258-8912**

ATXI objects to this request as vague and uncertain with respect to what is meant by 'any studies' or 'drainage issues' when choosing its location for a proposed substation in Mt. Zion.

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Macon 3.03

Does ATXI have any ownership, management of other involvement in a substation being built by ADM at Fairies Park?

**RESPONSE**

**Prepared By: Jeffrey V. Hackman**

**Title: Senior Director – Transmission Operations and Project Management**

**Phone Number: 314.554.2839**

Objection. The data seeks information that is not relevant, nor material, nor likely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence . Without waiving objection, no.

AIC is expanding its Fairies Park substation and in the process of constructing the new facilities. ADM is not building, or an owner of, the AIC substation.

- **August 20, 2013**

In section 22 of Macon County, there is a very high frequency omni-directional radio range (VOR)/Tactical Air Navigation Aid (TACAN). The structure is approximately 6/10 of a STATUTE mile (.521385...NM) from Henry Road (the original primary route) and approximately 4/10 of a STATUTE mile (.34759...NM) from McDonald Road (the original alternate route).

In the FAA JO 7400.2J (Procedures for Handling Airspace Matters), Chapter 6-3-10 (Evaluating Effect on Air Navigation and Communication Facilities), Page 6-3-23, shows the following:

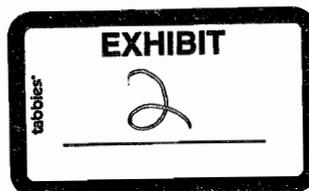
3. Very High Frequency Omni-Directional Radio Range and Tactical Air Navigation Aid (VOR/TACAN). Usually, there should be no reflecting structures or heavy vegetation (trees, brush, etc.) within a 1,000 foot radius of the VOR or the TACAN antenna. Interference may occur from large structures OR POWERLINES UP TO 2 NM from the antenna. ....(refer to FAAO 6820.10, VOR, VOR/DME, and TACAN Siting Criteria).

There are currently 138's on McDonald Road, nothing on Henry Road. I'm thinking the higher the voltage, the more potential interference? The distances from both routes are way below the FAA notation of 2 NM for potential interference.

Please be advised.

Thank you

Paula Cooley





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Lease No. DTEA14-83-L-R403  
VORTAC Facility Site  
Decatur, Illinois

## LEASE

between

Glenn C. Rutherford and Juanita M. Rutherford  
Husband and Wife  
and

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

This LEASE, made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighty-three  
by and between Glenn C. Rutherford and Juanita M. Rutherford  
RFD 1, Box 14  
whose address is Dalton City, Illinois 61925

for themselves and their heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns  
hereinafter called the Lessor and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, hereinafter called the Government.

WITNESSETH: The parties hereto for the consideration hereinafter mentioned covenant and agree as follows:

1. For the term beginning July 1, 1983 and ending September 30, 19 83 the Lessor hereby leases to the Government the following described property, hereinafter called the premises, viz:

One and seventy-three hundredths (1.73) acres, more or less, located in the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 22, T-15-N, R-3-E, of the 3rd P.M., Macon County, Illinois, and more particularly described as follows: From the NE corner of said Section 22; thence South 1,320 feet to a point; thence West 30 feet to the point of beginning of the tract of land to be described; thence West 1,686 feet to a point; thence North 105 feet to a point; thence East 120 feet to a point; thence South 65 feet to a point; thence East 1,566 feet to a point; thence South 40 feet to the point of beginning.

Bearings are referred to the East section line of the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 22 which is assumed to be true North-South.

R. Rutherford  
6038 Hogan Rd.  
Dalton City, IL 61925

Attachment "A" to Lease No. DTFAL4-83-L-R403

11. The Lessors agree to limit the use of their lands within a 1,000 foot radius from the center of the VORTAC building, and shall not erect, allow to be erected or permit the following:

- A. The growth of trees, shrubs, or other obstructions which may interfere with the VORTAC's electronic signal.
- B. No new metal fences within 500 feet of the center VORTAC building.
- C. No overhead utility lines.
- D. No outside television or radio antennas and/or towers.
- E. The operation of gravel pits, barrow pits and/or quarries.

