

State of Illinois  
Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC)  
527 East Capitol  
Springfield, IL 62701

Re: Case No. 12-0598 (The Illinois Rivers Transmission Project (the "Project"))  
Attention: Administrative Law Judges John D. Albers and Stephen Yoder

Dear Judge Albers and Judge Yoder:

I have recently been informed via a letter from Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois that the Moultrie County Property Owners (MCPO) filed "The Moultrie County Property Owners Potential Alternate Routes" (PAR); one of the MCPO routes would go through my property in Atwood, Illinois.

The MCPO apparently has failed to consider the following:

1. The PAR goes over and through an area across the road from my property that is a designated archeological site. In 1986, two archaeologists from the University Of Illinois did a site inspection due to the numerous ancient Native American artifacts that had been found there over many years. The archaeologists found points and other artifacts and concluded that they ranged in age from as recent as 1,000 years ago to as long ago as 10,000 years ago. They also concluded that the site was used as a stopover village during the Native Americans travels and was a significant site complete with burial mounds and village sites. They informed the owner who to contact to register this site, which he did. After filling out the site form, Charles J. Bareis, from the University of Illinois and the Illinois Archaeological Survey, sent a letter that designated this site as IL-Do-78: IAS- Sec.5, (overlay in SW corner, aligned with East and South section lines), SW 1/4, NW 1/4, NW 1/4, N 4404150, E 375800. Exhibit A, Sheets 1-8, are attached for additional documentation.
2. The PAR easement would clear land in a bottom area and flood plain of the Lake Fork River, which would drain into the West Fork River, with potential

adverse environmental consequences to the ecosystem, due to sediment and herbicide runoff from the easement clearance.

3. The PAR crosses a major tourism route to Arthur, Illinois, the Arthur road, which runs from Route 36 south to Arthur. The appearance of the transmission line over this route is at best inconsistent with, and in my opinion strongly conflicts with, the purpose of tourists' travel to Arthur, which is to see and experience a quaint rural community with a strong Amish influence.
4. The PAR goes very close to at least two Amish Churches of my neighbors, who have received a letter similar to the one I received, as noted above.
5. The PAR would go through an area of forest near my property and obliterate a forested fencerow on my property. Both areas are rich in wildlife and the clearance of such forest for the easement would adversely impact conservation of such wildlife.
6. East of my property a few miles, the PAR appears to go very close to the Tuscola Airport. I hope that the proposers of the PAR would have ensured that the line does not conflict with FAA clearance regulations, but I do not know that. (Incidentally, the quality of the maps and the number of corrections filed by the MCPO makes it very difficult to know with certainty the PAR.)
7. The route of the PAR departs significantly from a reasonably straight line from Mt. Zion, Illinois to Kansas, Illinois, which indicates that the PAR is inefficient, wastes valuable resources, and needlessly impacts many additional property owners versus the current ICC-approved primary and alternative routes.

My additional observation is that the MCPO has totally failed to state any valid reasons for their objection to the ICC proposed or alternative route. The objections seem to be based on what the MCPO judges to be the inherent unfairness of the expedited process of the Project. For example, they object to having seven days to respond to Ameren data requests when Ameren has ten days to respond to Staff and Intervenor data requests. Yet, I cannot find on the





ILLINOIS ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY

109 DAVENPORT HALL

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
607 SOUTH MATHEWS AVENUE

URBANA, ILLINOIS 61801

Cooperating Institutions:  
University of Illinois  
Southern Illinois University  
Illinois State Museum

20 May 1987

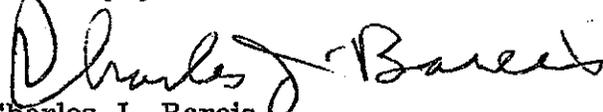
Mr. Mark Jones  
139 South Vine  
Arthur, Illinois 61911

Dear Mr. Jones:

Many thanks for filling out and returning the site form for the site you have located, as well as sending us photographs of materials from the site. We very much appreciate receiving this information.

The number for the site you have submitted is 11-Do-78. Please note that there is a discrepancy for the location you have submitted. Please inform us if you agree with our quarter section correction.

