

MEMORANDUM

From: Peter L. Gardon
Subject: Summary of Meeting with ATC

On November 21, 2012, Sara Ludtke and I met with representatives of ATC to review the issues identified in my letter to ATC dated November 2, 2012. We discussed the following matters:

ROUTES

- We explained in detail why the Town will develop its positions regarding the Badger-Coulee project in the context of the other transmission line projects affecting the Town. The ATC representatives stated they understood why the Town would view the Badger-Coulee project in this manner.
- We discussed the 345 kV Lee County, Illinois to Cardinal project, DATC P3675 described in the Commission's Strategic Energy Assessment dated November 2012 and in ATC's information. ATC stated that the DATC P3675 project is on the extended planning horizon and is subject to modification, including providing an end connection other than the Cardinal substation based on the difficulty of transmission line routing in southern Dane County.
- Concerning the Dubuque-Cardinal line, ATC stated that the transmission line was in development and discussions regarding the line may be occurring during the course of the Badger-Coulee transmission line project. ATC stated that it understands the concerns of the Town regarding routing issues and promised to meet with the Town as the first step when it begins the routing process for the Dubuque-Cardinal transmission line.
- With respect to the Badger-Coulee transmission line, ATC indicated that it intended to file a CPCN application in the first quarter of 2013 and that it intended to include in the application the preferred and alternate routes in the Town identified at the present time.
- ATC indicated that it would study whether the proposed westerly route of the Badger-Coulee transmission line along Highway 14 and the routing of the Dubuque-Cardinal line along Highway 14 could be double circuited and result in reduced impacts for the Town.

- ATC is in the process of modifying part of the Badger-Coulee route to account for the construction of the EPIC turbines in the Town of Springfield.
- ATC provided information requested in our letter of November 2, 2012 regarding a pictorial description of the impact of the FAA height restrictions on a potential Highway 12 route. We discussed a possible route which followed Highway 12 to Highway 14 to the substation but ATC indicated that the FAA height requirements related to the Morey Airport interfered with that option. ATC did not believe it could move the line east of Highway 12 without interfering with development in the City of Middleton.

SUBSTATION SOUND BARRIER

- ATC stated that a sound barrier is not necessary for the substation because it does not believe that additional noise will occur as a result of the Badger-Coulee line being connected to the substation. ATC stated that the noise issue is governed by the transformer and that the transformer has been sized appropriately assuming the Badger-Coulee connection. The substation sound barrier issue is a topic that may require additional technical analysis and further discussion with ATC.

COMPENSATION

- ATC stated that it is not authorized to provide compensation in addition to the sums provided under Wisconsin statute and rule concerning transmission line impacts in the Town. In response to our inquiry, ATC indicated that it would consider not opposing requests for additional compensation made by the Town to the Commission in the CPCN process.

UPDATE ON CPCN PROCESS

- Although ATC claimed during our meeting that it would file a CPCN application for the Badger-Coulee line in the first quarter of 2013, ATC and Xcel Energy filed a letter with the Commission on December 18, 2012 stating that a CPCN application would not be filed until June 2013 at the earliest.

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