

1 In reviewing this table, it is important to note the land use impacts along the
2 portions of each route adjacent to roads and road allowances and collocated with
3 existing transmission lines are largely mitigated relative to impacts that occur along
4 portions of each route adjacent to quarter and section lines. This is because, as I
5 have previously noted, not all quarter and section lines contain existing linear
6 disturbances. For example, 5 ha of impact on cultivated land along an existing
7 developed road allowance does not necessarily have the same adverse impact as
8 5 ha of impact along a quarter line that does not have an existing linear disturbance.

9 In general, the BAI routes trade closer placement to residences for collocation
10 with existing distribution lines adjacent to existing developed road allowances.
11 Collocation helps to mitigate the visual impacts of the new transmission line as the
12 new transmission line will be put in place of existing distribution lines. In addition, due
13 to the expected magnetic field level for the proposed transmission line at 30 to
14 35 meters from the right-of-way centerline being no more than that of a typical
15 single-phase 240 kV transmission line at 150 meters from the right-of-way centerline,
16 any prudent avoidance of magnetic fields that the Commission may wish to consider
17 can be achieved by avoiding selection of Route BAI-2, which is the only proposed BAI
18 route with residences within 50 meters of the centerline of the proposed transmission
19 line.

20 I recommend the Commission give serious consideration to the selection of
21 Routes BAI-1 or BAI-3 over ATCO's preferred East Route, alternate West Route and
22 rejected Route A. These two BAI routes make much better use of existing linear
23 disturbances and do not place a residence closer than approximately 49 meters to
24 the edge of the right-of-way⁵ of the proposed transmission line -- a reasonable

⁵Approximately 58 meters to the centerline of the proposed transmission line.

1 distance considering the visual impact mitigation afforded by collocation with existing
2 distribution lines and the low expected magnetic field level from the proposed
3 transmission line. I would note that despite Route BAI-1 being located on the west
4 side of the Dodds' property in NW-17-60-19-W4M and the edge of the right-of-way of
5 Route BAI-3 being located approximately 77 meters from the Dodds' residence in
6 NE-17-60-19-W4M, the Dodds support the selection of Route BAI-1 or BAI-3 over
7 ATCO's preferred East Route and alternate West Route because these two BAI
8 routes avoid the bisection of their agricultural property of NW-17-60-19-W4M and
9 NE-17-60-19-W4M.

10 If despite my recommendation, the Commission chooses not to select Route
11 BAI-1 or BAI-3, I recommend it consider selection of Route BAI-4, ATCO's alternate
12 West Route 2 or ATCO's rejected Routes B, C, or D. All of these routes would also
13 address the concerns of the Dodds provided any use of Node A5 to Node Y5 runs
14 south of the access road it parallels.

15 **Q DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR EVIDENCE?**

16 **A** Yes, it does.

Qualifications of James R. Dauphinais

1 **Q PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

2 A James R. Dauphinais. My business address is 16690 Swingley Ridge Road,
3 Suite 140, Chesterfield, MO 63017, USA.

4 **Q PLEASE STATE YOUR OCCUPATION.**

5 A I am a consultant in the field of public utility regulation and a principal with the firm of
6 Brubaker & Associates, Inc. ("BAI"), energy, economic and regulatory consultants.

7 **Q PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND**
8 **EXPERIENCE.**

9 A I graduated from Hartford State Technical College in 1983 with an Associate's Degree
10 in Electrical Engineering Technology. Subsequent to graduation I was employed by
11 the Transmission Planning Department of the Northeast Utilities Service Company as
12 an Engineering Technician.

13 While employed as an Engineering Technician, I completed undergraduate
14 studies at the University of Hartford. I graduated in 1990 with a Bachelor's Degree in
15 Electrical Engineering. Subsequent to graduation, I was promoted to the position of
16 Associate Engineer. Between 1993 and 1994, I completed graduate level courses in
17 the study of power system transients and power system protection through the
18 Engineering Outreach Program of the University of Idaho. By 1996 I had been
19 promoted to the position of Senior Engineer.

20 In the employment of the Northeast Utilities Service Company, I was
21 responsible for conducting thermal, voltage and stability analyses of the Northeast
22 Utilities' transmission system to support planning and operating decisions. This

1 involved the use of load flow and power system stability computer simulations.
2 Among the most notable achievements I had in this area include the solution of a
3 transient stability problem near Millstone Nuclear Power Station, and the solution of a
4 small signal (or dynamic) stability problem near Seabrook Nuclear Power Station. In
5 1993 I was awarded the Chairman's Award, Northeast Utilities' highest employee
6 award, for my work involving stability analysis in the vicinity of Millstone Nuclear
7 Power Station.

8 From 1990 to 1997 I represented Northeast Utilities on the New England
9 Power Pool Stability Task Force. I also represented Northeast Utilities on several
10 other technical working groups within the New England Power Pool ("NEPOOL") and
11 the Northeast Power Coordinating Council ("NPCC"), including the 1992-1996 New
12 York-New England Transmission Working Group, the Southeastern
13 Massachusetts/Rhode Island Transmission Working Group, the NPCC CPSS-2
14 Working Group on Extreme Disturbances and the NPCC SS-38 Working Group on
15 Interarea Dynamic Analysis. This latter working group also included participation
16 from a number of ECAR, PJM and VACAR utilities.

17 In addition to my technical responsibilities, I was also responsible for oversight
18 of the day-to-day administration of Northeast Utilities' Open Access Transmission
19 Tariff. This included the creation of Northeast Utilities' pre-FERC Order No. 889
20 transmission electronic bulletin board and the coordination of Northeast Utilities'
21 transmission tariff filings prior to and after the issuance of Federal Energy Regulatory
22 Commission ("FERC" or "Commission") FERC Order No. 888. I was also responsible
23 for spearheading the implementation of Northeast Utilities' Open Access Same-Time
24 Information System and Northeast Utilities' Standard of Conduct under FERC Order
25 No. 889. During this time I represented Northeast Utilities on the Federal Energy

1 Regulatory Commission's "What" Working Group on Real-Time Information Networks.
2 Later I served as Vice Chairman of the NEPOOL OASIS Working Group and
3 Co-Chair of the Joint Transmission Services Information Network Functional Process
4 Committee. I also served for a brief time on the Electric Power Research Institute
5 facilitated "How" Working Group on OASIS and the North American Electric Reliability
6 Council facilitated Commercial Practices Working Group.

7 In 1997 I joined the firm of Brubaker & Associates, Inc. The firm includes
8 consultants with backgrounds in accounting, engineering, economics, mathematics,
9 computer science and business. Since my employment with the firm, I have filed or
10 presented testimony before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in
11 Consumers Energy Company, Docket No. OA96-77-000, Midwest Independent
12 Transmission System Operator, Inc., Docket No. ER98-1438-000, Montana Power
13 Company, Docket No. ER98-2382-000, Inquiry Concerning the Commission's Policy
14 on Independent System Operators, Docket No. PL98-5-003, SkyGen Energy LLC v.
15 Southern Company Services, Inc., Docket No. EL00-77-000, Alliance Companies, et
16 al., Docket No. EL02-65-000, et al., Entergy Services, Inc., Docket No.
17 ER01-2201-000, and Remedying Undue Discrimination through Open Access
18 Transmission Service, Standard Electricity Market Design, Docket No. RM01-12-000
19 and NorthWestern Corporation, Docket No. ER10-1138-000. I have also filed or
20 presented testimony before the Alberta Utilities Commission, Colorado Public Utilities
21 Commission, Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control, Illinois Commerce
22 Commission, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, the Iowa Utilities Board, the
23 Kentucky Public Service Commission, the Louisiana Public Service Commission, the
24 Michigan Public Service Commission, the Missouri Public Service Commission, the
25 Montana Public Service Commission, the Public Utility Commission of Texas, the

1 Wisconsin Public Service Commission and various committees of the Missouri State
2 Legislature. This testimony has been given regarding a wide variety of issues
3 including, but not limited to, avoided cost calculations, certification of public
4 convenience and necessity, fuel adjustment clauses, interruptible rates, market
5 power, market structure, prudence, resource planning, standby rates, transmission
6 losses, transmission planning and transmission line routing.

7 I have also participated on behalf of clients in the Southwest Power Pool
8 Congestion Management System Working Group, the Alliance Market Development
9 Advisory Group and several working groups of the Midwest Independent
10 Transmission System Operator, Inc. ("MISO"), including the Congestion Management
11 Working Group. I am currently an alternate member of the MISO Advisory Committee
12 in the end-use customer sector on behalf of a group of industrial end-use customers
13 in Illinois. I am also the past Chairman of the Issues/Solutions Subgroup of the MISO
14 Revenue Sufficiency Guarantee ("RSG") Task Force.

15 In 2009, I completed the University of Wisconsin-Madison High Voltage Direct
16 Current ("HVDC") Transmission course for Planners that was sponsored by MISO. I
17 am a member of the Power and Energy Society ("PES") of the Institute of Electrical
18 and Electronics Engineers ("IEEE").

