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1 **I. INTRODUCTION AND WITNESS QUALIFICATIONS**

2 **Q. Please state your name, business address and present position.**

3 A. My name is Christopher J. Wood. I am employed by Burns & McDonnell
4 Engineering Company, Inc. (“Burns & McDonnell”) in the Environmental Studies and
5 Permitting Global Practice as a Project Manager and Department Manager. My business address
6 is P.O. Box 419173, Kansas City, Missouri 64141, and my office headquarters is located at 9400
7 Ward Parkway in Kansas City, Missouri 64114.

8 **Q. On whose behalf are you testifying?**

9 A. I am testifying on behalf of Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (“ATXI”).

10 **Q. Please summarize your professional experience and educational background.**

11 A. I graduated from Kansas University in 1993 with a Bachelor of General Studies
12 Degree in Environmental Studies. I joined Burns & McDonnell in February 1994 in the Planning
13 and Environmental Analysis Division, now the Environmental Studies & Permitting Global
14 Practice. I have over 21 years of experience on a variety of projects and in various environmental
15 roles. I have extensive experience in routing and environmental studies for new linear facility
16 projects, particularly electrical transmission lines. I have participated in and served as Project
17 Manager for a number of electrical transmission line routing studies throughout the country
18 ranging from only a few miles in length to over 180 miles and for voltages ranging from 69

1 kilovolts (“kV”) to 500-kV, and I have served as Project Manager on over 25 linear facility
2 projects. I also manage our Environmental Studies Department, which is comprised of a staff of
3 environmental scientists, planners, engineers, biologists, and Geographic Information System
4 (“GIS”) specialists.

5 **Q. Have you previously testified before any regulatory commission?**

6 A. Yes, I have previously provided written and/or oral testimony before the North
7 Carolina Utilities Commission (“NCUC”) as part of Applications for a Certificate of
8 Environmental Compatibility and Necessity for the Trenton Road 230-kV Transmission Line
9 Tap Project in Wake County, North Carolina, and the Asheboro to DEC Pleasant Garden 230-kV
10 Transmission Line Project in Guilford and Randolph Counties, North Carolina. Both of these
11 projects have been approved by the NCUC. I have also previously provided written and oral
12 testimony before the Arkansas Public Service Commission (“APSC”) as part of an Application
13 for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the 115-kV Transmission Line and
14 Associated Facilities in Saline County, Arkansas. This project has been approved by the APSC.

15 **II. PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

16 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

17 A. ATXI is proposing to construct what it calls the Mark Twain Transmission Project
18 (“Project”) in northeast Missouri. ATXI retained Burns & McDonnell to conduct route selection
19 studies and assist with public involvement activities for the proposed Project. I am the Burns &
20 McDonnell Project Manager for the route selection study. In this role, I participated in and was
21 responsible for directing and coordinating the efforts of our staff and coordinating with ATXI’s
22 project staff. I coordinated field visits to the study area, reviewed data on the potential impacts
23 associated with the Project, participated in public open houses and community representative

1 forums, and was responsible for the routing analysis. The purpose of my testimony is to provide
2 the Commission with an understanding of the route selection process and of the basis for
3 selection of the final routes.

4 **Q. Are you sponsoring any schedules in support of your direct testimony?**

5 A. Yes. I am sponsoring **Schedules CJW-01** and **CJW-02**, both of which contain
6 materials related to the stakeholder process undertaken by ATXI as part of the selection of a
7 route for the Project.

8 **III. OBJECTIVE OF ROUTE SELECTION STUDIES**

9 **Q. What was the objective of the route selection studies?**

10 A. The study objective was to identify a route for the proposed 345-kV transmission
11 line to connect three points – the Maywood Switching Station near Palmyra, which is a part of
12 the ATXI Illinois Rivers Project, the proposed Zachary Substation to be located near Kirksville,
13 and a point at the Iowa state line from where the Project would extend into Iowa – that avoided
14 or minimized the adverse impacts on natural and social resources and provided a cost-effective
15 and technically-feasible alignment. In addition, the Project team identified a 2.2 mile-route for a
16 new 161-kV transmission line that would connect the proposed Zachary Substation to be built by
17 ATXI to the existing Adair Substation, which is owned by Union Electric Company d/b/a
18 Ameren Missouri (“Ameren Missouri”). I address the development of the final route for this 2.2-
19 mile section of 161-kV transmission line later in my testimony.

20 **IV. OVERVIEW OF 345-kV ROUTE SELECTION PROCESS**

21 **Q. Please provide a brief overview of the route selection process for the 345-kV**
22 **line.**

1 A. The route selection process was a multi-step process that included a four-phased
2 approach: study area phase, preliminary route network phase, reduced route network phase, and
3 final route selection phase. Each phase is briefly described below and in more detail later in my
4 testimony.

5 The study area phase involved defining Project endpoints, identifying the study area,
6 collecting study area data, identifying constraints, opportunities, and routing criteria, and
7 soliciting agency feedback.

8 The preliminary route network phase involved identifying routing principles, identifying
9 the initial route network, conducting a field review of the alternative routes, analyzing and
10 comparing route alternatives, incorporating input received from elected officials and agencies,
11 and finalizing the preliminary route network. Following the identification of the preliminary
12 route network, a first round of community representative forum and public open house meetings
13 were held.

14 The reduced route network phase involved incorporating input received at public open
15 houses and community representative forum meetings, evaluating and comparing the preliminary
16 route alternatives, and identifying a reduced route network. Following the identification of the
17 reduced route network, a final round of public open house and community representative
18 meetings were held.

19 The final route network phase involved incorporating input received at public open house
20 and community representative forum meetings, participating in a final route selection meeting
21 with the routing team, and selecting a final route.

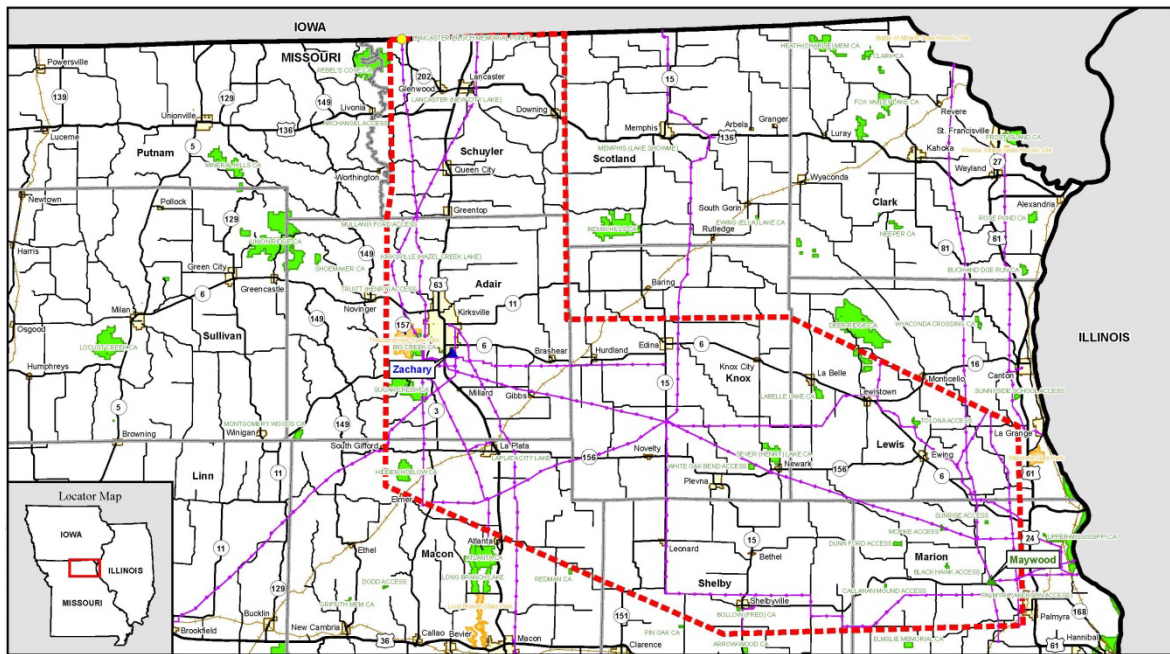
22 **V. STUDY AREA AND 345-kV ROUTE DEVELOPMENT**

23 **Q. Explain the study area phase of the Project.**

1 A. In order to develop a study area in which to locate the proposed route, Project
2 endpoints need to be defined. For the Project, the endpoints were the Maywood Switching
3 Station, the proposed Zachary Substation, and the connection point at the Iowa border. While the
4 Maywood and Zachary endpoints had been identified, several locations were originally
5 considered as potential termination points along the Iowa state line. After further discussion with
6 ATXI, one termination point was chosen adjacent to Ameren Missouri's Appanoose to Adair
7 161-kV transmission line where it crosses into Iowa in Schuyler County, Missouri. All route
8 alternatives from the Zachary Substation would need to terminate at this location.

9 With these endpoints in mind, the Project team, which consisted of staff from ATXI's
10 engineering, real estate, environmental, construction, public involvement, vegetation
11 management, and project management groups, along with staff from Burns & McDonnell's
12 routing, public involvement, and permitting groups, established the study area boundary.
13 Defining the study area boundary is important so that the investigation can become focused
14 early in the process. The study area was designed to provide a substantial area within which
15 numerous potential route alternatives could be developed and considered, without being so large
16 as to overwhelm the study with alternative options.

17 The study area for the Project encompassed approximately 1.25 million acres and
18 included several municipalities, conservation areas, Thousand Hills State Park, conservation
19 easements, Kirksville Regional Airport, several rivers, and existing linear infrastructure, such as
20 existing electric transmission and distribution lines, highways, and local roads. The study area
21 for the Project is depicted in the figure below:



1 **Q. Once the study area was developed, what did you do next?**

2 A. Project data pertaining to the study area was collected and organized within a
3 geographic information system (“GIS”) database. This data included recent aerial photography,
4 U.S. Geological Survey (“USGS”) topographic maps, wetlands, parcel data, roads, and
5 municipal boundaries. Collection of this data was necessary in order to identify constraints and
6 opportunities within the study area for the development of the initial alternative route network.

7 A constraint is any area that generally can be delineated on a map and that can affect the
8 location of the new facility. Constraints represent obstacles or impediments to the routing of a
9 transmission line. Examples of constraints for route selection included dense residential areas,
10 forested wetlands areas, and crossings of other existing transmission lines. Several of the routing
11 constraints identified within the study area included state-owned lands, airports, center pivot
12 irrigation, and conservation easements.

13 Routing opportunities are locations the proposed routes could be co-located, if
14 appropriate, along existing linear infrastructure, such as railroads, roads, existing transmission

1 lines, etc., to potentially minimize the impacts of the new transmission line to the social and
2 natural environments. Routing opportunities in the study area included the siting of transmission
3 line route segments parallel to highways, pipelines, existing power lines, or other linear features
4 (co-location opportunities). Co-locating transmission lines parallel to these linear features may
5 reduce impacts to routing. Co-locating transmission lines with other existing transmission lines
6 could minimize social and environmental impacts but could create undesirable reliability risks.

7 The Project team assembled this data and identified the opportunities and constraints for
8 the study area.

9 **Q. What is the next step once study area data is collected and the opportunities**
10 **and constraints are identified?**

11 A. The Project team identified the routing criteria, which consisted of engineering,
12 social and environmental/land use criteria to be considered for the evaluation of the route
13 networks. In addition, letters were mailed to federal and state agencies to solicit their feedback
14 on the Project. This completed the first phase of the route selection process for the Project.

15 **Q. The second phase of the route selection process involved the establishment of**
16 **a preliminary route network. Did you establish a preliminary route network for the**
17 **Project?**

18 A. Yes. Following the study area phase, the Project team identified an initial,
19 extensive, and very broad network of geographically distinct route options that could connect the
20 Project endpoints. These routes were comprised of numerous shorter and interconnecting
21 segments. Once these alternative route segments were identified, the Project team reviewed these
22 conceptual routes in detail during numerous Project meetings and added, modified, or eliminated
23 several of the Project route segments. These changes were based on a review of the routing

1 principles, selected evaluation criteria, and compliance with ATXI standards of feasibility and
2 constructability.

3 **Q. What were the routing principles used to identify the route alternatives?**

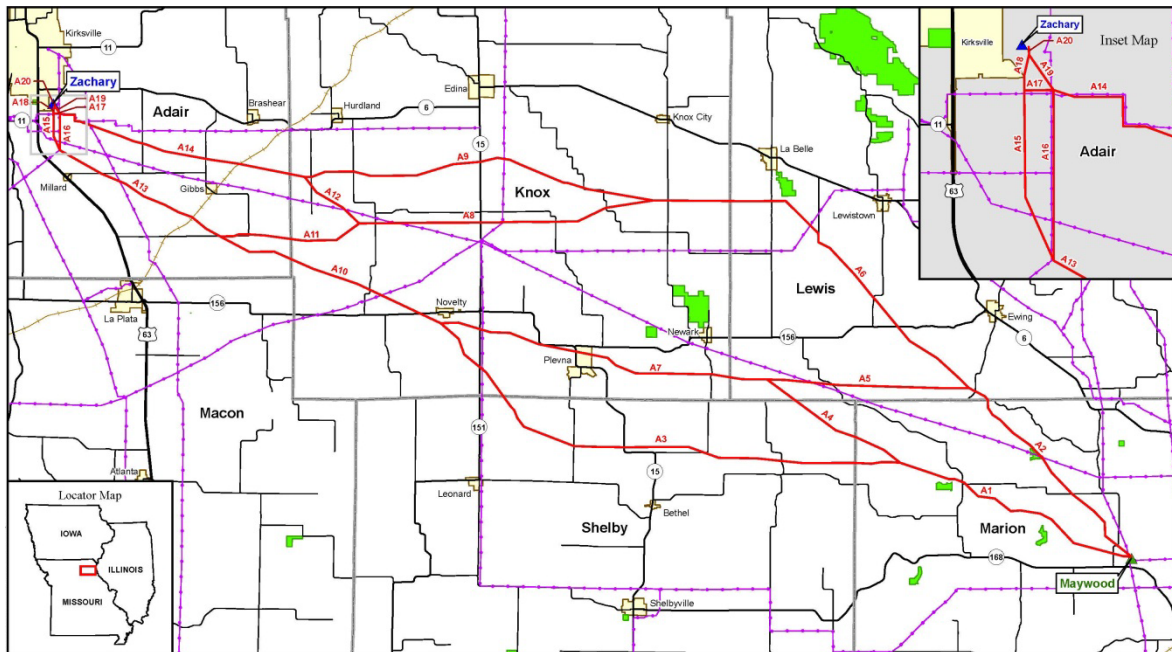
4 A. Routing principles used to identify alternative routes are listed below:

- 5 • Minimize length;
- 6 • Minimize angles;
- 7 • Maintain as much distance as practicable from densely-populated residential
8 areas, individual homes, and public facilities (i.e., religious facilities, schools,
9 etc.);
- 10 • Minimize impacts to social resources such as residences and cultural resources;
- 11 • Minimize impacts to natural resources such as wetlands, woodlands, and wildlife;
- 12 • Minimize impacts to airports and airstrips;
- 13 • Minimize conflict with current and planned uses of land;
- 14 • Minimize visual contrast with natural landscape;
- 15 • Minimize impacts to irrigation systems;
- 16 • Follow existing rights-of-way (ROWs) such as for roads or electric transmission
17 lines, as appropriate; and
- 18 • Avoid federal and state lands and conservation and restricted easement areas.

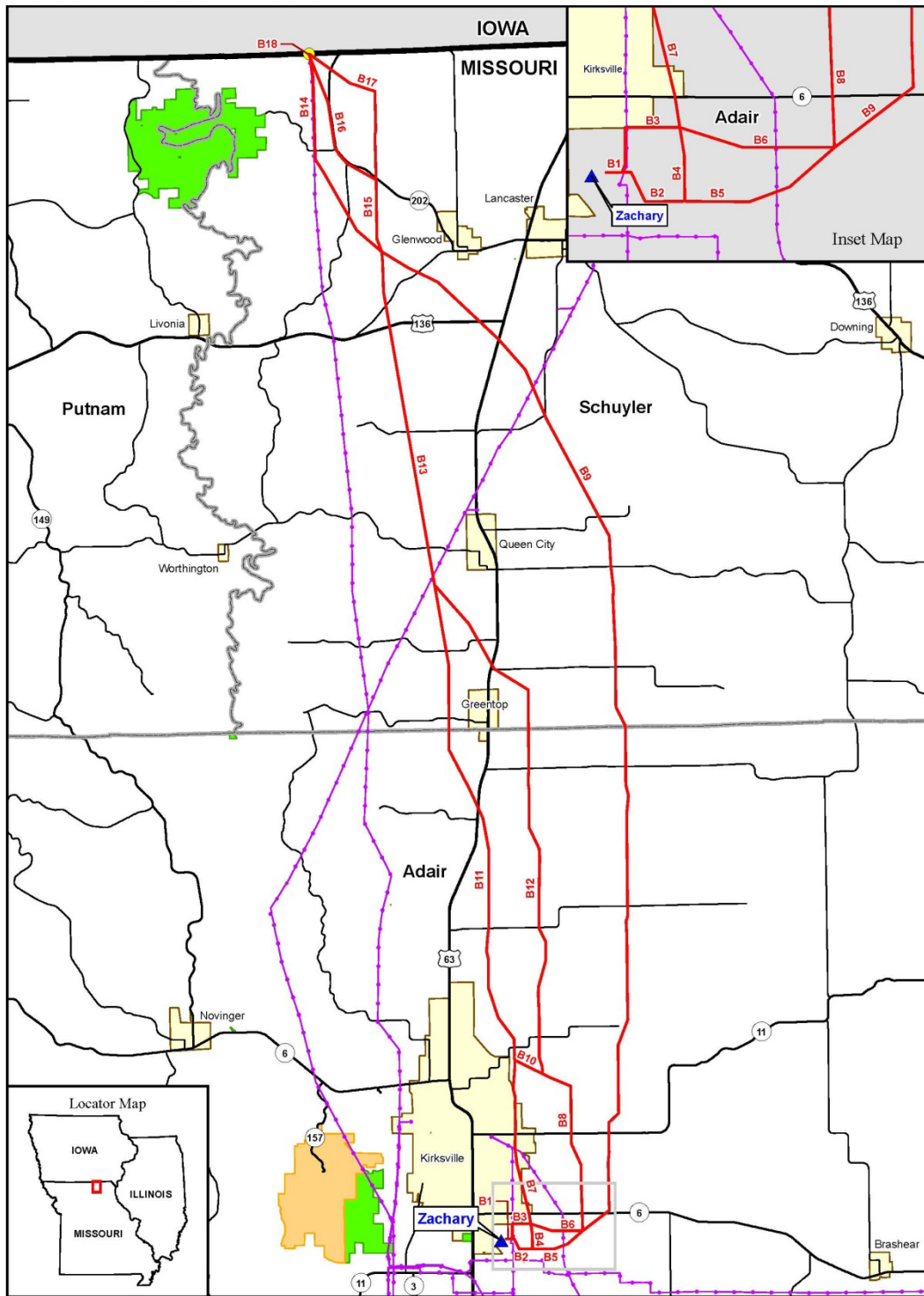
19 **Q. What was the next step in the route development process?**

20 A. For the alternative route segments that had been identified and retained as part of
21 this desktop review, the Project team conducted a field review of the alternative routes along
22 publicly accessible roads to verify the feasibility of the routes and to facilitate the further
23 screening and evaluation of the routes. In addition, agency and elected official feedback was

1 obtained and reviewed. At the conclusion of this process, the alternative routes that best adhered
2 to the routing criteria and minimized potential impacts were carried forward as the preliminary
3 route alternatives. Based upon these considerations, a network of 20 route segments was
4 established between Maywood and Zachary, and 18 route segments were established between
5 Zachary and the State Line termination point. The 20 identified route segments between
6 Maywood and Zachary could be combined to form 16 possible route combinations. The 18
7 segments identified between Zachary and State Line generated 39 possible route combinations.
8 The preliminary network of route alternatives for each section of the proposed Project is shown
9 below:



Maywood to Zachary Preliminary Route Network



Zachary to State Line Preliminary Route Network

1 **VI. AGENCY AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

2 **Q. You testified earlier that the Project team sought feedback from the public**
3 **and various agencies during the route selection process. Generally speaking, what**
4 **opportunities were the public and other agencies given to provide feedback during the**
5 **route selection process?**

6 A. The route selection process included several opportunities for public input. Input
7 was first obtained through direct correspondence with local, state and federal agencies. Local
8 leaders and elected officials were engaged on multiple occasions in the form of individual
9 meetings and community representative forums to provide input on the Project and to provide
10 further information on community and landowner attitudes relative to the Project. In addition,
11 two rounds of public open house workshops were held by ATXI.

12 The opportunities for public input were useful during the planning process in determining
13 residents' and public officials' values and attitudes regarding the Project. The public workshops
14 also provided the public with information and the opportunity to ask questions about the need for
15 the Project, engineering, right-of-way issues, the route selection process, and criteria used to
16 select the proposed route, as well as a forum to voice concerns regarding the proposed Project.
17 Through the public involvement process, the Project team was able to obtain additional
18 information on specific social and natural resources within the study area for consideration in the
19 route selection process.

20 **Q. Describe the contact the Project team had with state and federal agencies**
21 **regarding the Project.**

22 A. State and federal agencies were contacted by letter in May 2014 requesting
23 information on potential issues of concern (such as threatened and endangered species, wetlands,

1 wildlife resources, and other potential permitting issues) regarding the Project. Federal agencies
2 contacted included the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service,
3 the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish &
4 Wildlife Service, and the Federal Aviation Administration. State agencies contacted included the
5 Missouri Department of Agriculture, Missouri Department of Conservation, Missouri
6 Department of Natural Resources, Missouri Department of Transportation, and the Missouri
7 State Historic Preservation Office.

