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Surface Transportation Board Issues Environmental Assessment on Ameren Energy Generating Company's Proposal To Construct & Operate a Rail Line in Illinois

The Surface Transportation Board announced today that its Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) has issued an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the Ameren Energy Generating Company's proposal to construct and operate a railroad line in southcentral Illinois.

The public is invited to submit written comments on the EA. Commenters should submit an original and one copy. All comments must be postmarked **by June 30, 2005** to:

**Case Control Unit
STB Finance Docket No. 34435
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001**

Please write the following in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope:

Attention: Mr. David Navecky, Environmental Comments

SEA will consider all timely comments received when making its final environmental recommendations to the Board. The Board will then consider SEA's final recommendations and the complete environmental record in making its final decision in this proceeding.

The EA issued today is available for viewing and downloading via the Board's Web site, at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>, by clicking on this hotlink: [Ameren Energy Generating Company--Construction and Operation Exemption--Coffeen and Walshville, Illinois, STB Finance Docket No. 34435](#) (alternatively, users may access the EA by clicking the "E-Library" button on the home page; then the "Decisions & Notices" selection on the dropdown that will appear; then, when the next page appears, under "5/25/2005," click the case abbreviation, "[FD 34435 0](#)"). For further information, contact **David Navecky**, SEA's project manager for this EA, by mail at the address above, by telephone at **202-565-1593 [Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired, 1-800-877-8339]**, or by e-mail at naveckyd@stb.dot.gov.

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