19 In addition to our main office in St. Louis, the firm also has branch offices in
20 Phoenix, Arizona and Corpus Christi, Texas.

**Re: ATCO Electric's:
Application: Proposal Eastern
Alberta Transmission Line (EATL)
Project**



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I. Introduction

Q PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.

A James R. Dauphinais. My business address is 16690 Swingley Ridge Road, Suite 140, Chesterfield, MO 63017.

Q WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION?

A I am a consultant in the field of public utility regulation and Principal of Brubaker & Associates, Inc., energy, economic and regulatory consultants.

Q PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE.

A I have earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Hartford and have completed a number of graduate level courses in electric power systems through the Engineering Outreach Program of the University of Idaho. In the twelve and one-half years prior to the beginning of my current employment with BAI, I was employed in the Transmission Resource Planning Department of the Northeast Utilities Service Company. Since my employment with BAI in 1997, I have testified before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and many state commissions on a

1 wide variety of issues including, but not limited to, avoided cost calculations,
2 certification of public convenience and necessity, fuel adjustment clauses,
3 interruptible rates, market power, market structure, prudence, resource planning,
4 standby rates, transmission rates, transmission line routing, transmission losses, and
5 transmission planning. I have also testified in the past before the Alberta Utilities
6 Commission ("AUC" or "Commission") regarding transmission line routing issues.
7 Finally, I have assisted end-use customers with power procurement and a variety of
8 clients in regard to transmission access issues. My background is further detailed in
9 Appendix A to my evidence.

10 **Q PLEASE IDENTIFY THE MATTERS WHERE IN THE PAST YOU FILED EVIDENCE**
11 **OR TESTIMONY REGARDING TRANSMISSION LINE ROUTING.**

12 **A** I have in the past filed transmission line routing evidence or testimony in the following
13 matters:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Docket/Proceeding No.</u>
PUCT ¹	Oncor Electric Delivery Company	37464
PUCT	LCRA Transmission Service Corporation	37778
PUCT	Oncor Electric Delivery Company	38140
PUCT	Lone Star Transmission, LLC	38230
PUCT	Sharyland Utilities, L.P.	38290
PUCT	Oncor Electric Delivery Company	38324
PUCT	LCRA Transmission Services Corporation	38354
PUCT	Oncor Electric Delivery Company	38597
MPSC ²	International Transmission Company	U-16200
AUC ³	AltaLink Management Ltd.	979
AUC	ATCO Electric	1363

¹Public Utility Commission of Texas

²Michigan Public Service Commission

³Alberta Utilities Commission

Q ON WHOSE BEHALF ARE YOU PROVIDING EVIDENCE IN THIS PROCEEDING?

A I am providing evidence on behalf of North Bruderheim Group. North Bruderheim Group is a group of landowners with lands and/or residences in the area north of Bruderheim ("North Bruderheim Area") along or near ATCO's Current Preferred Route and Previous Preferred Route for its proposed Eastern Alberta Transmission Line ("EATL") project from Node CDi23 to Node CD32c (more precisely, in the area from Node CDi23 to Node CD30 – north and northwest of Bruderheim). The name, location of lands and proximity to the EATL Current Preferred Route and Previous Preferred Route from Node CDi23 to Node CD32c for each of the members of North Bruderheim Group is summarized in Table JRD-NBG-1.

TABLE JRD-NBG-1					
<u>Name</u>	<u>Location of Lands</u>	<u>Nearest Proximity of Residence to Current Preferred Route Centre Line (meters)</u>	<u>Nearest Proximity of Land to Current Preferred Route Centre Line (meters)</u>	<u>Nearest Proximity Residence to Previous Preferred Route Centre Line (meters)</u>	<u>Nearest Proximity of Land to Previous Preferred Route Centre Line (meters)</u>
Corey & Bernadette Clifton, Gregory Serink	SE-24-56-21-W4M	N/A	0	N/A	0
Bernadette Clifton	SE-25-56-21-W4M	N/A	850	N/A	1200
Corey & Bernadette Clifton	NE-18-56-20-W4M	N/A	750	N/A	473
Garrett Frey	SE-20-56-20-W4M	N/A	0	N/A	0
	SE 8-56-20-W4M	N/A	3100	N/A	3100
	NE 8-56-20-W4M	N/A	2300	N/A	2300
	NE-17-56-20-W4M	N/A	620	N/A	620
Daniel Hopkins	SE-19-56-20-W4M	540	0	490	0
Reinhold Prochnau	SW-24-56-21-W4M	N/A	0	N/A	0
Gregory Serink	SW-19-56-20-W5M	700	0	377	0
	NE-24-56-21-W4M	N/A	50	N/A	400
Source: ATCO Response to Information Request NBG-ATCO-30, ATCO Response to Information Request NBG-ATCO-29					

1 As can be seen from Table JRD-NBG-1, two (2) members of the North
2 Bruderheim Group have residences within 800 m of the centre line of the CDi23 to
3 CD32c Current Preferred Route and Previous Preferred Route Segments and five (5)
4 members of the North Bruderheim Group have land over which the Right-of-Way
5 ("ROW") of the CDi23 to CD32c Current Preferred Route and Previous Preferred
6 Route Segments would cross (due to those lands being located within 0 meters of the
7 centre line of those route segments).

8 While the members of North Bruderheim Group appreciate ATCO's
9 modifications to its Previous Preferred Route to create its Current Preferred Route (a
10 route option that more closely parallels an existing nearby 240 kV Alternating Current
11 ("AC") transmission line in the North Bruderheim Area), those modifications do not go
12 far enough to address the concerns of the North Bruderheim Group and do not
13 provide an alternative route option for the Commission that is located away from the
14 lands of greatest concern and residences of the North Bruderheim Group.
15 Furthermore, the North Bruderheim Group is still very concerned that the Previous
16 Preferred Route could be ultimately selected as part of the route for the EATL project
17 since ATCO continues to include the CDi23 to CD32c Previous Preferred Route
18 Segment as one of its filed alternative routes in this proceeding. It is the position of
19 the members of North Bruderheim Group that ATCO has not adequately addressed
20 their concerns with the CDi23 to CD32c Current Preferred Route and Previous
21 Preferred Route Segments during the consultation process for the EATL project.

1 **Q WHAT IS THE SUBJECT MATTER OF YOUR EVIDENCE ON BEHALF OF THE**
2 **NORTH BRUDERHEIM?**

3 **A My evidence on behalf of the North Bruderheim Group addresses the Application of**
4 **ATCO for a permit and license to construct and operate the proposed EATL project.**
5 **The EATL project consists of the following:**

- 6 • Two AC/DC converter stations (Heathfield Converter Station
7 2029S and Newell Converter Station 2075S);
- 8 • A 500 kV High Voltage Direct Current ("HVDC") transmission line
9 (13L50) connecting Heathfield and Newell;
- 10 • Two 500 kV Alternating Current ("AC") circuits (12L70/12L85) to
11 connected Heathfield to Heartland;
- 12 • Four 240 kV AC circuits (1087L/923L and 1088L/1035L) to connect
13 Newell to the existing 240 kV transmission line 923L and the
14 proposed 240 kV transmission line 1034L/1035L, respectively;
- 15 • Modification of the existing 240 kV AC circuit 9L950 at two
16 locations;
- 17 • A telecommunication tower at each of the two converter stations;
- 18 • An emergency backup generator at each of the two converter
19 stations;
- 20 • One fibre-optic cable line; and
- 21 • Four optical repeater sites.

22 At the request of North Bruderheim Group's counsel, I evaluated the
23 reasonableness of ATCO's filed route options (Current Preferred Route and Previous
24 Preferred Route) for the North Bruderheim Area section (Nodes CDi23 through
25 CD32c) of the 500 kV HVDC transmission line portion of the proposed EATL project
26 and explored other viable route options that would fully address the concerns of the
27 North Bruderheim Group.
28

1 I would like to note that Mr. Cliff Wallis of Cottonwood Consultants Ltd. is
2 separately sponsoring evidence on behalf of the North Bruderheim Group regarding
3 the environmental impacts of ATCO's proposed transmission line project.

4 Finally, my silence in regard to any issue should not be taken as an
5 endorsement of any position taken by ATCO with respect to that issue.

6 **Q CAN YOU PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR CONCLUSIONS AND**
7 **RECOMMENDATIONS?**

8 **A** I recommend against selection of ATCO's Previous Preferred Route from CDi23 to
9 CD31. The Previous Preferred Route from CDi23 to CD31 is inferior to the Current
10 Preferred Route and does not provide a reasonable alternative to the Current
11 Preferred Route from CDi23 to CD31 as it has even more adverse impact on the
12 North Bruderheim Group than the Current Preferred Route from CDi23 to CD31.

