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Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois )  
Petition for a Certificate of Public Convenience )  
and Necessity, pursuant to Section 8-406.1 of )  
the Illinois Public Utilities Act, and an Order )  
pursuant to Section 8-503 of the Public Utilities )  
Act, to Construct, Operate and Maintain a New )  
High Voltage Electric Service Line and Related )  
Facilities in the Counties of Adams, Brown, Cass )  
Champaign, Christian, Clark, Coles, Edgar )  
Fulton, Macon, Montgomery, Morgan, Moultrie )  
Pike, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott, and Shelby, Illinois )

No. 12-0598

**PETITION TO INTERVENE AND BE TREATED AS A PARTY TO THE PROCEEDINGS**

NOW COMES Pamela P. Irwin to petition to intervene and be treated as a party to the proceedings for the following reasons:

1. I received my first notification of these proceedings (the ICC notice of January 7, 2013) via U.S. Postal Service on 1/09/2013 at approximately 5:15 PM. After spending approximately 5 hours researching the available information on the provided internet site, I was unable to find any map that reflected which, if any, of the three properties that I own in Coles County, IL would be affected by any of the proposed or alternate routes of ATXI, though these routes are within a few feet of one of my properties and within ½ mile of another. In a phone call to the ICC on 01/10/2013, I was told that I would have to get the information about which of my properties might be affected from Ameren and that the deadline to respond to the notice I received had been extended past the January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 date that was stated on the ICC website of proceedings. After many more hours of reviewing the Ameren website, I was still unable to find any map reflecting proposed interest in my properties. On 1/10/13 I also attempted to call the phone number on the Ameren website that was listed as the contact number for this project. That phone number contained only a voice message to another contact number. After multiple attempts to speak to someone at the second number that resulted in only voice message answering, on 1/11/2013, I left a message for a Mr. Ed Fitzhenry (the apparent voice mailbox owner) about the nature of my call trying to determine what property of mine might be affected and in what manner and to please return my call – also leaving my phone number. As of 01/13/2013, I have not received a response.

2. I have continued to review the ICC and Ameren websites trying to obtain answers to my questions and have found no changes that would explain what routes are now under consideration that would affect my property.

3. I object to my property being considered to be a part of this project without my having received sufficient information in a timely manner. If Ameren's initial application, as I understand to be requesting expedited handling of their request, has not been altered to now include my property, then why was I not notified in the initial proceedings when I would have more time to obtain legal counsel? And if my property is just now coming under consideration, then why is that route not published? And is Ameren allowed to alter their routes at their discretion and without publication of the changes throughout these proceedings without giving sufficient information or time for affected landowners to even know the implications of their route alterations?

4. I further object to my property being considered to be a part of this project due to multiple reasons as follows:

a. I am almost 63 years old and have invested my life's savings and all inheritance from my parent's into these properties. I have experienced serious health conditions and much of the research on the health risks of living near high-voltage service lines is still fairly inconclusive and completely silent on potential complex inter-reactions with pre-disposing health conditions. I am too old to start all over again if my health, life's work, and investments are destroyed

b. Both of my properties contain river-bottom land. One of the farms has over 25 acres of various land conservation Federal CRP programs for tree-growing, riparian strips, prairie and wetlands maintenance with a back border of the Kaskaskia River. Much of this acreage was enrolled for 10-15 year contracts and I do not know what penalties might accrue to me for failure to continue to fulfill the contracts. The other farm has approximately 25 acres of woodland that is in a forestry plan and has high hills and ravines that are highly erodible – especially if any of the timber was clear-cut or prevented from being planted as described in the requirements of Ameren's plans for use of the land. This farm has a back border of the Embarrass River.

c. Both of these properties have severe flooding problems every spring that would be made worse by any locating of towers on the property and the soil compaction caused by heavy equipment on the property as well as any removal of trees.

d. The timber on the properties, when appropriately harvested according to managed forestry planning has been intended to be a source of future income myself, my family, and for multiple generations to come that would be destroyed by the project.

e. Destroying the timber on the land would further destroy the limited remaining cropland due to greater erosion that would negatively impact the land.

f. The remaining portions of my farm located near Oakland, IL is a horse breeding and boarding operation with permanent fenced pastures, underground water pipes, barns, training grounds, etc. that would be destroyed by building of towers in any of the pasture areas making them unfit to use and/or inadequate in size if additional fencing was placed around any structures built by Ameren. Thus, any such use of my land by Ameren, would make my entire farm worthless for my intended purposes and current uses.

I, therefore, pray for leave to intervene and be treated as a party to the proceeding such that I may receive adequate information, notice, and time to obtain such information and counsel as may be necessary to uphold my rights as a landowner. If I could have accurate information as to whether or not it is Ameren's intention to locate lines on or near any of my properties, I could better determine whether or not I should incur the additional expense of obtaining legal counsel in this matter.

Furthermore, I pray that my properties not be included as locations in any of the routes of the transmission lines for the above-stated reasons.

I agree to accept service by electronic means as provided for in Section 200.1050. My email address is [drppi227@yahoo.com](mailto:drppi227@yahoo.com).

Thank you for your consideration of my requests.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013

Respectfully submitted,



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VERIFICATION

I, Pamela P. Irwin, a homeowner and landowner residing in Coles County, Illinois, am an individual directly affected with the real estate involved in the proposed Ameren's Illinois Rivers Transmission Project, Docket No. 12-0598, have read the above and foregoing document, have knowledge of the facts stated herewith and state that the matters set forth therein are true in substance and in fact.

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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to me, a Notary Public, on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013

*Teressa M. Perdieu*

Notary Public

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I, Pamela P. Irwin, being a homeowner and landowner with real estate involved in the proposed Ameren's Illinois Rivers Transmission Project, Docket No. 12-0598, herewith certify that I did, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013, submit a Petition to Intervene and Be Treated as a Party to the Proceedings and electronically served same upon the persons identified on the Commission's official service list.

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