ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

DOCKET NUMBER 12-0598

DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

Intervener, Katherine Thomure

Q: Please state your name?

A: **Katherine Thomure**

Q: Please state your current residence?

A: **6928 South 78th, Payson, IL 62360**

Q: Please identify by street address and parcel number any real property in which you claim an interest that will be affected by the proposed electric transmission line and related facilities that are subject of Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois' ("ATXI) Petition currently before the Illinois Commerce Commission?

A: **PIN: 20-0-1411-001-00 a true, accurate, and correct map of this parcel is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 (hereinafter referred to as the "Property").**

Q: Please identify the nature of your interest in the Property?

A: **Owner of the Property.**

Q: How is the Property currently used?

A: **The Property is currently used as my family's primary residence. We just recently built a new home on the property.**

Q: Are there any building(s) and/or structure(s) on the Property?

A: **Our new home is located on the Property. It was constructed in 2011 and we moved into the home in December 2011.**

Q: Is there any revenue that is earned from the Property, if so what is the revenue?

A: **No.**

Q: What is the quality of the soil on the Property?

A: **Good.**

Q: Is the property encumbered by any existing utility easement(s)?

A: **Not to my knowledge.**

Q: Do you oppose the alternative route proposed by ATXI?

A: **Yes.**

Q: Do you oppose the entire length of the alternative route?

A: **Yes, where it affects our home.**

Q: What is the basis of your opposition to the alternative route?

A: **It is my understanding that ATXI has estimated the proposed alternative route will place the transmission line 250 feet from our home. However, according to measurements that I have taken the proposed alternate route transmission lines will be 230 feet from our home. I am concerned about the health of my children. My children that reside on the Property are ages twelve, eight, and twenty two months. I also have a step son who is seventeen years old that stays on the Property on a weekly basis.**

We built our house knowing that we would have the current landscape, including our intention to keep the tree line. It will decrease our property value. We put our savings into this house knowing we wanted to live there forever. This property has been in my family farm for many years, which is why we picked the location. If we would have known about this alternate route we would have changed the location of the house and/or purchased a different piece of land.

Q: What is the expected financial loss from the use of the property as a result of the alternative route?

A: **If we ever want to sell our house the property value will be decreased. The house and land is approximately $330,000.00. Additionally, I maybe providing day care to children in the future, and I have concerns that the parents will choose a different day care provider out of concern of the power line.**

Q: What is the proximity of the building(s) and/or structure(s) on the property to the alternative route proposed by ATXI?

A: **The transmission lines will be 230 feet from the home according to my measurements.**

Q: What interference will the alternative route have with the current use of the property?

A: **All the landscaping would be taken down. I also have concerns for my children's safety.**

Q: Please identify any other party or individual who may have an interest in the property, and explain the nature of such interest?

A: **None exist.**

Q: Does this conclude your testimony?

A: **Yes.**

Katherine Thomure

KATHERINE THOMURE

STATE OF ILLINOIS)

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COUNTY OF ADAMS)

Signed and Sworn to before me, a Notary in the County and State aforesaid by Katherine Thomure on this 27th **day of** March **, 2013**

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EXHIBIT

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