13 I also recommend consideration be given to selection of my proposed Routes
14 BAI-1 and BAI-3 from Node BAI1 (just west of Node CDi23) to Node BAI4 (just west
15 of Node CD31). Route BAI-1 would be predominantly located in an existing largely
16 undeveloped road allowance which runs west to east one-quarter section
17 (approximately 800 meters) north of the existing 240 kV AC transmission line in the
18 area. Route BAI-3 would be similar to Route BAI-1 except that east of the Strathcona
19 County – Lamont County boundary it would closely parallel the north edge of the
20 existing west to east 240 kV transmission line and avoid bisecting the boundary
21 between an existing and proposed natural area. While a bit inferior to ATCO's
22 Current Preferred Route with regard to routing factors, both of these routes fully
23 resolve the concerns of the North Bruderheim Group.

1 If despite my recommendation, the Commission chooses not to select either
2 my Route BAI-1 or BAI-3, I recommend the Commission select my Route BAI-2.
3 Route BAI-2 is a modified version of ATCO's Current Preferred Route from Node
4 CDi23 to Node CD31. The modifications reduce the impact of the Current Preferred
5 Route by avoiding the south and east sides of the land of North Bruderheim Group
6 member Mr. Reinhold Prochnau in SW-24-21-W4M and adjusting the southward jog
7 in SE-20-20-W4M to a location that has less of an adverse impact on the land of
8 North Bruderheim Group member Mr. Garnett Frey. The modifications also improve
9 the Current Preferred Route by increasing the close paralleling of existing significant
10 linear disturbances at a relatively small increase in cost.

11 **II. Route Selection Factors**

12 **Q WHAT FACTORS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN THE SELECTION OF A**
13 **TRANSMISSION LINE ROUTE BY THE COMMISSION?**

14 **A Safety and health, cost, the impact on property owners, the impact on the**
15 **environment, the impact on archeological and historic sites and the impact on**
16 **aesthetics are all factors that should be considered. The transmission line route**
17 **selection objectives and considerations presented in Alberta Environment's**
18 **Environmental Protection Guidelines for Transmission Lines ("Alberta Environment**
19 **R&R/11-03") should also be considered by the Commission. Finally, while they**
20 **technically apply to ISO Needs Identification Applications rather than Transmission**
21 **Line Applications, it is also appropriate to apply the agriculture impact, residential**
22 **impact, environmental impact, cost, electrical consideration, visual impact and special**
23 **constraints aspects of ND12 of Section 6.1 of AUC Rule 007.**

1 **Q SHOULD GREATER WEIGHT BE PLACED ON CERTAIN FACTORS VERSUS**
2 **OTHERS?**

3 **A Yes. While all factors should be considered, some factors should be given more**
4 **weight than others. For example, when practicable, it is desirable to route new**
5 **transmission lines using existing linear developments such as road allowances, fence**
6 **lines, quarter section and section lines, and existing transmission or utility corridors as**
7 **outlined in Section 1.2 of Alberta Environment R&R/11-03. However, if two**
8 **hypothetical alternative routes only differed in that one entirely ran along quarter lines**
9 **and the other entirely ran along an existing transmission line corridor, it could not be**
10 **said that the two routes have similar impacts as the existing transmission line corridor**
11 **route is already impacted by existing transmission line infrastructure while the quarter**
12 **line route is not likely to have been as significantly impacted by existing infrastructure.**
13 **Thus, all else being equal, the route using the existing transmission line corridor**
14 **would likely be a much better route for the proposed line than the one that utilized**
15 **quarter lines.**

16 **As another example, if two hypothetical routes differed only in that one**
17 **introduced significant health and safety concerns, but the other introduced significant**
18 **aesthetic concerns, if a choice had to be made between the two lines, it is likely the**
19 **route with greater aesthetic impact would be the better choice of the two routes.**

1 **Q WHEN WEIGHING THE FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED, IS IT POSSIBLE THAT**
2 **SUBSTANTIALLY BETTER PERFORMANCE WITH RESPECT TO ONE FACTOR**
3 **CAN ULTIMATELY OUTWEIGH INFERIOR PERFORMANCE WITH RESPECT TO**
4 **ANOTHER FACTOR?**

5 A Yes. A hypothetical example of this would be when one route impacts a relatively
6 small number of residences, but very little of its length runs along existing
7 transmission line corridors. In such a circumstance, it may be appropriate to select a
8 different route that impacts more residences if that route also significantly outperforms
9 the other route in terms of minimizing the portion of its length that does not run along
10 existing transmission line corridors.

11 **III. ATCO's Route Selection Analysis**

12 **Q PLEASE DESCRIBE THE METHOD ATCO UTILIZED TO DEVELOP ITS FILED**
13 **PREFERRED AND ALTERNATIVE 500 KV HVDC LINE ROUTES IN THIS**
14 **PROCEEDING.**

15 A ATCO reports that it developed general criteria that were taken into consideration
16 through the route selection process. These criteria include:

- 17 • Minimizing impacts to other land uses such as residences, built-up
18 area and oil and gas facilities;
- 19 • Utilizing existing linear disturbances to minimize new disturbance
20 and clearing;
- 21 • Following existing transmission lines where practical;
- 22 • Keeping routes reasonably straight to reduce line length and avoid
23 costly corner structures;
- 24 • Minimizing length across environmentally sensitive areas such as
25 watercourses, recreation areas, parks, campgrounds, and sensitive
26 wildlife habitat to the extent feasible; and

- Minimizing length through wet areas and steep slopes both for better access and to reduce environmental impacts.

ATCO then developed specific criteria from these general criteria by taking guidance from AUC Rule 007, Alberta Environment's Environmental Protection Guidelines for Electric Transmission Lines (C&R/IL/95-2), the AESO's functional specification for the project, and factors as determined by the professional judgment of its experienced planners. (ATCO Application Attachment 1 at page 65).

Q HOW DID ATCO PROCEED ONCE IT HAD DEVELOPED PRELIMINARY ROUTE OPTIONS?

A The Company selected route options in three stages: preliminary route options for initial and extended public consultation; a more detailed and refined preferred route and alternative route segments for additional consultation; and the final preferred route and alternative route segments as filed in the application.

Q HOW DID ATCO ARRIVE AT ITS FINAL CHOICE OF ITS PREFERRED ROUTE FOR THE 500 KV HVDC TRANSMISSION LINE?

A ATCO indicates that information gathered through the extended consultation process was incorporated into the metrics for the route options as well as information it collected from further aerial and ground reconnaissance. ATCO reports it conducted a final comparison of routes based on key criteria, with the greatest weight applied to routes that best avoided close proximity to residences, followed existing or other planned transmission lines, avoided routes with the greatest number of parcels where landowners had identified specific objections and concerns, and provided the greatest avoidance or separation from other constraint and development criteria where feasible (Application Attachment 1 at page 70).

**IV. Route Options for the Proposed 500 kV HVDC
Transmission Line in the North Bruderheim Area**

**Q WHAT ROUTE OPTIONS HAS ATCO FILED IN THE AREA (NODE CDi23 to NODE
CD32c) FOR THE PROPOSED 500 KV HVDC TRANSMISSION LINE?**

A ATCO originally only filed a single route option from Node CDi23 to CD32c. I refer to this route as ATCO's "Previous Preferred Route." Later, ATCO filed an amendment to its application under which it submitted a modified version of its Previous Preferred Route from CDi23 to CD32c. This new route option, which I refer to as ATCO's "Current Preferred Route", is the same as the Previous Proposed Route except that it much more closely parallels an existing 240 kV AC transmission line between Node CDi25s and Node CD30 than the Previous Preferred Route. In the amendment, ATCO also retained its Previous Preferred Route as an alternative route option to its Current Preferred Route.

**Q IS THE CURRENT PREFERRED ROUTE FROM CDi23 TO CD32c AN
IMPROVEMENT OVER THE PREVIOUS PREFERRED ROUTE?**

A Yes, but it does not fully resolve the concerns of the North Bruderheim Group and does not provide an alternative route option between Node CDi23 and Node CD32c that follows a substantially different path than the Previous Preferred Route. ATCO continues to only offer route options between Node CDi23 and Node CD32c that are just south of the existing 240 kV AC transmission line in the North Bruderheim Area.

1 **Q HAVE YOU EXAMINED OTHER POSSIBLE ROUTE OPTIONS THAT AVOID THE**
2 **CURRENT PREFERRED ROUTE AND PREVIOUS PREFERRED ROUTE**
3 **BETWEEN NODE CDi23 AND NODE CD32c?**

4 **A Yes. BAI first conducted an extensive analysis of ATCO's rejected routes in this**
5 **proceeding just north and south of Bruderheim using the data for those potential**
6 **routes that was provided in ATCO's response to NBG-ATCO-3. Unfortunately, our**
7 **analysis showed those rejected routes would have significantly higher residence**
8 **impacts than ATCO route options that utilize the Current Preferred Route or the**
9 **Previous Preferred Route between Node CDi23 and Node CD32c.**

10 We then focused on an entirely new route option that largely makes use of an
11 existing largely undeveloped west to east road allowance located approximately
12 one-quarter section (800 meters) north of the existing west to east 240 kV AC
13 transmission line in the North Bruderheim Area. By utilizing the existing undeveloped
14 road allowance, the route, which I will designate as "Route BAI-1", avoids directly
15 crossing the Northwest of Bruderheim Natural Area and the North Bruderheim Natural
16 Areas. It also largely avoids the existing sand operation in the north half of 21-56-20-
17 W4M and south half of 28-56-20-W4M.

