STATE OF ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

CERTIFIED MAIL

July 14, 2015

Mr. Ron Pate
Vice President, Operations and Technical Services
Ameren Illinois Company
370 South Main Street
Decatur, IL 62523

Re: Notice of Probable Violations (NOPV #'s 2015-V001-00005 & 2015-V001-00006)

Dear Mr. Pate:

Representatives of the Illinois Commerce Commission Pipeline Safety Program ("Staff") conducted a Comprehensive Field audit for the Ameren Illinois Company ("Ameren") Canton Operating Center on May 20-21, 2015 (Inspection # 2015-P-00222). During that audit, our Analysts observed the following probable violations with reference to Part 192 of the Federal Regulations for the transportation of Natural Gas. Notices of Probable Violation ("NOPV") have been issued for the sections of the Code of Federal Regulations ("CFR") cited, and were discussed with Dallas Jett on May 21, 2015.

Below is the applicable section of the CFR and the subsection language applicable to the violation. Following the CFR or subsection language is a description of each violation along with required corrective measures that must be taken to become compliant with the CFR.

NOPV # 2015-V001-00006

CFR §192.355 titled: ***"Customer meters and regulators: Protection from damage"*** states in paragraph (b) (2), "Service regulator vents and relief vents must terminate outdoors, and the outdoor terminal must be located at a place where gas from the vent can escape freely into the atmosphere and away from any opening into the building."

Staff observed a customer meter and regulator located under a carport at 1160 E. Locust Street, Canton.

The customer meter regulator at 1160 E. Locust St, Canton, must be relocated or modified to allow gas to vent freely into the atmosphere and away from any opening into the building.

NOPV # 2015-V001-00005

CFR §192.707 titled: ***"Line markers for mains and transmission lines"*** states in paragraph (a) (1), "Buried pipelines. Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, a line marker must be placed and maintained as close as practical over each buried main and transmission line at each crossing of a public road and railroad."

Staff observed a casing at the railroad crossing on Route 78 north of Dunfermline missing a pipeline marker.

A pipeline marker must be installed and maintained for this casing. In addition, the casing and pipeline marker on the north side of the railroad tracks are not visible due to the overgrowth of vegetation. It is recommended this area be cleared to assure that the location of the pipeline crossing under the railroad tracks is abundantly clear or a pipeline marker added that is easily visible.

Upon receipt of the NOPV's, Ameren may submit to this office by August 13, 2015, in writing, evidence refuting the probable violation referenced in the NOPV. If evidence refuting the probable violation cannot be provided, you must submit a written plan of action outlining actions to be taken to correct the violation, including a schedule and the date when compliance is anticipated by August 13, 2015. The response should include the steps that Ameren has taken, or expects to take to prevent a recurrence of this situation.

Once the inadequacies identified herein have been addressed, documentation confirming the corrective action must be forwarded to this office. Staff will review the documentation provided to determine compliance. Any correspondence must include the Inspection Report Number as well as the corresponding NOPV Number.

Failure to respond to this letter by the date specified above and take corrective actions <u>will</u> subject Ameren to a penalty assessment as allowed under Section 7 of the Illinois Gas Pipeline Safety Act (220 ILCS 20/7).

Please be advised that pursuant to IL Adm. Code Part 596 of the Commission's Rules, all information regarding this inspection in possession of the Commission, including communications regarding this inspection will be made available to the public and posted on the Commission's website. Confidential and/or personal information including, but not limited to social security numbers, drivers license numbers, credit card numbers, debit card numbers, and medical records, etc. should be included in neither inspection documents nor correspondence with the Commission. Any person, as set

forth in Section 596.20, who believes that any inspection information is confidential or proprietary shall request that the Commission enter an order to protect the confidential or proprietary information pursuant to 83 Ill. Adm. Code 200.430.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Kevin Hecker at (217) 414-9356, or I may be contacted at (217) 785-1165.

Sincerely,

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