12. The Lessors reserve the right to cultivate or otherwise use said lands in any way not inconsistent with the rights granted. However, no building, structure, tree, object and/or obstruction within the 1,000 foot radius may penetrate, extend into or exceed the height as measured from the center of the VORTAC building as follows:

<u>DISTANCE FROM CENTER</u>	<u>HEIGHT ALLOWED</u>
100 Feet	1'9"
200 Feet	3'6"
300 Feet	5'3"
400 Feet	7'0"
500 Feet	8'9"
600 Feet	10'5"
700 Feet	12'3"
800 Feet	14'0"
900 Feet	15'9"
1,000 Feet	17'5"

Height allowances for distances within 1,000 feet other than shown shall be measured based on a 1° vertical angle from the center of the VORTAC.

13. The Lessors right to cultivate the lands within the 1,000 foot radius include the right to use all farm machinery (exclusive of irrigation systems) while in motion being used to plant, cultivate, fertilize and/or harvest crops. Also included are the use of other equipment and/or machinery (exclusive of irrigation systems) which do not exceed the height allowed as shown in Paragraph 12.

14. This lease supersedes Lease No. FA-CE2384, which expired by limitation on June 30, 1983, and also Lease No. DOT-FA72CE-6638 is also canceled as of June 30, 1983.

15. The Lessors hereby warrant that they have acquired and possess an adequate real estate right in the property described above and that they are authorized to grant to the United States of America the rights and interests set forth herein.

<u>Estimated Dist</u>	<u>Height allowed</u>	<u>Height allowed</u>
1400 ft	24'5"	To North LINE - 1320 F - 23.5'
1800 ft	31'5"	To EAST LINE 1566 ft. 27.1'

? Ameron Illinois Rivers Project uses 120' high poles - This route conflicts with height restrictions

**BUSINESS JOURNAL**  
OF MIDCENTRAL ILLINOIS

## ADM to move global headquarters

OCTOBER 02, 2013 12:00 AM • BY CHRIS LUSVARDI | BUSINESS JOURNAL WRITER

DECATUR — The long-term economic future of Decatur was shaken last month as Archer Daniels Midland Co. announced plans to explore the creation of a global headquarters and customer center outside of the city.

The agricultural processing company, which employs about 30,000 worldwide, has been based in Decatur for 44 years. In making the announcement, Chairman, President and CEO Patricia Woertz emphasized ADM's continued support to the city that is home to two of the largest processing facilities in the company's global network and the single largest community of employees.

Local officials are looking toward benefits that might exist from the possible move.

"We need to turn this thing around and not look at it as disastrous," Decatur Mayor Mike McElroy said. "We should look at it as an opportunity. ADM is not leaving Decatur. They proved today they still care about Decatur."

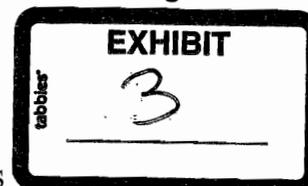
McElroy said ADM representatives explained the decision to local officials and business leaders during a lunchtime meeting in Decatur.

ADM said it's not planning any layoffs in connection with the move to a new global center.

It expects to locate a small, corporate team at the global center with approximately 100 jobs relocated to the center. In addition, ADM plans to create a new IT center at the same location, adding approximately 100 positions there during the next few years.

The company said the Decatur office will become its North American headquarters. ADM also maintains regional headquarters in Rolle, Switzerland; Sao Paulo, Brazil; and Shanghai, China.

In seeking to establish a new global center, Woertz said ADM is positioning itself for continued success in a sector that is consolidating with new, well-funded global competitors.



“Our company is growing and becoming more global and more customer-centric,” Woertz said. “To continue to succeed, we need a global center in a location that allows us to travel and work efficiently with customers and employees throughout the world. We also need an environment where we can attract and retain employees with diverse skills, and where family members can find ample career opportunities.”

Speculation began almost immediately following the announcement as to where ADM would move its global headquarters.

Gov. Pat Quinn met with ADM executives earlier in the month to discuss the plans being considered, said Brooke Anderson, a spokeswoman for the governor.