18 I also developed a second northern route which I will designate as "Route
19 BAI-3." Route BAI-3 is the same as Route BAI-1 except that at the Lamont County -
20 Strathcona County boundary, Route BAI-3 runs south one quarter section along the
21 west side of the road following the county boundary and then due east closely parallel
22 to the north edge of the existing west to east 240 kV transmission line in the area.

23 My Routes BAI-1 and BAI-3 fully address the concerns of the North
24 Bruderheim Group and provide the Commission with viable alternative route options
25 in the North Bruderheim Area that follow a substantially different path than ATCO's

1 Previous Preferred Route. Attachment A of my evidence overlays my Routes BAI-1
2 and BAI-3 over ATCO's Map PF-03-R1. Attachment B of my evidence provides a
3 comparison of routing factors for Routes BAI-1 and BAI-3 versus ATCO's Current
4 Preferred Route and Previous Preferred Route between Node BAI1/CDi23 and Node
5 CD32c.

6 **Q YOU HAVE INDICATED THE CURRENT PREFERRED ROUTE DOES NOT FULLY**
7 **ADDRESS THE CONCERNS OF THE NORTH BRUDERHEIM GROUP. CAN**
8 **MODIFICATIONS BE MADE TO THE CURRENT PREFERRED ROUTE THAT**
9 **WOULD REDUCE THE ADVERSE IMPACT OF THE CURRENT PREFERRED**
10 **ROUTE ON MEMBERS OF THE NORTH BRUDERHEIM GROUP?**

11 **A** While there is no additional modification of the Current Preferred Route from Node
12 CDi23 to CD32c that would fully address the concerns of the North Bruderheim
13 Group, there are two additional modifications of the Current Preferred Route that can
14 be made that would help to further reduce the adverse impact of the EATL HVDC line
15 on two of the members of the North Bruderheim Group.

16 First, both the Current Preferred Route and Previous Preferred Route would
17 place major transmission lines on three sides of Mr. Reinhold Prochnau's land in
18 SW-24-56-21-W4M (the existing 240 kV AC transmission line along the north edge of
19 his land and the proposed 500 kV HVDC transmission line on the south and east side
20 of his land). While Mr. Prochnau does not want either the Current Preferred Route or
21 the Previous Preferred Route selected, if, despite that desire, the Commission selects
22 the Current Preferred Route, he would like to modify the Current Preferred Route by
23 running it due north (rather than due east) from the southwest corner of SW-24-21-
24 W4M (Node BAI1b on Attachment A). The modified route would then run roughly

1 along the west side of SW-24-56-21-W4M until it intercepted the existing 240 kV AC
2 transmission line right of way that runs roughly along the north edge of SW-24-56-
3 21-W4M. From there, the route would run roughly east – south - east in parallel with
4 the existing 240 kV AC transmission line to meet up with the remainder of the Current
5 Preferred Route at Node CDi25n. This modification is shown as "Route BAI-2" on the
6 west side of my Attachment A.

7 **Q WHAT IS YOUR OTHER PROPOSED MODIFICATION OF THE CURRENT**
8 **PREFERRED ROUTE?**

9 **A** North Bruderheim Group member Mr. Garnett Frey has difficulty with the amount of
10 damage that may be caused by the temporary workspace in a low area near a creek
11 in the forested land that is associated with the position of the southward jog of the
12 Current Preferred Route on his land in SE-20-56-20-W4M. Specifically, Mr. Frey
13 would like to have the transmission structure that would be placed at Node CD29s
14 moved to higher ground a little bit to the east of where ATCO has proposed to place
15 the structure. Attachment C of my evidence presents a modification to the southward
16 jog on the Current Preferred Route that addresses Mr. Frey's transmission structure
17 placement concern while meeting the required setback from the active well sites on
18 Mr. Frey's land. The modification is shown on the east side of my Attachment A as
19 Route BAI-2.

20 On Attachment A, Route BAI-2 in its entirety consists of the Current Preferred
21 Route from CDi23 to BAI1b, the route section marked as Route BAI-2 from BAI1b to
22 BAI2b to BAI3b to CDi25n, the Current Preferred Route from CDi25n to BAI4b (just
23 east of CD29a), the route section marked as Route BAI-2 from BAI4b to BAI5b to
24 CD29b, and then the Current Preferred Route from CD29b to CD32c. Attachment B

1 of my evidence compares the routing factors for Route BAI-2 in its entirety versus the
2 Current Preferred Route, Previous Preferred Route, Route BAI-1 and Route BAI-3 in
3 the North Bruderheim Area.

4 **Q OUTSIDE OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS, HOW DO THESE FIVE ROUTE**
5 **SEGMENT OPTIONS COMPARE?**

6 A As shown in Attachment B, Routes BAI-1 and BAI-3 are approximately 1.8 km (12%)
7 longer than the Current Preferred Route. They are also a bit more expensive than
8 the Current Preferred Route.¹ All five routes have roughly similar residence impact
9 performance. While Route BAI-1 makes good use of existing linear features where it
10 can, those linear features involved less use of existing significant linear disturbances
11 than the Current Preferred Route. On the other hand, Route BAI-3 only has 1.2 km
12 less paralleling of existing transmission lines than the Current Preferred Route. Both
13 Route BAI-1 and Route BAI-3 fully resolve the concerns the North Bruderheim Group
14 has with ATCO's Current Preferred Route and Previous Preferred Route.

15 Route BAI-2 outperforms the other four routes with regard to closely
16 paralleling existing significant linear disturbances such as existing transmission lines.
17 Its residence impacts are roughly similar to that of the Current Preferred Route.
18 Finally, it is only \$1.0 million (3%) more expensive than the Current Preferred Route
19 and does a better job of reducing adverse impacts on the North Bruderheim Group
20 than the Current Preferred Route.

¹If ATCO's Preferred Route is selected from Node B2 to Node CDi23, Route BAI-1 is approximately \$2.1 million (6%) more expensive than the Current Preferred Route and Route BAI-3 is approximately \$3.2 million (9%) more expensive than the Current Preferred Route. As shown in Attachment B, the cost difference is significantly higher if the Alternate Route from Node B2 to Node CDi23 is utilized.

1 The Previous Preferred Route is inferior to the Current Preferred Route with
2 regard to closely paralleling existing linear disturbances and reducing adverse impact
3 on North Bruderheim Group members.

4 **Q HAS MR. WALLIS COMMENTED ON ROUTES BAI-1, BAI-2 AND BAI-3?**

5 **A**Mr. Wallis has provided evidence on Routes BAI-1, BAI-2 and BAI-3. Mr. Wallis
6 estimates that Route BAI-1 will affect 710 meters of woodland not paralleling existing
7 significant linear disturbances and will cross right between an existing natural area
8 (North Bruderheim Natural Area) and a proposed natural area (North Bruderheim
9 Natural Area Reservation). Mr. Wallis identifies a somewhat similar challenge for
10 Route BAI-3. However, Route BAI-3 would avoid crossing between the existing
11 natural area and the proposed natural area. Furthermore, Route BAI-3 would run
12 closely parallel to the existing 240 kV transmission line in the area where Route BAI-3
13 would cross the southern edge of the proposed natural area. This would reduce
14 fragmentation.

15 With regard to Route BAI-2, Mr. Wallis identifies fewer adverse bio-diversity
16 impacts than with Routes BAI-1 and BAI-3.

17 **V. Conclusions and Recommendations**

18 **Q WHAT ARE YOUR CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS?**

19 **A**I recommend against selection of ATCO's Previous Preferred Route from CDi23 to
20 CD31. The Previous Preferred Route from CDi23 to CD31 is inferior to the Current
21 Preferred Route and does not provide a reasonable alternative to the Current
22 Preferred Route from CDi23 to CD31 as it has even more adverse impact on the
23 North Bruderheim Group than the Current Preferred Route from CDi23 to CD31.

1 I also recommend consideration be given to selection of my proposed Routes
2 BAI-1 and BAI-3 from Node BAI1 (just west of Node CDi23) to Node BAI4 (just west
3 of Node CD31). Route BAI-1 would be predominantly located in an existing largely
4 undeveloped road allowance which runs west to east one-quarter section
5 (approximately 800 meters) north of the existing 240 kV AC transmission line in the
6 area. Route BAI-3 would be similar to Route BAI-1 except that east of the Strathcona
7 County – Lamont County boundary it would closely parallel the north edge of the
8 existing west to east 240 kV transmission line and avoid bisecting the boundary
9 between an existing proposed natural area. While a bit inferior to ATCO's Current
10 Preferred Route with regard to routing factors, both of these routes fully resolve the
11 concerns of the North Bruderheim Group.