8 **Q. What main topics were identified by federal and state agencies related to the**
9 **Project?**

10 A. Agency responses included information about federally endangered and proposed
11 endangered species and their habitat, protected migratory birds, seasonal construction restrictions
12 for spawning fish, diverse aquatic communities, existing conservation and environmental
13 easements, erosion considerations, and fragmentation of woodland habitat.

14 **Q. What contact did ATXI have with elected officials in the Project area?**

15 A. As part of the public outreach process for the Project, ATXI representatives
16 contacted (either by phone or in person) numerous elected officials and local leaders between
17 June and October 2014. The officials and leaders included county commissioners, public works
18 directors, county road commissioners, county coordinators, county clerks, county assessors, road
19 and bridge departments, Missouri state senators and representatives, and various state directors.
20 The main purpose of these meetings was to describe the Project to these officials and leaders and
21 to gather feedback from these individuals on specific local and county issues or concerns with
22 the Project and within the study area. Feedback obtained from these contacts was documented in

1 a Stakeholder Database Management System and considered by the Project team throughout the
2 routing process.

3 **Q. Describe the contact that ATXI and the Project team had with community**
4 **representatives regarding the Project.**

5 A. In advance of the first round of public open houses on the preliminary route
6 network and the second round of open houses on the reduced route network, community
7 representative forum meetings were hosted by ATXI representatives and Project team members.
8 The purpose of these meetings was to encourage the participation of community and agency
9 representatives and to gain region-specific information for consideration in the routing process.
10 At these meetings, attendees had the opportunity to preview the public open house set up,
11 information, and displays and provide feedback via a questionnaire and discussions with Project
12 team staff. The forum meetings included public officials, representatives of local municipal
13 groups, agency representatives, and other community stakeholders within the study area. During
14 the preliminary route network phase, initial forum meetings were held on August 5, 6, and 7,
15 2014, in Kirksville, Newark, and Palmyra, respectively. A total of 18 officials attended the forum
16 meetings, and 14 questionnaires were received from attendees following the meetings. For the
17 subsequent reduced route network phase, community representative forum meetings were held
18 on October 28, 29, and 30, 2014, in Palmyra, Newark, and Kirksville, respectively. A total of 23
19 officials attended this second set of forum meetings.

20 **Q. Describe the public open houses held regarding the route selection for the**
21 **Project.**

22 A. Two rounds of public open house workshops were held to provide stakeholders
23 with information about the Project, gather public input on the initial route alternatives and

1 community values, and provide a forum for potentially affected landowners and agencies to
2 discuss the Project with Project staff. The initial round of public open houses presented the
3 preliminary route alternatives network between the Project endpoints, and these open houses
4 were held on August 5, 6, and 7, 2014, in Kirksville, Newark, and Palmyra, respectively. For this
5 first round of open houses, 1,838 individual letters were mailed to landowners within 2,500 feet
6 of any alternative route. If a person owned more than one parcel within 2,500 feet, the person
7 received only one letter. Letters were also mailed to 109 local leaders and agency
8 representatives. All letters encouraged participation in the open houses to speak with Project
9 representatives, verify contact information, and provide feedback on the route alternatives.

10 The second round of public open houses focused on the reduced route network and was
11 held on October 28, 29, and 30, 2014, in Palmyra, Newark, and Kirksville, respectively. For this
12 second round of open houses, all landowners who were mailed letters during the first round were
13 mailed letters inviting them to the second round, with an additional 56 letters mailed to people
14 who specifically requested to be kept informed about the Project. Letters were also mailed to 125
15 local leaders and agency representatives.

16 **Q. What information about the Project was presented at these open houses?**

17 A. Displays containing information on the Project need and benefits, schedule,
18 engineering (design), construction, route alternatives, route selection process, routing
19 sensitivities, additional permit requirements, vegetation management, and ROW requirements
20 were presented at the public open houses.

21 Participants at the workshops received a Project information sheet and a questionnaire to
22 communicate their opinions on the sensitivities and routing concerns, the segment locations, and
23 additional issues of concern regarding the Project. Questionnaires could be completed and left at

1 the workshops, completed and mailed back to Project staff, or completed online via the Project
2 website. In addition, six GIS computer stations were available at each round of public open
3 houses to allow the public the opportunity to provide feedback on their properties, the proposed
4 routes, or any other areas of concern, as well as obtain maps of the route alternatives relative to
5 their property.

6 Over the course of the two rounds of meetings, 1,077 people attended the public
7 workshops, and 451 questionnaires were returned and 665 comments were documented at the
8 GIS computer stations. The information received from the questionnaires and GIS computer
9 stations was used to help make segment adjustments and ultimately to assist with the selection of
10 the final route. **Schedule CJW-01** includes copies of the letters and associated maps that were
11 sent to invite landowners to the public open house meetings and materials handed out at the open
12 house meetings, as well as the questionnaire and a compilation of the questionnaire results.

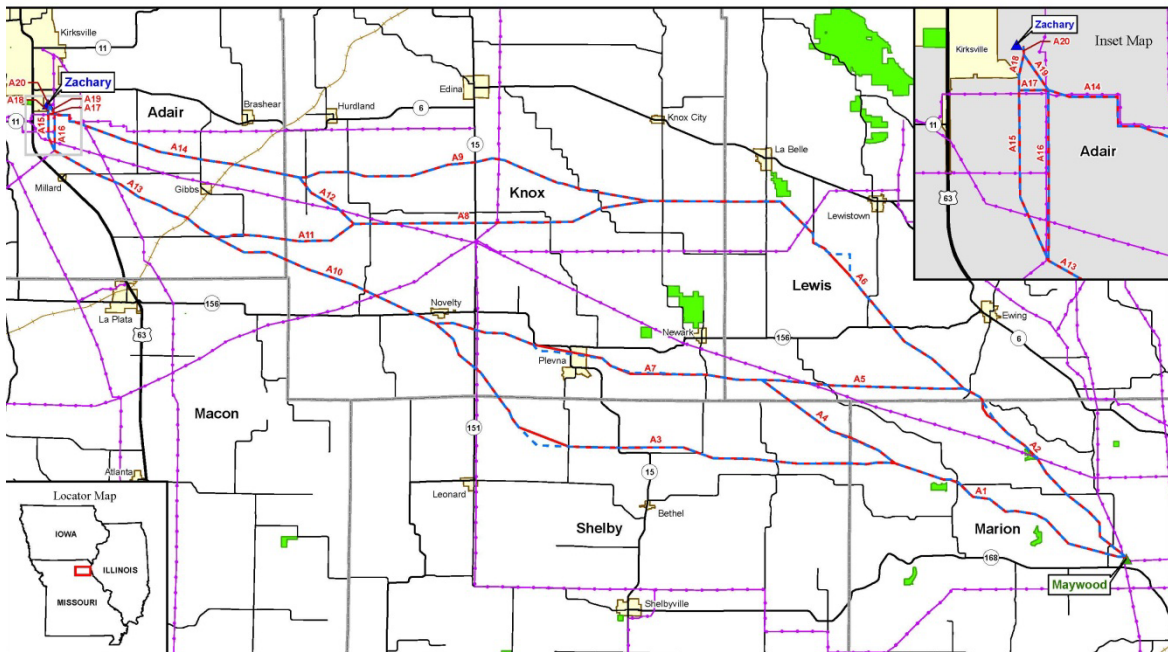
13 **Q. Did stakeholders or members of the public raise any particular**
14 **considerations?**

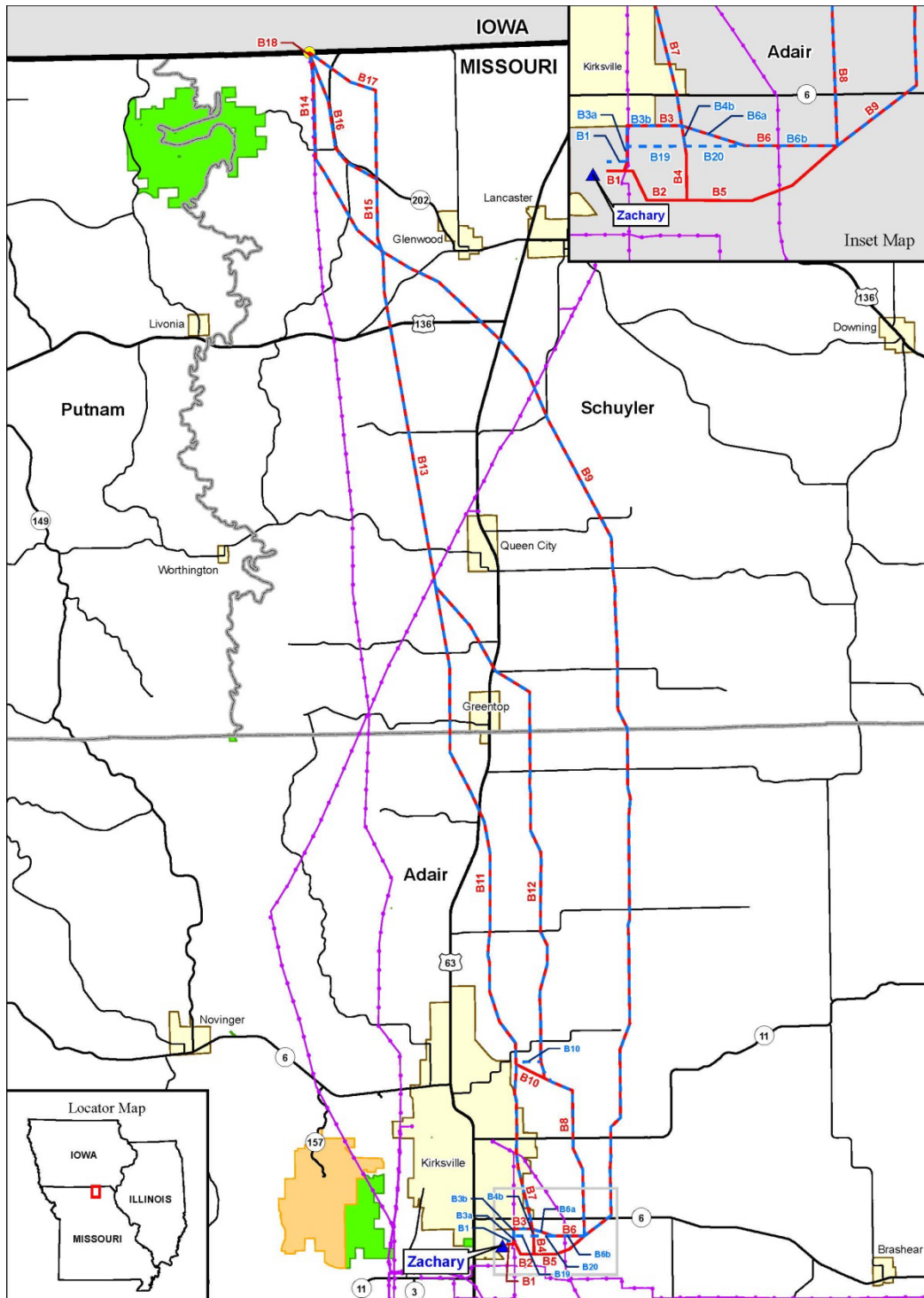
15 A. The main concerns raised were the proximity of the routes to residences and the
16 potential impacts to agricultural lands. The other most frequently identified concern was impacts
17 to forested lands.

18 **Q. Did input received from these outreach efforts to federal and state agencies,**
19 **local governmental officials, and the public have any effect on the route selection for the**
20 **Project?**

21 A. Yes. Throughout the course of Project route development, adjustments were made
22 to route segments based on field reconnaissance, input received from the public workshops and
23 community representative forums, and correspondence with agencies and other public officials.

- 1 Following the first round of open houses, adjustments were made to avoid center-pivot irrigation
- 2 systems, airstrips, previously unidentified residences, and an air route surveillance radar station.
- 3 In addition to the above adjustments, several other minor adjustments were made to minimize
- 4 stream crossings, wetlands, and angles, maximize distance from residences, and to allow for
- 5 future Zachary Substation expansion. The segment adjustments made to the Maywood to
- 6 Zachary portion and Zachary to State Line portion of the preliminary route networks are shown
- 7 below:





1 **Q. Were any other outreach tools established for the Project?**

2 A. Yes, ATXI established a Project phone hotline, Project website, Project email
3 box, and other social media tools to inform and solicit feedback from stakeholders and the
4 public. Project contacts were captured in Burns & McDonnell's Stakeholder Database
5 Management System.

6 **VII. EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVE 345-kV ROUTES**

7 **Q. You testified earlier that following the identification of a network of**
8 **preliminary route alternatives, the Project team developed a reduced route network of**
9 **alternatives. How did the Project team and ATXI evaluate the preliminary alternative**
10 **routes so as to arrive at the reduced route network?**

11 A. After the route modifications were incorporated from the first round of
12 community representative forums and public open houses, Burns & McDonnell conducted an
13 analysis of the preliminary route networks for each portion of the Project (Maywood to Zachary
14 and Zachary to State Line). This analysis was based on a comparison of numerous routing
15 criteria as applied to each alternative route, including many of the principles listed above. The
16 analysis was used to screen the route alternatives and help identify a smaller, more manageable
17 number of routes for the final round of public open houses (reduced route network phase).

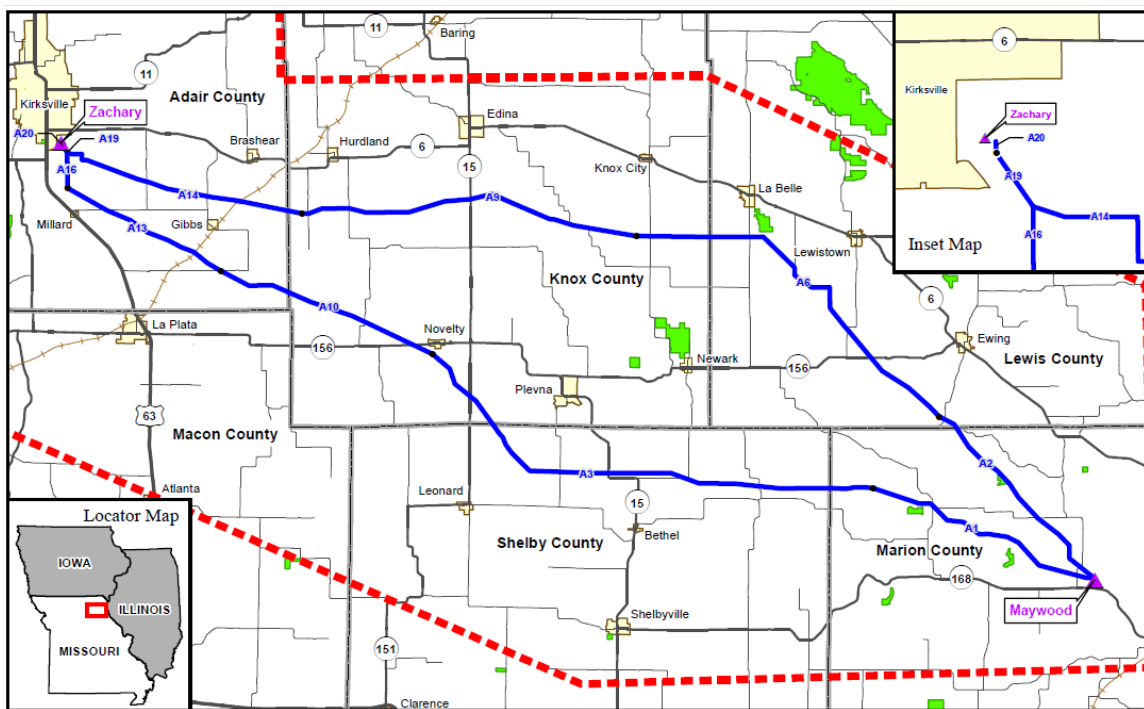
18 **Q. Can you provide an example as to how the criteria were considered in**
19 **determining the reduced route networks?**

20 A. Yes, for example, for the Maywood to Zachary portion of the Project, route
21 alternatives using Segments A4 and A7 were compared to route alternatives using Segment A3.
22 Although route alternatives using Segments A4 and A7 had a slightly less residential proximity,
23 length, and number of parcels crossed, the team determined that route alternatives utilizing

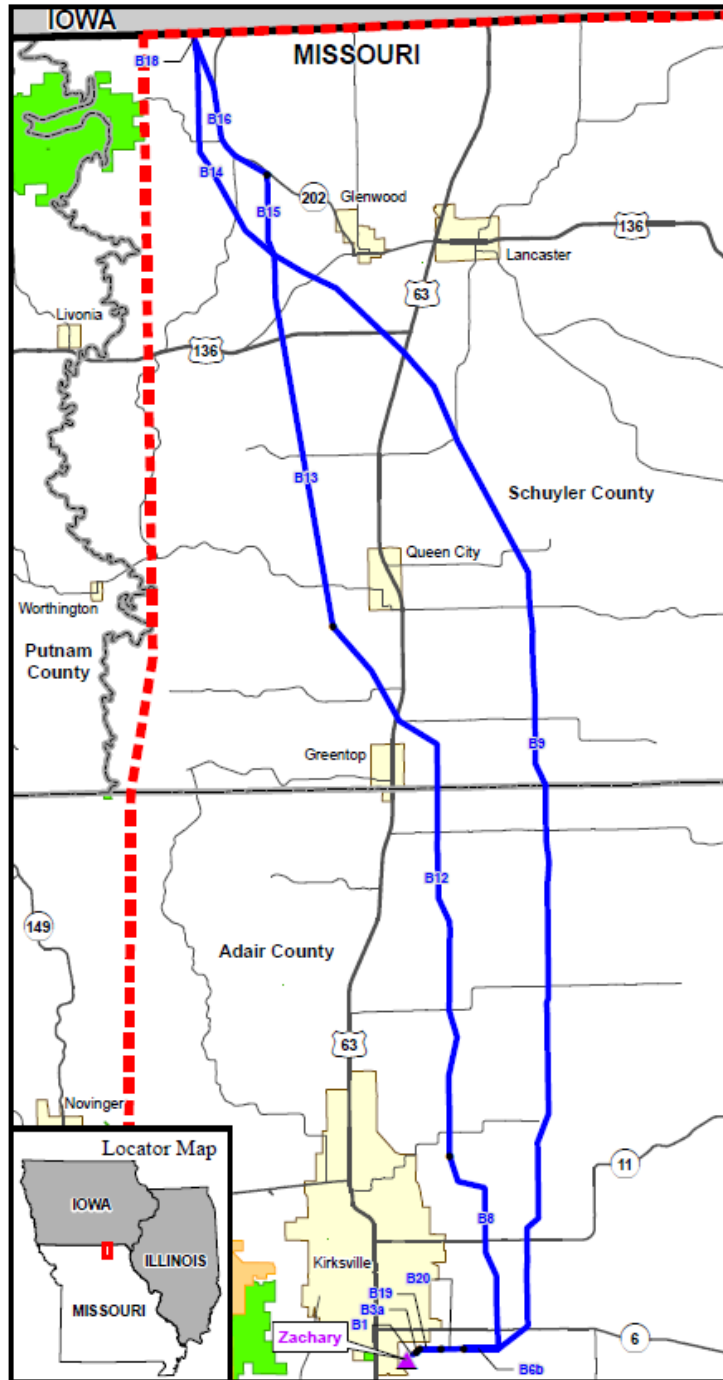
1 Segment A3 were preferred since these alternatives avoided paralleling the South Fabius River
2 and its associated floodplain along Segment A4, an area that is also prone to flooding. Segment
3 A3 also avoided a private airstrip located along Segment A7, kept route alternatives a greater
4 distance from the towns of Novelty, Plevna, and Newark, avoided the crossing of two tree farms,
5 crossed fewer acres of National Wetland Inventory (“NWI”) wetlands and prime
6 farmland/cropland, and avoided proximity to a quarry located north of Segment A7. These
7 comparisons led to the elimination of route alternatives using Segments A4 and A7.

8 **Q. What was the result of this segment-by-segment comparison and the**
9 **elimination of certain alternative route segments?**

10 A. The remaining segments formed a reduced network of potential routes for both
11 sections of the Project. For the Maywood to Zachary section, the remaining segments comprised
12 two distinct route alternatives. These alternatives are shown below:



- 1 For the Zachary to State Line section, four route alternatives remained. These alternatives
- 2 are shown below:



- 3 These remaining route alternatives were all considered viable and similar in terms of
- 4 constructability. The reduced route network was introduced to the public during the second

1 round of public open house meetings in October 2014. These meetings were held to provide
2 those landowners still potentially affected a means to submit additional information or feedback
3 to the Project team prior to the selection of the final route. Additional information gathered from
4 landowners at the final round of open house meetings was used to provide another level of
5 scrutiny among possible routes.

