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Kathy Schultz
Cuba City City Clerk
108 N Main St
Cuba City, WI 53807

RE: CONSTRUCTION OF DWELLINGS UNDER TRANSMISSION LINES

Dear Mrs. Schultz,

American Transmission Co. is the transmission-only utility that owns, operates, builds and maintains the electric transmission system in much of Wisconsin. As owner and operator of more than 9,400 miles of transmission lines, we closely monitor our facilities and rights-of-way to ensure public safety and the reliability of the region's transmission system.

State regulations restrict building encroachments that compromise public safety or the reliability of the electric system. During regular surveys of our facilities, we have discovered dwellings being constructed near or under transmission lines without proper notification or coordination. In situations like this, it is often too late and costly for builders or owners to correct the violation. If violations are not identified and corrected prior to completion of the building, a potential buyer may not be able to get financing to buy the house. In addition, the local utility is prohibited from providing service to any home not in compliance with the Electric Code (s. 101.865, Stats.).

As building inspectors and permitting authorities of the code requirements regarding the construction of dwellings under transmission lines, you are encouraged to direct developers and landowners to contact ATC and their local utility when proposing any construction near a transmission line to help avoid any violations and costly consequences.

The **Wisconsin State Administrative Code, WI Electric Code Volumes 1 and 2** prohibits both the construction of transmission lines over dwellings and the construction of dwellings under transmission lines. These restrictions apply to high voltage lines—those designed to operate above 35 kilovolts. A copy of the code can be found at www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/code.htm; then search for PSC 114.234A4 – Transmission Lines Over Dwelling Occupancies.

Prior to approving or permitting plans for construction near a transmission line, please encourage the contractor or landowner to contact an ATC real estate representative at (866)899-3204, and the local utility company to ensure their plans comply with the related regulations. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Grossenbach".

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