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Ms. Sandra J. Paske
Secretary
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin
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RE: Joint Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company and American Transmission Company, LLC; Western Milwaukee County Electric Reliability Project Docket No. 05-CE-139

Dear Ms. Paske:

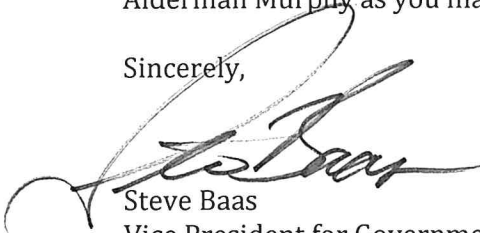
On behalf of the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce (MMAC), I am writing in support of views expressed in a recent letter to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin from Gale Klappa, Chairman, President and CEO of We Energies, Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett and Alderman Michael Murphy. The July 30th letter references docket number 05-CE-139 and offers support for recommended underground siting options for 138,000 volt transmission lines in the 95th Street area of Milwaukee.

We are aware that the siting of power lines is a complex process involving many factors and perspectives unique to each case. In this particular case we agree with Mr. Klappa, Mayor Barrett and Alderman Murphy that an underground location for this section of this power line would best serve the 95th Street community, its schools and its neighborhoods.

The need for power in this particular area of the metropolitan Milwaukee area is very real and these transmission lines will help open the door for future economic growth in our region. Providing increased transmission capacity from a substation near 95th Street to the Milwaukee County Medical Complex will not only benefit healthcare in the area, but also provide the necessary power for potential future business development. Locating this portion of transmission line underground would provide these economic benefits in the least disruptive way for the surrounding neighborhoods.

Thank you for your consideration of our viewpoint as well as that of Mr. Klappa, Mayor Barrett and Alderman Murphy as you make this important siting decision.

Sincerely,



Steve Baas
Vice President for Government Affairs
Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce

