



Memo to: Board of Directors  
From: Chuck Etwert  
Subject: Program Status Report for June 2014  
Date: June 16, 2014

We continue to work on the acquisition of easements needed to complete the projects that have been awarded. We have obtained three easements during the last two weeks. Still needed are BP #3 - 7 owners and 13 parcels, BP #5 - 1 owner and 1 parcel, and BP #6 involves 1 owner - 1 parcel for a total of 10 owners involving 16 parcels. The ten owners can be broken down as 3 individuals, 2 railroads, 3 corporations and 2 governmental units. As previously mention it is imperative that we reach agreements with these property owners as soon as possible before our contractors start requesting change orders due to delay of site access. There may be an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss one or two situations.

Approximately 23% of the \$39 million of construction involved in our six current construction bid packages has been completed thru May 31st.

The "streamlined" Sec. 408 review of BP #7A and BP #7B is halfway thru the review process with plans sent to Corps Division on May 16<sup>th</sup> and to Headquarters on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Due to time constraints on construction, the bidding process has been started with bid openings on both projects scheduled for August 13, 2014.

As I mentioned last month, there are requests for funding regarding the relocation of lines by Ameren Illinois on today's agenda.

We are still waiting for the \$100,000 Illinois Capital Development Grant to be received, additional information has been sent and we have been advised that we should receive it shortly.

We have received from the Corps of Engineers their Request for Information Survey (a copy is included in your packet) on the utilization of Project Labor Agreements (PLAs), which is part of their process of reconsidering of the issue. The survey appears to be similar to last year's survey. No submittal date is indicated, but from conversations with the Corps, this portion of the process is to be completed in June with their contracting group making a decision by late July.

At the last Board meeting the Council directed me to file a FOIA request to the Corps of Engineers regarding their payments to drilling contractors working on design Deficiency Correction Projects which the FPD has provided non-federal cost-share funds towards. Attached is my request and the correspondence received from the Corps to date, which really doesn't provide us with any information regarding what is actually being paid. Basically, we were told that drilling service contracts do not require certified weekly payroll and provided the wage determination rates for our area which contractors are to follow. Since their response was from their District Counsel, I have forwarded everything to Husch Blackwell to appeal our request.

I have included in your Board packet a copy of AMEC's Monthly Progress Report for June.