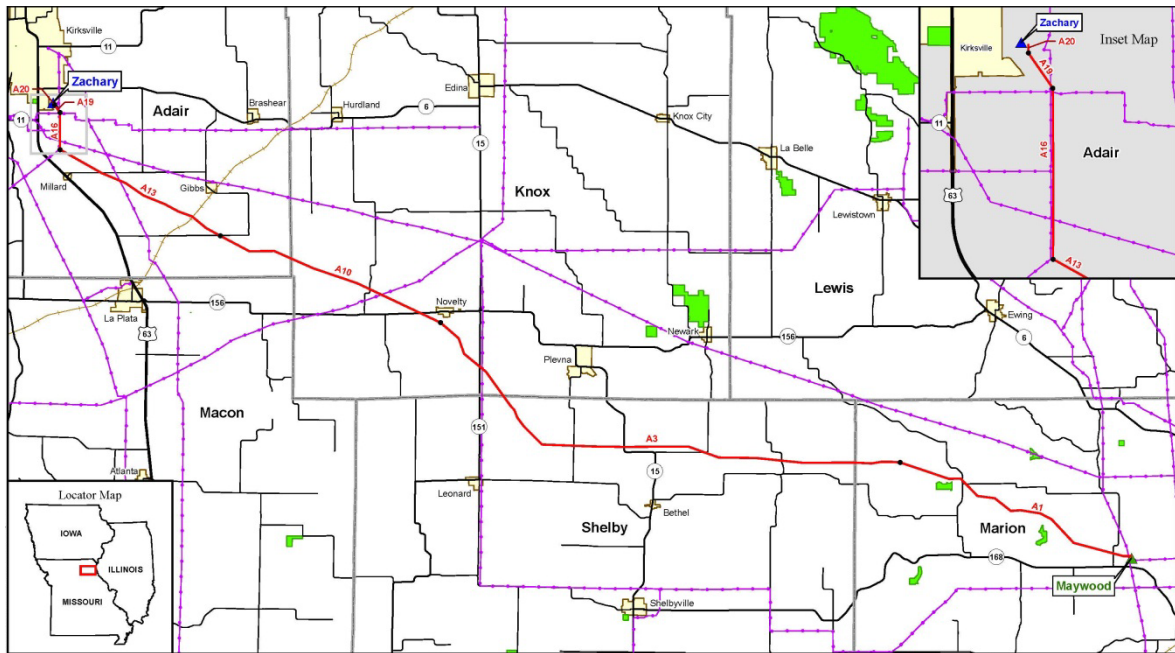
6 **VIII. SELECTION OF THE FINAL 345-kV ROUTE**

7 **Q. Once the reduced network of potential routes for each portion of the Project**
8 **was presented to the public, how did the Project team go about finalizing the final 345-kV**
9 **route for the Project?**

10 A. At the conclusion of the final round of public meetings, Project team members
11 compiled all comments received from landowners on the reduced route network. This
12 information was reviewed along with comments from state and federal agencies and other public
13 officials. A route selection meeting was held on December 16, 2014, including staff from ATXI
14 and Burns & McDonnell, to review, consider, and discuss all of the information gathered on the
15 alternative routes, determine a final route alignment, and make a final selection.

16 **Q. Which of the two alternate routes for the Maywood to Zachary portion of the**
17 **Project was selected?**

18 A. The final route alignment selected between Maywood and Zachary is Route 1 and
19 is depicted below:



1 **Q. Why was Route 1 selected?**

2 A. Route 1 was selected over the other final routes for construction based on a
3 variety of factors. As mentioned above, the selection was determined not only through a route
4 analysis process, but through input from the general public, potentially affected landowners,
5 agencies, and the Project team.

6 The most important routing factors to the public, based on questionnaires submitted
7 during the public open house process, were to minimize length across farmland and maximize
8 distance from residences. Route 1 minimizes length across farmland, which was ranked as the
9 highest priority by the public. Route 1 crossed more cropland acres (433 acres versus 337 acres
10 for Route 2) but crossed the least amount of prime farmland acres (460 acres versus 574 acres for
11 Route 2) among the final two routes for prime farmland/cropland impacts. Route 1 also had the
12 lowest residential proximity among the final two routes, with only 1 residence located within 300
13 feet of the selected alignment, and 13 total residences located within 500 feet of the alignment

1 (Route 2 has 3 residences within 300 feet of the alignment and 17 total residences located within
2 500 feet of the alignment).

3 **Q. Were there other considerations that contributed to the selection of Route 1**
4 **for the Maywood to Zachary portion?**

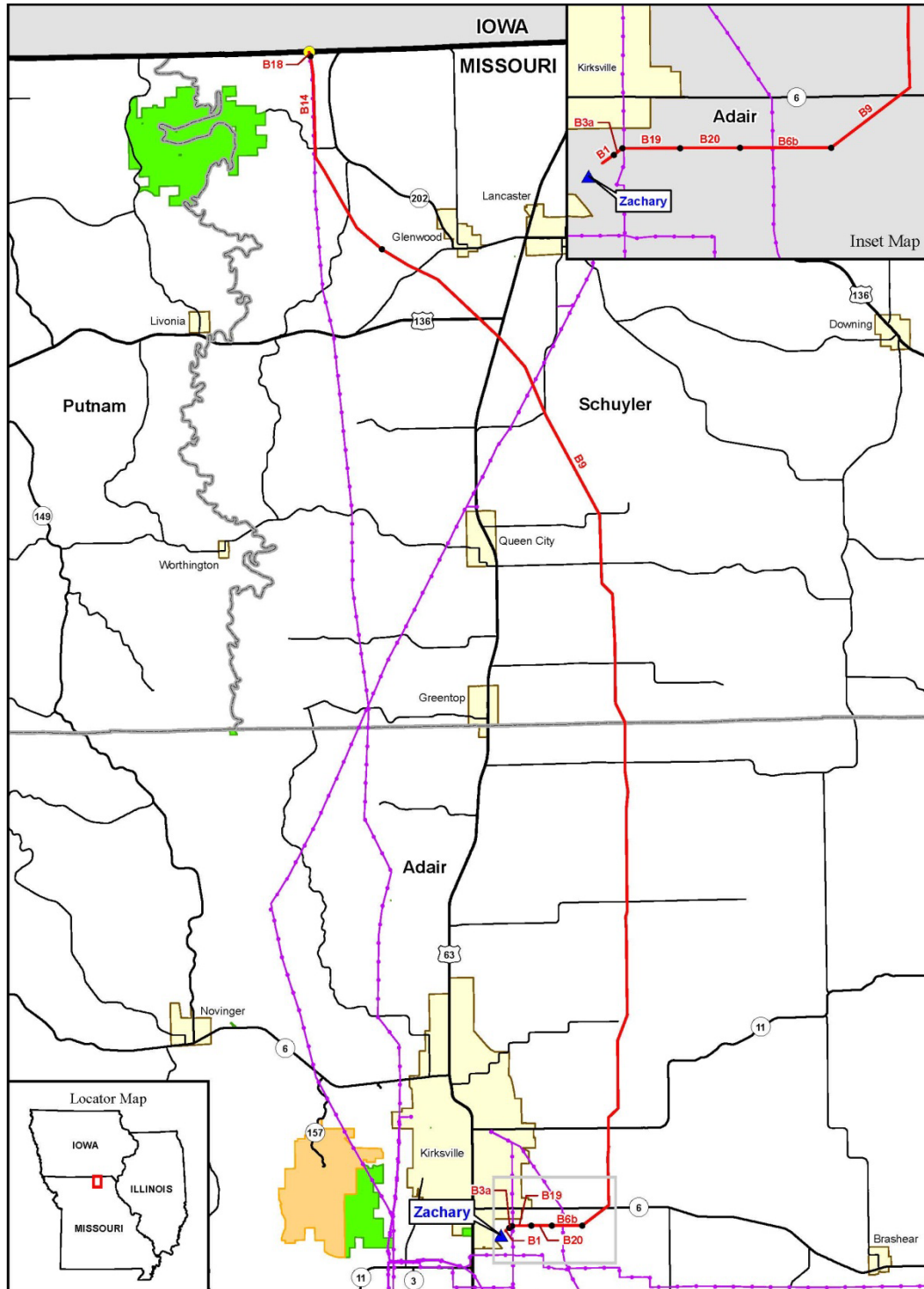
5 A. Yes. Some of the other considerations that led to the selection of Route 1 for the
6 final route included Route 1 not passing through any municipal areas and avoiding areas of
7 potential development, a concern for landowners located along some of the preliminary routes.
8 In addition, Route 1 had less angle considerations, crossed fewer roads, and crossed fewer acres
9 of NWI wetlands than did Route 2. Route 1 avoided crossing any federally-owned or operated
10 lands and also avoided state-owned wildlife refuges, state parks, and conservation areas. Route 1
11 crossed approximately 0.8 acre of a privately owned, state-operated Stream Stewardship
12 Agreement Easement along the South Fabius River, compared to Route 2, which crossed
13 approximately 3.9 acres of another privately owned, state-operated Stream Stewardship
14 Agreement Easement. Route 1 also avoided Natural Resources Conservation Service watershed
15 easements, some of which would be crossed by Route 2.

16 Overall length is an indicator of potential impacts; a longer route generally has more
17 impacts, whereas a shorter route typically has fewer impacts. Route 1 was one of the shorter,
18 more direct routes between the Maywood Switching Station and Zachary Substation (only 1.2
19 miles longer than the overall shortest route and shorter than Route 2 by 1.5 miles). Route 1 also
20 had fewer heavy angles (angles greater than 30 degrees) than Route 2. Heavy angles generally
21 require more detailed design, require larger structures and foundations, and are generally more
22 expensive. Overall, Route 1 provided a route between the two connection points (Maywood

1 Switching Station and proposed Zachary Substation) that avoided or minimized adverse impacts
2 on natural and social resources and provided a cost-effective and technically feasible alignment.

3 **Q. Which of the four alternate routes for the Zachary to State Line portion of**
4 **the Project was selected?**

5 A. The final route alignment selected between Zachary and the State Line is Route 4,
6 which is depicted below:



1 **Q. Why was Route 4 selected?**

2 A. The alignment identified as Route 4 was selected for construction based on a
3 variety of factors. As mentioned above, the selection was determined not only through a route
4 analysis process, but through input from the general public, potentially affected landowners,
5 agencies, and the Project team.

6 As with the Maywood to Zachary portion, the Project team relied upon the most
7 important routing factors to the public, based on questionnaires submitted during the public open
8 house process, to help select the route. The most important routing factors to the public were to
9 minimize length across farmland and maximize distance from residences. Minimizing length
10 across forested areas was also an important factor, according to the public responses during the
11 open house process. Although Route 4 crossed the most prime farmland/cropland, it had the
12 lowest score for forested land impacts. The crossing of cropland may present some
13 inconvenience to farming activities and aerial spraying, but the landowner will still be able to
14 farm under and around lines, in particular because the design of the line avoids the use of guy
15 wires and only prevents farming in the actual area of the concrete foundations under each steel
16 pole (the design also allows longer spans between poles, which minimizes the number of poles
17 needed). ATXI witness David Endorf addresses these design considerations in detail in his direct
18 testimony. In addition, there is typically very little loss to actual production, and landowners are
19 compensated for any crop damage. Therefore, while impacts to cropland were a considerable
20 concern to landowners, the Project would not have significant impacts to this resource. Route 4
21 also had the lowest residential proximity among the reduced routes, with only 5 residences
22 located within 300 feet of the selected alignment, and 16 residences total located within 500 feet

1 of the alignment (Routes 1, 2, and 3 had 22, 20, and 18 residences total located within 500 feet of
2 the alignment, respectively, and also had 5 residences located within 300 feet of the alignment).

3 **Q. Were there other considerations that contributed to the selection of Route 1**
4 **for the Zachary to State Line portion?**

5 A. Yes. Route 4 avoided the municipalities of Kirksville, Greentop, and Queen City,
6 and avoided areas of potential development, especially on the eastern outskirts of Kirksville.
7 Route 4 had the lowest angle considerations among the final route alternatives and avoided
8 crossing any state- or federally-owned or operated lands, including wildlife refuges, state parks,
9 and conservation areas. Route 4 also paralleled Ameren Missouri's existing Appanoose to Adair
10 161-kV transmission line for approximately 2.7 miles as it terminates at the Missouri state line,
11 further reducing potential impacts by following an existing transmission line corridor.

12 Overall length is an indicator of potential impacts; a longer route generally has more
13 impacts, whereas a shorter route typically has fewer impacts. Route 4 was the third shortest route
14 between Zachary and State Line of the four route alternatives (although only approximately 1.1
15 miles longer than the shortest route for this section). Route 4 also had the fewest heavy angles
16 (angles greater than 30 degrees). Heavy angles generally require more detailed design, larger
17 structures and foundations, and are generally more expensive. Overall, the selected alignment
18 provided a route between the two connection points (Zachary Substation and the State Line) that
19 avoided or minimized adverse impacts on natural and social resources and provided a cost-
20 effective and technically feasible alignment.

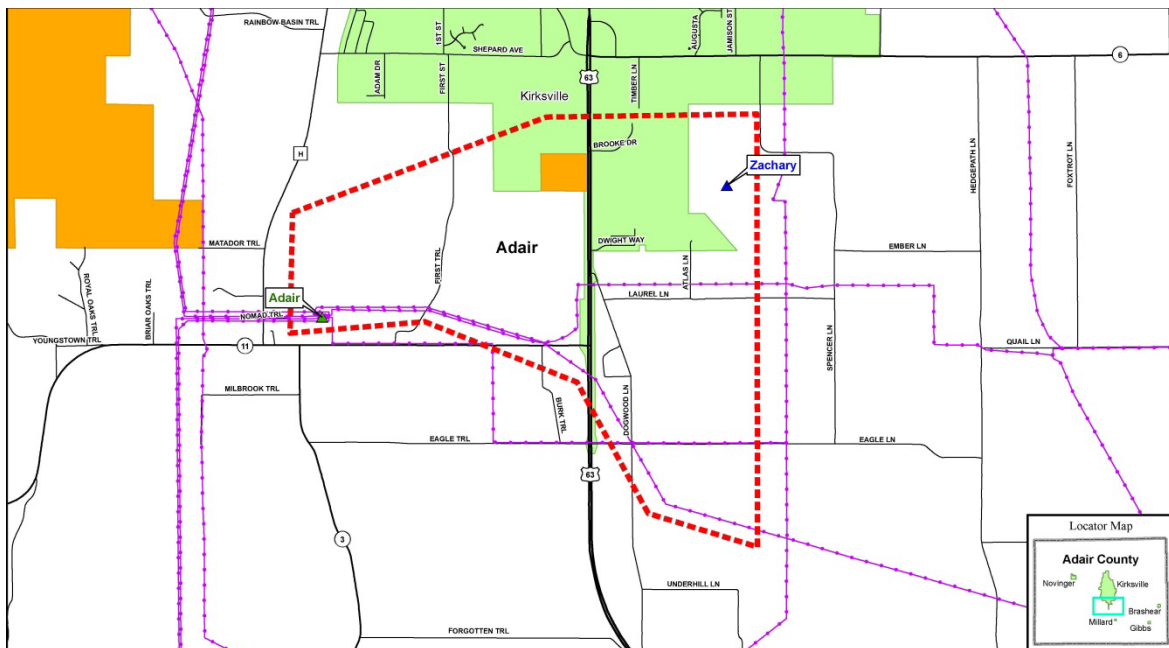
21 **IX. ZACHARY TO ADAIR 161-kV ROUTE**

22 **Q. How does the route selection process for the 161-kV connector line compare**
23 **with the process for the 345-kV line?**

1 A. Because the 161-kV connector line is only about 2.2 miles long, the study area
2 was much smaller – only about three square miles. Nonetheless, the route selection process also
3 included a study area phase, a route network phase, public input phase, and the final route
4 selection phase. A reduced route network phase was not necessary since there were only two
5 route options developed during the route network phase.

6 **Q. Explain the study area phase for the 161-kV connector line.**

7 A. The study area was developed by the Project team to include the 161-kV
8 connector line endpoints – Ameren Missouri’s Adair Substation and the proposed ATXI Zachary
9 Substation. Data on the resources within the study area was collected in conjunction with data
10 collection for the 345-kV Project study area as discussed previously. Major features in the study
11 area include the municipality of Kirksville, Missouri Department of Conservation Northeast
12 Regional Office property, City of Kirksville water treatment plant, and a mobile home park along
13 U.S. Highway 63. The study area for the 161-kV connector line is depicted in the figure below:



1 **Q. Did ATXI consider different solutions for the 161-kV connector line?**

2 A. Yes, ATXI initially investigated several different solutions for connecting the
3 Adair and Zachary Substations. One solution would be to develop two new line segments
4 extending from the Zachary Substation to an existing 161-kV transmission line (owned by
5 Northeast Missouri Electric Power Cooperative (NMEPC)) located approximately 1.5 miles to
6 the south of the Zachary Substation. The new segments would break the existing line, which
7 currently connects the Adair Substation to the Novelty Substation (owned by NMEPC) to create
8 connections between the Zachary and Adair Substations and Zachary and Novelty Substations.
9 ATXI proposed to transfer the new line segment constructed from Zachary to the Novelty line
10 tap to NMEPC, making NMEPC the line owner from Zachary to Novelty. In exchange, ATXI
11 requested NMEPC to transfer the existing line segment from the new tap location to Adair,
12 making ATXI the owner of the line segment from Zachary to Adair. Ultimately, NMEPC
13 determined that there was no benefit to their company to make such an agreement with ATXI, so
14 further negotiations ceased between the two parties for this solution.

15 Another solution considered was to develop two distinct, single-circuit 161-kV routes
16 between the Zachary and Adair Substations. However, after consulting with ATXI, it was
17 determined that these solutions would be more impacting since they would require two new
18 transmission line corridors instead of one without providing any additional benefits. Therefore, it
19 was determined that one single circuit line built with double-circuit 161-kV line structures would
20 be preferred to connect the Adair and Zachary Substations and meet the Project needs.

21 **Q. You have testified that the next phase of the route selection process was the**
22 **route network phase. Explain your next steps.**

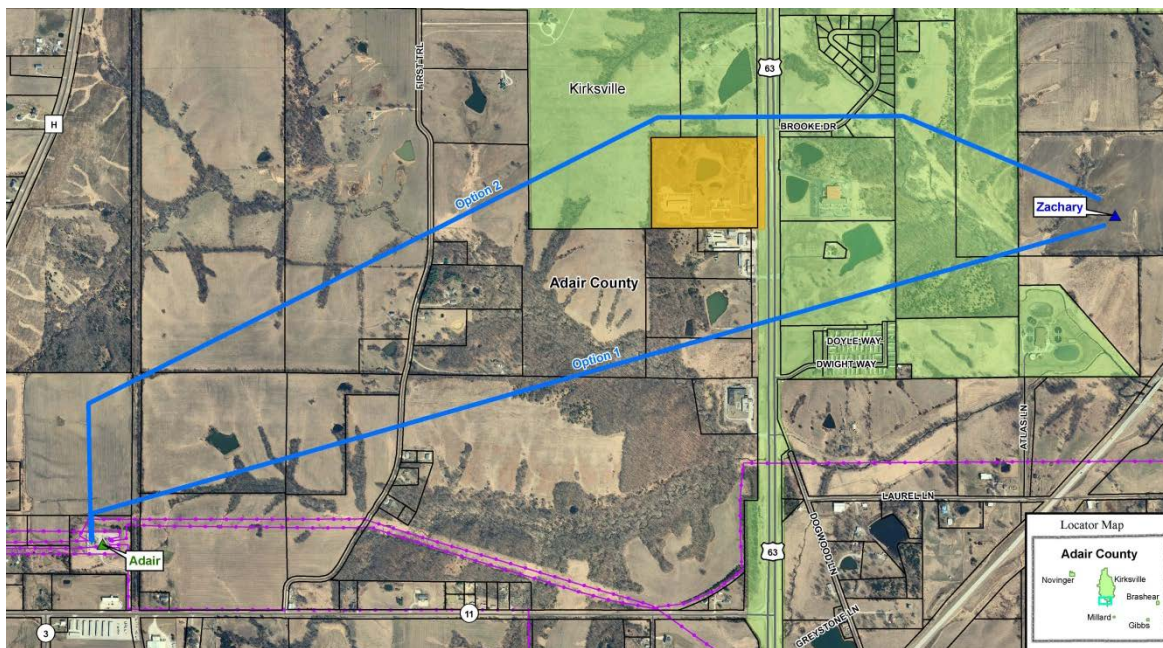
1 A. The study area was relatively small. Therefore, the route network phase involved
2 the development of only two distinct alternative routes between the two endpoints. The objective
3 was to identify potential routes that were geographically distinct and that minimized impacts on
4 natural and social resources while providing a cost-effective and technically feasible alignment.
5 To develop these alternate routes, Burns & McDonnell consulted with ATXI planning and line
6 design engineers, reviewed available maps of the area and other study data, and conducted a field
7 visit to the study area. The purpose of these activities was very similar to the efforts taken with
8 regard to the 345-kV route—to identify potential constraints and opportunities within the study
9 area.

10 **Q. How did the Project team determine which route options to carry forward as**
11 **the route alternative network?**

12 A. Once constraints and opportunities were identified, the Project team began
13 developing several route alternatives while also taking into consideration length, constructability,
14 and potential cost issues. Several route alternatives were initially developed that would connect
15 the Adair and Zachary Substations. Due to the small study area, short distance between the two
16 endpoints, and study area constraints, only limited routing opportunities were considered.

17 The Project team held a series of meetings to review the route options to determine if
18 each was constructible from an engineering perspective; acceptable from a social, environmental,
19 and land use perspective; and advantageous over other routes. As a result of these meetings,
20 several routes were dismissed from further evaluation, since they were basically only minor
21 variations of another route and/or were longer, more impacting, and did not provide any
22 advantage over another route alternative.

1 Ultimately, due to the small study area and limited routing possibilities, two route
2 options that used the northern and central portions of the study area were carried forward
3 between the Adair and Zachary Substations. Option 1 extends as generally a straight line
4 between the Adair and Zachary Substations, while Option 2 was developed to the north of
5 Option 1 to provide another geographically distinct option to connect the substations. The route
6 alternatives for the proposed 161-kV connector line are shown below:



7 **Q. Once the route alternatives were developed, what opportunities were**
8 **provided for landowner and public input on the proposed routes?**

9 A. Due to the small study area and limited route alternatives, individual landowner
10 meetings were offered for those landowners potentially affected by alternative route Option 1 or
11 Option 2. Overall, 15 letters were mailed to property owners potentially impacted by one of the
12 two route alternatives; nine individual landowner meetings were held in Kirksville on February
13 25, 2015, one individual landowner meeting was held at the Days Inn in Kirksville on February
14 26, 2015 (prior to the open house), and one individual landowner meeting was held on March 10,

1 2015, in Kirksville. One landowner did not attend the individual landowner meeting but did
2 attend the public open house workshop. Landowners were shown maps of the route options and
3 had the opportunity to discuss the route options with ATXI and Burns & McDonnell staff in
4 relation to their property.

