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**REBUTTAL TESTIMONY
OF
SHELDON AND LISA BAUER**

**ON BEHALF OF
INTERVENOR CONCERNED CITIZENS OF FAMILY
FARMS AND HERITAGE**

JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Union)
Electric Company for Permission and)
Authority to Construct, Operate, Own, and) Case No. EO-2002-351
Maintain a 345 Kilovolt Transmission Line)
in Maries, Osage, and Pulaski Counties,)
Missouri ("Callaway-Franks Line").)

AFFIDAVIT OF Sheldon and Lisa Bauer

Sheldon & Lisa Bauer, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that they (he/she) is the witness who sponsors the accompanying testimony entitled "Rebuttal Testimony of Sheldon & Lisa Bauer"; that said testimony was prepared by them (him/her) and/or under their (his/her) direction and supervision; that if inquiries were made as to the facts and conclusions in said testimony, both (he/she) would respond as therein set forth; and that the aforesaid testimony is true and correct to the best of their (his/her) knowledge.

Sheldon Bauer Lisa Bauer

State of Missouri

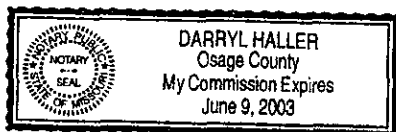
County of Osage

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to

before me this 24 day of July, 2002.

Darryl Haller
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: June 9, 2003



**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
SHELDON AND LISA BAUER**

1 Q. Please state your name and residence address.

2 A. Sheldon and Lisa Bauer.

3 Q. Are you a property owner in one of the three counties through which Union Electric
4 Company is applying for permission and authority to construct, operate, own and maintain
5 a 345 kilovolt transmission line?

6 A. Yes, I am the owner of property which I am advised will be crossed by this new 345,000 volt
7 transmission in Osage County.

8 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?

9 A. I am providing this testimony in opposition to the application to construct this transmission
10 line on the route requested by Ameren UE. The law requires that construction of this power
11 line must be shown by Ameren UE to be necessary and convenient for the public service.
12 Regardless of any necessity for a transmission line somewhere else, it is neither necessary
13 nor convenient to the public to build the transmission line as proposed. The line can be
14 constructed in other areas and its construction in the place and manner proposed will be
15 destructive of family farms, family farm values, and does irreparable harm to the history and
16 heritage of the local area and its communities.

17 Q. Are you a member of the Intervenor group known as Concerned Citizens for Family Farms
18 and Heritage?

19 A. Yes, I am a member of that group and offer my testimony in support of its statement of
20 purpose, which is attached to this testimony and incorporated.

1 Q. Have you as a property owner in the path of the proposed transmission line been contacted
2 by Ameren UE for purpose of discussing where the line would go through your property and
3 what alternatives, if any, might be available?

4 A. No. Only through meetings at Linn called by others.

5 Q. How long have you owned the property in question?

6 A. Thirty years.

7 Q. Could you describe the nature of the property and its past and current use?

8 A. It is a farm with pasture for cattle.

9 Q. Is the current use of the property income producing to you?

10 A. Yes. We rely on these fields to bail hay to feed our cattle on our family farm.

11 Q. Do you already have any power lines over your property?

12 A. Yes. We have enough power lines running through our fields. We don't need or want
13 anymore or bigger ones.

14 Q. Will the proposed power line, if built, affect the value of your land?

15 A. Yes. A power line of this size on my property will without question decrease the overall
16 value of the remaining property. The power line itself, the large easement taken on a strip
17 through that part of the property will impair present and future use of the entire parcel of
18 property I own. The option of selling the property to get rid of the problems caused by the
19 power line is unavailable. The power line will make the property virtually unsaleable,
20 requiring that I simply live with Ameren UE's solution to a problem that I do not feel I even
21 share with them. While I am unsure of the health affects of such a large power line so close
22 to my own daily activities, it is ingrained in the popular mentality that such power lines

1 constitute a health hazard, rendering unlikely any sale of my property at all. No one will buy
2 this property with this 345,000 volt electric line through it. The health affects should be
3 major issues of concern in these questions. Also, what is this going to do to the wildlife?
4 I believe it will be harmful.

5 Q. What other adverse impacts do you feel this line will create for yourself and others?

6 A. The attached statement of purpose for Concerned Citizens for Family Farms and Heritage
7 sums up the overall bad impact. I and my neighbors live where we do by choice. We forego
8 the luxuries of more urban living in exchange for the peace, quiet and more rustic lifestyle
9 of the family farm and the small local community. Every reason and purpose that my
10 neighbors and I own property here for is drastically impaired or practically destroyed by the
11 presence of this high voltage power line, and the constant commercial activity anticipated in
12 building and maintaining it in the future. If we wanted all that noise and activity we would
13 have moved to the city.

14 Q. Do you know of any alternatives to the Ameren UE proposal which might change your
15 opinion about this project?

16 A. The alternatives are all within the power of Ameren UE to implement, and I do believe an
17 alternative exists. I believe Ameren should restudy the route and balance the interests of the
18 community against their need to relieve overloading problems. There are other corridors
19 equally available to Ameren to build this line which would be better able to bear the burden
20 of the line's presence without destroying property values, life styles and family farms. My
21 neighbors and I have no alternatives, and construction of the line as proposed will change our
22 lives and circumstances forever. We will not be able to sell even though we may not wish

1 to stay. Given our lack of options and alternatives, and the numerous alternatives available
2 to Ameren UE to put this line almost anywhere it wants, it is my hope that the Public Service
3 Commission will require Ameren UE to balance their mere commercial need against our vital
4 need to preserve the family farm and our way of life.

5 Q. Have you had past experiences with power companies and their maintenance of their
6 easement and right-of-way, and do you have concerns about this aspect of the new power
7 line?

8 A. Yes. They use chemicals to kill the brush and the run off goes into our lake and
9 contaminates the fish we catch.

10 Q. Does this conclude your Rebuttal Testimony?

11 A. Yes.

**CONCERNED CITIZENS OF FAMILY
FARMS AND HERITAGE**

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Concerned Citizens of Family Farms and Heritage ("Concerned Citizens") is an unincorporated membership association of family farm owners, small property owners, small business owners and farm community residents formed to promote the interests of family farming, small town communities and rural life. Membership is open to all who share the desire to promote the interests of family farms and small communities in the rural areas of central Missouri, and those who wish to preserve the rural environment against the continuous encroachment of large commercial development and urban sprawl. Our primary concern is with preservation and protection of the family farm and its heritage in rural Missouri. Concerned Citizens oppose through all lawful means the encroachment on and destruction of family farms, which are the fundamental economic and cultural basis for the rural lifestyle. Concerned Citizens promotes all reasonable efforts to preserve and protect family farms and rural lifestyle, and vigorously opposes impairment or destruction of property which is used or useful for perpetuation of rural existence on family farms, or diversion of property from use as family farms.

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