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KY Public Service Commission
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SUBJECT: Vectren Proposal

I am writing concerning the proposal by Vectren to build a transmission line from their Indiana location to Big Rivers in Henderson, Kentucky. Because approximately TWO miles of the thirteen mile project cross my farm (Vectren Tracts KY 30 and KY 31, see attached maps) if approved, there are several factors that concern my situation as well as agricultural land in general.

From the limited discussions with Vectren in which I have been involved, their proposal to landowners boils down to a one-time payment at an unknown rate for

- 1) the easement area
- 2) any growing crops affected by the transmission line construction.

Vectren does not address the following issues which may create even more of an economic hardship to the landowner:

1. DRAINAGE TILE

- If hit during construction, could impact the entire field.
- If mains are damaged, the entire field may have to be retiled at a current rate of \$700 per acre to pattern tile.
- Since damage may not be known immediately, what about a bond by Vectren for future issues?

2. FARMING may be made extremely difficult, if not impossible, on the whole field not just the easement area, depending on

- Size or shape of field
- Placement of Vectren poles in relation to existing power lines, trees, ditches, etc.

3. TIMBER LOSS in wooded areas—

*Should be treated as a growing crop (permanent loss)

4. COMPACTION OF SOIL

- Caused by line installation is not a one year event
- Takes several years for the soil to completely recover from reduced yields

5. What is the ARC distance on a 345KV line?

- Agricultural sprayers are 100 ft. wide, unfold upward and then out.
- What is a safe distance?

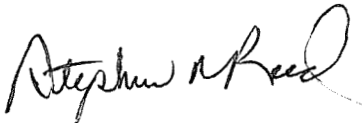
6. Loss of ability for future development due to powerlines

- Oil
- Gas

This project is not as simple as Vectren would like everyone to believe. Farmers are left to deal with destruction of highly productive land and the hardships of farming around additional obstacles for eternity.

Needless to say, I would rather the proposal be denied by your commission. If Vectren's request is approved, I don't know what adequate compensation to a landowner would be. In my case, some of this property has been passed down to me from my great-grandfather and I am really not interested in Vectren's project. There would be zero benefit to me and very little to the state of Kentucky.

