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GSS Project #W19187-IL-1

Vermilion County Clerk Cathy Jenkins 201 North Vermilion Street 1st Floor Danville, Illinois 61832



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RE: NOTICE OF INITIATION OF THE SECTION 106 PROCESS - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD - POSITIVE TRAIN CONTROL (PTC)

MILE POST 102.44 - VILLA GROVE SUBDIVISION, SE OF THE TOWN OF RANKIN, VERMILLION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Notice of Initiation of the Section 106 Process-Public Participation in accordance with the Federal Communications Commission regulations (47 CFR § 1.1307) for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Program Comment for Positive Train Control and Infrastructure. Union Pacific proposes to construct an approximately 70 ft. monopole communications pole with associated equipment at the following approximate location southeast of the town of Rankin, Vermillion County, Illinois within the existing railroad right-of-way:

Coordinates: 40.428944, -87.84866 (Mile Post #102.44)

Union Pacific must comply with all Federal, State and local regulations governing the proposed facility. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, requires Union Pacific to evaluate this project for any effect it may have on Historic Properties. As part of this evaluation, Union Pacific is required to publish Public Notice in an effort to gather comments on the potential effects of the proposed facility on Historic Properties.

The purpose of this letter is to:

- Notify your office that Public Notice seeking comments on the potential effects of the proposed construction on Historic Properties is scheduled to be published in the Commercial-News newspaper on August 6, 2019.
- Invite comments on the potential effects of the proposed facility on Historic Properties from your office and any other relevant individuals or groups that you may be aware of.

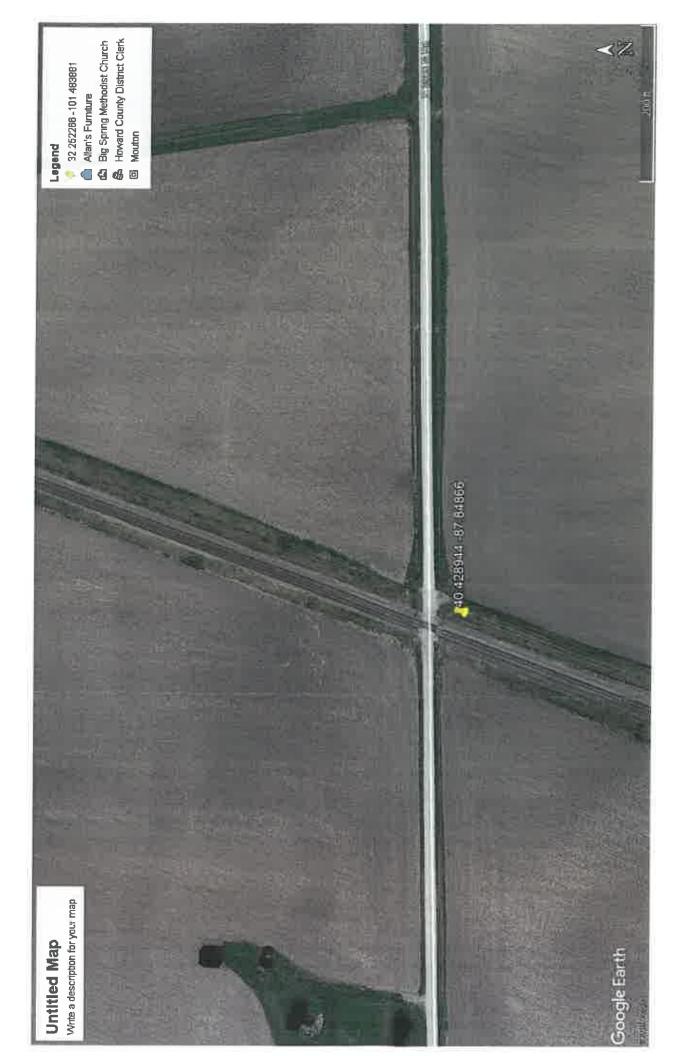
Attached to this letter are the following: street map, aerial maps/photographs, typical PTC pole design document and a copy of the wording published in the Public Notice.