5 The public open house workshop was held by ATXI to obtain public input on the route
6 alternatives. Notices for the open house workshop, held on February 26, 2015, were issued
7 through a news release and letters to the affected landowners (who were also invited by ATXI to
8 attend an individual landowner meeting). In addition to landowners who were potentially
9 affected by the Project, federal, state and local agencies previously contacted early in the overall
10 Project development process were notified by letter of the 161-kV connector line portion of the
11 Project and invited to attend the public open house. Participants at the workshop received a
12 161-kV connector line information sheet and questionnaire to communicate their opinions on
13 routing sensitivities and concerns, route locations, and additional issues of concern.

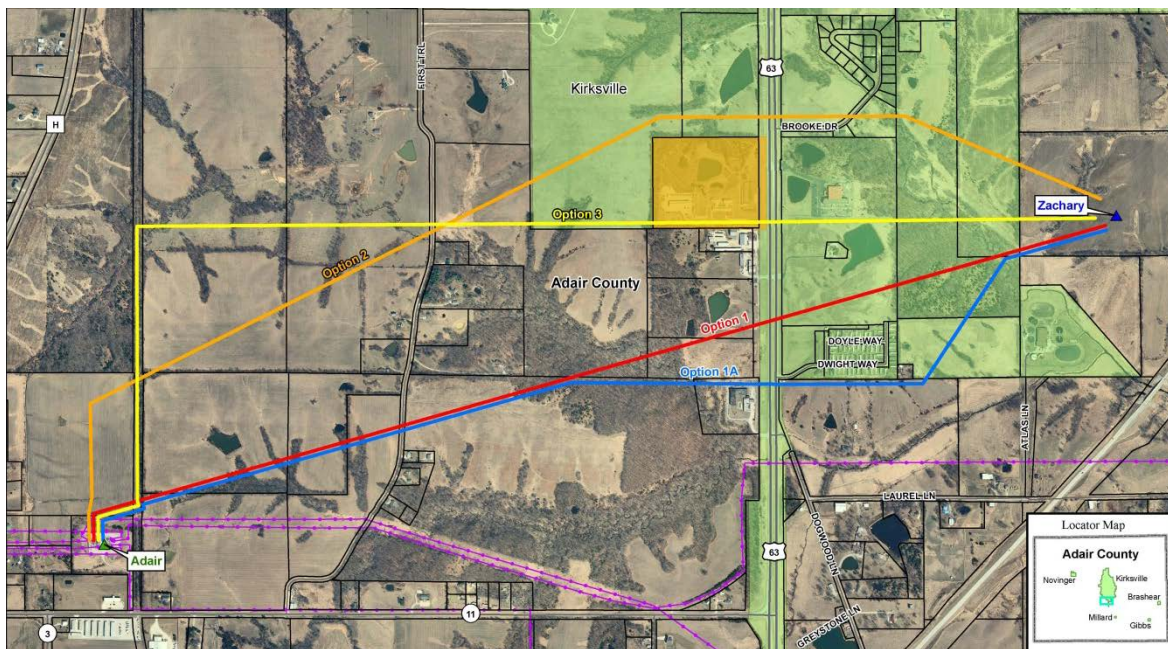
14 Questionnaires could be completed and left at the workshop, completed and mailed back to
15 Project staff, or completed online via the Project website. **Schedule CJW-02** includes copies of
16 the letter and associated map that were sent to invite landowners to the public open house
17 meeting, the individual landowner meeting invitation, and materials handed out at the open
18 house meeting, as well as the questionnaire and a compilation of the questionnaire results.

19 The individual landowner meetings and the public workshop provided affected
20 landowners, agency officials, and the public with information and the opportunity to ask
21 questions about the need for the 161-kV connector line, engineering, right-of-way issues, the
22 route selection process, and criteria used to select the proposed route. Through the public
23 involvement process, the Project team was able to obtain information on specific social and

1 natural resources within the study area, such as future development, Conservation Reserve
2 Program (CRP) property, and specific concerns on landowner property, for consideration in the
3 route selection process.

4 **Q. Were any changes made to the proposed alternative routes as a result of the**
5 **public input received by ATXI?**

6 A. Yes. Following the public open house and individual landowner meetings, a
7 variation of Option 1 was developed (Option 1A), as well as another new route alternative
8 (Option 3), based on input from landowners and the public. Option 1A was developed based on
9 concerns with the crossing of a possible future subdivision. Option 3 was suggested because it
10 would use state lands and commercial property (as opposed to residential) for a portion of its
11 length. Below is an illustration of the additional route options developed following the public
12 open house:



13 **Q. Now that four route options have been identified for the 161-kV connector**
14 **line, what did the Project team do to evaluate these options?**

1 A. The evaluation was focused on determining which route minimized overall
2 impacts to natural and social environments while also providing an economical and constructible
3 alignment for the 161-kV connector line. The route evaluation consisted of a systematic
4 comparison of the alternatives based on specific evaluation criteria. These criteria address typical
5 route characteristics and potential concerns of the public (proximity to residences), agencies
6 (wetlands, land use, state lands), local officials, and ATXI (Project cost and feasibility). Similar
7 to the criteria considered by the Project team in evaluating the 345-kV route, the team evaluated
8 criteria in three categories: engineering, social, and environmental/land use:

Route Evaluation Criteria

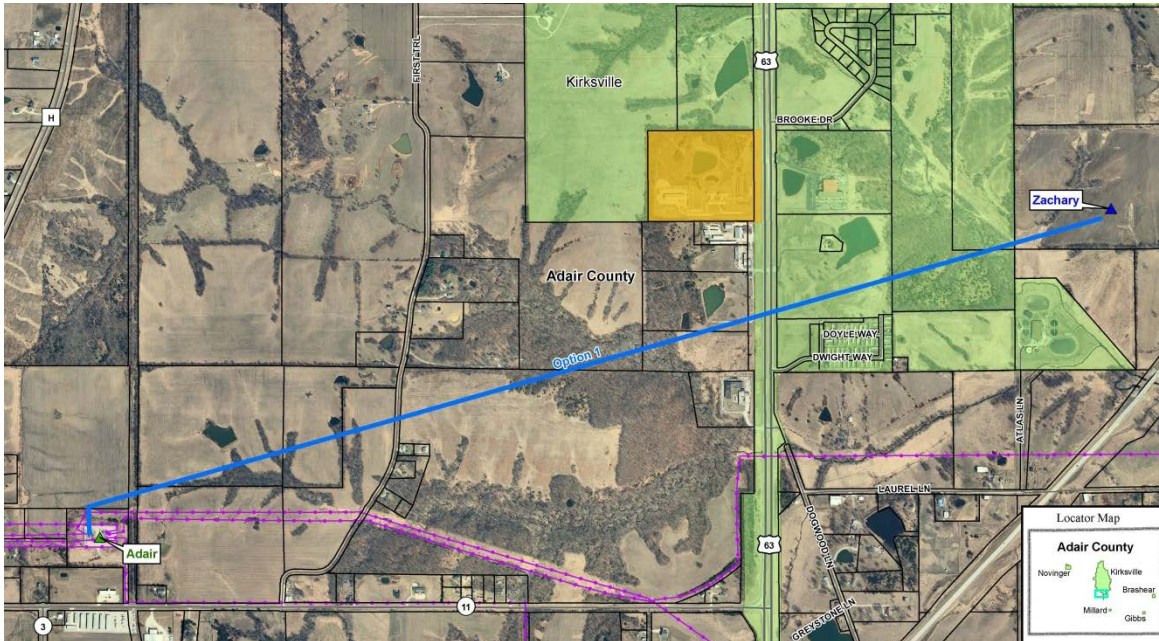
Categories	Evaluation Criteria
Engineering	Total length (miles)
	Road crossings (number)
	Angles (score)
Social	Residential proximity (score)
	Parcels within ROW (number)
	Length through proposed subdivision (feet)
Environmental / Land Use	Forested land within ROW (acres)
	Prime farmland within ROW (acres)
	State park or State land within ROW (acres)
	NWI wetlands within ROW (acres)
	Streams crossed (number)

9 An evaluation of each criterion was conducted to determine which route(s) had fewer
10 impacts; however, design and cost were also important considerations. In addition, comments
11 received from the public open house and individual landowner meetings were reviewed.

12 **Q. How was a final route for the 161-kV connector line selected?**

13 A. Burns & McDonnell and ATXI staff met on two different occasions to discuss the
14 selection of a final route alignment. Based upon the comparative analysis, public and agency

1 input, and Project team feedback, Option 1, which has a total length of approximately 2.2 miles,
2 was selected as the final route. Option 1 is shown below:



3

4 **Q. What particular considerations pointed towards the selection of Option 1 as**
5 **the final route?**

6 A. Option 1 was the shortest and most direct route at 2.2 miles, has the lowest angle
7 score (only 1 heavy angle out of the Adair Substation) among all routes, crosses fewer roads,

8 crosses the least amount of prime farmland (10.8 acres), avoids crossing any state-owned lands,
9 crosses the fewest number of streams, and crosses less Kirksville municipal area than Options 2

10 or 3. While Option 1 crosses a proposed subdivision, the site plan for the proposed subdivision is
11 only preliminary, and ATXI would work with the property owner to minimize conflicts with

12 future site development in this area. While Option 1 has the second highest residential proximity
13 score, there are no homes within 0 to 150 feet of the route centerline and only one home within

14 151 to 300 feet of the route centerline; the majority of the homes are located within 501 to 1,000
15 feet of the route centerline of Option 1 within a mobile home park. The proposed subdivision and

1 mobile home park are owned by the same landowner. Although Option 1 does not have the
2 lowest potential impacts for all routing factors, it provides the best overall option for minimizing
3 impacts on natural and social resources while providing a cost-effective and technically feasible
4 alignment.

5 X. CONCLUSION

6 **Q. What do you conclude regarding the route selection for the Project?**

7 A. The final route alignment for each segment of the Project, which was determined
8 only after a detailed analysis process and input from potentially affected landowners and other
9 stakeholders, was selected because it would minimize the overall social and environmental
10 impacts of the Project while providing an economical and reasonable route for design and
11 construction.

12 **Q. Is it possible that changes will be made to the final routes?**

13 A. Based on local conditions that may be identified or encountered during survey,
14 final engineering, design, right-of-way acquisition, or construction, ATXI may be required to
15 make minor adjustments to the final route alignments. These adjustments would be to address
16 specific, localized conditions or circumstances not readily apparent as part of the route selection
17 process, but would not be anticipated to result in substantial (if any) additional impacts and
18 would be at ATXI's discretion. Any adjustments would generally be intended to reduce overall
19 environmental impacts, reduce Project inconvenience to landowners, and/or protect public
20 safety.

21 **Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?**

22 A. Yes, it does.

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of Ameren Transmission)
 Company of Illinois for Other Relief or, in the Alternative,)
 a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity)
 Authorizing it to Construct, Install, Own, Operate,) File No. EA-2015-0146
 Maintain and Otherwise Control and Manage a)
 345,000-volt Electric Transmission Line from Palmyra,)
 Missouri, to the Iowa Border and an Associated Substation)
 Near Kirksville, Missouri.)

AFFIDAVIT OF CHRISTOPHER J. WOOD

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
COUNTY OF JACKSON)

Christopher J. Wood, being first duly sworn on his oath, states:

1. My name is Christopher J. Wood. I work in Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri, and I am employed by Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc.

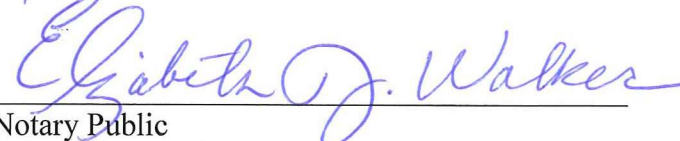
2. Attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes is my Direct Testimony on behalf of Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois consisting of 36 pages, and Schedule(s) CJW-01 and CJW-02 all of which have been prepared in written form for introduction into evidence in the above-referenced docket.

3. I hereby swear and affirm that my answers contained in the attached testimony to the questions therein propounded are true and correct.



 Christopher J. Wood

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of May, 2015.



 Notary Public

My commission expires:

ELIZABETH J. WALKER
 Notary Public - Notary Seal
 STATE OF MISSOURI
 Jackson County
 My Commission Expires May 22, 2018
 Commission # 14619609

**Invitation to Participate in the
Mark Twain Transmission Project
Community Representative Forum**

Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI) is planning to build a 345,000-volt transmission line in northeast Missouri along with a new substation near Kirksville. Known as the Mark Twain Transmission Project, it consists of two transmission line segments (Palmyra to Kirksville, and Kirksville to the Iowa border) totaling approximately 100 miles. The project will benefit Missouri and the region by improving overall electrical system reliability and efficiency, while increasing access to lower-cost energy sources, including renewable resources such as wind energy.

We are holding a series of public open houses to introduce the project, present potential routing options and solicit feedback. Landowners within 2,500 feet of any of the proposed route options, as shown on the enclosed map, will be mailed a letter on July 14th, inviting them to the open houses.

You are welcome to attend any of the open houses. In addition, you are invited to attend a **Community Representative Forum (CRF)**. The purpose of the CRF is to encourage the participation of community representatives and to gain region-specific information that is vital to the routing process. The CRF includes public officials, representatives of local municipal groups, agency representatives and other community stakeholders within the project area. As a participant, you:

- Will be briefed on the Project’s need, benefits and schedule.
- May participate in the route development by helping prioritize criteria being considered.
- Will become more knowledgeable and better able to respond to questions about the project from the community.

A continental breakfast will be provided at the CRFs. A designated representative may attend in your place. Please select a date to attend below and RSVP by calling **1-888-340-6640** or by emailing **MarkTwainTransmission@ameren.com** by July 28th. Please indicate which meeting date you plan to attend. We look forward to working with you as we plan this important project.

Community Representative Forums are from 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Open Houses are from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (refreshments provided)

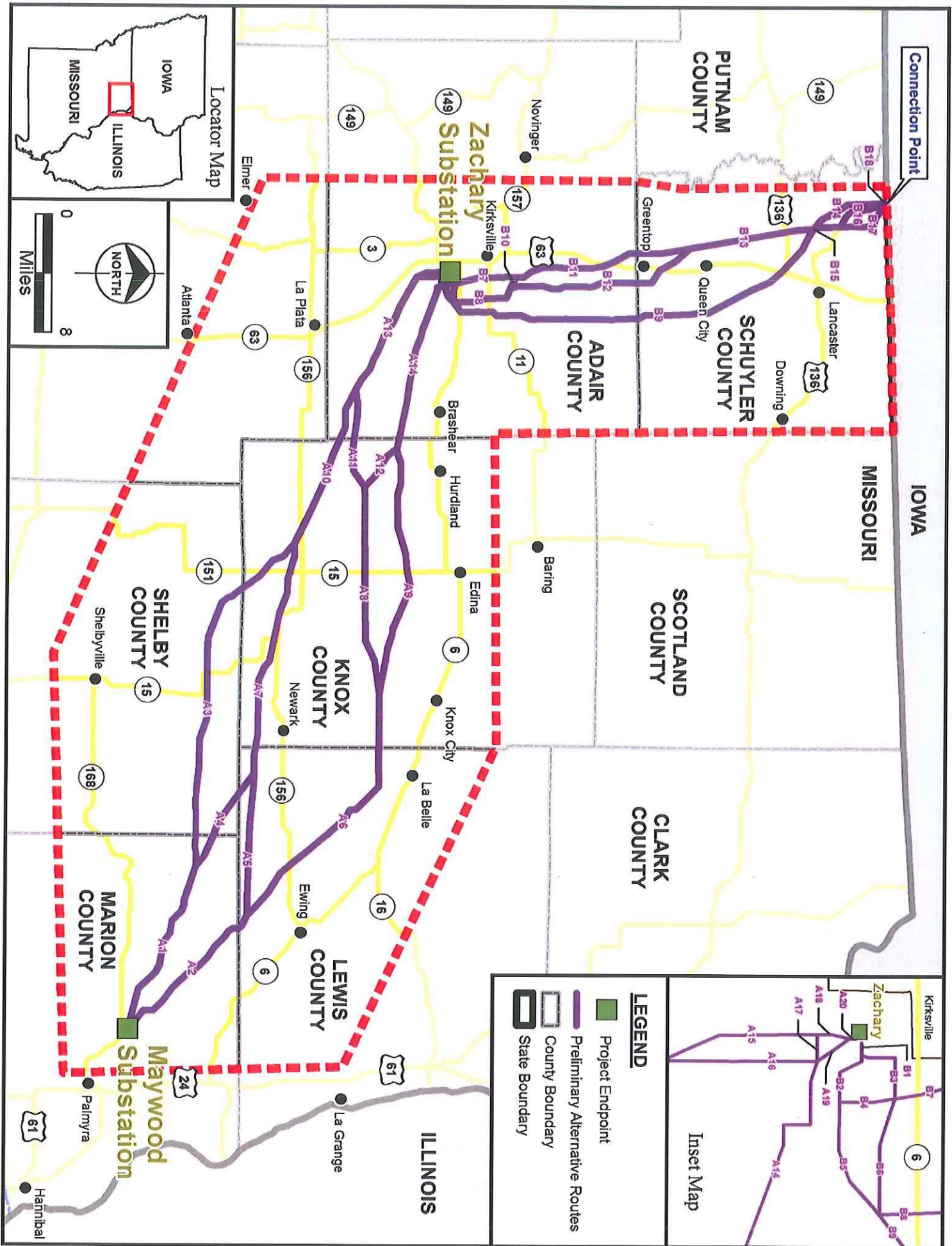
The open houses are informal—the public is welcome to attend anytime during the hours listed.

Tuesday, Aug. 5 El Kadir Shrine Club 2401 S. Baltimore Kirksville, MO 63501	Wednesday, Aug. 6 Heartland Ozark Lodge & Steakhouse 400 New Creation Rd. North Newark, MO 63458	Thursday, Aug. 7 American Legion Hall Post 174 600 Short Street Palmyra, MO 63461
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Sincerely,



Peggy L. Ladd
Director, Ameren Transmission Stakeholder Relations
PLADD@ameren.com



SCHEDULE CJW-01



Community Representative Forum – Participant Survey

Mark Twain Transmission Project

This survey will help the routing team understand the interests of your organization and the public, and will allow the team to incorporate this information into the route selection process. A similar survey will be available to the public at the open houses and electronically on the project website through August 22. Thank you for your participation!

YOUR INFORMATION

Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Organization: _____ Email: _____
 Address: _____ City/State/Zip _____

PROJECT NEED

1. Do you believe the purpose/need for this transmission line has been explained adequately?
 Yes No Uncertain

If “no” or “uncertain,” what additional information would be helpful to you?

LINE ROUTING CONSIDERATIONS

2. The routing of a transmission line involves many considerations. From the list of routing factors below, please circle the number corresponding to the level of importance of that factor to you.

<u>Factor</u>	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Most Important
a) Maximize distance from homes	1	2	3	4	5
b) Maximize distance from commercial/industrial facilities/businesses	1	2	3	4	5
c) Maximize distance from public facilities (e.g. schools, parks, churches, cemeteries, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
d) Maximize length along property or section lines	1	2	3	4	5
e) Minimize the total number of poles by selecting the most direct route	1	2	3	4	5
f) Minimize crossing wetlands, floodplains and streams/rivers	1	2	3	4	5
g) Minimize crossing cropland	1	2	3	4	5
h) Minimize crossing forested land	1	2	3	4	5
i) Minimize crossing pasture/open land	1	2	3	4	5
j) Minimize total length of line and number of angles (reducing the total cost)	1	2	3	4	5
k) Minimize historic/cultural sites	1	2	3	4	5
l) Minimize federal and state lands/easement	1	2	3	4	5
m) Maximize length along roads	1	2	3	4	5
n) Minimize number of private property/parcels crossed	1	2	3	4	5
o) Minimize utility (road, transmission line, etc.) crossings	1	2	3	4	5

3. If you would like to comment further on any of the above factors, or identify any other factors or issues that you feel should be considered, please use the space below or an additional sheet of paper.

We welcome any drawings, maps, or other information you may want to submit that could aid in our understanding of your concerns.

4. If you have a concern with a particular transmission line segment(s) shown on the maps, please indicate the segment number (only one per line please) and describe your concern.

<u>Segment No.</u>	<u>Concern</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
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NOTIFICATIONS

We plan to notify everyone who was invited to the Community Representative Forums of the final route selection. If there is anyone else you think we should notify, please provide their contact information below.

Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Organization: _____
 Address: _____
 Email: _____

If taking the survey with you, please mail before August 22 to:

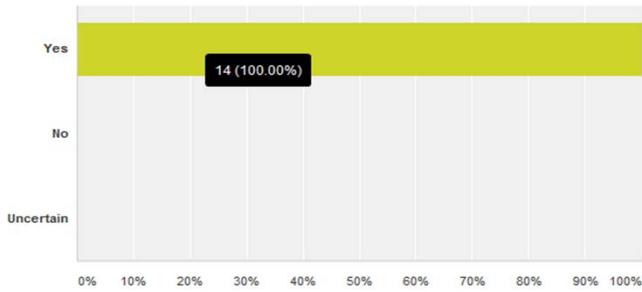
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 Mark Twain Transmission Project
 Attn: Jennifer Berry
 9400 Ward Parkway
 Kansas City, MO 64114

SCHEDULE CJW-01

CRF R1 Mark Twain Transmission Project

Do you believe the purpose/need for this transmission line has been explained adequately?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 0



The routing of a transmission line involves many considerations. From the list of routing factors below, please circle the number corresponding to the level of importance of that factor to you.