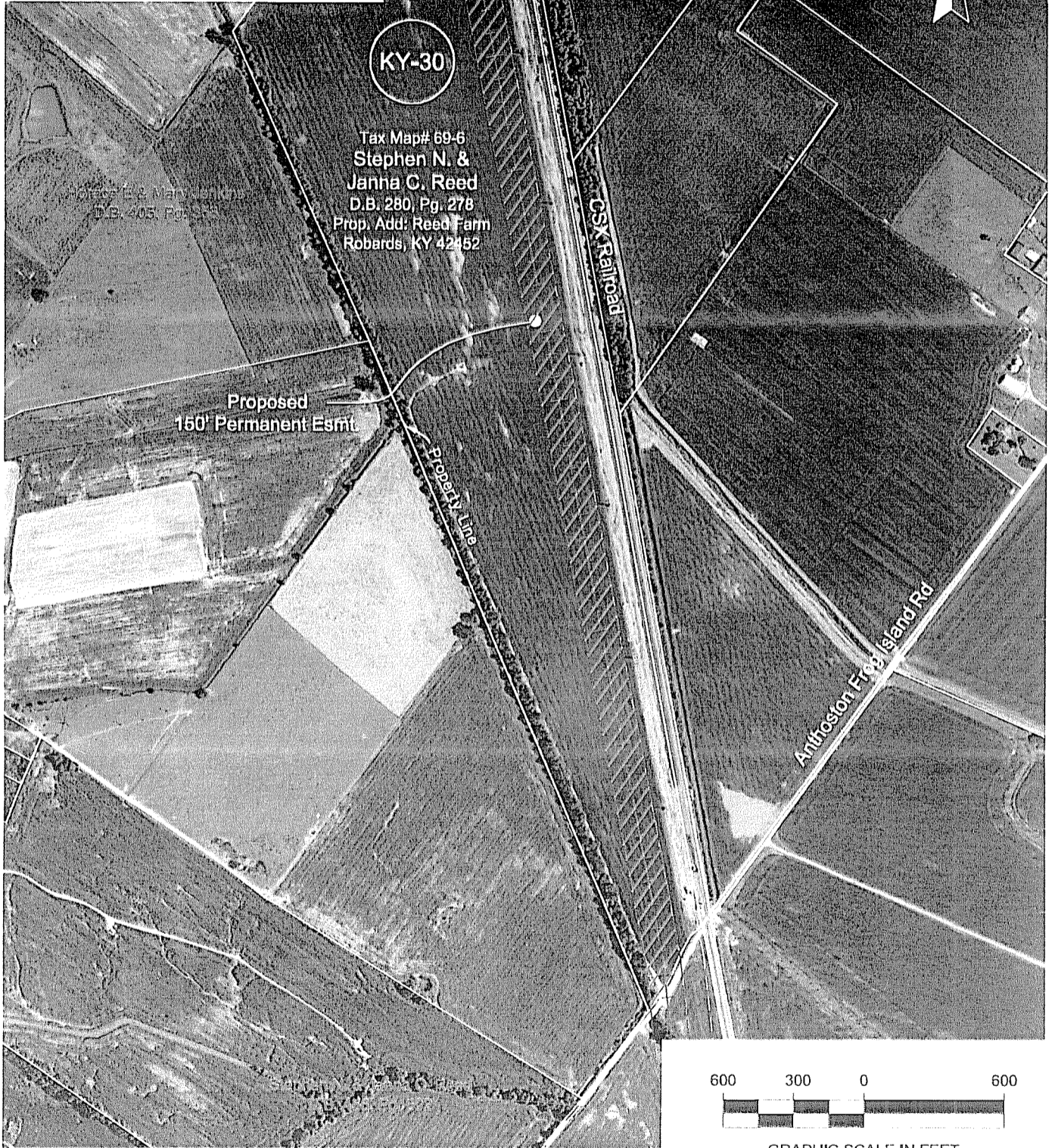
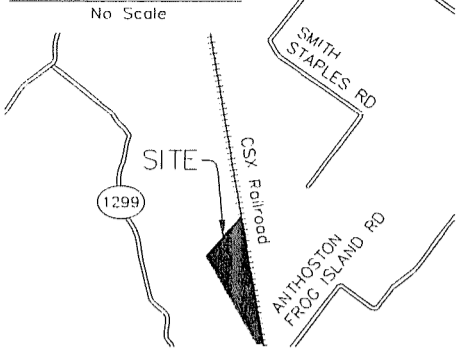
Respectfully,



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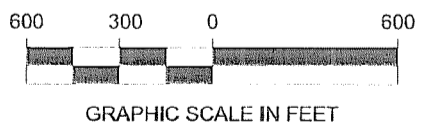
LOCATION MAP



KY-30

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 Janna C. Reed
 D.B. 280, Pg. 278
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 150' Permanent Easmt



