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Public Notice

Reply To:
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Attn: CEMVS-CO-F
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, MO 63103-2833

Public Notice No.
P-2429
Public Notice Date
July 20, 2004

Expiration Date
August 11, 2004

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Regulatory Branch
Mississippi River (P-2429)
File Number: 200208362

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit for certain work in waters of the United States, as described below and shown on the attached map.

COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers File Number shown above and must reach this office no later than the above expiration date of the Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Comments should be mailed to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
ATTN: CEMVS-CO-F (Linda Campbell)
1222 Spruce Street
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APPLICANT: Ameren Energy Generating Company, Mr. Geoffrey M. Jones, 1901 Chouteau Avenue, P.O. Box 66149, MC C700, St. Louis, Missouri 63166-6149. (217) 535-5442.

LOCATION: Maintenance dredging in front of the Grand Tower Power Plant located along the Mississippi River, at mile 81.9. The project area is located in the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, Township 10 South, Range 4 West, near Grand Tower, Jackson County, Illinois. (See Attached Location Maps).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Ameren Energy proposes to contract the services of a hydraulic dredge to perform maintenance dredging. The first proposed dredge area is approximately 750 feet long, 60 feet wide, and 10 feet deep in front of its discharge area. The second proposed dredge area is approximately 750 wide, 40 feet long, and 10 feet deep, in front of their intake structure. A large sandbar is obstructing both the intake structure and the discharge area. The proposed dredge will have a flow rate of 3,500-5,000 GPM and a 12-inch suction pipe and a 10-inch discharge hose. The proposed disposal area is a 306,000 square foot upland coal storage area within the fenced Grand Tower Power Plant facility. The permit, if issued, shall authorize maintenance dredging to occur with a permit expiration date of December 31, 2009.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting Linda Campbell, Rivers Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (314) 331-8632 or at electronic mail address: Linda.Campbell@mvs02.usace.army.mil.

AUTHORITY: This permit will be processed under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Request for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding the public hearing.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The proposed project is within the range of the endangered Indiana bat (**Myotis sodalis**), Gray bat (**Myotis grisescens**), Higgin's eye pearly mussel (**Lampis higginsii**), Decurrent false aster (**Boltonia decurrens**), and the threatened Bald eagle (**Haliaeetus leucocephalus**). A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act as amended, has been made that this proposed activity will not affect species designated as threatened or endangered, or adversely affect critical habitat. In order to complete our evaluation, written comments are hereby solicited from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies to ascertain any potential impacts upon a listed species or their critical habitat.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The St. Louis District will evaluate information provided by the State Historic Preservation Officer and the public in response to this public notice and we may conduct, or require a reconnaissance survey of the project area.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the described activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit that may reasonably be expected to accrue from the described activity must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the described activity will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion, and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of these proposed activities. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of

an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

DANNY D. MCCLENDON
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Attachments

NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS:

It is requested that this notice be conspicuously and continually placed for 21 days from the date of this issuance of this notice.



