

**STATE OF ILLINOIS  
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

<b>AMEREN TRANSMISSION COMPANY OF ILLINOIS</b>	§	
	§	<b>Docket No. 12-0598</b>
<b>Petition for A Certificate of Public Convenience and</b>	§	
<b>Necessity, pursuant to Section 8-406.1 of the Illinois Public</b>	§	
<b>Utilities Act</b>	§	

**CITY OF CHAMPAIGN’S RESPONSE  
TO STOP THE POWER LINES COALITION’S  
MOTION TO AMEND CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER**

Pursuant to the Administrative Law Judges (ALJs) ruling of December 27, 2012, the City of Champaign (Champaign) files its response to Stop the Power Lines Coalition’s Motion to Amend the Case Management Order.

The Coalition argues that the Case Management Order’s requirement for intervenors to file specific alternative routes for the transmission lines in this Docket shifts the burden of proof to the intervenors from Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois. Because this shifting is contrary to the statute, the Coalition argues that the requirement for intervenors to file an alternative route by December 31, 2012 should be stricken from the Case Management Order.

In the alternative, the Coalition requests that, if the Commission imposes the alternative route filing requirement on intervenors, the date to submit the proposed alternative route be the same date that the intervenors’ direct testimony is due, that is, February 11, 2013.

Champaign agrees with the Coalition that it is inappropriate to require intervenors to propose an alternative route for the lines. The statute for the expedited consideration of the CCN requires ATXI to prove that the project “is necessary to provide adequate, reliable and efficient service . . . and is the least-cost means of satisfying the services needs of the public utility’s customers.” 220 ILCS 5/8-406.1(F)(1). The statute does not require intervenors to propose

alternative routes for the utility. Champaign also agrees with the Coalition that, if the Commission insists on such a requirement, the appropriate time for filing an alternative route should be on February 11, 2013, when direct testimony is to be filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Richard C. Balough, do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Response by the City of Champaign, Illinois, has been sent via electronic means to all parties on the Illinois Commerce Commission's edocket service list for this Docket on this 28th day of December 2012.

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