MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
AMONG
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY, HASS REALTY LLC, AND
THE ILLINOIS STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
CONCERNING
MERRIMAN-LITTLEFIELD CEMETERY
LOCATED IN RICHLAND GROVE TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, MidAmerican Energy Company (MEC) has consulted with the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office (IL SHPO) concerning the accidental damage to certain headstones at the Merriman-Littlefield Cemetery in Mercer County, located on private property administered by Hass Realty, LLC (Hass), in accordance with the Illinois State Agency Historic Resources Preservation Act (20 ILCS 3420) and the Human Skeletal Remains Protection Act (20 ILCS 3440) (the Acts); and

WHEREAS, MEC, IL SHPO, and Hass agree that the headstone damage has adversely affected the Merriman-Littlefield Cemetery, an unregistered cemetery administered under the jurisdiction of the IL SHPO; and

WHEREAS, all parties mutually agree that restorative actions at Merriman-Littlefield Cemetery are the responsibility of MEC under the Human Skeletal Remains Protection Act; and

NOW, THEREFORE, MEC, IL SHPO, and Hass Realty agree that the following measures as recommended by IL SHPO be implemented to mitigate the damage to the headstones at the Merriman-Littlefield Cemetery, and to protect the cemetery from future damage.

STIPULATIONS

In coordination with Hass Reality, MEC shall perform the following:

1. The Merriman-Littlefield Cemetery and the area that encompasses the headstones and grave site markers shall be cleared of brush using hand tools to avoid any inadvertent damage to grave site markers.
2. After brush clearing has been completed, the full extent of the Merriman-Littlefield Cemetery shall be mapped and defined through the use of ground penetrating radar and/or other remote sensing techniques.
3. A quality fence shall be installed around the perimeter of the cemetery, as defined by the results of the ground penetrating radar and/or remote sensing.
4. Future vegetation management activities, to be performed by MEC within the fenced cemetery and transmission line right of way necessary for the maintenance of the transmission line(s), will be limited to the use of hand-held equipment employed in a manner that is not destructive to the grave site markers.
5. Grave site marker number one (1) should be replaced with a new headstone at the location on or near its original location.

6. MEC will make a donation of one thousand dollars to the Mercer County Historical Society.

Execution of this Agreement and implementation of its terms evidences that MEC has afforded the IL SHPO an opportunity to comment on the damage to Merriman-Littlefield Cemetery, and is in compliance with the Acts.

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James W. Hass 6/30/17

Mr. James W. Hass
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Ms. Heidi Brown-McCreery
State Historic Preservation Officer
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Date