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September 2011

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)  
888 First Street NE  
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Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: Ameren UE Osage Hydroelectric Project  
FERC Project No. 0459  
Shoreline Management Plan

Dear Secretary Bose:

The purpose of this letter is to file comments regarding the Order Modifying and Approving Shoreline Management Plan issued by FERC to AmerenUE regarding Project 459.

While we agree that a comprehensive Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) should represent a balance between resource protection, enhancement and development, we believe that many of revisions made to Ameren's plan are excessive and do little to insure resource protection while creating a significant adverse effect on development to both business owners and lake residents.

Most significantly, the revisions clearly have the apparent intent and desired effect of removing what is referred to in the SMP as "non-conforming structures", permitted or otherwise, from the Project Boundary. We do not believe that these more restrictive requirements are necessary, nor do they protect the lake's resources. Furthermore, we believe that Ameren should have the authority to authorize construction of structures on project lands, whose presence do not have a significant impact on specific project purposes. This authority should be allowed through the SMP and Ameren's permitting process. This would include, but not be limited to decks, gazebos, patios, and walkways along the shoreline and within the project boundary.

We thank you for your consideration, and for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Sincerely,

(Your Name)(Business)