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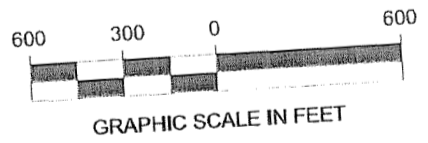
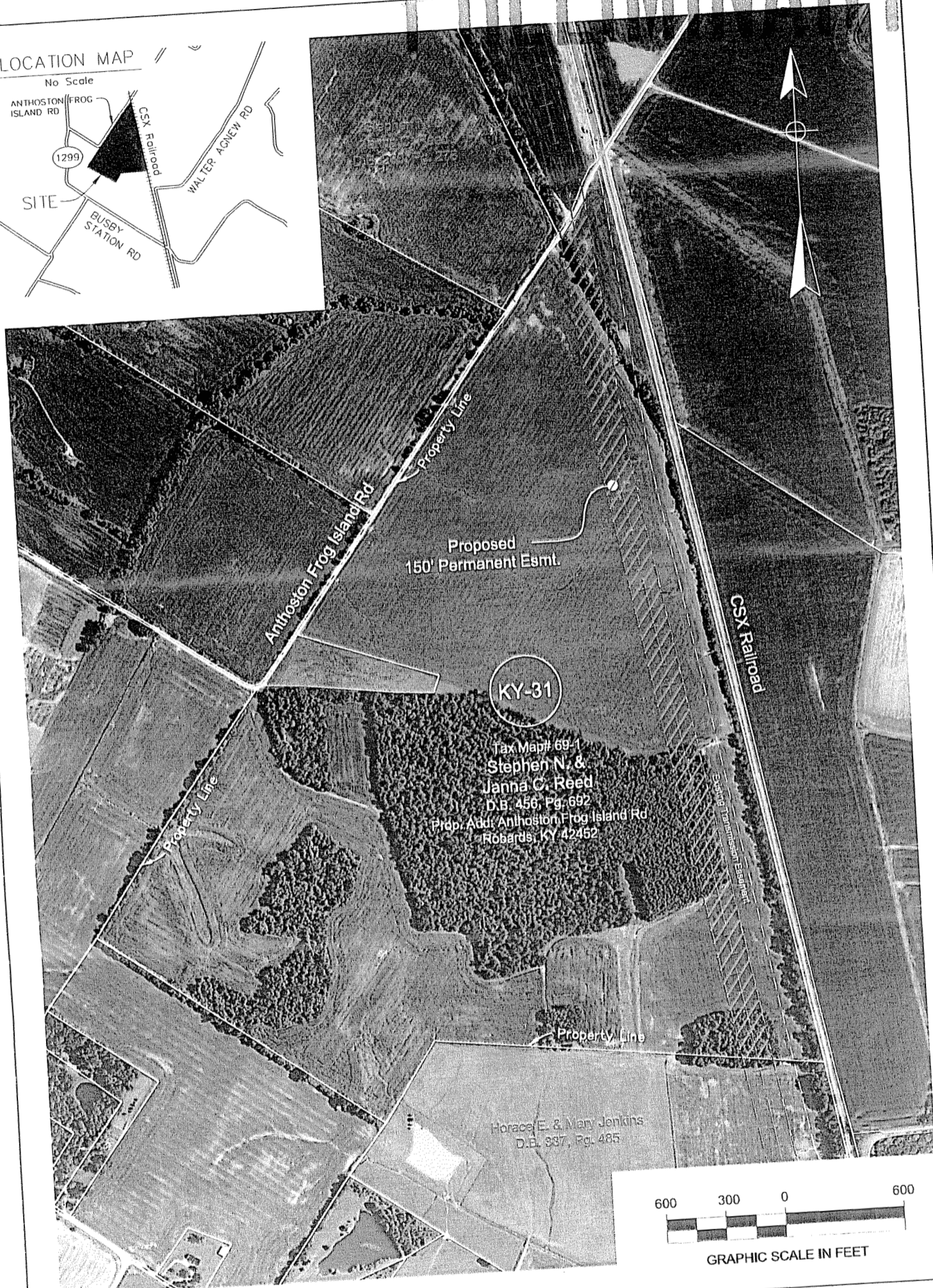
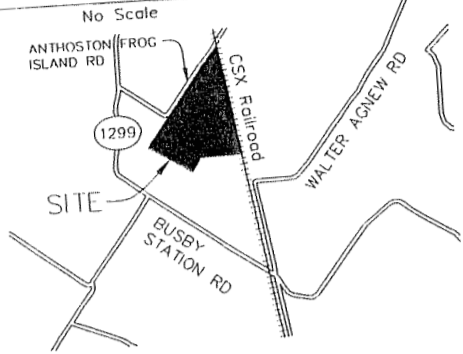
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PRELIMINARY



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