

NEINER CONTENTION 1

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I, David H. Smith, being first duly sworn, do depose and state:

I am employed by Commonwealth Edison Company as Nuclear Licensing Administrator for Braidwood Station. My responsibilities include the preparation and filing of information required by the NRC to issue a license to operate the Braidwood Station.

In that capacity, on June 10, 1985, I submitted Amendment 7 to the Braidwood Environmental Report - Operating License Stage (ER-OL). In part, this amendment modified the description of one of the transmission lines and its right-of-way emanating from the Braidwood site. The description was changed to remove mention of a future 765KV transmission line from the right-of-way.

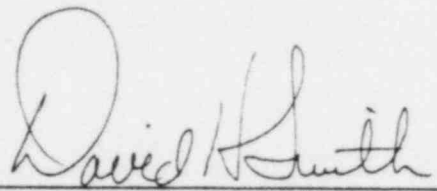
In 1973, when Commonwealth Edison Company originally applied for a Construction Permit to build Braidwood Station Units 1 and 2, it submitted an Environmental Report (ER-CP) which mentioned a 765KV line to be built in the future. At that time, load growth in the Company's service territory was high enough to make this line a prudent addition, although the Company did not plan to build the line to deliver power from Braidwood Units 1 and 2. The line was planned to support additional generating units to be built later in the vicinity of Braidwood.

In 1978, when the ER-OL was submitted, load growth projections had decreased, but not to the dramatic extent they have since then. It was felt appropriate, therefore, to continue to show


the future 765KV line parallel to one of the 345KV lines terminating at Braidwood. Today, conditions have changed so that the need for the line is subject to considerable doubt, and in any event, would arise at a date far into the future. Therefore, we have changed the ER-OL to remove the implication that the 765KV line was planned in support of Braidwood Units 1 and 2. No such plan has ever existed. These facts make review of the environmental impact of the future 765KV line inappropriate in connection with Braidwood Units 1 and 2.

FURTHER, Affiant sayeth not.

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to
before me this 13 day
of June, 1985.



DAVID H. SMITH



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My Commission Expires August 16, 1988