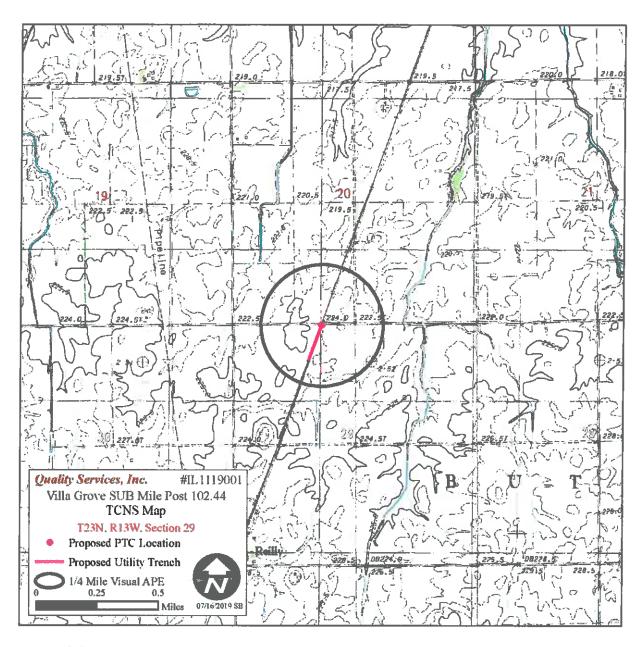
Please Note: All applicable zoning and permitting is handled directly by the railroad/applicant. This correspondence is in regard to the Section 106 Review Process only to aid in identifying any potential historic properties that may be affected by the proposed undertaking.

We respectfully request that parties interested in submitting comments regarding any potential effects of the proposed facility on Cultural or Historic Properties, or questions regarding the project, may do so by sending them to GSS, Inc., 3311 109<sup>th</sup> Street, Urbandale, IA 50322 or by calling (515) 331-2103 within 30 days of the date of this letter.

Sincerely, GSS, INC.

**Enclosure** 





Height and Type of Project: 70 ft. monopole tower and associated equipment bungalow Installation Technique: Auger Fill Material: None

UP PTC pole MP 102.44, Villa Grove SUB, Vermilion County
Latitude: 40.428944 Longitude: -87.84866
USGS 7.5' East Lynn, Illinois topographic quadrangle Provisional Edition 1982

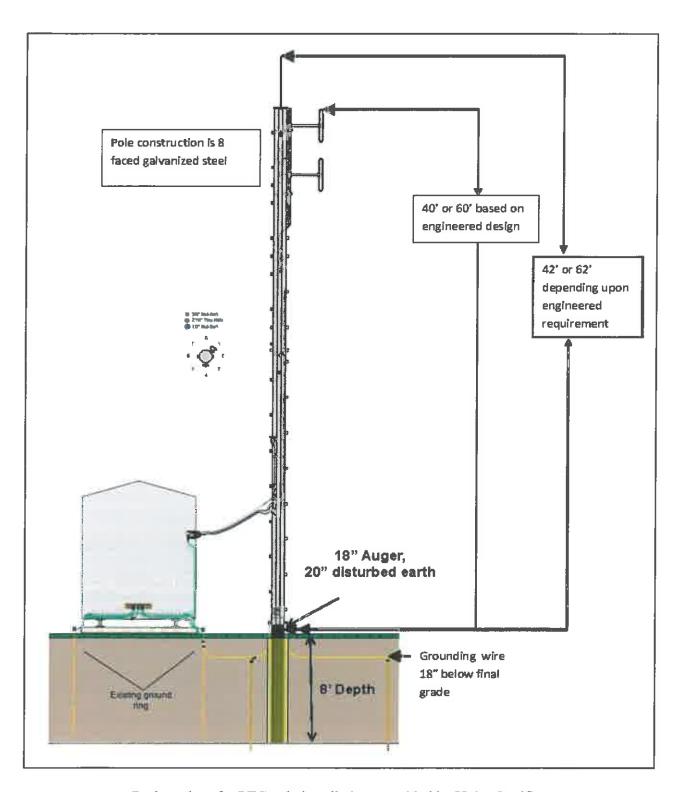
No historic properties present.

UP Villa Grove SUB, Vermilion County, Illinois

Mile Post	Туре	Excluded
102.44	Pole	No



Standard pole and equipment bungalow example for Union Pacific Railroad's PTC poles.



Project plans for PTC pole installation, provided by Union Pacific.

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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• Coordinates: 40.428944, -87.84866 (Mile Post #102.44).

We respectfully request that parties interested in providing comment on the proposed undertaking relative to potential effects on cultural or historic properties should contact GSS, Inc., 3311 109<sup>th</sup> Street, Urbandale, IA 50322; Ph. (515) 331-2103, within 30 days of the date of this publication. (GSS #W19187-IL-1)