During the meeting with Quinn, Anderson said ADM expressed its desire for part of its corporate work force to be in an urban setting to meet its business and transportation needs. The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity could provide the company incentives for job creation within the state, but Anderson was not aware of ADM having asked for such incentives.

“Illinois has a strong relationship with ADM,” Anderson said. “We want them to grow and thrive. As they look at the possibilities, we want to make sure to minimize the impact on Decatur and Central Illinois.”

The announcement of the possible headquarters relocation comes as ADM continues to finalize what would be its largest acquisition in company history. It is in the process of obtaining Australian agribusiness GrainCorp, in a deal believed to be worth approximately

\$3.1 billion. ADM hopes to close the deal by the end of the year.

ADM is no different than any of the other employers in Decatur trying to compete around the world, said Craig Coil, president of the Economic Development Corporation of Decatur and Macon County.

“The announcement reflects the global market we live in,” Coil said. “It’s critical they be able to access global markets.”

Making changes, such as the one ADM is considering, has become a necessity for those businesses to survive, Coil said.

“You look back and the corporations that aren’t around are ones that didn’t adapt to the global economy,” he said. “Half their business is outside North America, so they need to be competitive to be here 100 years from now.”

The expansion could give ADM the capability to grow, which could, in turn, benefit businesses in Decatur, said Mirinda Rothrock, Greater Decatur Chamber of Commerce president. ADM appears to remain deeply committed to Decatur, Rothrock said.

"I believe ADM will be here for years to come," Rothrock said.

ADM said it was making a number of multiyear financial commitments to economic development, education and social services to help ensure that Decatur remains a strong community.

The company plans to make a \$250,000 annual commitment for three years to fund an enhanced public-private partnership and unified marketing campaign for the Economic Development Corporation of Decatur and Macon County. The donation includes funding of a mayoral economic development fellow.

In addition, the Decatur School District will receive \$500,000 annually for five years. ADM pledged to maintain its other Decatur and Macon County community support at \$1 million annually for at least 10 years.

"We are investing in Decatur's economic development to help ensure it flourishes economically, in its schools to foster a strong work force pipeline, and in critical social services to enhance the quality of community life," Woertz said. "We remain firmly committed to the 4,400 colleagues who will continue to work in Decatur, and to the economic strength and vitality of the Decatur community."

Woertz has been publicly asked as recently as May, during the company's annual shareholder meeting, whether moving its headquarters was under consideration. She responded by saying ADM is an important part of Decatur's economy and the company will always remain an important part of the community.

Woertz began addressing the question about relocating its headquarters soon after taking ADM's top job in 2006. During the shareholder meeting in 2007, she said the item had not been discussed.

Shareholder Martin Glotzer of Chicago, who was openly booed when he asked Woertz last year about moving ADM's headquarters, said he knew it would not be a popular question in Decatur. However, he thinks in the long run, ADM and Decatur would benefit from being able to attract higher-quality career people who would rather live and work in Chicago than Decatur.

If the company is better off, Glotzer said it could grow and hire more people.

“This move will increase employment in Decatur,” he said.

McElroy said he plans to continue discussions about what is needed to keep Decatur viable in the future, especially in terms of transportation facilities for roads, rail and air travel. It’s a similar situation to what Decatur has found itself in all too often before, he said.

“We are ready to take on that challenge,” McElroy said. “We’re an industry town. This isn’t a closed book.”



## CAT sending job notices to management

SEPTEMBER 27, 2013 12:01 AM • BY TONY REID - H&R STAFF WRITER

DECATUR — Now it's the turn of a new group of Caterpillar Inc. employees to worry about the future:.

The company said it's been sending out letters this week to some white-collar workers, warning them their jobs are due to be cut.

The letters have been showing up at the vast mining truck plant in Decatur, along with company factories across the nation. Caterpillar would not talk specific numbers for Decatur or anywhere else but described the affected workers as being in "support and management" positions.

The latest employment bad news rides in on the heels of 800 recent production-related job cuts that have already hit the Decatur plant. And Caterpillar has talked of further possible companywide blue-collar job losses as it struggles to control costs while awaiting better times.

