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SENT VIA EMAIL

Mr. Darin Burk
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Illinois Commerce Commission
527 E. Capitol Avenue
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Dear Darin:

This letter is in regards to the Notice of Probable Violation (NOPV 2014-V001-0031) issued on May 8, 2014, following an ICC record audit (Inspection # 2014-P-00187) conducted on April 29, 30 and May 1, 2014 at the Ameren Illinois (AIC) Maryville Operating Center.

During the audit, Staff reviewed compliance records for the Maryville Operating Center including records for a distribution leak survey # 1391. This survey was coded as an unprotected leak survey in the AIC Gas Compliance System (GCS). The survey had previously contained a gas main segment of 8 inch bare steel that was cathodically unprotected. While this segment had been retired in February 2010 after a segment of 4 inch plastic was installed in December 2009, the leak survey type was not updated to a cathodically protected leak survey type in GCS.

In the response letter dated May 31, 2014, I indicated that as an action to prevent a reocurrence, AIC would conduct a review of all leak surveys that are coded as unprotected in the AIC Gas Compliance System and provide you with a summary of the results of this review. The review included 24 leak surveys that were coded as unprotected. Of these 24 leak surveys, 13 surveys contained facilities which were all determined to be cathodically protected. These surveys will be retired from GCS and the related facilities will be transferred to adjacent leak surveys that are coded as protected. The remaining 11 leak surveys will remain active and coded as unprotected leak surveys in the AIC Gas Compliance System.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or if you would like any additional information regarding these issues.

Sincerely,

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