EXHIBIT A

Ameren EnergySM

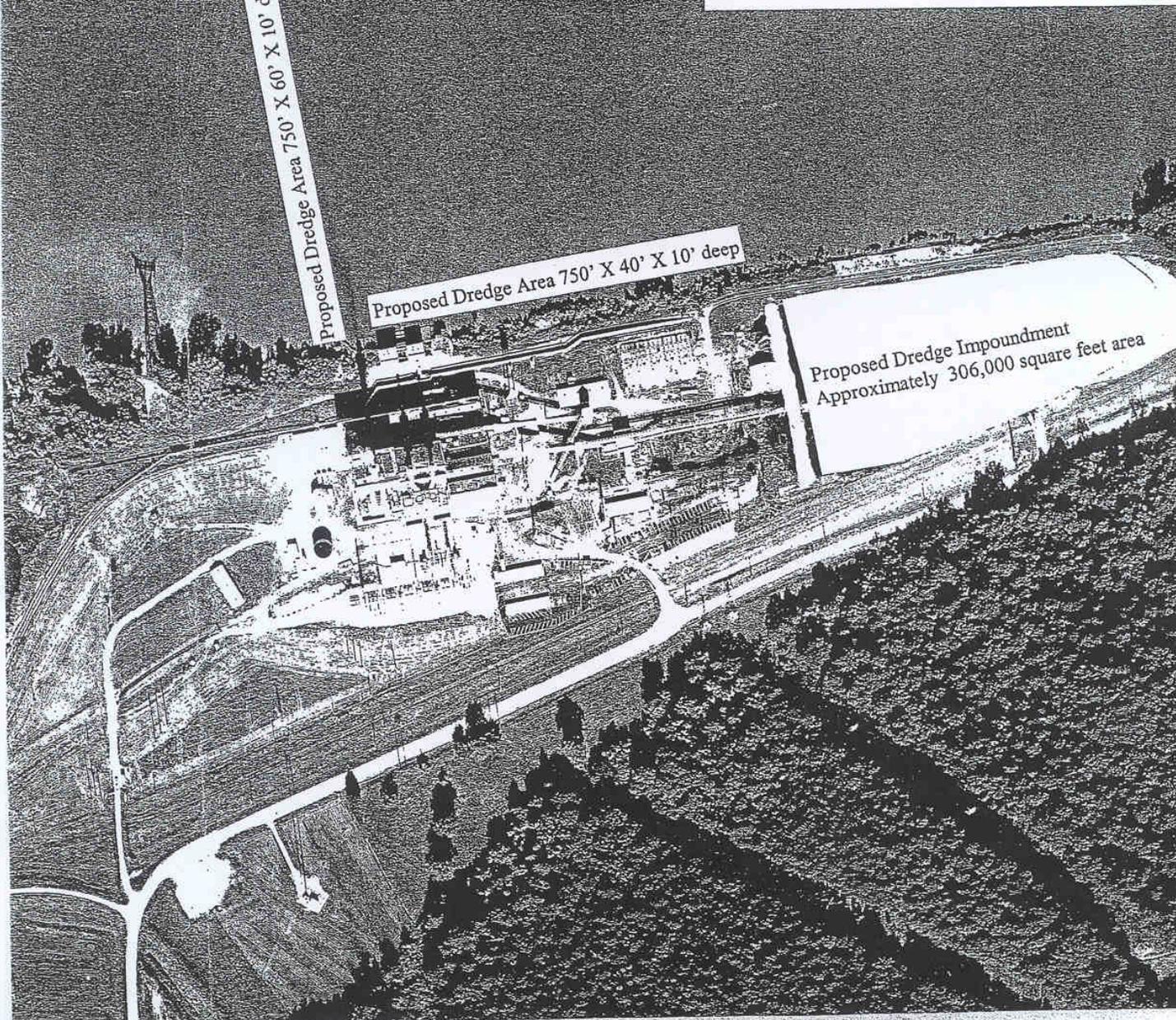
Generating

Grand Tower Power Station
Proposed Dredging and Impoundment

Proposed Dredge Area 750' X 60' X 10' deep

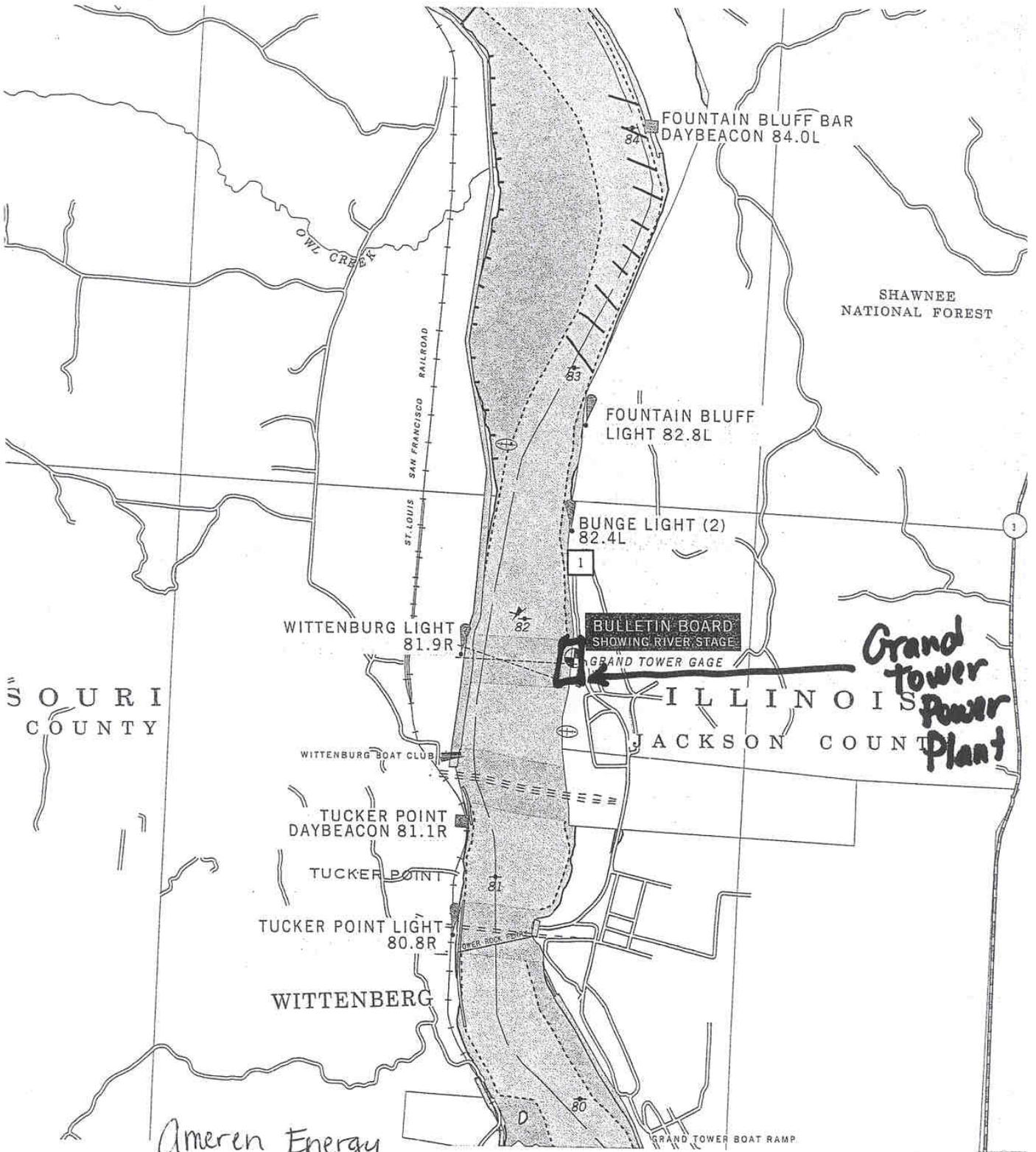
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Proposed Dredge Impoundment
Approximately 306,000 square feet area



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