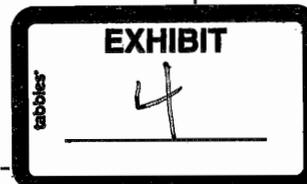
Decatur, already hit this week with the news that Archer Daniels Midland Co. is moving its global headquarters elsewhere, is struggling with an unemployment rate of 12 percent, the highest in Illinois.

Caterpillar, dragged down by plunging sales as miners retrench in the wake of an industrywide slump, saw its second-quarter earnings collapse by 43 percent and has cut its revenue and profit outlook for the year.

Jim Dugan, a company spokesman, said the support and management cutbacks were part of an organizational streamlining and did not necessarily mean those targeted in Decatur would end up terminated. He said workers would have the opportunity to apply for vacant jobs in Decatur or elsewhere among Caterpillar's production facilities.

"If they are not able to find another position, then they may end up leaving the company," Dugan added.

He would not comment on the prospects the workers were facing, but it appeared clear many of those getting letters this week had a slim chance of landing another Caterpillar job in the teeth of such a sharp turndown in the firm's order books.



“It’s important for us to say this, because it’s true, that we certainly understand that this is difficult for the employees and their families,” Dugan said. “And we’re doing what we can to try to provide support for those impacted employees during this time.”

News of more job cuts followed Caterpillar’s release of global dealer sales statistics that showed an accelerating downturn. Worldwide sales of the machines that include the mining trucks and other equipment built in Decatur were down 10 percent in August compared to the same time last year. That follows on from a 9 percent decline in July and an 8 percent drop in June.

The Latin America region, which had been a consistent bright spot, was off 3 percent, and the Asia-Pacific region continued its plunge with a 30 percent drop. North America bucked the trend with a 1 percent sales uptick, but overall, Caterpillar has seen worldwide sales pass through their ninth straight month of declines.

Jim Minton, an investment adviser with Decatur-based Investment Planners who studies Caterpillar, said it’s hard to find a light at the end of the tunnel, but there could be one. He points to the \$85 billion-a-month cash injections by the Federal Reserve in the American economy, which he said will serve to lower the value of the dollar.

“When Caterpillar does well is in a timeframe when the dollar is falling and commodities are booming,” Minton said. “And those two things can kind of go hand-in-hand.”

He said a falling dollar also makes many people turn to gold to park their money, possibly setting the stage for a boost to gold miners, a big Caterpillar customer. “It could possibly be a trigger for Caterpillar,” Minton added.

For the moment, however, Caterpillar is pinning its faith in another area of government: the Washington, D.C.-based U.S. Export-Import Bank. Caterpillar is urging the bank to approve a \$650 million long-term loan that would finance an Australian iron ore mine’s purchase of vast quantities of Caterpillar equipment, including many of the mining trucks built in Decatur.

“Caterpillar believes this particular transaction will have a positive net impact on jobs ...” said a statement from the Washington, D.C. office of Caterpillar, Inc.

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## Caterpillar remains in slump during third quarter

OCTOBER 24, 2013 12:01 AM • BY TONY REID - H&R STAFF WRITER

DECATUR — Like the giant mining trucks built at its Decatur plant, the bad news juggernaut plowing through Caterpillar Inc.'s quarterly results keeps rolling relentlessly onward.

On Wednesday, the manufacturing giant announced third-quarter sales and revenues of \$13.423 billion, down some 18 percent from the \$16.445 billion earned in the third quarter of 2012. Profit per share went into a 43 percent nosedive to come in at \$1.45 on earnings of \$946 million for the 2013 third quarter, compared to \$2.54 per share at this time last year on earnings of \$1.7 billion.

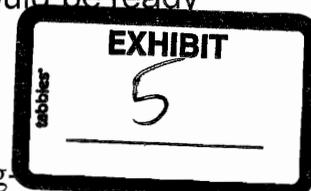
The latest third-quarter results were way off Wall Street expectations, which had predicted earnings of \$1.68 per share on \$14.29 billion in revenue.

“This year has proven to be difficult, with expected sales and revenues nearly \$11 billion lower than last year,” said Caterpillar’s chairman and CEO, Doug Oberhelman. “That is a 17 percent decline from 2012, with about 75 percent of the drop from resource industries, which is principally mining.”