12 If despite my recommendation, the Commission chooses not to select either
13 my Route BAI-1 or BAI-3, I recommend the Commission select my Route BAI-2.
14 Route BAI-2 is a modified version of ATCO's Current Preferred Route from Node
15 CDi23 to Node CD31. The modifications reduce the impact of the Current Preferred
16 Route by avoiding the south and east sides of the land of North Bruderheim Group
17 member Mr. Reinhold Prochnau in SW-24-21-W4M and adjusting the southward jog
18 in SE-20-20-W4M to a location that has less of an adverse impact on the land of
19 North Bruderheim Group member Mr. Garnett Frey. The modifications also improve
20 the Current Preferred Route by increasing the close paralleling of existing significant
21 linear disturbances at a relatively small increase in cost.

22 **Q DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR EVIDENCE?**

23 **A** Yes, it does.

Qualifications of James R. Dauphinais

1 **Q PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

2 A James R. Dauphinais. My business address is 16690 Swingley Ridge Road,
3 Suite 140, Chesterfield, MO 63017, USA.

4 **Q PLEASE STATE YOUR OCCUPATION.**

5 A I am a consultant in the field of public utility regulation and a Principal with the firm of
6 Brubaker & Associates, Inc. ("BAI"), energy, economic and regulatory consultants.

7 **Q PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND**
8 **EXPERIENCE.**

9 A I graduated from Hartford State Technical College in 1983 with an Associate's Degree
10 in Electrical Engineering Technology. Subsequent to graduation I was employed by
11 the Transmission Planning Department of the Northeast Utilities Service Company as
12 an Engineering Technician.

13 While employed as an Engineering Technician, I completed undergraduate
14 studies at the University of Hartford. I graduated in 1990 with a Bachelor's Degree in
15 Electrical Engineering. Subsequent to graduation, I was promoted to the position of
16 Associate Engineer. Between 1993 and 1994, I completed graduate level courses in
17 the study of power system transients and power system protection through the
18 Engineering Outreach Program of the University of Idaho. By 1996 I had been
19 promoted to the position of Senior Engineer.

20 In the employment of the Northeast Utilities Service Company, I was
21 responsible for conducting thermal, voltage and stability analyses of the Northeast
22 Utilities' transmission system to support planning and operating decisions. This

1 involved the use of load flow and power system stability computer simulations.
2 Among the most notable achievements I had in this area include the solution of a
3 transient stability problem near Millstone Nuclear Power Station, and the solution of a
4 small signal (or dynamic) stability problem near Seabrook Nuclear Power Station. In
5 1993 I was awarded the Chairman's Award, Northeast Utilities' highest employee
6 award, for my work involving stability analysis in the vicinity of Millstone Nuclear
7 Power Station.

8 From 1990 to 1997 I represented Northeast Utilities on the New England
9 Power Pool Stability Task Force. I also represented Northeast Utilities on several
10 other technical working groups within the New England Power Pool ("NEPOOL") and
11 the Northeast Power Coordinating Council ("NPCC"), including the 1992-1996 New
12 York-New England Transmission Working Group, the Southeastern
13 Massachusetts/Rhode Island Transmission Working Group, the NPCC CPSS-2
14 Working Group on Extreme Disturbances and the NPCC SS-38 Working Group on
15 Interarea Dynamic Analysis. This latter working group also included participation
16 from a number of ECAR, PJM and VACAR utilities.

17 In addition to my technical responsibilities, I was also responsible for oversight
18 of the day-to-day administration of Northeast Utilities' Open Access Transmission
19 Tariff. This included the creation of Northeast Utilities' pre-FERC Order No. 889
20 transmission electronic bulletin board and the coordination of Northeast Utilities'
21 transmission tariff filings prior to and after the issuance of Federal Energy Regulatory
22 Commission ("FERC" or "Commission") FERC Order No. 888. I was also responsible
23 for spearheading the implementation of Northeast Utilities' Open Access Same-Time
24 Information System and Northeast Utilities' Standard of Conduct under FERC Order
25 No. 889. During this time I represented Northeast Utilities on the Federal Energy

1 Regulatory Commission's "What" Working Group on Real-Time Information Networks.
2 Later I served as Vice Chairman of the NEPOOL OASIS Working Group and
3 Co-Chair of the Joint Transmission Services Information Network Functional Process
4 Committee. I also served for a brief time on the Electric Power Research Institute
5 facilitated "How" Working Group on OASIS and the North American Electric Reliability
6 Council facilitated Commercial Practices Working Group.

7 In 1997 I joined the firm of Brubaker & Associates, Inc. The firm includes
8 consultants with backgrounds in accounting, engineering, economics, mathematics,
9 computer science and business. Since my employment with the firm, I have filed or
10 presented testimony before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in
11 Consumers Energy Company, Docket No. OA96-77-000, Midwest Independent
12 Transmission System Operator, Inc., Docket No. ER98-1438-000, Montana Power
13 Company, Docket No. ER98-2382-000, Inquiry Concerning the Commission's Policy
14 on Independent System Operators, Docket No. PL98-5-003, SkyGen Energy LLC v.
15 Southern Company Services, Inc., Docket No. EL00-77-000, Alliance Companies, et
16 al., Docket No. EL02-65-000, et al., Entergy Services, Inc., Docket No.
17 ER01-2201-000, and Remedying Undue Discrimination through Open Access
18 Transmission Service, Standard Electricity Market Design, Docket No. RM01-12-000,
19 Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc., Docket No. ER10-1791-
20 000 and NorthWestern Corporation, Docket No. ER10-1138-000. I have also filed or
21 presented testimony before the Alberta Utilities Commission, Colorado Public Utilities
22 Commission, Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control, Illinois Commerce
23 Commission, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, the Iowa Utilities Board, the
24 Kentucky Public Service Commission, the Louisiana Public Service Commission, the
25 Michigan Public Service Commission, the Missouri Public Service Commission, the

1 Montana Public Service Commission, the Public Utility Commission of Texas, the
2 Wisconsin Public Service Commission and various committees of the Missouri State
3 Legislature. This testimony has been given regarding a wide variety of issues
4 including, but not limited to, avoided cost calculations, certification of public
5 convenience and necessity, fuel adjustment clauses, interruptible rates, market
6 power, market structure, prudence, resource planning, standby rates, transmission
7 losses, transmission planning and transmission line routing.

8 I have also participated on behalf of clients in the Southwest Power Pool
9 Congestion Management System Working Group, the Alliance Market Development
10 Advisory Group and several working groups of the Midwest Independent
11 Transmission System Operator, Inc. ("MISO"), including the Congestion Management
12 Working Group and Supply Adequacy Working Group. I am currently an alternate
13 member of the MISO Advisory Committee in the end-use customer sector on behalf
14 of a group of industrial end-use customers in Illinois. I am also the past Chairman of
15 the Issues/Solutions Subgroup of the MISO Revenue Sufficiency Guarantee ("RSG")
16 Task Force.

17 In 2009, I completed the University of Wisconsin-Madison High Voltage Direct
18 Current ("HVDC") Transmission course for Planners that was sponsored by MISO. I
19 am a member of the Power and Energy Society ("PES") of the Institute of Electrical
20 and Electronics Engineers ("IEEE").

21 In addition to our main office in St. Louis, the firm also has branch offices in
22 Phoenix, Arizona and Corpus Christi, Texas.

**Re: ATCO Electric's:
Application: Proposal Eastern
Alberta Transmission Line (EATL)
Project**

Evidence of

On behalf of

Project 9475
May 7, 2012



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CHESTERFIELD, MO 63017

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THE ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Re: ATCO Electric's:)
Application: Proposal Eastern) **Application 1607153 /**
Alberta Transmission Line (EATL)) **Proceeding ID 1069**
Project)

Evidence of James R. Dauphinais

1 Q PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.

2 A James R. Dauphinais. My business address is 16690 Swingley Ridge Road,
3 Suite 140, Chesterfield, MO 63017.

4 Q WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION?

5 A I am a consultant in the field of public utility regulation and Principal of Brubaker &
6 Associates, Inc., energy, economic and regulatory consultants.

7 Q PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE.

8 A I have earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of
9 Hartford and have completed a number of graduate level courses in electric power
10 systems through the Engineering Outreach Program of the University of Idaho. In the
11 twelve and one-half years prior to the beginning of my current employment with BAI, I
12 was employed in the Transmission Resource Planning Department of the Northeast
13 Utilities Service Company. Since my employment with BAI in 1997, I have testified
14 before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and many state commissions on a
15 wide variety of issues including, but not limited to, avoided cost calculations,

certification of public convenience and necessity, fuel adjustment clauses, interruptible rates, market power, market structure, prudence, resource planning, standby rates, transmission rates, transmission line routing, transmission losses, and transmission planning. I have also testified in the past before the Alberta Utilities Commission ("AUC" or "Commission") regarding transmission line routing issues. Finally, I have assisted end-use customers with power procurement and a variety of clients in regard to transmission access issues. My background is further detailed in Appendix A to my evidence.

Q PLEASE IDENTIFY THE MATTERS WHERE IN THE PAST YOU FILED EVIDENCE OR TESTIMONY REGARDING TRANSMISSION LINE ROUTING.

