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DIRECT TESTIMONY OF INTERVENOR DEBORAH D. ROONEY

NOW comes Intervenor Deborah D. Rooney, through her attorney, and files her direct testimony in this proceeding in the form of the Affidavit attached as Rooney-Exhibit 1.

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Rooney-Exhibit 1

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DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

DEBORAH D. ROONEY

Submitted On Behalf of

INTERVENOR DEBORAH D. ROONEY

MARCH, 2013

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AFFIDAVIT OF DEBORAH D. ROONEY

Deborah D. Rooney, having been first duly sworn on her oath deposes and says as follows:

1. My name is Deborah D. Rooney. I was born at Carle Hospital, Urbana, Illinois and was raised on a farm in Coles County on Rural Route 1, southeast of Arthur, Illinois until I graduated from high school and left home to attend college.

2. I own, in my own name or through trusts, various tracts of farmland in multiple counties in east-central Illinois. Some tracts are farm ground inherited from family members. Some tracts were purchased by me specifically to be farmed and in making those purchases I consulted with my father, a third generation farmer, concerning the location of the land, drainage issues, soil types, anticipated productivity and other agricultural issues. Some tracts I currently own were received in exchanges with others in order to better diversify or consolidate holdings as appropriate for good husbandry of the land. The land I own is virtually one hundred percent tillable agricultural land and is held for production, primarily of corn and soybeans, and is not held for speculation.

3. My ancestors and parents were concerned, and I am concerned, primarily with keeping the land within my family and keeping it in productive agricultural use. I have not sold any farmland I ever owned. I have exchanged land located in other counties for additional farmland in counties in close enough proximity to the land I already owned for efficient farm use. My ancestors, my parents and I all expended substantial effort and expense to engage in estate planning that keeps the land in the family and that permits continued agricultural production on the land to provide for economic stability for my heirs.

4. I understand that Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois ("ATXI") has filed this proceeding in the Illinois Commerce Commission in order to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity that ATXI must have in order to take some of my land.

5. I understand that ATXI wants to take some of my land to be occupied by large concrete bases and large poles to support its transmission lines. These bases and poles will be located in agricultural fields, will be obstacles to agricultural use and will limit productivity of the land.

6. I understand that ATXI wants to take some of my land for use as an easement for the transmission lines that will run overhead and be connected to the large poles on the large bases. Future maintenance of those lines will be obstacles to agricultural use and will limit productivity of the land.

7. I understand that ATXI may want to take some of my land for use as a construction easement so that large items of construction machinery are allowed to drive on, or be located on, my agricultural land. Such activity will be an obstacle to agricultural use and will limit productivity of the land. In addition, heavy construction equipment may cause damage to the land itself.

8. The taking of my land by ATXI, whether on a temporary or permanent basis will cause me economic loss.

9. I understand that ATXI will be forced to negotiate one or more easements with me, but I am particularly concerned about the precise terms such easement agreements will contain. I will do my best to protect the future productivity of the land for the security of my heirs.

10. I prefer ATXI follow the Alternate Route suggested in Part 2 of Moultrie County Property Owners Errata to "Moultrie County Property Owners' Potential Alternate Routes filed December 31, 2012". Part 2 of the Errata was filed on January 1, 2013 and shows the proposed transmission line between Mt. Zion, Illinois and Kansas, Illinois, primarily not in Moultrie County.

11. I am particularly concerned about my land that ATXI wants to take lying in Sections 3 and 10, Township 13 North, Range 6 East in Moultrie County. That portion of the Primary Route running from the west to the east, then turning south at the common corner between Sections 2, 3, 10 and 11 does not run along any road or property boundary between owners. Instead, that portion of the Primary Route runs in the middle of farm fields in Sections 9 and 10 and will have an even greater negative impact on the productivity of that agricultural land and will severely negatively impact those farmers actually working that ground. If ATXI does not use the route suggested in Paragraph 10, above, ATXI should use the Alternate Route running down from the north, then turning east at what appears to be the common corner between Sections 2, 3, 10 and 11.

12. In Coles County, I prefer that AXTI use its Primary Route and not the Alternate Route that may impact my land in Section 11, Township 13 North, Range 7 East.

Dated March 19, 2013

Deborah D. Rooney
DEBORAH D. ROONEY

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF KANE)

Signed and Sworn to before me, a Notary in the County and State aforesaid by Deborah D. Rooney on this the nineteenth day of March, 2013.

Elena Belsuzarri

NOTARY PUBLIC

3-19-13

"OFFICIAL SEAL"
ELENA BELSUZARRI
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF ILLINOIS
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 06/26/13

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NOTICE OF FILING

Please take notice that on March 19, 2013 the undersigned attorney caused the Direct Testimony of Intervenor Deborah D. Rooney to be filed via e-Docket with the Chief Clerk of the Illinois Commerce Commission in the above-referenced proceeding.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Michael J. Rooney, the undersigned attorney, certify that copies of the Direct Testimony of Intervenor Deborah D. Rooney were served upon parties on the Illinois Commerce Commission's service list, as reflected at the time of filing on e-Docket, via email on March 19, 2013.

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