

Nov. 11, 2012

Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Avenue
Springfield, Illinois 62701

RE: Case #12-0598

Petition to Intervene – 22864 North Cleone Rd, Kansas IL

Dear Commission Members,

I have a longtime personal knowledge of the Allen property that will potentially be impacted by this alternate power line pathway.

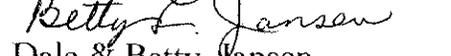
For well more than a decade I have visited the property many, many times to explore their timber. Every year my family and I look forward to hiking on the well preserved trails in the woods, observing and photographing the fauna and flora, hunting, fishing and helping the Allen family maintain their piece of nature that is all too scarce.

I have oft observed the whole Allen family planning for and toiling in their woodlands with a long term view toward preservation of soil, timber and habitat for all manner of wildlife. Their considerable efforts have paid off with an abundance of habitat for wildlife, soil erosion prevention efforts, a sustainable tree management program and the preservation of a special environment.

In a time when all to many of these types of properties are disappearing it is imperative that every effort be made to shield them whenever possible.

There is an abundance of open land and existing roadway right of way adjacent to the Allen property and with a minimum of effort the power line can skirt this valuable piece of woodland.

Sincerely yours,



Dale & Betty Jansen

2012 N 3650th Rd.

Serena, IL 60549

October 20, 2012

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My friends, Matt and Donna Allen, own the property listed above. I have had the pleasure of visiting this awesome property over the last 18 years. This property is a model for how agriculture and conservation can coexist and compliment one another.

I have enjoyed the abundance of wildlife and the wonderful habitat that this parcel provides. This is a place where deer, coyotes, owls, bats and countless other creatures call home. I cannot imagine a scenario in which the woodlands would be cut for a power line. It would be devastating to the ecosystem and is not necessary.

I am a life-long resident of Illinois and I cannot stand by and watch wildlife habitat constantly destroyed by agriculture and other entities.

I urge you to consider running power lines along an existing easement or using agricultural parcels. Either of these options will not destroy existing woodlands and habitat and agriculture is minimally affected by the presence of power lines.

Thank you for your consideration,



Douglas Truckenbrod
327 Sharon Lane
North Aurora, IL

EXHIBIT 5

In Ameren's Environmental Siting Criteria, they specifically mention using or running alongside existing infrastructures and roadways. This makes complete sense. Therefore, I suggest the use of the existing right of ways and roadways in Clark County as shown by the blue line I have drawn below.