A I have in the past filed transmission line routing evidence or testimony in the following matters:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Docket/Proceeding No.</u>
PUCT ¹	Oncor Electric Delivery Company	37464
PUCT	LCRA Transmission Service Corporation	37778
PUCT	Oncor Electric Delivery Company	38140
PUCT	Lone Star Transmission, LLC	38230
PUCT	Sharyland Utilities, L.P.	38290
PUCT	Oncor Electric Delivery Company	38324
PUCT	LCRA Transmission Services Corporation	38354
PUCT	Oncor Electric Delivery Company	38597
MPSC ²	International Transmission Company	U-16200
AUC ³	AltaLink Management Ltd.	979
AUC	ATCO Electric	1363

¹Public Utility Commission of Texas

²Michigan Public Service Commission

³Alberta Utilities Commission

1 **Q ON WHOSE BEHALF ARE YOU PROVIDING EVIDENCE IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

2 A I am providing evidence on behalf of POWERLESS. POWERLESS is a group of
3 landowners with lands and/or residences in the Mundare-Holden area along or near
4 ATCO's Alternate Route for its proposed Eastern Alberta Transmission Line ("EATL")
5 project from Node B80 to Node CD155 (more precisely, in the area from Node B114
6 to Node B142 – northwest, west and southwest of Holden). The name, location of
7 lands and proximity to the EATL Alternate Route from Node B80 to Node CD155 for
8 each of the members of POWERLESS is summarized in Table JRD-1.

<p>Table JRD-1</p> <p>Summary of POWERLESS Members</p>			
Name	Location of Lands	Nearest Proximity of Residence to B80 to CD155 Alternate Route Segment Centre Line (meters)	Nearest Proximity of Land to B80 to CD155 Alternate Route Segment Centre Line (meters)
Lloyd Baier	NE-27-49-17-W4M	825	800
	NE-23-49-17-W4M	415	0
Jim & Marilyn Charpentier	SE-14-48-17-W4M	757	0
	SW-14-48-17-W4M	N/A	0
Marilynn Fenske	SE & SW-14-50-17-W4M	981	0
	NW-18-50-16-W4M	N/A	826
	NE-15-49-17-W4M	N/A	823
Linda Hunt ¹	SE-1-50-17-W4M	350	0
Glenn & Tammy Jensen ²	SW-30-49-16-W4M	1475	825
John & Catherine Jensen	SW-36-49-17-W4M	N/A	0
	NE & SE-35-49-17-W4M	1443	823
	SW-35-49-17-W4M	N/A	1627
Bob & Jane Kushnerick	SW-36-48-17-W4M	N/A	825
Jerry & Myrtle Kushnerick	NE-27-48-17-W4M	N/A	825
	SE-27-48-17-W4M	N/A	825
Jerry Kushnerick	SW-35-48-17-W4M	N/A	0
Myrtle Kushnerick	SE & SW-26-48-17-W4M	523	0
Jason Lusk	SE-36-49-17-W4M	771	0
	NE-25-49-17-W4M	360	0
David Maruszcza	NE-26-48-17-W4M	663	0
Tom Nahimiak	SE-33-48-17-W4M	N/A	2454
Mary Jane & Darlene Nakonechny	SW-27-51-17-W4M, NW & NE-36-49-17, & SE-2-52-17-W4M	3375	0
¹ Proximity to residence calculated using Map PF-20W			
² Proximity to residence calculated using combination of Map PF-20W and landowner consultation			

Source: ATCO Response to Information Request PWRLESS-ATCO-4

1 As can be seen from Table JRD-1, two (2) members of POWERLESS have
2 residences within 400 m of the centre line of the B80 to CD155 Alternate Route
3 Segment, five (5) members of POWERLESS have residences between 400 m to
4 800 m from the centre line of the B80 to CD155 Alternate Route Segment, and nine
5 (9) members of POWERLESS have land over which the Right-of-Way ("ROW") of the
6 B80 to CD155 Alternate Route Segment would cross (due to being within 0 meters of
7 the centre line of the route segment). In response to Information Request
8 PWRLESS-ATCO-5(c), ATCO has estimated the area of the B80 to CD155 Alternate
9 Route Segment ROW that would be on the property of POWERLESS members is
10 approximately 78 acres.

11 While the members of POWERLESS appreciate that ATCO has not selected
12 the B80 to CD155 Alternate Route Segment as part of its Preferred Route for the
13 EATL project, they are still very concerned that it could be ultimately selected as part
14 of the route for the EATL project since ATCO continues to include the B80 to CD155
15 Alternate Route Segment as one of its filed alternative routes in this proceeding. It is
16 the position of the members of POWERLESS that ATCO did not adequately address
17 their concerns with the B80 to CD155 Alternate Route Segment during the
18 consultation process for the EATL project.

19 **Q WHAT IS THE SUBJECT MATTER OF YOUR EVIDENCE?**

20 **A** My evidence addresses the Application of ATCO for a permit and license to construct
21 and operate the proposed EATL project. The EATL project consists of the following:

- 22 • Two AC/DC converter stations (Heathfield Converter Station
23 2029S and Newell Converter Station 2075S);
- 24 • A 500 kV High Voltage Direct Current ("HVDC") transmission line
25 (13L50) connecting Heathfield and Newell;

- Two 500 kV Alternating Current ("AC") circuits (12L70/12L85) to connect Heathfield to Heartland;
- Four 240 kV AC circuits (1087L/923L and 1088L/1035L) to connect Newell to the existing 240 kV transmission line 923L and the proposed 240 kV transmission line 1034L/1035L, respectively;
- Modification of the existing 240 kV AC circuit 9L950 at two locations;
- A telecommunication tower at each of the two converter stations;
- An emergency backup generator at each of the two converter stations;
- One fibre-optic cable line; and
- Four optical repeater sites.

At the request of POWERLESS' counsel, I evaluated the reasonableness of ATCO's filed route options (Preferred Route, Alternate Route, Royal Park Route and various combinations of the three) for the Andrew-Mundare-Holden section (EFi60-CD155) of the 500 kV HVDC transmission line portion of the proposed EATL project. The B80 to CD155 Alternate Route Segment is part of the Alternate Route for the Andrew-Mundare-Holden section of the 500 kV HVDC line portion of EATL. My silence in regard to any issue should not be taken as an endorsement of any position taken by ATCO with respect to that issue.

Q CAN YOU PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS?

A I concur with ATCO's selection of the entire Preferred Route from Node EFi60 to Node C155 for the 500 kV HVDC transmission line in Andrew-Mundare-Holden area and recommend its selection as the route for the 500 kV HVDC transmission line in this area. The use of ATCO's entire Preferred Route for this section of the 500 kV HVDC line has the lowest impact on residences of the ATCO-filed route options in the

1 area that avoid placing a residence within 150 m of the HVDC line. It also has the
2 lowest number of land parcel and landowner objections. Furthermore, it is only 3.6%
3 more expensive than the cheapest ATCO-filed routing option in this area. Finally, it is
4 not significantly worse than any other ATCO-filed route in the area with regard to
5 other factors the Commission generally considers in selecting a transmission line
6 route. Note that none of the ATCO-filed routes in the area utilize existing linear
7 features other than quarter section lines. Such quarter section lines do not always
8 amount to a property boundary (e.g., in the case of adjacent quarter sections under
9 common ownership) and may not currently be a vertical linear disturbance of any
10 significance.

11 If despite my recommendation, the Commission chooses not to select ATCO's
12 Preferred Route in its entirety in the Andrew-Mundare-Holden area, I recommend the
13 Commission select one of the following three route options, which I have listed in
14 order of relative merit:

- 15 • Preferred Route EFi60-CD89 / Royal Park Route CD89-CD123 /
16 Preferred Route CD123-CD155;
- 17 • Alternate Route EFi60-B80-CD89 / Preferred Route CD89-CD155;
18 or
- 19 • Alternate Route EFi60-CD89 / Royal Park Route CD89-CD123 /
20 Preferred Route CD123-CD155.

21 My merit ordering of the three is based on their degree of residence impact
22 and degree of confirmed land parcel and landowner objections. In other respects,
23 these three route options are very similar to the entire Preferred Route option
24 (Preferred Route EFi60-CD155) in this area.

25 I recommend against selection of any route in the area that utilizes the
26 Alternate Route from Node B80 to Node CD155. Those routes are not appreciably
27 better than the routes I have recommended and face significantly more confirmed

1 land parcel and landowner objections than the routes I have recommended.
2 Furthermore, they do not satisfy the concerns of the members of POWERLESS.

3 **II. Route Selection Factors**

4 **Q WHAT FACTORS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN THE SELECTION OF A**
5 **TRANSMISSION LINE ROUTE BY THE COMMISSION?**

6 A Safety and health, cost, the impact on property owners, the impact on the
7 environment, the impact on archeological and historic sites and the impact on
8 aesthetics are all factors that should be considered. The transmission line route
9 selection objectives and considerations presented in Alberta Environment's
10 Environmental Protection Guidelines for Transmission Lines ("Alberta Environment
11 R&R/11-03") should also be considered by the Commission. Finally, while they
12 technically apply to ISO Needs Identification Applications rather than Transmission
13 Line Applications, it is also appropriate to apply the agriculture impact, residential
14 impact, environmental impact, cost, electrical consideration, visual impact and special
15 constraints aspects of ND12 of Section 6.1 of AUC Rule 007.

