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Illinois Commerce Commission
Chief Clerk's Office
527 East Capitol Avenue
Springfield, Illinois 62701

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CHIEF CLERK'S OFFICE

RE: Case #12-0598
Landowner Petition to Intervene - 22864 North Cleone Rd, Kansas IL

Dear Commission Members,

I am writing in reference to the Ameren Illinois Rivers Project between Kansas IL and the Sugar Creek Substation (Exhibit 1). Our property (Exhibit 2-A) is located on the alternate route that follows the Clark and Edgar County borders.

Most residents in the area are farmers and their primary concern is for the agricultural land. In contrast, we are conservationists. We have a forestry plan in place for the woodlands on our property. There are Indiana Brown Bats and Alligator Snapping Turtles (which are endangered), Pileated Woodpeckers (which are protected), Wild Turkey, Deer, Quail, and many other species of wildlife that inhabit our woodlands. We also have several types of rare woodland vegetation: Ginseng, Trillium, mushrooms. Fortunately, our neighbors to the North (Kent and Janet Stark - Exhibit 2-B) share our concern to maintain as much woodland habitat as possible.

Our property is also used by several individuals for recreational use. A couple have written letters on our behalf. See Exhibits 3 & 4.

In a community where fencerows are being removed each year to make room for more crops, we are the minority. The proposed alternate route would cut a swath directly through the 200 year old woods that the Starks and we have tried to preserve. Please help us to continue our conservation efforts by voting against the alternate route in this area. There are existing right of ways that I would suggest as an alternate (Exhibit 5) if the primary route is not approved.

I am also concerned to hear that there is another Company, Clean Line proposing running a similar line (the Grain Belt Express) from Pike County IL southeast to Sullivan County IN. Is there any requirement or incentive for the transmission companies to work together and plan ahead in order to minimize the impact on IL? If not, why not?

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Matthew P. Allen, Donna H. Allen
Matthew and Donna Allen
221 Bay Colony Drive
Naperville, IL 60565

630-357-1387 Home
630-947-5474 Mobile

Cc: Peggy Ladd, Manager - Transmission Business Development, Ameren
Kent and Janet Stark, Doug and Kelly Truckenbrod, Dale and Betty Jansen

VERIFICATION

Donna M. Allen and family are landowners of 22864 North Cleone Rd, Kansas IL which lies directly in the path of the Alternate route of the Ameren Illinois Rivers Project on the Edgar and Clark county line. We have submitted a Petition for Leave to Intervene and acknowledge that the facts stated in the Petition are true in substance and fact.



Donna M Allen
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canuplay40@gmail.com

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, a Notary Public, on this 10 day of December, 2012.



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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Donna M. Allen, landowner of 22864 North Cleone Rd, Kansas IL which lies directly in the path of the Alternate route of the Ameren Illinois Rivers Project on the Edgar and Clark county line, herewith certify that I did on the 10 day of December, 2012, electronically serve a Petition for Leave to Intervene upon the persons identified on the Illinois Commerce Commission's official service list.

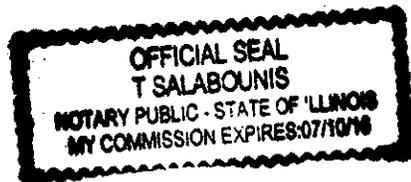


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