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The Honorable Ron Kind
1406 Longworth House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Kind:

Thank you for your May 9 letter regarding the Badger Coulee Transmission Line Project. I understand your concern for your constituents and would like to assure you that we are taking careful steps to engage and involve the public in this very important project.

As you may know, ATC first announced the Badger Coulee project in fall 2010. Since that time, we have been conducting comprehensive outreach activities in an effort to involve the public in the process of studying the need for and routing of a new transmission line. As is our practice, we conduct this involvement well in advance of submitting an application to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin to allow for sufficient communication and outreach with those potentially affected by our project.

To date, we have hosted 22 public open houses throughout the project study area. These open houses have been attended by more than 5,700 people. We have sent numerous mailings to potentially affected property owners, advertised our open houses and received substantial news coverage about the project. We have received more than 2,400 written comments about the project and responded to numerous inquiries from stakeholders outside of our public open houses.

In regard to your specific questions regarding the need for the project, please see the attached responses. We have also received questions like yours from a number of governmental bodies and landowner groups and have provided extensive information in response.

As noted during our recent open houses, we will continue our routing and siting review using the public comments we've received as well as the extensive interactions we have had with landowners at our open houses. We will have another round of open houses later this year at which time we will present our proposed routes to the public prior to filing an application with the PSC in early 2013.

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Please feel free to contact me if you or your staff have any other questions about the project; my phone number is 920-338-6572.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee Meyerhofer', written in a cursive style.

Lee Meyerhofer
Senior Local Relations Representative