16 **Q SHOULD GREATER WEIGHT BE PLACED ON CERTAIN FACTORS VERSUS**
17 **OTHERS?**

18 A Yes. While all factors should be considered, some factors should be given more
19 weight than others. For example, when practicable, it is desirable to route new
20 transmission lines using existing linear developments such as road allowances, fence
21 lines, quarter section and section lines, and existing transmission or utility corridors as
22 outlined in Section 1.2 of Alberta Environment R&R/11-03. However, if two
23 hypothetical alternative routes only differed in that one entirely ran along quarter lines

1 and the other entirely ran along an existing transmission line corridor, it could not be
2 said that the two routes have similar impacts as the existing transmission line corridor
3 route is already impacted by existing transmission line infrastructure while the quarter
4 line route is not likely to have been as significantly impacted by existing infrastructure.
5 Thus, all else being equal, the route using the existing transmission line corridor
6 would likely be a much better route for the proposed line than the one that utilized
7 quarter lines.

8 As another example, if two hypothetical routes differed only in that one
9 introduced significant health and safety concerns, but the other introduced significant
10 aesthetic concerns, if a choice had to be made between the two lines, it is likely the
11 route with greater aesthetic impact would be the better choice of the two routes.

12 **Q WHEN WEIGHING THE FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED, IS IT POSSIBLE THAT**
13 **SUBSTANTIALLY BETTER PERFORMANCE WITH RESPECT TO ONE FACTOR**
14 **CAN ULTIMATELY OUTWEIGH INFERIOR PERFORMANCE WITH RESPECT TO**
15 **ANOTHER FACTOR?**

16 **A** Yes. A hypothetical example of this would be when one route impacts a relatively
17 small number of residences, but very little of its length runs along existing
18 transmission line corridors. In such a circumstance, it may be appropriate to select a
19 different route that impacts more residences if that route also significantly outperforms
20 the other route in terms of minimizing the portion of its length that does not run along
21 existing transmission line corridors.

1 **III. ATCO's Route Selection Analysis**

2 **Q PLEASE DESCRIBE THE METHOD ATCO UTILIZED TO DEVELOP ITS FILED**
3 **PREFERRED AND ALTERNATIVE 500 KV HVDC LINE ROUTES IN THIS**
4 **PROCEEDING.**

5 **A ATCO reports that it developed general criteria that were taken into consideration**
6 **through the route selection process. These criteria include:**

- 7 • Minimizing impacts to other land uses such as residences, built-up
8 area and oil and gas facilities;
- 9 • Utilizing existing linear disturbances to minimize new disturbance
10 and clearing;
- 11 • Following existing transmission lines where practical;
- 12 • Keeping routes reasonably straight to reduce line length and avoid
13 costly corner structures;
- 14 • Minimizing length across environmentally sensitive areas such as
15 watercourses, recreation areas, parks, campgrounds, and sensitive
16 wildlife habitat to the extent feasible; and
- 17 • Minimizing length through wet areas and steep slopes both for
18 better access and to reduce environmental impacts.

19 ATCO then developed specific criteria from these general criteria by taking
20 guidance from AUC Rule 007, Alberta Environment's Environmental Protection
21 Guidelines for Electric Transmission Lines (C&R/IL/95-2), the AESO's functional
22 specification for the project, and factors as determined by the professional judgment
23 of its experienced planners. (ATCO Application Attachment 1 at page 65).

24 **Q HOW DID ATCO PROCEED ONCE IT HAD DEVELOPED PRELIMINARY ROUTE**
25 **OPTIONS?**

26 **A ATCO selected route options in three stages: preliminary route options for initial and**
27 **extended public consultation; a more detailed and refined preferred route and**

1 alternative route segments for additional consultation; and the final preferred route
2 and alternative route segments as filed in the application.

3 **Q HOW DID ATCO ARRIVE AT ITS FINAL CHOICE OF ITS PREFERRED ROUTE**
4 **FOR THE 500 KV HVDC TRANSMISSION LINE?**

5 **A** ATCO indicates that information gathered through the extended consultation process
6 was incorporated into the metrics for the route options as well as information it
7 collected from further aerial and ground reconnaissance. ATCO reports it conducted
8 a final comparison of routes based on key criteria, with the greatest weight applied to
9 routes that best avoided close proximity to residences, followed existing or other
10 planned transmission lines, avoided routes with the greatest number of parcels where
11 landowners had identified specific objections and concerns, and provided the greatest
12 avoidance or separation from other constraint and development criteria where
13 feasible. (ATCO Application Attachment 1 at page 70).

14 **IV. ATCO-Filed Route Options for the Proposed 500 kV**
15 **HVDC Transmission Line in the Andrew-Mundare-Holden Area**

16 **Q WHAT ROUTE OPTIONS HAS ATCO FILED IN THE ANDREW-MUNDARE-**
17 **HOLDEN AREA (NODE EFi60 to NODE CD155) FOR THE PROPOSED 500 KV**
18 **HVDC TRANSMISSION LINE?**

19 **A** ATCO originally filed a Preferred Route from EFi60 to CD155 located east of
20 Mundare and Holden, an Alternate Route from EFi60 to CD155 located west of
21 Mundare and Holden, and a crossover Alternate Route between B80 and CD89. This
22 created the following four filed route options in the area:

- 23 • Preferred Route EFi60-CD155;
- 24 • Alternate Route EFi-CD155;

- Preferred Route EFi60-CD89 / Alternate Route CD89-CD155; and
- Alternate Route EFi60-CD89 / Preferred Route CD89-CD155.

Subsequent to the filing of its application in this proceeding, ATCO made a supplemental filing which introduced additional filed route alternatives in the Andrew-Mundare-Holden area. Specifically, ATCO introduced a new filed alternative route, known as the Royal Park Alternative ("Royal Park Route"), that runs from CD89 to CD123 just east of the Preferred Route between those two same nodes (see ATCO Reference Map Drawing RS-13L150-A-02b R1 dated September 2011 that was filed with the Commission by ATCO on September 30, 2011 as part of SUPP2-Attachment 07). The addition of the Royal Park Route expanded the number of ATCO-filed route options in the Andrew-Mundare-Holden area by adding the following two additional ATCO-filed route options to the existing four options:

- Preferred Route EFi60-CD89 / Royal Park Route CD89-CD123 / Preferred Route CD123-CD155; and
- Alternate Route EFi60-CD89 / Royal Park Route CD89-CD123 / Preferred Route CD123-CD155.

Q HOW DO THE ATCO-FILED ROUTE OPTIONS IN THE ANDREW-MUNDARE-HOLDEN AREAS COMPARE?

A ATCO filed a route factor comparison of five of its six filed route options in the area as part of its May 1, 2012 filing in this proceeding as SUPP3-Table 9 of Attachment SUPP3-Attachment 06. ATCO's SUPP-Table 9 shows:

- Preferred Route EFi60-CD89 / Royal Park Route CD89-CD123 / Preferred Route CD123-CD155 has the lowest impact on residences of the five compared routes, but has one residence located within 150 meters of the route;
- Preferred Route EFi60-CD155 has the lowest impact on residences of the route options that do not have a residence located within 150 meters of the route;

- 1 • Preferred Route EFi60-CD155 has the lowest number of confirmed
2 land parcel and landowner complaints;
- 3 • The four routes that do not utilize the Alternate Route from B80 to
4 CD155 are only 3.6% to 3.9% more expensive than the Alternate
5 Route EFi60-CD155;
- 6 • Alternate Route EFi60-CD155 has 27 to 38 (33% to 54%) more
7 confirmed land parcel objections on the ROW than the four routes
8 that do not utilize the Alternate Route from B80 to CD155;
- 9 • Alternate Route EFi60-CD155 has 49 to 74 (25% to 44%) more
10 confirmed land parcel objections within 800 meters of the ROW
11 than the four routes that do not utilize the Alternate Route from B80
12 to CD155;
- 13 • Alternate Route EFi60-CD155 has 8 to 18 (6% to 16%) more
14 confirmed within 800 meter landowner objections than the four
15 routes that do not utilize the Alternate Route from B80 to CD155;
- 16 • None of five routes utilize existing linear disturbances other than
17 quarter section lines; and
- 18 • None of the routes is appreciably better than the others with regard
19 to the other factors typically considered by the Commission when
20 selecting a transmission line route.

21 **Q DID THE ADDITION OF THE ROYAL PARK ROUTE OPTIONS CHANGE ATCO'S**
22 **ROUTE PREFERENCE IN THE ANDREW-MUNDARE-HOLDEN AREA?**

23 **A** No. ATCO continues to prefer using the entire Preferred Route in the
24 Andrew-Mundare-Holden area.

