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Administrative Law Judge John D. Albers

Administrative Law Judge Stephen Yoder

Illinois Commerce Commission
527 E. Capitol Ave.
Springfield, Illinois 62701

Re: Docket Number 12-0598

Dear Judges Albers and Yoder:

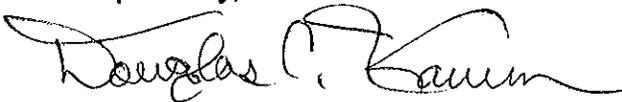
I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed alternative route filed by the Moultrie County Property Owners that would place the electrical transmission line on my property in Douglas County.

I would like to add my support to the seven important points articulated in the attached letter from Mr. Jan A. Lommele, whose farm is contiguous to mine. Furthermore, it is my understanding that the Moultrie County Property Owners have failed to set forth valid reasons for their objection to the preferred and alternative routes originally proposed by the Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois.

In addition to the seven items enumerated in the attached, I request that you consider the negative economic impact that would result from the transmission line's encroachment on our farmland, including (1) encumbered grain farming operations and (2) reduced value of our crop land.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,



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c: Leigh Morris
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Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC)
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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 4404.150, 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

documents list even one objection based on the "sensitivities" listed on the Project's website.

My proposal is to continue with the ICC-approved primary and alternate routes. I attended an information meeting last summer in Hammond, IL. I was impressed with the team and the analysis that had gone into developing the route and addressing community concerns.

Best regards,

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