Cordially yours,

  
Charles J. Bareis  
Secretary-Treasurer

CJB:bal

Enclosure

cc: M. Records

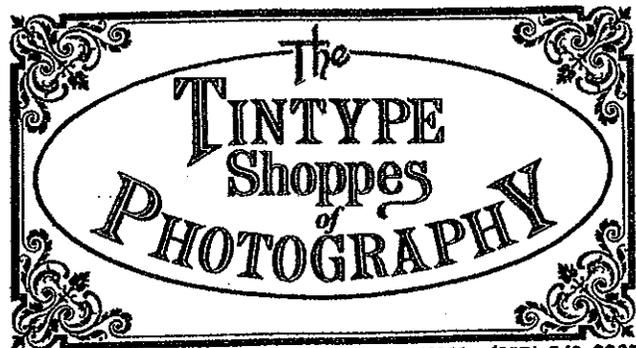
Site Number

Comments

11-Do-78

Original - Sec. 6, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$   
IAS - Sec. 5, (overly in SW corner, aligned with  
East and South section lines)  
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$

N 4404150  
E 375800



139 South Vine Street • Arthur, Illinois 61911 • (217) 543-2233

MARK JONES

PHOTOGRAPHER

July 11, 1986

Mr. Charles J. Bareis  
Illinois Archaeological Survey  
U of I  
109 Davenport Hall  
607 South Mathews Ave.  
Urbana, IL 61801

Dear Mr. Bareis:

Thank you for your May 20th letter concerning site # 11-Do-78. After reevaluating the location, I agree with your quarter section correction.

Over the years this site has yielded axeheads, celts, manos, metates, oval grinding stones, bola weights, and hundreds of points. Obviously this site was used for many years and for many purposes. But, how many years ago, for how many years and for what purposes? And, most importantly, who were these human beings?

Can you help me find any answers to the above questions?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Mark Jones", written in a cursive style.



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ILLINOIS ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Exhibit A, Sheet 5

Recorded

Survey No.

County DOUGLAS

Twp. GARRETT

Quadrangle 7 1/2

Legal Description (1/4's)

~~SW 1/4, SE 1/4, NE 1/4~~ of Sec. 6, T15N, R7E  
SW 1/4, SE 1/4, NE 1/4

Site owner FRANCIS W. PURVIS

Site address R.R. #1 ATWOOD, IL

Previous owners ?

Present tenant DON MAUCK

Directed to site by ERVIN KAMM

Mapped by MARK JONES

Extent of site (area and depth) APPROX 6 acres, depth UNKNOWN

Previous excavation none

Pitting none

Reg. Inst. No. NONE

Culture UNDETERMINED

Type of site CAMP

Sec. 6

Twp. 15N

Ran E

U.T.M.

ENVIRONMENT

Topography and Location ON a KNOLL located on a BLUFF; 202.5 M

Water supply LAKE FORK RIVER, approx 1/4 mile west of site

Drainage same

Nearby sites none

Modern occupation (building, plowing, etc.) FARMING (PLOWED FIELD)

Type of soil CLAY

Ground cover plowed field

MATERIAL FROM SITE -- (See photographs)