25 **V. Conclusions and Recommendations**

26 **Q WHAT ARE YOUR CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS?**

27 **A** I concur with ATCO's selection of the entire Preferred Route from Node EFi60 to
28 Node C155 for the 500 kV HVDC transmission line in Andrew-Mundare-Holden area
29 and recommend its selection as the route for the 500 kV HVDC transmission line in

1 this area. The use of ATCO's entire Preferred Route for this section of the 500 kV
2 HVDC line has the lowest impact on residences of the ATCO-filed route options in the
3 area that avoid placing a residence within 150 m of the HVDC line. It also has the
4 lowest number of land parcel and landowner objections. Furthermore, it is only 3.6%
5 more expensive than the cheapest ATCO-filed routing option in this area. Finally, it is
6 not significantly worse than any other ATCO-filed route in the area with regard to
7 other factors the Commission generally considers in selecting a transmission line
8 route. Note that none of the ATCO-filed routes in the area utilize existing linear
9 features other than quarter section lines. Such quarter section lines do not always
10 amount to a property boundary (e.g., in the case of adjacent quarter sections under
11 common ownership) and may not currently be a vertical linear disturbance of any
12 significance.

13 If despite my recommendation, the Commission chooses not to select ATCO's
14 Preferred Route in its entirety in the Andrew-Mundare-Holder area, I recommend the
15 Commission select one of the following three route options, which I have listed in
16 order of relative merit:

- 17 • Preferred Route EFi60-CD89 / Royal Park Route CD89-CD123 /
18 Preferred Route CD123-CD155;
- 19 • Alternate Route EFi60-B80-CD89 / Preferred Route CD89-CD155;
20 or
- 21 • Alternate Route EFi60-CD89 / Royal Park Route CD89-CD123 /
22 Preferred Route CD123-CD155.

23 My merit ordering of the three is based on their degree of residence impact
24 and degree of confirmed land parcel and landowner objections. In other respects,
25 these three route options are very similar to the entire Preferred Route option
26 (Preferred Route EFi60-CD155) in this area.

1 I recommend against selection of any route in the area that utilizes the
2 Alternate Route from Node B80 to Node CD155. Those routes are not appreciably
3 better than the routes I have recommended and face significantly more confirmed
4 land parcel and landowner objections than the routes I have recommended.
5 Furthermore, they do not satisfy the concerns of the members of POWERLESS.

6 **Q DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR EVIDENCE?**

7 **A Yes, it does.**

Qualifications of James R. Dauphinais

1 **Q PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

2 A James R. Dauphinais. My business address is 16690 Swingley Ridge Road,
3 Suite 140, Chesterfield, MO 63017, USA.

4 **Q PLEASE STATE YOUR OCCUPATION.**

5 A I am a consultant in the field of public utility regulation and a Principal with the firm of
6 Brubaker & Associates, Inc. ("BAI"), energy, economic and regulatory consultants.

7 **Q PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND**
8 **EXPERIENCE.**

9 A I graduated from Hartford State Technical College in 1983 with an Associate's Degree
10 in Electrical Engineering Technology. Subsequent to graduation I was employed by
11 the Transmission Planning Department of the Northeast Utilities Service Company as
12 an Engineering Technician.

13 While employed as an Engineering Technician, I completed undergraduate
14 studies at the University of Hartford. I graduated in 1990 with a Bachelor's Degree in
15 Electrical Engineering. Subsequent to graduation, I was promoted to the position of
16 Associate Engineer. Between 1993 and 1994, I completed graduate level courses in
17 the study of power system transients and power system protection through the
18 Engineering Outreach Program of the University of Idaho. By 1996 I had been
19 promoted to the position of Senior Engineer.

20 In the employment of the Northeast Utilities Service Company, I was
21 responsible for conducting thermal, voltage and stability analyses of the Northeast
22 Utilities' transmission system to support planning and operating decisions. This

1 involved the use of load flow and power system stability computer simulations.
2 Among the most notable achievements I had in this area include the solution of a
3 transient stability problem near Millstone Nuclear Power Station, and the solution of a
4 small signal (or dynamic) stability problem near Seabrook Nuclear Power Station. In
5 1993 I was awarded the Chairman's Award, Northeast Utilities' highest employee
6 award, for my work involving stability analysis in the vicinity of Millstone Nuclear
7 Power Station.

8 From 1990 to 1997 I represented Northeast Utilities on the New England
9 Power Pool Stability Task Force. I also represented Northeast Utilities on several
10 other technical working groups within the New England Power Pool ("NEPOOL") and
11 the Northeast Power Coordinating Council ("NPCC"), including the 1992-1996 New
12 York-New England Transmission Working Group, the Southeastern
13 Massachusetts/Rhode Island Transmission Working Group, the NPCC CPSS-2
14 Working Group on Extreme Disturbances and the NPCC SS-38 Working Group on
15 Interarea Dynamic Analysis. This latter working group also included participation
16 from a number of ECAR, PJM and VACAR utilities.

17 In addition to my technical responsibilities, I was also responsible for oversight
18 of the day-to-day administration of Northeast Utilities' Open Access Transmission
19 Tariff. This included the creation of Northeast Utilities' pre-FERC Order No. 889
20 transmission electronic bulletin board and the coordination of Northeast Utilities'
21 transmission tariff filings prior to and after the issuance of Federal Energy Regulatory
22 Commission ("FERC" or "Commission") FERC Order No. 888. I was also responsible
23 for spearheading the implementation of Northeast Utilities' Open Access Same-Time
24 Information System and Northeast Utilities' Standard of Conduct under FERC Order
25 No. 889. During this time I represented Northeast Utilities on the Federal Energy

1 Regulatory Commission's "What" Working Group on Real-Time Information Networks.
2 Later I served as Vice Chairman of the NEPOOL OASIS Working Group and
3 Co-Chair of the Joint Transmission Services Information Network Functional Process
4 Committee. I also served for a brief time on the Electric Power Research Institute
5 facilitated "How" Working Group on OASIS and the North American Electric Reliability
6 Council facilitated Commercial Practices Working Group.

7 In 1997 I joined the firm of Brubaker & Associates, Inc. The firm includes
8 consultants with backgrounds in accounting, engineering, economics, mathematics,
9 computer science and business. Since my employment with the firm, I have filed or
10 presented testimony before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in
11 Consumers Energy Company, Docket No. OA96-77-000, Midwest Independent
12 Transmission System Operator, Inc., Docket No. ER98-1438-000, Montana Power
13 Company, Docket No. ER98-2382-000, Inquiry Concerning the Commission's Policy
14 on Independent System Operators, Docket No. PL98-5-003, SkyGen Energy LLC v.
15 Southern Company Services, Inc., Docket No. EL00-77-000, Alliance Companies, et
16 al., Docket No. EL02-65-000, et al., Entergy Services, Inc., Docket No.
17 ER01-2201-000, and Remediating Undue Discrimination through Open Access
18 Transmission Service, Standard Electricity Market Design, Docket No. RM01-12-000,
19 Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc., Docket No. ER10-1791-
20 000 and NorthWestern Corporation, Docket No. ER10-1138-000. I have also filed or
21 presented testimony before the Alberta Utilities Commission, Colorado Public Utilities
22 Commission, Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control, Illinois Commerce
23 Commission, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, the Iowa Utilities Board, the
24 Kentucky Public Service Commission, the Louisiana Public Service Commission, the
25 Michigan Public Service Commission, the Missouri Public Service Commission, the

1 Montana Public Service Commission, the Public Utility Commission of Texas, the
2 Wisconsin Public Service Commission and various committees of the Missouri State
3 Legislature. This testimony has been given regarding a wide variety of issues
4 including, but not limited to, avoided cost calculations, certification of public
5 convenience and necessity, fuel adjustment clauses, interruptible rates, market
6 power, market structure, prudence, resource planning, standby rates, transmission
7 losses, transmission planning and transmission line routing.

8 I have also participated on behalf of clients in the Southwest Power Pool
9 Congestion Management System Working Group, the Alliance Market Development
10 Advisory Group and several working groups of the Midwest Independent
11 Transmission System Operator, Inc. ("MISO"), including the Congestion Management
12 Working Group and Supply Adequacy Working Group. I am currently an alternate
13 member of the MISO Advisory Committee in the end-use customer sector on behalf
14 of a group of industrial end-use customers in Illinois. I am also the past Chairman of
15 the Issues/Solutions Subgroup of the MISO Revenue Sufficiency Guarantee ("RSG")
16 Task Force.

17 In 2009, I completed the University of Wisconsin-Madison High Voltage Direct
18 Current ("HVDC") Transmission course for Planners that was sponsored by MISO. I
19 am a member of the Power and Energy Society ("PES") of the Institute of Electrical
20 and Electronics Engineers ("IEEE").

21 In addition to our main office in St. Louis, the firm also has branch offices in
22 Phoenix, Arizona and Corpus Christi, Texas.

**Re: ATCO Electric Ltd.:
New 144kV transmission line, to
be called 7LA24, to connect
existing transmission line, 7L24,
to a new substation to be called
Beartrap 940S**