

CITY OF MADISON, WISCONSIN

REPORT OF:	CITY ATTORNEY	PRESENTED	January 2, 2007
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TITLE:	Retention of Expert Witness Steven French in American Transmission Company transmission line matters	REREFERRED	_____
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AUTHOR:	Michael P. May City Attorney	ADOPTED	POF _____
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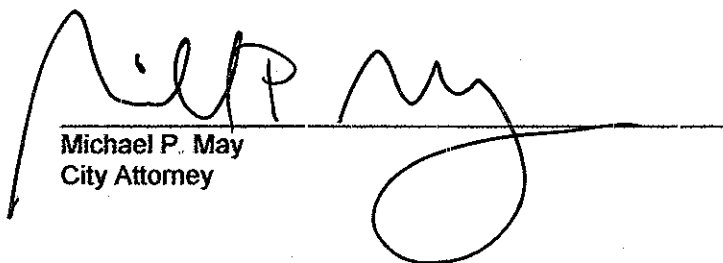
TO THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL:

It is anticipated that American Transmission Company (ATC) will file with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) for new transmission lines, some of which will directly impact the City of Madison. The filing for a line to be constructed south of Madison is anticipated in March or April of 2007.

In order to present the City's views, the City should retain an outside expert qualified with respect to siting of transmission lines. The City Attorney has made inquiries regarding potential expert witnesses, and believes that Professor Steven French has qualifications that make him uniquely suited to provide the City with expert testimony. Information on Professor French is attached to this report.

Professor French charges an hourly rate of \$190.00 per hour. We anticipate that his time in the case could reach 150 hours, plus expenses.

In order to provide for expert advice and testimony on behalf of the City, I am recommending that the City retain Professor French and make an appropriation to provide for payment of his fees and costs, in the amount of \$35,000.



 Michael P. May
 City Attorney

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