Warning that it expects the company’s resource industries segment to be down almost 40 percent for the full year, Caterpillar told industry analysts there was now a laser focus on cutting costs. That could prove to be bad news for the surviving workers in Decatur, who have already seen some 800 production layoffs and additional cutbacks in white collar jobs.

Worldwide, Peoria-based Caterpillar now has a full-time global work force of 121,506 after shedding 13,000 jobs in the past year. The company said a key priority going forward is on fundamental “structural” reductions that will permanently change the way it operates.

Up for consideration here are shifting production between facilities to save money and “rationalization, consolidation” of manufacturing activities, although it did not offer specific details. So far, Caterpillar has slashed \$700 million worth of expenses this year, and it told the analysts it could be ready to reveal a package of the new structural cutbacks by January.



“We have everybody here on a cost-lockdown binge,” Oberhelman said. “... So it’s all hands on deck here on cost structure, and more is coming.”

Lowering costs in resource industries is a particular concern as the segment’s sales of \$3.004 billion in the 2013 third quarter were off \$2.210 billion, or 42 percent, from the 2012 third quarter.

Caterpillar has now lowered its 2013 outlook with the expectation that companywide sales and revenues will add up to about \$55 billion and profit per share will come in at \$5.50. That’s a dollar per share less than the previous outlook, which had anticipated sales and revenues in the area of \$56 billion to \$58 billion.

Amid the gloom, Caterpillar said dealer inventories were low, and it expected orders would pick up as mining bosses have said they plan to increase production as much as they can from existing mines to meet demand. But Oberhelman said those mining CEOs told him that they were slashing capital spending for mining expansion.

“Any expansion in the near term is dead; it’s over, it’s not going to happen,” he told analysts in a conference call.

Caterpillar is predicting the worldwide economy could be looking better in 2014, but it also cautioned that it has had hopes in the past only to see them dashed.

“There are encouraging signs, but there is also a good deal of uncertainty worldwide as we look ahead to 2014, and our preliminary outlook reflects that uncertainty,” Oberhelman said.

The end result is a prediction that 2014 sales and revenues will be basically flat with the 2013 numbers, plus or minus a 5 percent range.

Jim Minton, an investment adviser with Decatur-based Investment Planners, keeps a close eye on Caterpillar’s performance and said the company has had little to say to cheer Wall Street recently.

“The news from Caterpillar is pretty bleak; the latest earnings were worse than expected, and the company’s forward guidance gave us very little hope,” he said. “I think there’s a song that goes, ‘If it wasn’t for bad news, there would be no news at all,’ and that’s what we’re hearing.”

Caterpillar shares finished Wednesday at \$83.76, down \$5.41 or 6.07 percent.

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## County board committee OKs enterprise zone expansion for ADM electrical substation

JULY 06, 2012 4:01 AM • BY THERESA CHURCHILL, H&R SENIOR WRITER

**DECATUR** — Construction of an electrical substation that will supply Archer Daniels Midland Co.'s east processing plant is expected to begin later this summer after Macon County's enterprise zone is expanded to include the former Faries Park Golf Course along the western bank of the Sangamon River.

Approval of the expansion passed the first hurdle Thursday with a 6-0 vote in favor during a special meeting of the Macon County Board Environmental, Education, Health and Welfare Committee. Decatur Democrats Joe McLaughlin, Kevin Meachum and Mark Wicklund were absent.

The measure must be approved by the full board July 12 and the Decatur City Council July 16 before it can be submitted the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for final approval.

Craig Coil, president of the Economic Development Corporation of Decatur and Macon County, told the committee Thursday that no new jobs would be created by the project but that 1,015 jobs would be retained in corn processing, soybean extraction and bioproducts operations.

"The capital investment will be somewhere between \$39 million and \$47 million," Coil said. "This will go a long way toward stabilizing the electrical system out on that end of town."

Construction of the substation is expected to be complete by Dec. 31.

This 244.64-acre addition to the enterprise zone would allow the company to take advantage of various state tax credits and exemptions and leave 353.28 acres in the county's 12-square-mile statutory authority for future

development. The zone was originally created in 1983.

"We still have plenty of space left in the zone and will be evaluating that in the future," Coil said.

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