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**ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

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December 16, 2015

Mr. Ron Pate  
Vice President  
Ameren Illinois Company  
370 S. Main Street  
Decatur, IL 62523

Re: Notice of Probable Violation (NOPV # 2015-V001-00028)

Dear Mr. Pate:

Representatives of the Illinois Commerce Commission Pipeline Safety Program ("Staff") conducted a Compliance Follow-up audit for the Ameren Illinois Company ("Ameren") on October 27-29, 2015 (Inspection # 2015-P-00392). During that audit, our Analysts observed the following probable violation with reference to Part 192 of the Federal Regulations for the transportation of Natural Gas. A Notice of Probable Violation ("NOPV") has been issued for the section of the Code of Federal Regulations ("CFR") cited, and was discussed with Mike Fuller on November 5, 2015.

Below is the applicable section of the CFR and the subsection language applicable to the violation.

**NOPV # 2015-V001-00028**

**CFR §192.605** titled: "Procedural manual for operations, maintenance, and emergencies" states in paragraph (b) (3), "Maintenance and normal operations. The manual required by paragraph (a) of this section must include procedures for the following, if applicable, to provide safety during maintenance and operations. Making construction records, maps, and operating history available to appropriate operating personnel."

During Staff's Compliance Follow-up of Notice of Amendment (NOA) # 2013-A001-00230, to verify that Ameren had added the following amended procedure to the O&M Manual, "Upon completion of gas projects, updates to AIC's electronic mapping system in G/Tech will be completed within a 90 day period from the time the completed job packet is approved," Ameren's response letter of January 9, 2014, stated that the amended procedure would be provided to Staff, and these revisions will be included in the next update release of the AIC Gas O&M plan in 2014. After completing the review in October 2015, Staff noted that Ameren has yet to incorporate this change into the

Operations & Maintenance Manual. Ameren stated during this audit that it will not be completed until January 2016. Staff converted NOA # 2013-A001-00230 to a Notice of Probable Violation for failure to meet the deadline of January 9, 2014.

Upon receipt of the NOPV, Ameren Illinois Company may submit to this office by January 15, 2016, 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 January 15, 2016. The response should include the steps that Ameren has taken, or expects to take to prevent a recurrence of this situation.

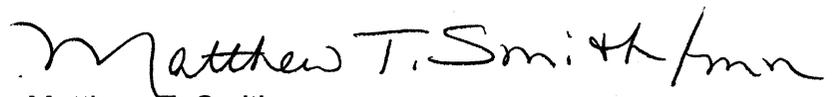
Once the inadequacies identified herein have been addressed, documentation confirming the corrective action must be forwarded to this office. Staff will review the documentation provided to determine compliance. Any correspondence must include the Inspection Report Number as well as the corresponding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

Failure to respond to this letter by the date specified above and take corrective actions will 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 Charles Gribbins at (217) 414-9359, or I may be contacted at (217) 785-1165.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew T. Smith" followed by a stylized flourish that appears to be "fmn".

Matthew T. Smith  
Interim Program Manager- Pipeline Safety

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