Answer Options	Not Important	---	Somewhat Important	---	Most Important	Rating Average	Response Count
a) Maximize distance from homes	0	1	2	4	7	4.21	14
b) Maximize distance from commercial/industrial	0	4	3	4	3	3.43	14
c) Maximize distance from public facilities (e.g.	0	1	1	5	7	4.29	14
d) Maximize length along property or section lines	0	5	3	2	3	3.23	13
e) Minimize the total number of poles by selecting the	0	4	3	4	3	3.43	14
f) Minimize crossing wetlands, floodplains and	0	2	8	1	3	3.36	14
g) Minimize crossing cropland	1	1	4	4	4	3.64	14
h) Minimize crossing forested land	2	4	4	2	2	2.86	14
i) Minimize crossing pasture/open land	2	4	2	4	2	3.00	14
j) Minimize total length of line and number of angles	0	2	6	4	2	3.43	14
k) Minimize historic/cultural sites	0	2	6	2	4	3.57	14
l) Minimize federal and state lands/easement	1	5	3	4	1	2.93	14
m) Maximize length along roads	1	2	5	3	3	3.36	14
n) Minimize number of private property/parcels	0	2	6	3	3	3.50	14
o) Minimize utility (road, transmission line, etc.)	0	5	4	4	1	3.07	14
<i>answered question</i>							14
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July 14, 2014

RE: An Invitation to Attend a Mark Twain Transmission Project Open House

Dear Property Owner,

Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI) is planning to build a 345,000-volt transmission line in northeast Missouri along with a new substation near Kirksville. Known as the Mark Twain Transmission Project, it consists of two line segments (Palmyra to Kirksville, and Kirksville to the Iowa border) totaling approximately 100 miles. The project will benefit Missouri and the region by improving overall electric system reliability and efficiency, while increasing access to lower-cost energy sources, including renewable resources such as wind energy.

You are receiving this letter because your property has been identified as being within 2,500 feet of a proposed route option for this transmission line, as shown on the enclosed map. We invite you to join us at one of our three public open houses, where we will provide a project overview, answer your questions and collect public input for the routing process. As each event covers the same material, you may attend the event most convenient to you. Refreshments will be provided.

All open houses are from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

The open houses are informal—you are welcome to attend anytime during the hours listed. Project team members will be available to answer your questions and provide additional information about the project.

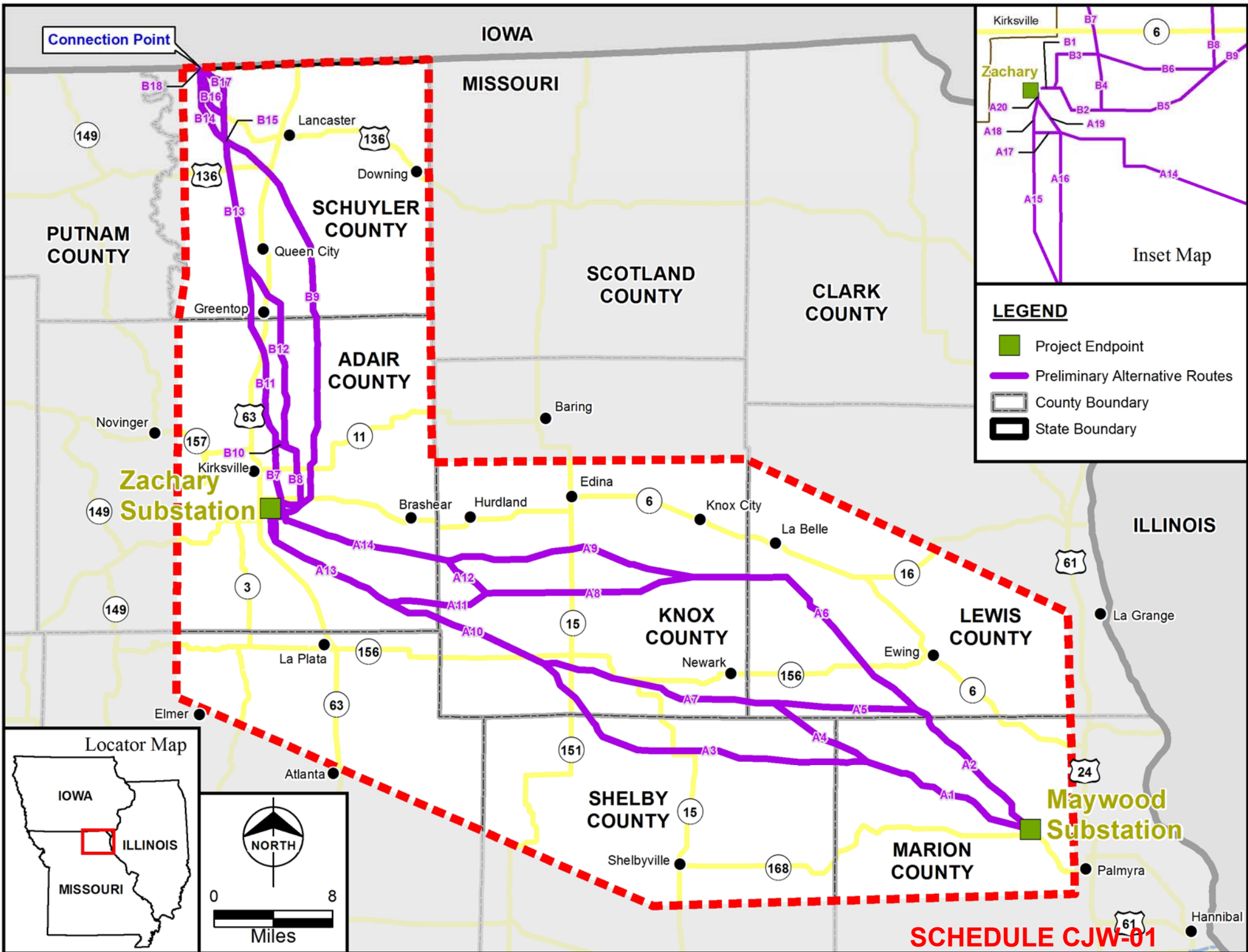
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After considering the information provided by the public and other stakeholders, ATXI will narrow the route options and present the final options at a second round of open houses tentatively scheduled in October 2014. A final route is expected to be selected by December 2014.

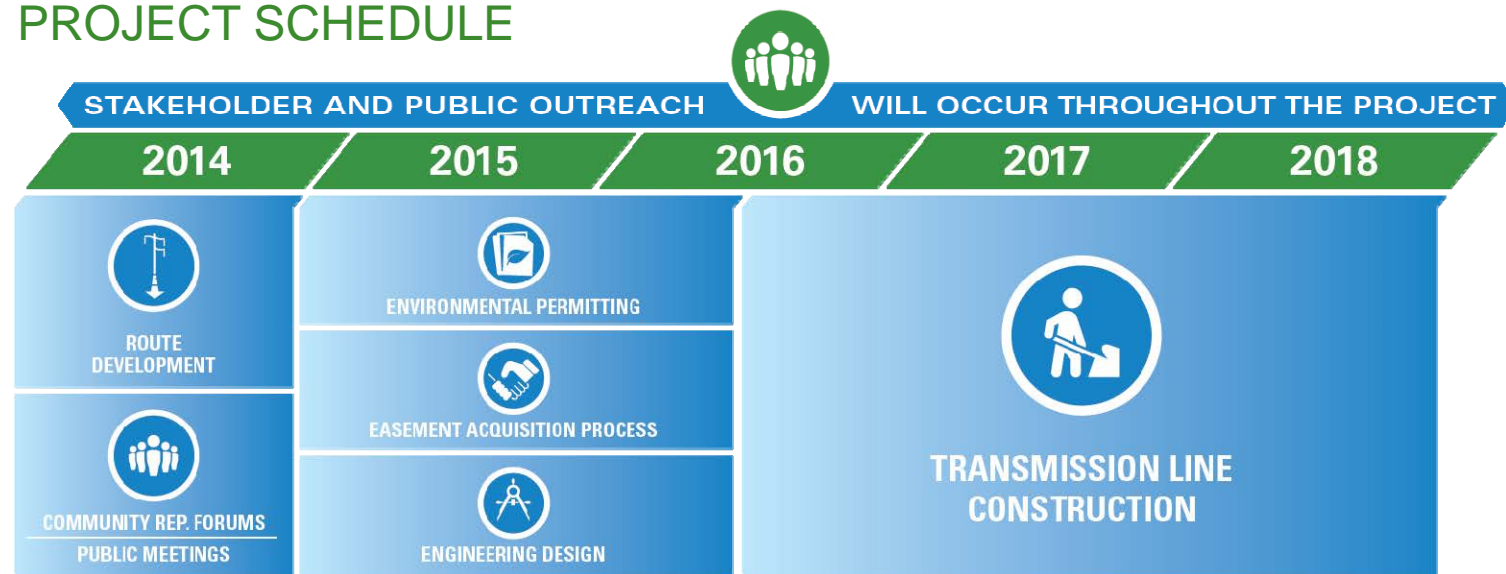
Maps and additional information will be available on the project website (MarkTwainTransmission.com) the week of the open houses. If you have questions prior to the open houses, you may send us an email (MarkTwainTransmission@ameren.com) or call our toll-free information line (888.340.6640).

Sincerely,

Peggy L. Ladd
Director, Ameren Transmission Stakeholder Relations



PROJECT SCHEDULE



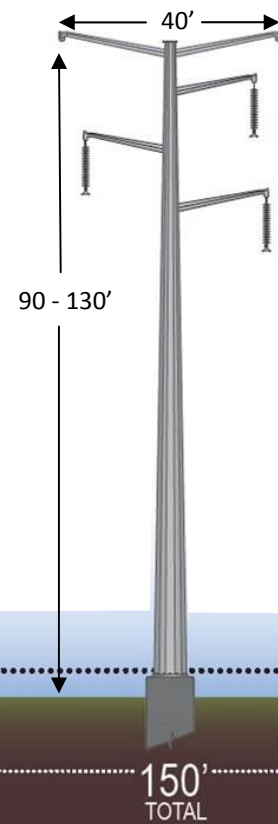
STRUCTURE DESIGN AND EASEMENT

What is an easement?

An easement is an interest or right to use the land of another for a specific purpose.

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Open House Handout MARK TWAIN TRANSMISSION PROJECT

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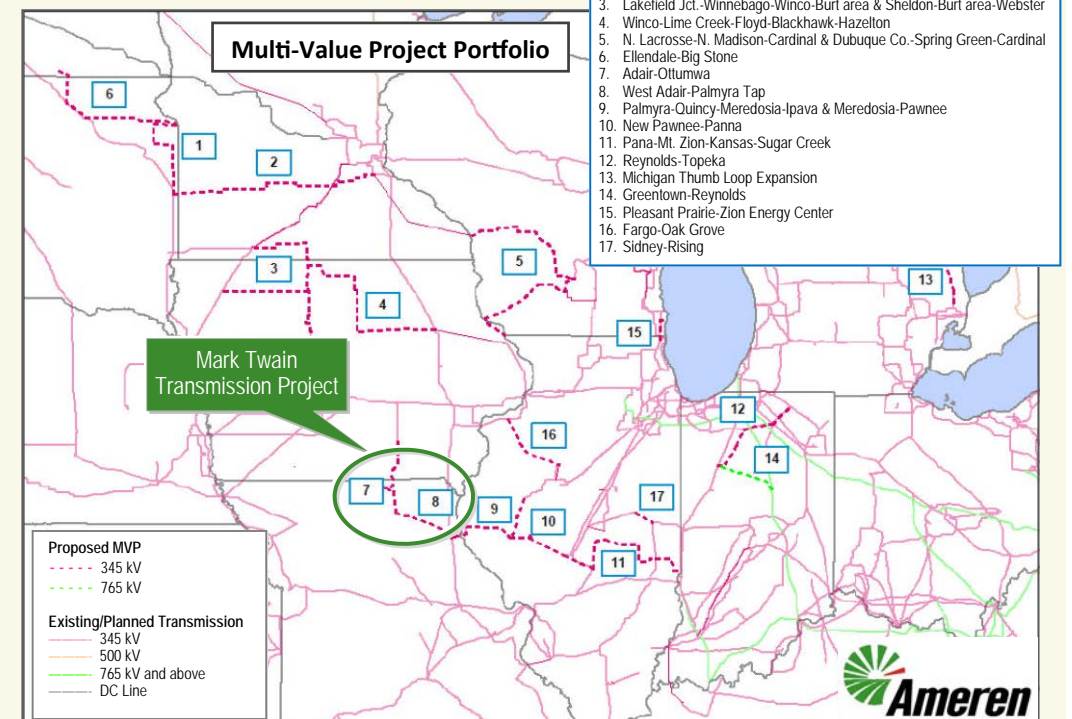
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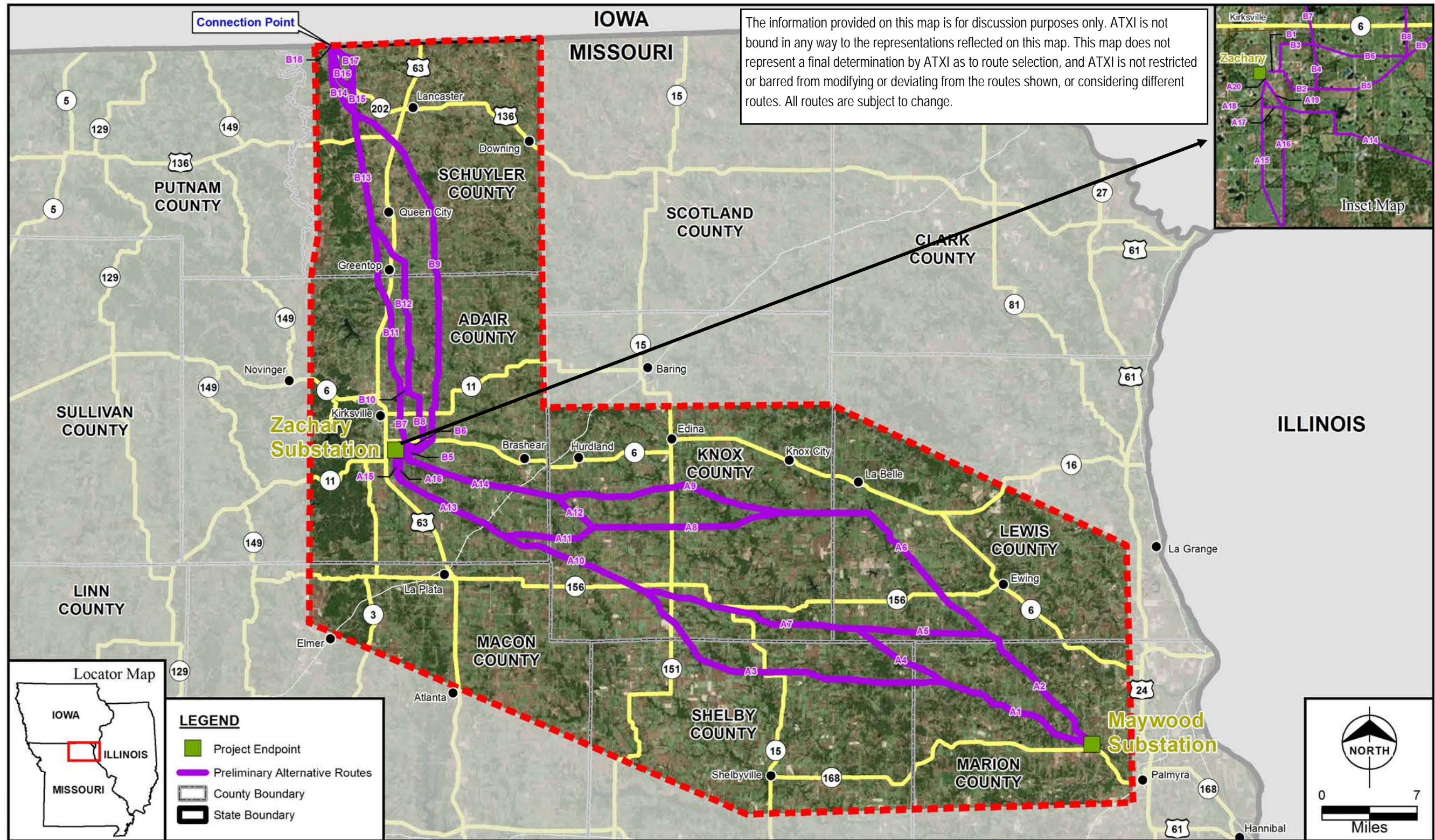


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MARK TWAIN TRANSMISSION LINE ROUTE ALTERNATIVES (as of July 2014)



EXAMPLES OF ROUTING CRITERIA: (Not in order of importance)

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- Wells
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Mark Twain Transmission Project - QUESTIONNAIRE

Please complete this after you have reviewed the information presented today. If you prefer, you can complete this online at (MarkTwainTransmission.com) on the Public Input page.

This questionnaire is designed to help you identify issues related to the routing of a proposed 345,000 volt transmission line from ATXI's proposed Maywood Substation (near Palmyra, Missouri) to ATXI's proposed Zachary Substation (near Kirksville, Missouri) and on to the Iowa border. Your answers will help the study team understand public interests and concerns and will allow the team to incorporate this information in the route selection process. Thank you for your input.

1. Which open house did you attend?

- Tuesday, August 5th in Kirksville Thursday, August 7th in Palmyra
 Wednesday, August 6th in Newark I did not attend an open house

PROJECT NEED

2. Do you believe the purpose/need for this transmission line has been explained adequately?

- Yes No Uncertain

If "no" or "uncertain," what additional information would be helpful to you?

LINE ROUTING CONSIDERATIONS

3. The routing of a transmission line involves many considerations. From the list of routing factors below, please circle the number corresponding to the level of importance of that factor to you.

<u>Factor</u>	<u>Rating</u>				
	<u>Not Important</u>	<u>Somewhat Important</u>	<u>Most Important</u>
a) Maximize distance from homes	1	2	3	4	5
b) Maximize distance from commercial/industrial facilities/businesses	1	2	3	4	5
c) Maximize distance from public facilities (e.g. schools, parks, churches, cemeteries, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
d) Maximize length along property or section lines	1	2	3	4	5
e) Minimize the total number of poles by selecting the most direct route	1	2	3	4	5
f) Minimize crossing wetlands, floodplains and streams/rivers	1	2	3	4	5
g) Minimize crossing cropland	1	2	3	4	5
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i) Minimize crossing pasture/open land	1	2	3	4	5
j) Minimize total length of line and number of angles (reducing the total cost)	1	2	3	4	5
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l) Minimize federal and state lands/easement	1	2	3	4	5
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n) Minimize number of private property/parcels crossed	1	2	3	4	5
o) Minimize utility (road, transmission line, etc.) crossings	1	2	3	4	5

4. If you would like to comment further on any of the above factors, or identify any other factors or issues that you feel should be considered, please use the space below or an additional sheet of paper.

5. If you have a concern with a particular transmission line segment(s) shown on the display of potential routes, please indicate the segment number (only one per line please) as labeled on the maps and describe your concern.

<u>Segment No.</u>	<u>Concern</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

6. Do you have any current easements/options on your property? Yes No I don't know

If yes, what type (land sale, wind turbine, power line, etc.): _____

7. Which of the following applies to your situation (check all that apply)?

- a. Potential line route is near my home.
- b. Potential line route is near my farm or business.
- c. Not affected by potential route.
- d. Other, please specify _____

8. Do you believe the public open house format and the information provided was helpful for your understanding of the project?

- | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| OPEN HOUSE FORMAT: | <input type="checkbox"/> Helpful | <input type="checkbox"/> Not helpful |
| INFORMATION PROVIDED: | <input type="checkbox"/> Helpful | <input type="checkbox"/> Not helpful |

9. OPTIONAL: If you would like to be notified once the final route has been selected, please enter your name and address below. (Names and addresses are considered confidential.)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

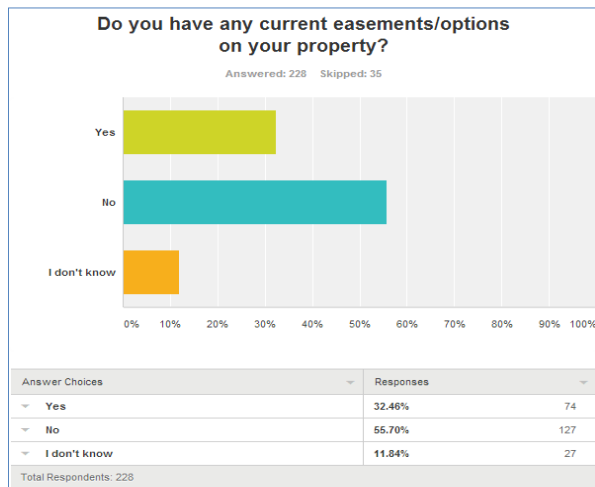
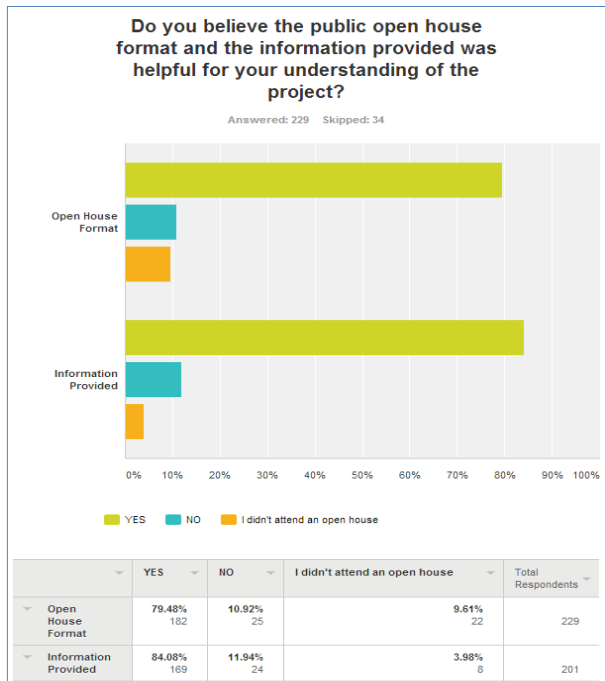
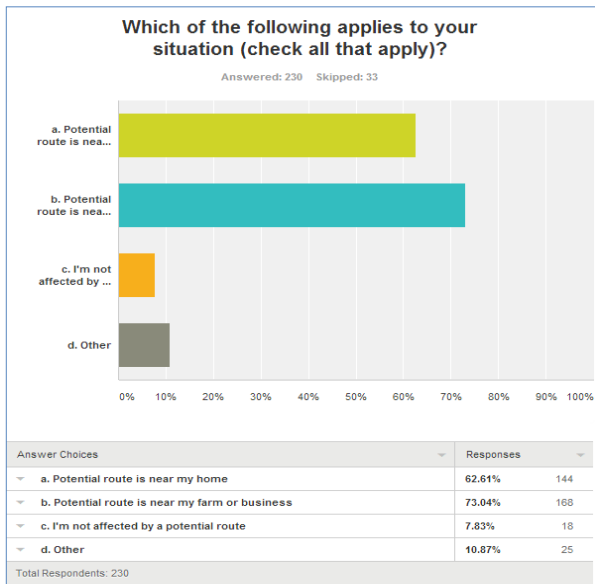
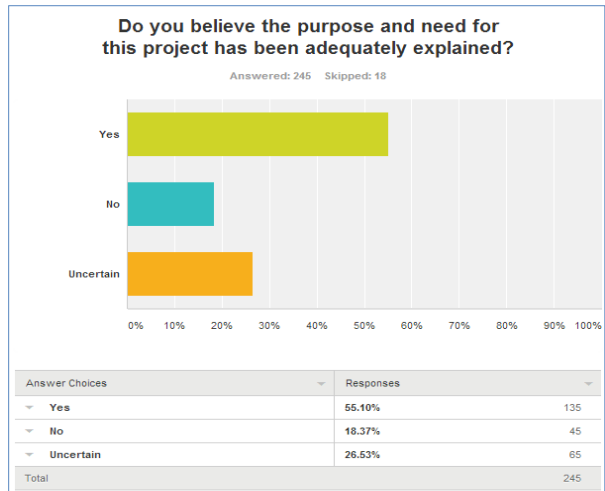
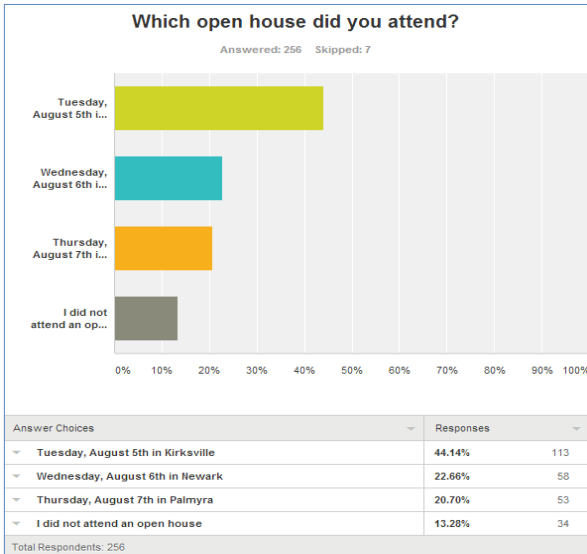
Email: _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (Comments may also be left by voice mail by calling 1-888-340-6640 (toll-free))

If taking the questionnaire with you, please mail completed questionnaires before August 22 to:

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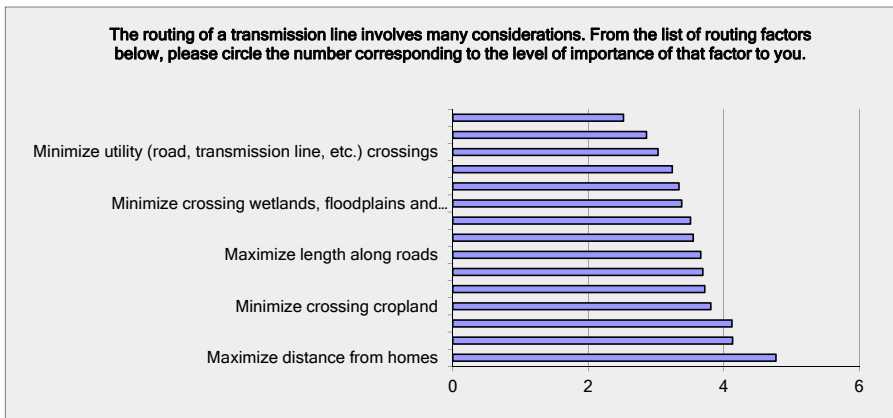


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Answer Options	Not Important	—	Somewhat Important	—	Most Important	Rating Average	Response Count
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Minimize number of private property/parcels crossed	9	11	49	39	130	4.13	238
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Minimize crossing cropland	30	17	37	42	115	3.81	241
Maximize length along property or section lines	17	14	70	49	83	3.72	233
Minimize crossing forested land	19	30	48	49	92	3.69	238
Maximize length along roads	23	20	54	53	83	3.66	233
Minimize historic/cultural sites	21	20	65	63	64	3.55	233
Minimize crossing pasture/open land	32	16	64	47	77	3.51	236
Minimize crossing wetlands, floodplains and streams/riders	35	34	57	34	80	3.38	240
Minimize the total number of poles by selecting the most direct route	41	22	60	36	73	3.34	232
Maximize distance from commercial/industrial facilities/businesses	42	28	57	47	60	3.24	234
Minimize utility (road, transmission line, etc.) crossings	44	33	72	40	44	3.03	233
Minimize total length of line and number of angles (reducing the total cost)	59	35	62	29	46	2.86	231
Minimize federal and state lands/easement	84	32	54	23	34	2.52	227

answered question 252
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We invite you to attend any of the open houses. In addition, you are invited to attend a **Community Representative Forum (CRF)**. The purpose of the CRF is to encourage the participation of community representatives and to gain region-specific information that is vital to the routing process. As a participant, you will have the opportunity to preview the open houses and all of the stations, including the GIS stations, where you may log your comments in relation to the remaining route options.

Lunch will be provided at the CRFs. If you are unable to attend, you may designate a representative to attend in your place. Please select a date to attend below and RSVP by calling 1-888-340-6640 or by emailing MarkTwainTransmission@ameren.com by October 21st. Please indicate which forum date you plan to attend.

Community Representative Forums are from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. (lunch provided with RSVP)

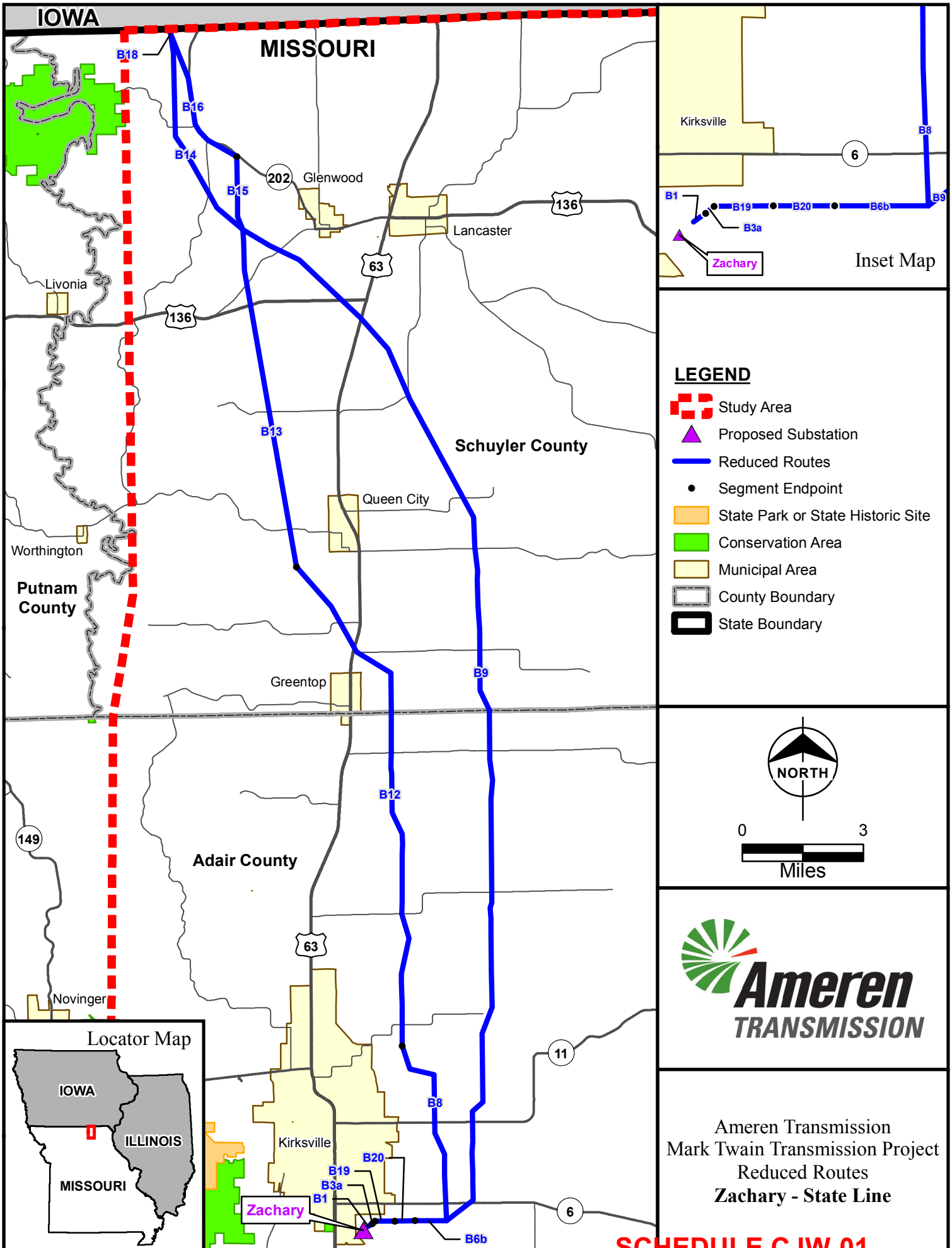
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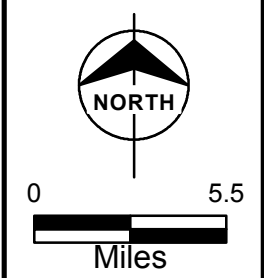
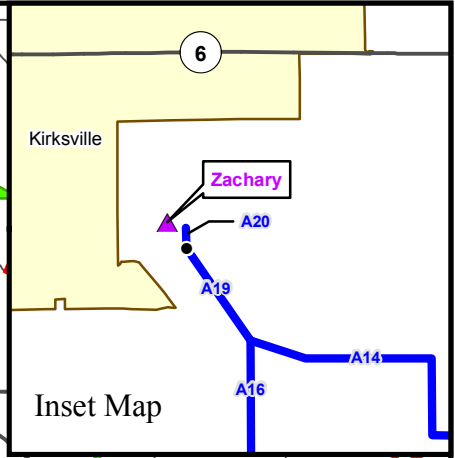
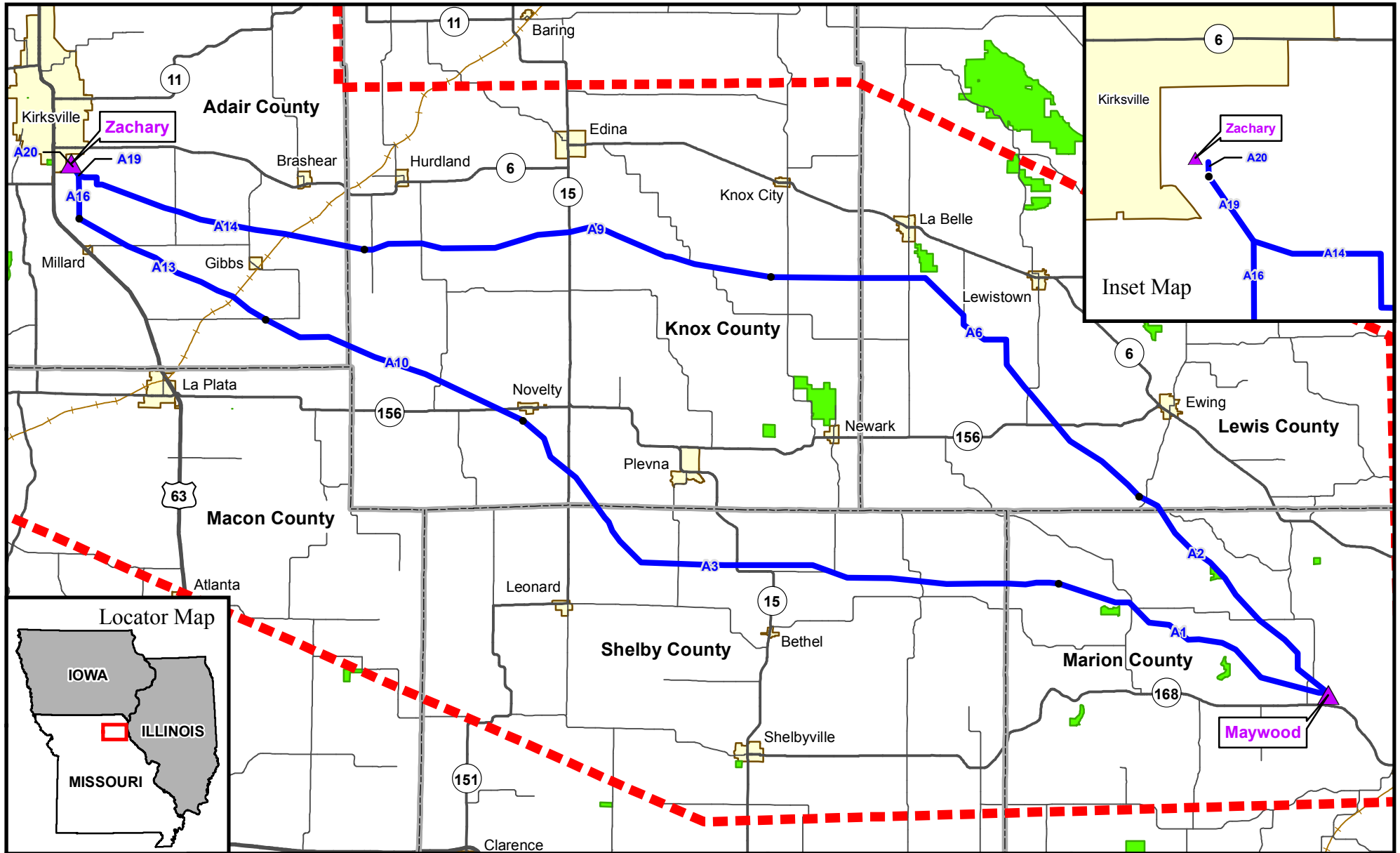
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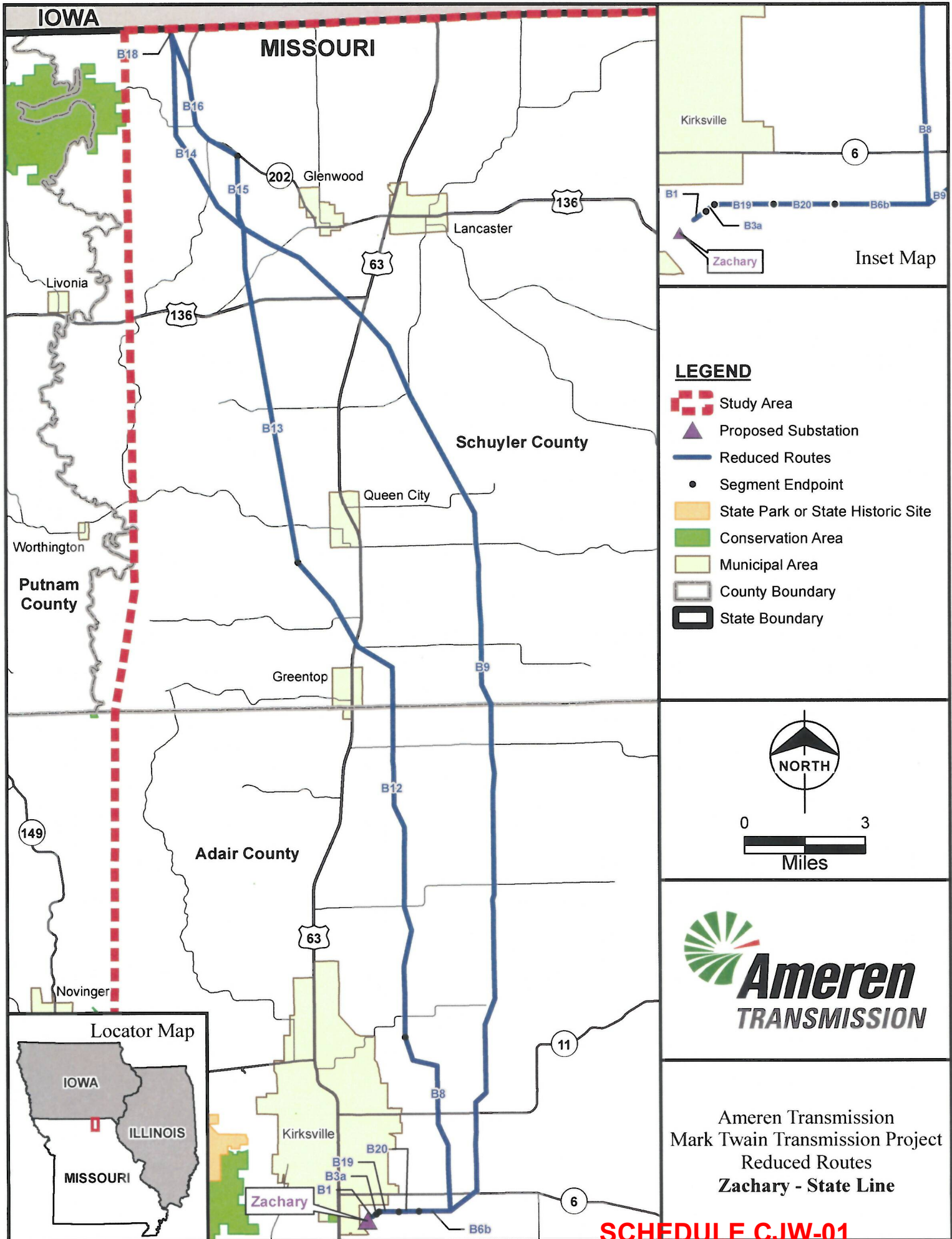
Knox County Library
120 S. Main Street
Edina, MO 63537
660-397-2460

