



Tom Barrett  
Mayor, City of Milwaukee

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July 30, 2012

Ms. Sandra J. Paske  
Secretary  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
610 North Whitney Way, 2nd Floor  
Madison, Wisconsin 53705

Dear Ms. Paske:

Re: Joint Application of Wisconsin Electric  
Power Company and American Transmission  
Company, LLC  
Western Milwaukee County Electric  
Reliability Project  
Docket No, 05-CE-139

We have worked with each other and with several interested parties to evaluate potential underground routes east of Highway 45 for the proposed new 138 kV power line that will be partially located in the City of Milwaukee.

In furtherance of these discussions, We Energies has evaluated three potential underground routes east of Hwy. 45 for the proposed new power line. A description of these underground routes is included as Exhibit A. We Energies believes that these three routes are feasible from an engineering perspective, are cost effective underground solutions for this highly urbanized area, are reasonable alternatives for the Commission to consider and recommends that one of these routes be selected for the proposed 138 kV power line.

The City of Milwaukee previously has endorsed a proposal that supports placing the power line underground along 95th Street. On January 9, 2012, the Common Council's Judiciary and Legislation Committee unanimously passed a proposal offered by Alderman Michael Murphy and jointly co-sponsored by Aldermen Robert Donovan, Joseph Davis, James Bohl, Ashanti Hamilton and Terry Witkowski supporting this position. On January 18, 2012, the City of Milwaukee Common Council unanimously passed a resolution endorsing this position. On January 27, 2012, Mayor Tom Barrett signed this resolution.

We also have reviewed information from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation regarding the Department's evaluation of the underground route alternatives. In a letter from

Roberto Gutierrez, P.E., WisDOT SE Freeways Design Manager, to William Aeschbachn, Project Manager, ATC, WisDOT stated its willingness and ability to work with the underground alternatives. In the letter, Mr. Gutierrez stated:

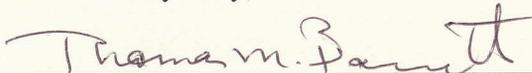
"WisDOT does not oppose Milwaukee Montessori School's proposed granting of an easement to ATC to facilitate an underground route located adjacent to the west edge of the existing 95th Street right of way. In addition, WisDOT does not oppose the ATC alternate route buried within the 95th Street right-of-way.

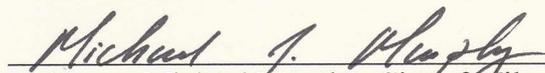
I am confident that our designers would be able to work with your team to find a location that would be mutually acceptable to all parties. We are also willing to work with your team to find a conduit path in N. 95th Street from Wisconsin Avenue to W. Bluemound Road if that option becomes part of the PSC's final route for the subject project."

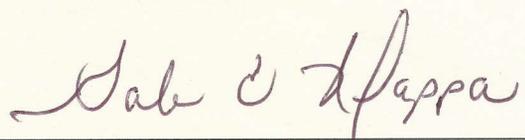
After further consideration of available information, we the undersigned, on behalf of the City of Milwaukee and We Energies, recommend that either the underground alternative known as S-2, which runs along 95th Street, or the underground alternative known as S-3, which runs parallel to the Hwy. 45 right-of-way in the backyard of the Milwaukee Montessori School and St. Therese Church be selected by the Commission for the new 138 kV power line. We invite other interested parties to demonstrate their support for our recommendation by providing letters of support to the Commission concerning this important infrastructure project.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we ask that this letter and the attached supporting documents evaluating the underground proposals be made part of the record at the appropriate time in the proceeding.

Yours very truly,

  
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Mayor Thomas M. Barrett, City of Milwaukee

  
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Alderman Michael Murphy, City of Milwaukee

  
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Gale E. Klappa, Chairman, President and  
Chief Executive Officer, We Energies

cc Monica Van Aken, Ed. D.  
Roberto Gutierrez, P.E.