10 - points + other stone objects

MANY CHERT BALL + FLAKES

Surface coll. by MARK JONES, JAKE KAMM

Tested by -- DALE McELRATH VISITED SITE

Date 4/15 - 4/18/86

Date 4/17/86

Institution

Institution U of I

Publications: *none*

Exhibit A, Sheet 6

Photos: *site + artifacts*

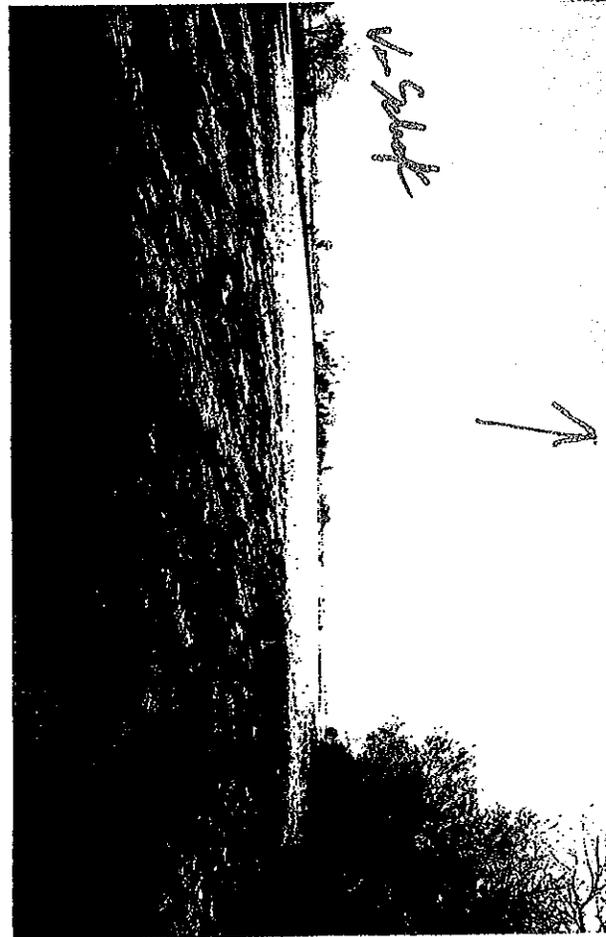
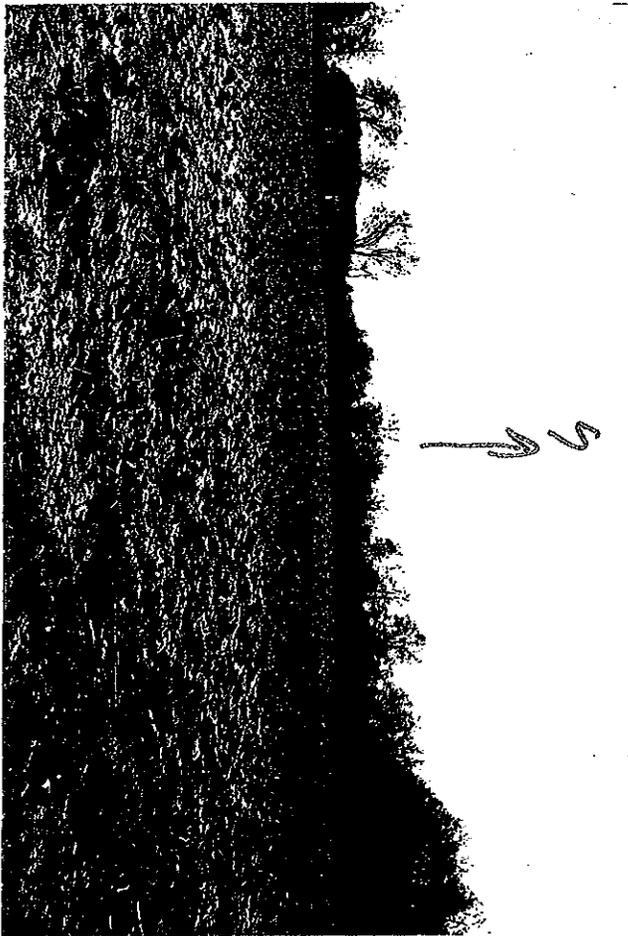
Study status: *possible dis + surface collection*

Remarks:

*would like to know age + possible uses  
that this site has been used for over the years  
I would be happy to bring all material collected  
from this site to your office for an evaluation.  
Thank you.*

Sketch map and artifact drawings.

*See enclosed map + photographs*



Picture provided by Tim Singer of MCFPO.

Singer, Timothy  
Power Line

DOUGLAS, IL  
T15N R7E sections 6,5

I added location of  
site. JAL

Exhibit A, Sheet 8

Crop Year:2012 Date Printed:1/31/2013



S:7  
E:1

Provided Courtesy of:

**SINGER INSURANCE AGENCY**  
109 S VINE ST  
PO BOX 18  
ARTHUR, IL 61911-0000  
217-543-3737

LEGEND  
ACRES

↓ JAL  
 Site II-DO-78  
 OR  
 II-DO-78