Palmyra Bicentennial
212 S. Main Street
Palmyra, MO 63461
573-769-2830

La Plata Public Library
103 E. Moore Street
La Plata, MO 63549
660-332-4945

Carnegie Public Library
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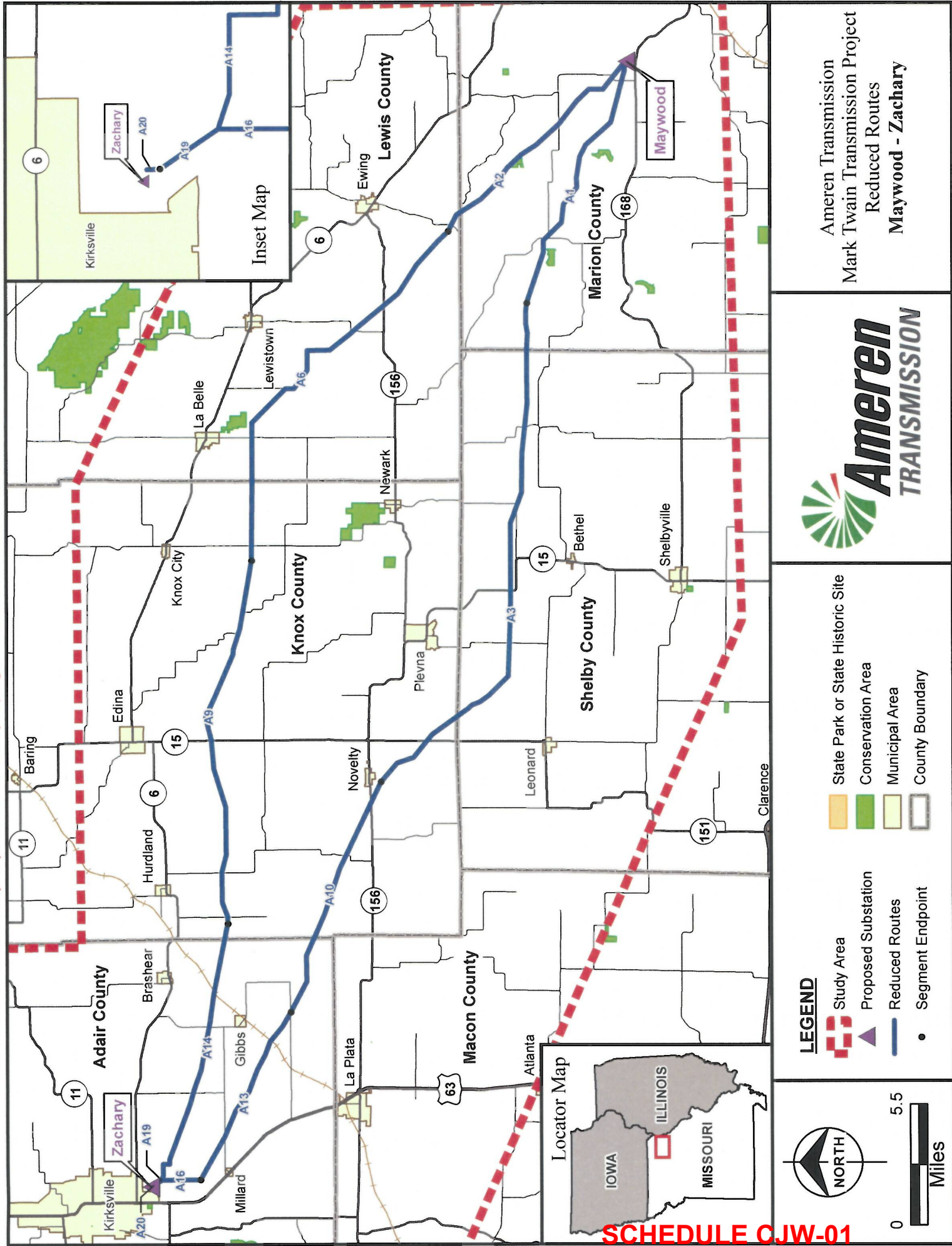
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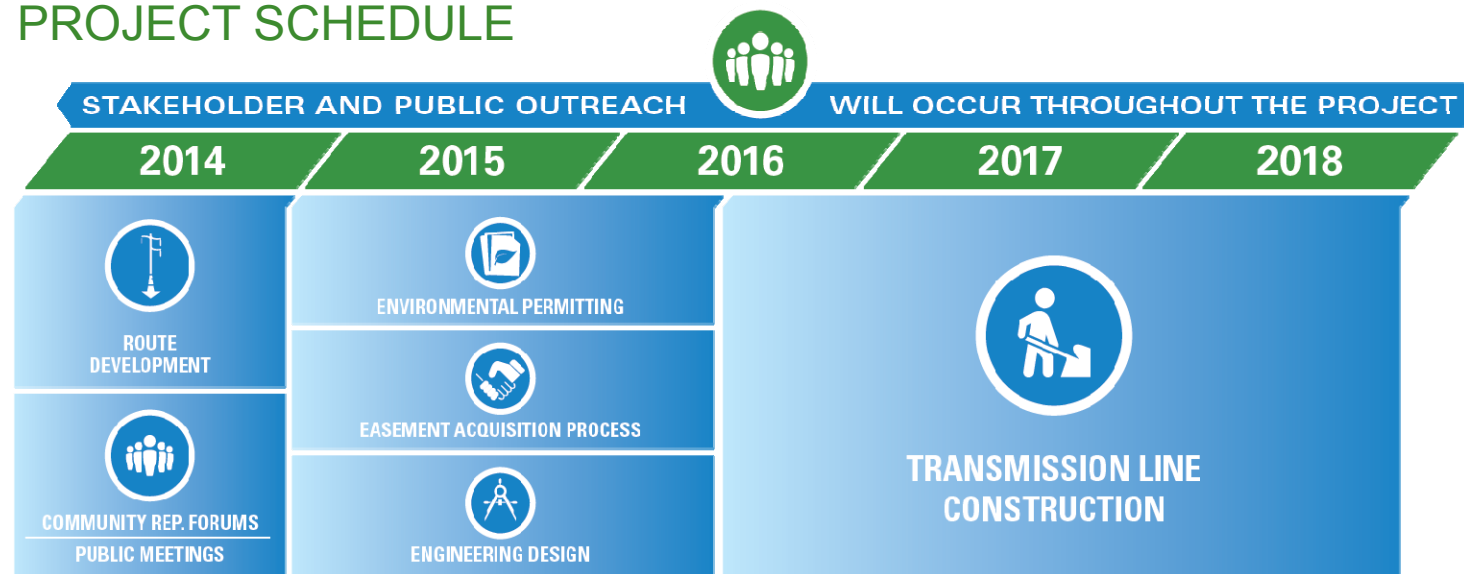
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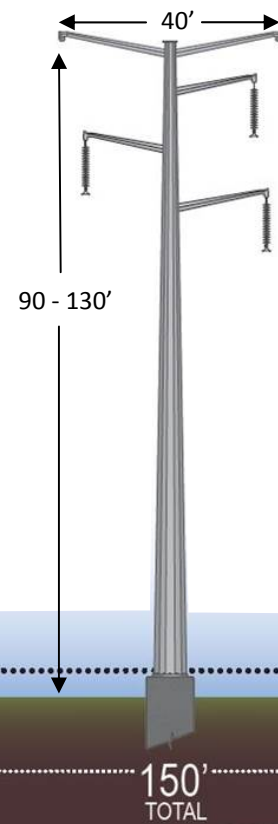
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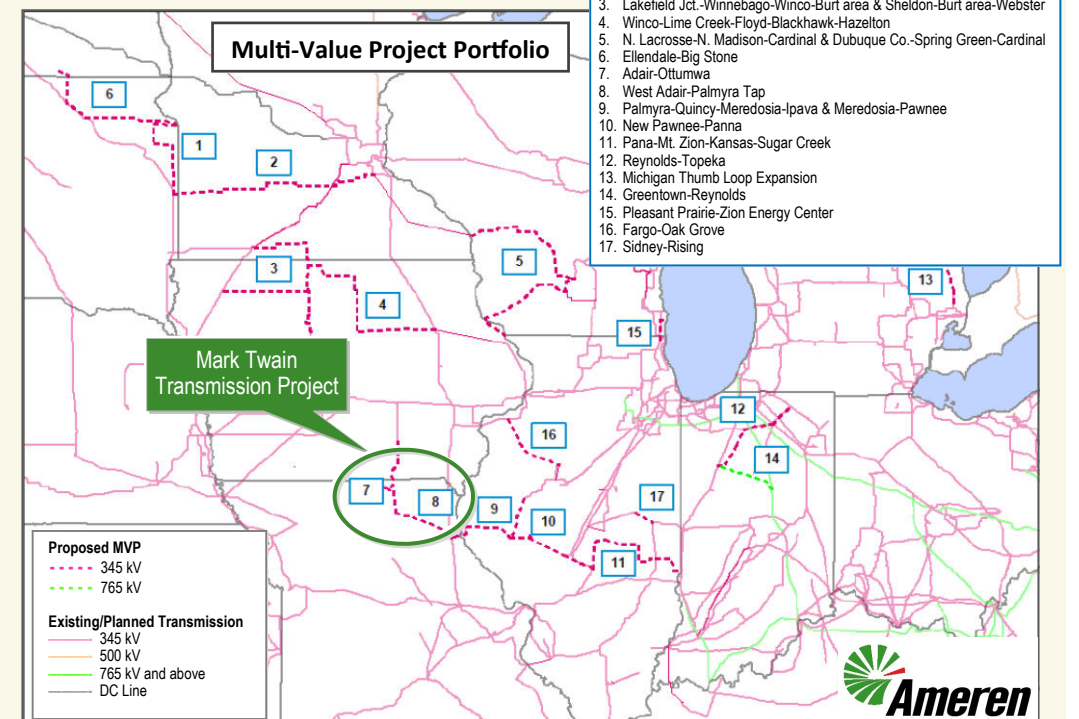
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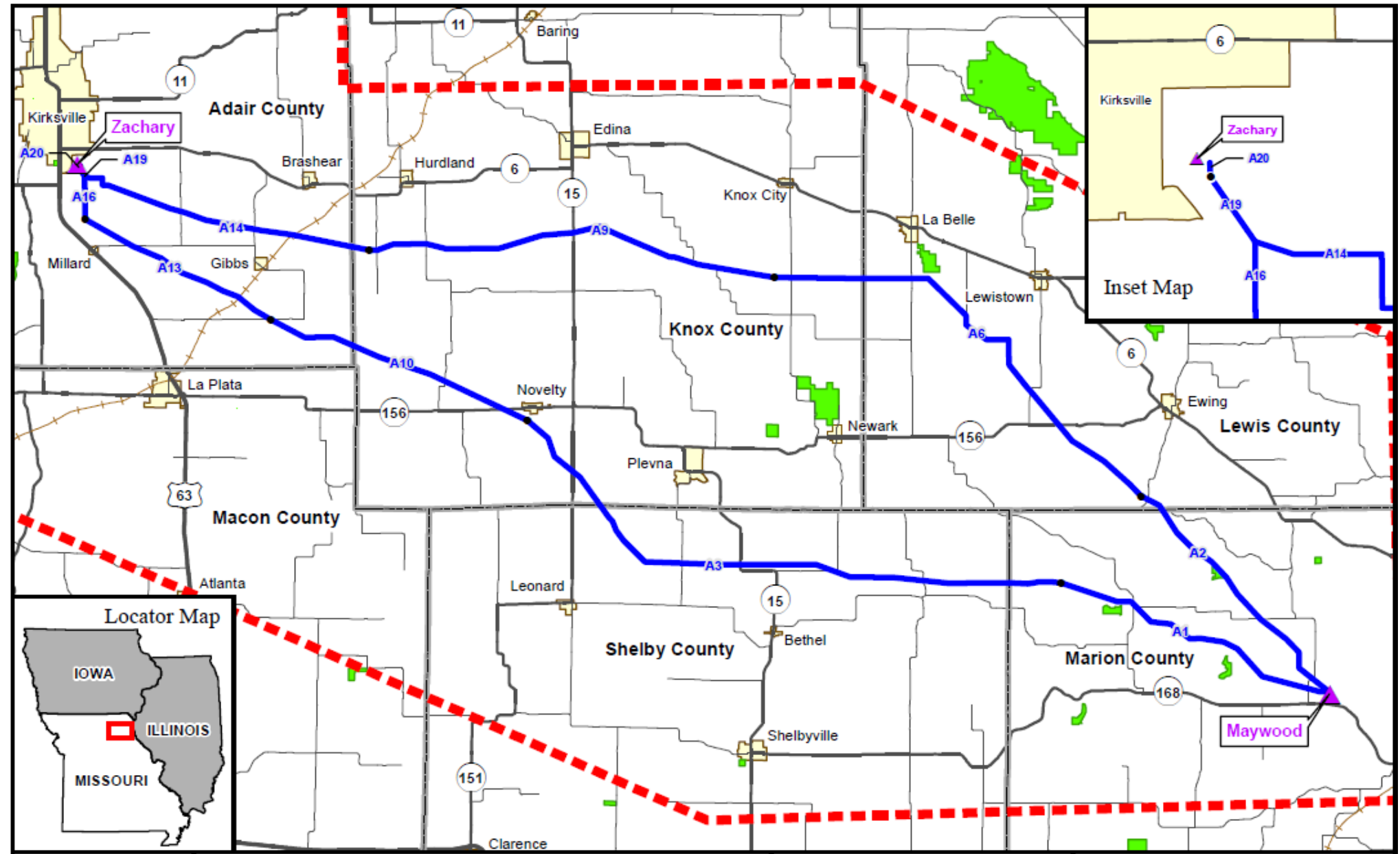
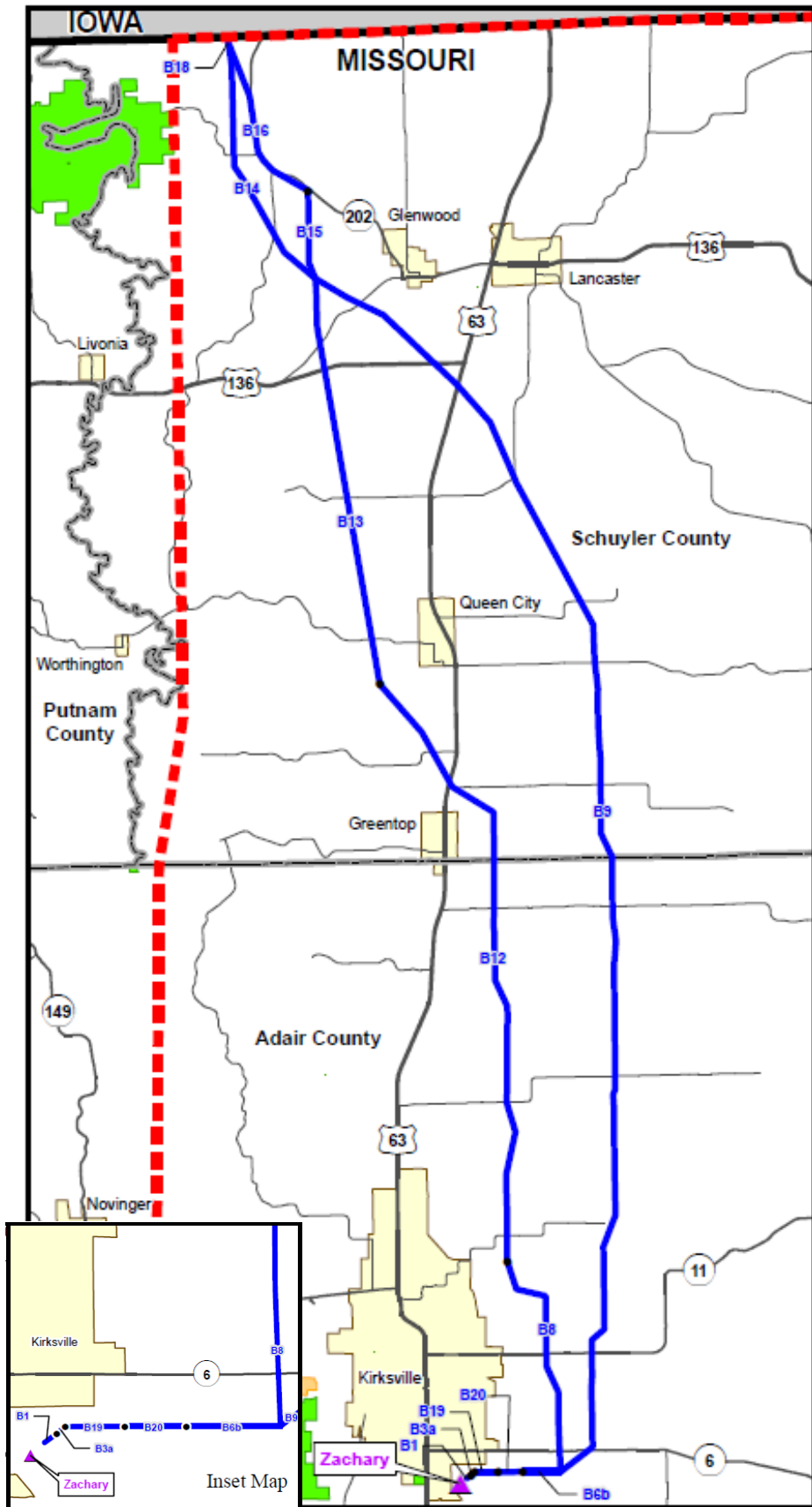
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MARK TWAIN TRANSMISSION LINE REDUCED ROUTE ALTERNATIVES (as of October 2014)

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- **Job creation and economic benefits**—It is anticipated that construction of the Mark Twain Transmission Project will create 200 good, well-paying jobs. A study released on Sept. 30, 2014, also found the economic benefit of the regional transmission plan to Missouri will be 2.3 to 3.3 times the transmission investment. Missouri electric customers all along the route will benefit from the availability of electricity transported on the Mark Twain Transmission Project line.
- **No one source of power**—The power carried by the Mark Twain Transmission Project line will not come from any one source, but from any and all electric generation sources connected to the Midwest grid.
- **A cleaner environment**—In its Sept. 30, 2014 study, the regional transmission operator found its plan will reduce carbon emissions from electric generating units by 9 to 15 million tons annually.
- **Compatible with farming**—The Mark Twain Transmission Project will utilize single-shaft, steel poles that do not require guy wires. Farmers can continue to use land under the transmission line for crops and pasture. Our goal is to minimize the impact on agriculture.
- **Acquiring easements**—The Mark Twain Transmission Project will be built on an easement 150 feet in width. Landowners will be contacted by project representatives for the purpose of establishing a fair market price to be paid for the easement through good-faith negotiations with a goal of reaching agreements with each landowner. ATXI will only use the process of eminent domain as a last resort when all efforts to reach a negotiated price fail.
- **Fair compensation for transmission line impact**—Landowners are fully compensated for the impact of the transmission line. ATXI’s offer of compensation for the easement is intended to “make the landowners whole” by fully compensating them for any effect on the market value of their property caused by the imposition of the easement. Upon completion of construction, ATXI’s representatives assess, and, if necessary, repair or compensate landowners for damages that may result from construction of the transmission line. This includes damages to crops, soil, fences, and other property or improvements. In most cases, ATXI will offer landowners an advance payment (at the time of easement payment) for anticipated crop loss and reparation of crop land immediately following construction.



- **An exclusive easement**—The easement granted to ATXI for the Mark Twain Transmission Project will be for ATXI’s use of the transmission line. Others, including pipelines, wishing to use the area occupied by ATXI’s easement would need to acquire a separate easement from the landowner, assuming the new easement does not interfere with ATXI’s rights for the transmission line facilities.
- **No tax money**—No federal, state or local tax monies will be used to build, operate or maintain this transmission line. This transmission line will be built, operated and maintained by ATXI, a wholly-owned subsidiary of St. Louis-based Ameren Corporation.
- **Explaining electromagnetic fields**—Electromagnetic fields (EMFs) are generated by anything that uses or conducts electricity. Some typical sources of EMFs in homes include refrigerators, microwave ovens, vacuum cleaners, hair dryers, video display monitors and fluorescent lamps to name just a few. EMFs have been in homes, businesses and factories since the dawn of the age of electricity.

Based on a recent in-depth review of the scientific literature, the World Health Organization (WHO) concluded that current evidence does not confirm the existence of any health consequences from exposure to low level EMFs. Furthermore, it is clear that the exposure to EMFs of people living in the vicinity of high voltage power lines differs very little from the average exposure of the entire population. Studies have also found no adverse effect on crops or farm animals, including cattle that graze below power lines. It should be noted that electrical equipment used on farms and other agricultural settings produce EMFs.

- **Compatible with hunting**—The Mark Twain Transmission Project will not interfere with hunting. According to the University of Michigan, “White-tailed deer prefer forest edges that are close to farmlands, old fields, and brushland.” Thus, deer populations tend to do well where transmission lines border wooded areas. Ameren has also fostered a relationship with the National Wild Turkey Federation to improve turkey habitats in rights of way.
- **How experts view the property value impact**—Various peer-reviewed, published studies have found that transmission lines have little effect on most property values.





MARK TWAIN TRANSMISSION PROJECT REDUCED ROUTE NETWORK - QUESTIONNAIRE

This questionnaire helps us to identify issues and concerns related to the routing of the Mark Twain Transmission Project from ATXI's proposed Maywood Substation (near Palmyra, Missouri) to ATXI's proposed Zachary Substation (near Kirksville, Missouri) and on to the Iowa border.

**Please complete this questionnaire after you have reviewed the information presented in the meeting today.
*All comments are to be received by November 10, 2014.***

PROJECT INTRODUCTION

1. Which open house did you attend:

- I did not attend an open house Wednesday, October 29th in Newark
 Tuesday, October 28th in Palmyra Thursday, October 30th in Kirksville

2. How did you hear about the open house? (Please check all that apply)

- a. Newspaper
 b. Radio
 c. Letter
 d. Neighbor/Friend
 e. Internet/e-mail
 f. Other (please explain) _____

3. Did you attend any of the first round of public open houses (preliminary route options) in August?

- a. Yes
 b. No, I have not attended any previous open houses

STAKEHOLDER IMPACT

4. Which of the following applies to your situation? (Please check all that apply)

- a. Potential line route is near my home.
 b. Potential line route is near or crosses my farm or business.
 c. Generally concerned about the Project.
 d. Other, please specify _____

LINE ROUTING CONSIDERATIONS

5. Do you have any current easements/leases on your property? YES NO

If yes, what type (land sale, wind turbine, power line, etc.): _____

OVER →

6. Please identify which segment(s) you have concerns with and why? Only one segment per line please—segment numbers are indicated on the route maps.

<u>Segment No.</u>	<u>Comments</u>

ROUTE MODIFICATIONS TO CONSIDER FOR YOUR PROPERTY

7. If the line segment on your property was selected, are there any changes or adjustments on your property to the proposed route that you would like for us to consider?

OPTIONAL: Please enter your name and address below to help us relate comments specifically to your property. (Names and addresses are confidential.)

Name _____ Phone _____

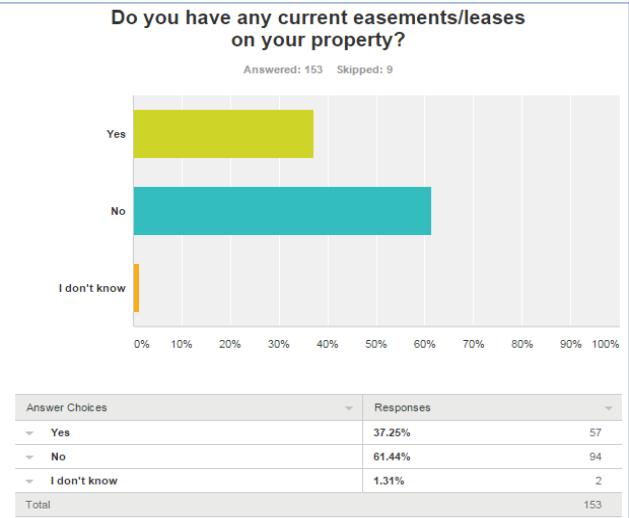
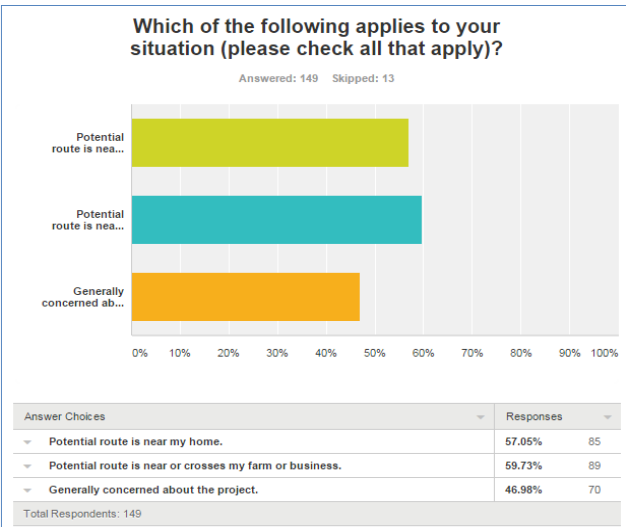
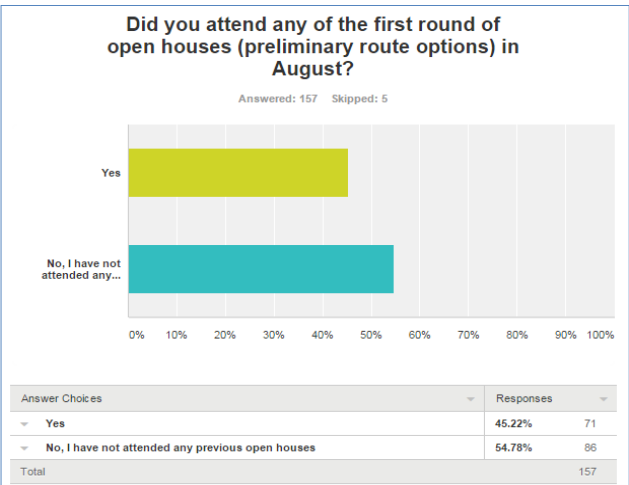
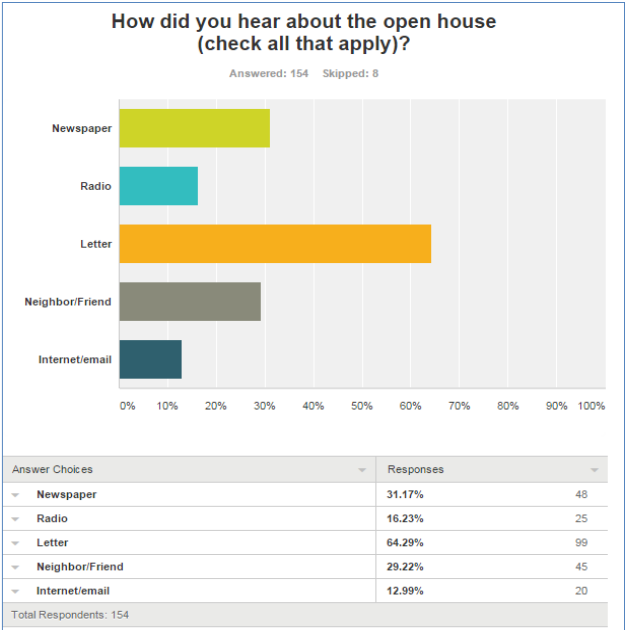
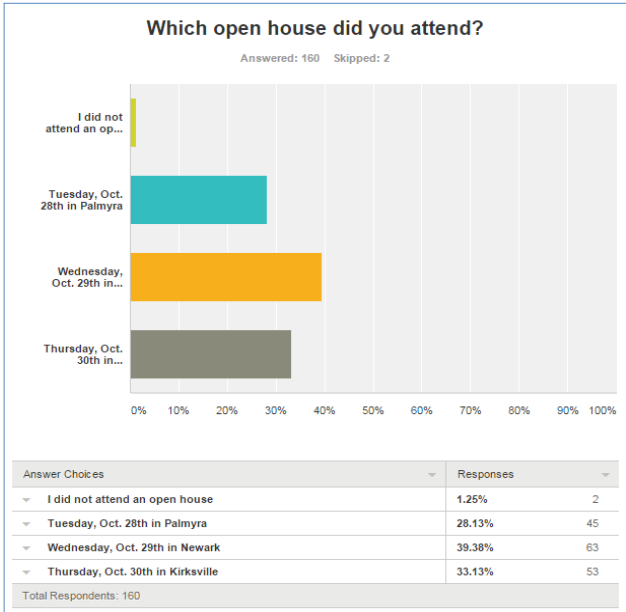
Address _____

Email: _____

Please add my name to the project mailing list and contact me by (circle one) e-mail or regular mail.

We encourage you to fill out and submit your questionnaire at the meeting or electronically on our project website: MarkTwainTransmission.com. If taking the questionnaire with you, please mail completed questionnaire **before November 10** to:

Mark Twain Transmission Project
Attn: Jennifer Berry
Burns & McDonnell
9400 Ward Parkway
Kansas City, MO 64114





February 6, 2015

<Owner Name & Address>

Dear Property Owner,

Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI) is planning to build a 161,000-volt connector transmission line (Project), approximately 2.5 miles long, which will connect from the existing Adair Substation to the new Zachary substation in Kirksville, Missouri. We would like to have a one-on-one conversation with you on **Wednesday, February 25th** about this line, and provide an opportunity for you to ask questions about the Project, including how it could affect you. The enclosed map shows the two options that we are considering; however, only one of these routes will be selected. The final route will be built on an easement 100 feet in width, which ATXI hopes to establish through good-faith negotiations with landowners.

Please choose a preferred time frame on the response card enclosed, provide your contact information, and return it by February 12th. A Project team member will then call you to schedule your one-hour appointment. The appointments will be held at:

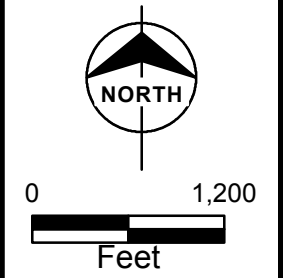
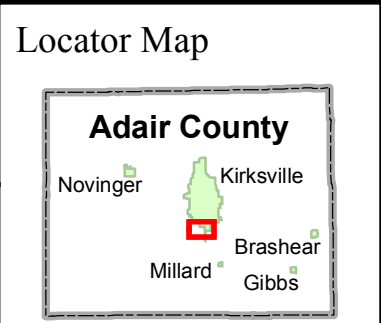
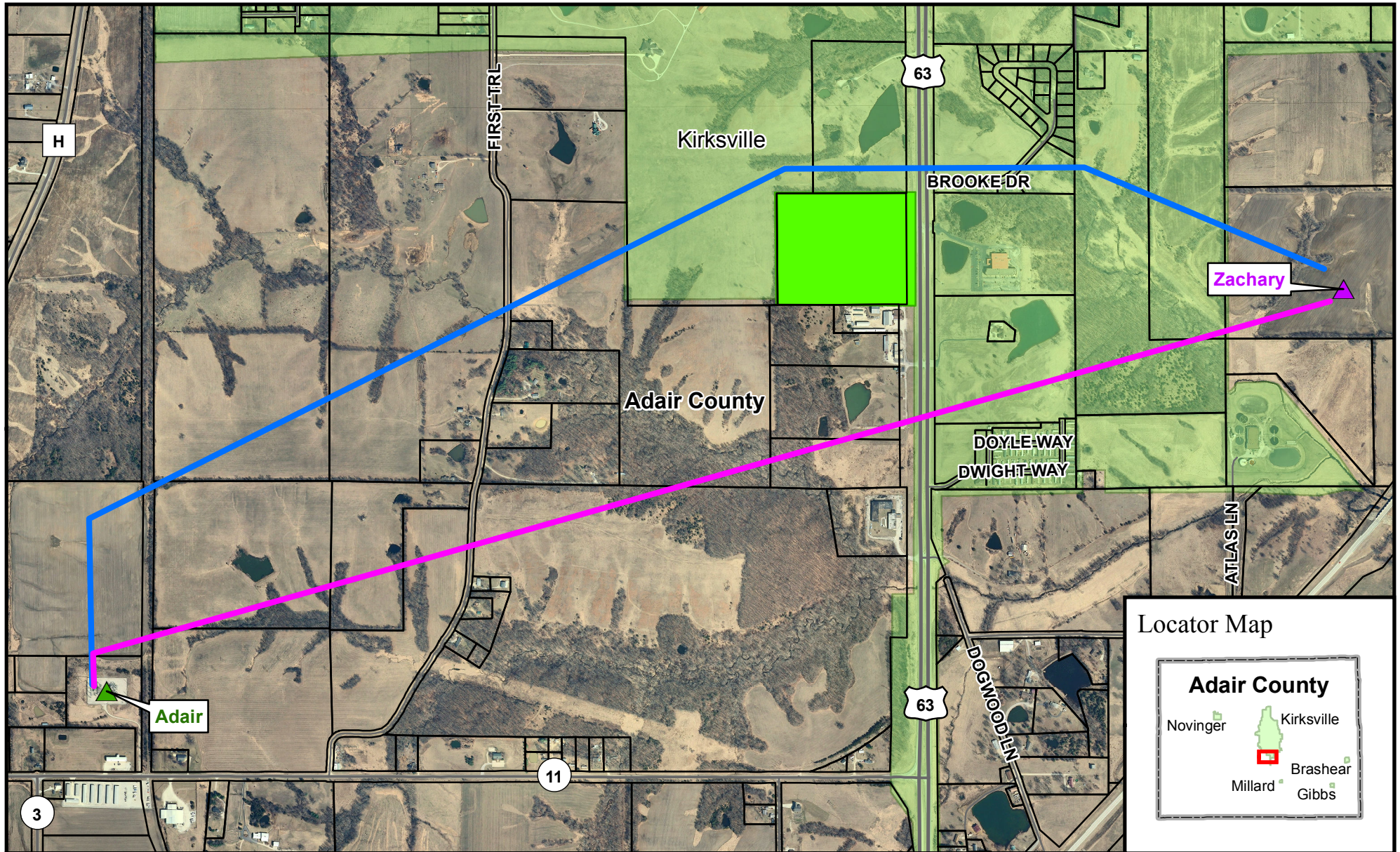
Days Inn
3805 S. Baltimore
Kirksville, MO 63501

If you are unable to attend a scheduled personal appointment, we will also be holding an open house on Thursday, February 26th at the Days Inn, where you can stop by anytime between 10 a.m. and Noon. Information about the Project and an opportunity to provide comments will also be available on the website (www.marktwaintransmission.com) starting February 10th.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact our team via email (MarkTwainTransmission@ameren.com) or leave a message on our toll-free information line (888.340.6640). A project team member will respond to your email or return your call.

Sincerely,

Peggy L. Ladd
Director, Ameren Transmission Stakeholder Relations



LEGEND

Zachary-Adair Option 1	Conservation Area
Zachary-Adair Option 2	Parcel Boundary Lines
Existing Substation	Municipal Area
Proposed Substation	County Boundary



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Project Fact Sheet

161,000 Volt Connector Line

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI) is planning to build a 161,000-volt connector transmission line, approximately 2.5 miles long, which will connect from the existing Ameren Missouri Adair Substation to the new Ameren Transmission Zachary substation in Kirksville, Missouri.

The map on the back shows the two options that we are considering; however, only one of these routes will be selected. The final route will be built on an easement 100 feet in width, which ATXI hopes to establish through good-faith negotiations with landowners.

PROJECT SNAPSHOT

- Length: Approximately 2.5 miles
- In-service date: November 2018
- Voltage: 161,000 volts
- Structures: Single shaft steel poles
- Easement width: 100 feet

PROJECT BENEFITS

This connection is part of the Midcontinent Independent Service Operator's Multi-Value Project (MVP) portfolio, and is necessary to achieve the full benefits of the MVPs, which are, in part:

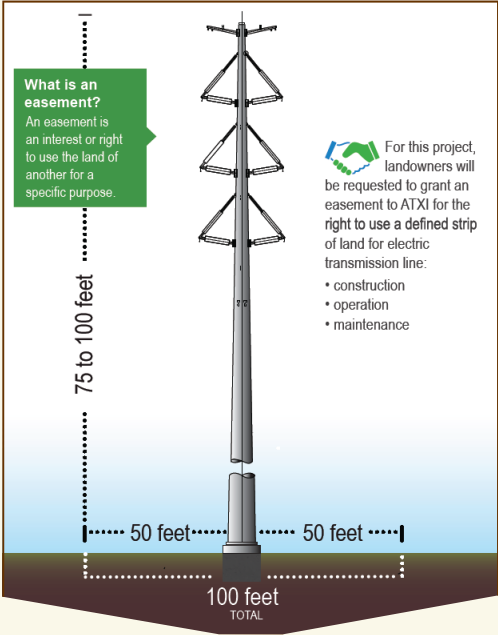
- Reduced congestion and improved efficiency of the regional transmission grid
- Better access to sources of renewable energy
- Improved electric transmission system reliability

ROUTING AND STAKEHOLDER/ PUBLIC PROCESS

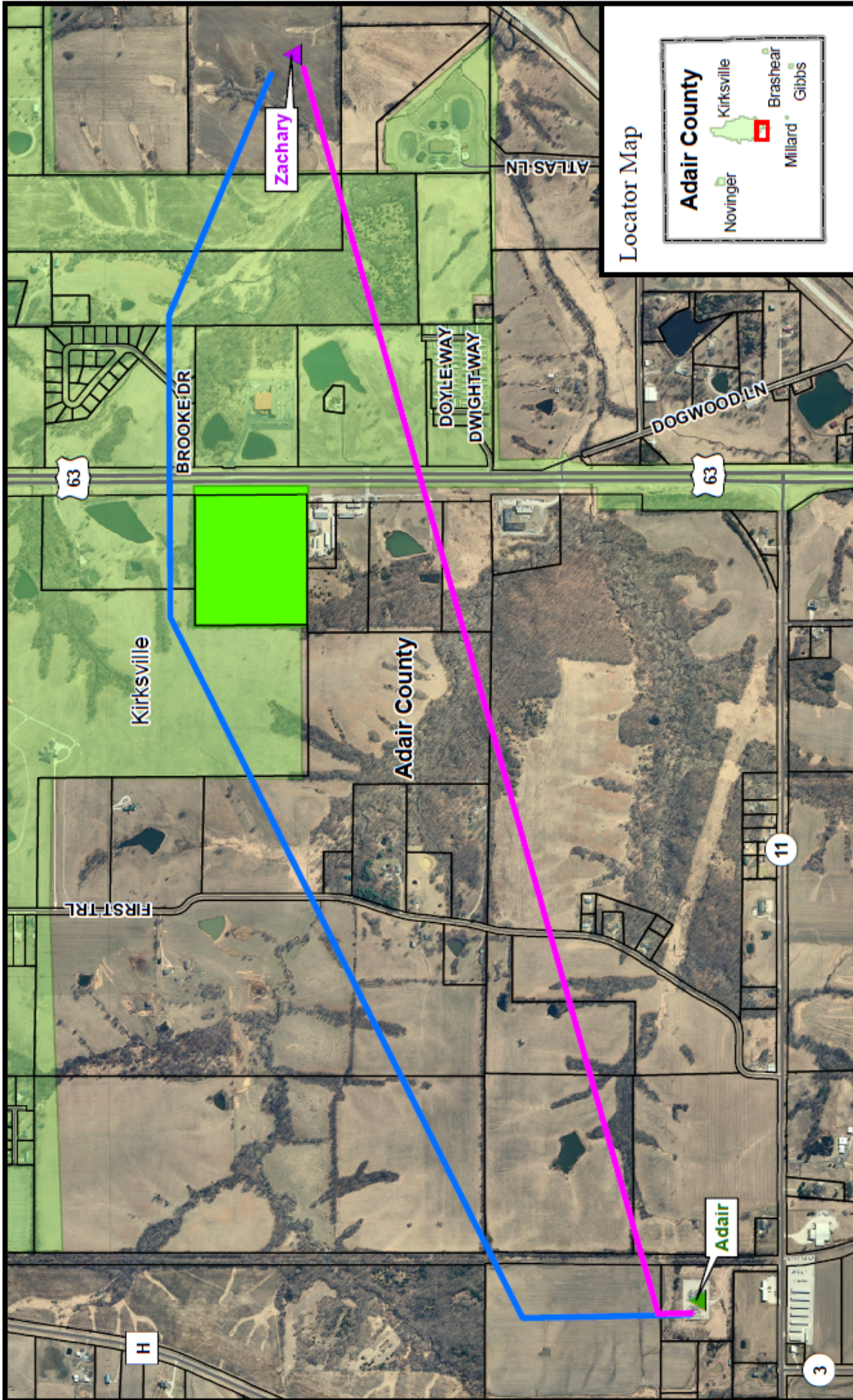
ATXI is developing the Mark Twain Transmission Project in collaboration with landowners, community officials, and agencies by incorporating their input during the evaluation of the two constructible route options.

CONTACT US

Toll-Free Hotline: 1.888.340.6640
Email: marktwaintransmission@ameren.com
Website: www.marktwaintransmission.com
Direct Mail: Burns & McDonnell
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ROUTE ALTERNATIVES MAP

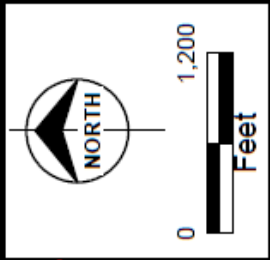


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LEGEND

Zachary-Adair Option 1	Conservation Area
Zachary-Adair Option 2	Parcel Boundary Lines
Existing Substation	Municipal Area
Proposed Substation	County Boundary





The Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois project team would like to have a one-on-one conversation about the new 161,000 volt connector to the new Zachary substation.

These appointments are intended to provide you with an opportunity to ask us questions about the project and how it will affect you.

Simply fill out the form to the right and mail this postcard back to us. We will then contact you to schedule your appointment.

If you have any questions, contact our team any time via e-mail at marktwaintransmission@ameren.com or by calling 888-340-6640.



MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

Please indicate below a preferred time for February 25th.

We will contact you to confirm a time that works for you.

morning afternoon evening

Contact me by phone.

Contact me by e-mail.

Your name:

Your phone number:

Your e-mail address:

SCHEDULE CJW-02

Please reply by February 13th.



Mark Twain Transmission Project
c/o Burns & McDonnell
Jennifer Berry
9400 Ward Parkway
Kansas City, MO 64114

marktwaintransmission.com

SCHEDULE CJW-02

161,000 volt Connector Line Comment Form



This questionnaire helps us to identify issues and concerns related to the routing of the 161,000 volt line which will connect to the new Mark Twain substation in Kirksville, Missouri. **All comments are to be received by March 12, 2015.** You may also complete this online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/161_connector_line

1. How did you hear about the 161,000 volt connector line? (Please check all that apply)

- a. I received a letter
- b. Neighbor/friend
- c. Newspaper
- d. At one of the Mark Twain open houses
- e. Internet/e-mail
- f. Other (please explain) _____

2. Did you attend any of the Mark Twain Transmission Project public open houses in 2014?

- a. Yes
- b. No, I have not attended any previous open houses

3. Which of the following applies to your situation? (Please check all that apply)

- a. Potential 161,000 volt route is near my home.
- b. Potential 161,000 volt route is near or crosses my farm or business.
- c. Generally concerned about the 161,000 volt Project.
- d. Other, please specify _____

4. Do you have any current easements/leases on your property? YES NO

If yes, what type (land sale, wind turbine, power line, etc.): _____

6. If you have not already logged your comments/concerns at a computer station, please list them below:

OPTIONAL: Please enter your contact information below to help us relate comments specifically to your property. (Names and addresses are confidential.)

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

Email: _____ Phone _____

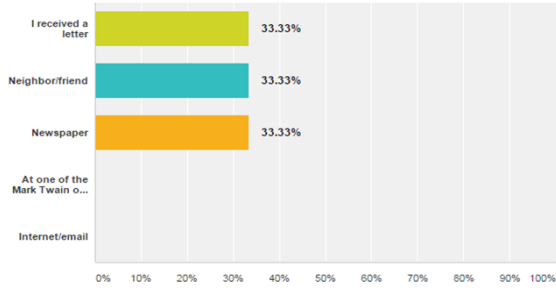
If taking the questionnaire with you, please mail completed questionnaire **before March 12** to:

Burns & McDonnell, c/o Jennifer Berry
9400 Ward Parkway
Kansas City, MO 64114

SCHEDULE CJW-02

How did you hear about the 161,000 volt connector line?

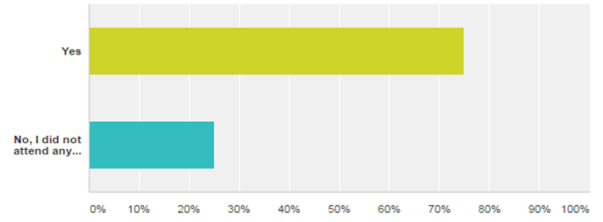
Answered: 3 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Responses
I received a letter	33.33% 1
Neighbor/friend	33.33% 1
Newspaper	33.33% 1
At one of the Mark Twain open houses	0.00% 0
Internet/email	0.00% 0
Total Respondents: 3	

Did you attend any of the Mark Twain open houses in 2014?

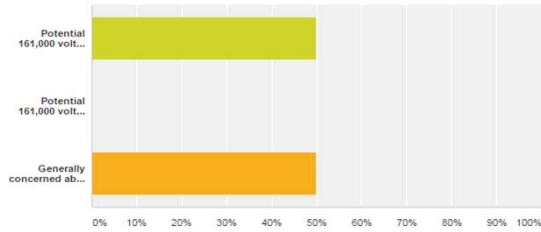
Answered: 4 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	75.00% 3
No, I did not attend any previous open houses	25.00% 1
Total	4

Which of the following applies to your situation?

Answered: 4 Skipped: 0

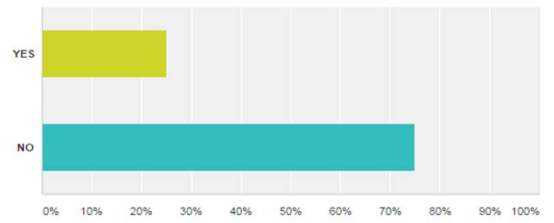


Answer Choices	Responses
Potential 161,000 volt route is near my home.	50.00% 2
Potential 161,000 volt route is near or crosses my farm or business.	0.00% 0
Generally concerned about the 161,000 volt Project.	50.00% 2
Total	4

Comments (0)

Do you have any current easements/leases on your property?

Answered: 4 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
YES	25.00% 1
NO	75.00% 3
Total	4

Comments (1)