

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION



AMEREN TRANSMISSION COMPANY  
OF ILLINOIS

Docket No. 12-0598

Petition for Certificate of Public Convenience  
and Necessity, pursuant to Section 8-406 of  
the Illinois Public Utilities Act

**AFFIDAVIT OF HOWARD W. KAMM**

**(Submitted on Behalf of the Coalition of Property Owners  
and Interested Parties in Piatt, Douglas, and Moultrie Counties)**

Now comes HOWARD W. KAMM, and after first being duly sworn upon his oath deposes  
and says:

**Q.** Please state your name and address.

**A.** My name is Howard W. Kamm. 866 N. CR 125 E., Atwood, Illinois 61913.

**Q.** What is your occupation?

**A.** I am a self-employed farmer.

**Q.** What interest do you have in the pending litigation, I.C.C. docket number 12-0598?

**A.** My home and farm lie within 135 feet of the alternate route from Mt. Zion to Kansas proposed by the Moultrie County Property Owners ("MCPO"). I also have planted over 100 hybrid black walnut trees 25 years ago, and this valuable grove would have to be cut down as it lies directly within the MCPO proposed alternate route. I also am a part owner of property which contains Indian artifacts.

**Q.** What do you know about the nature and location of this archaeological site?

**A.** This site is located in the Southwest corner of the North Half of Section 5 and Northwest

corner of the South Half of Section 5 (39 degrees 46 minutes 45.72 seconds North, 88 degrees 27 minutes 02.04 seconds West), Township 15 North, Range 7 East, near Atwood, Illinois. The MCPO proposed alternate route runs directly across this archaeological site. In 1986, two archaeologists from the University of Illinois did a site inspection and found arrow points and other artifacts ranging in age from 1,000 to 10,000 years. The site was used as a stopover village during Native American travels and was a significant gathering place with burial mounds and villages. In 1987, the site was registered with the Illinois Archaeological Survey as IL-DO-78. Over the years, the site has yielded axe heads, celts, manos, metates, oval grinding stones, bola weights, and hundreds of arrow points.

**Q.** Are there any other unique features associated with the area in which you live that the MCPO proposed route would negatively impact?

**A.** Yes, the MCPO proposed route passes just three miles north of Arthur, Illinois, which is a well-known Amish community and major area tourist destination. A modern high-voltage power line would be completely out of character with this cultural and historic location and the surrounding farms that are operated by Amish families. There are at least two Amish churches in close proximity to the MCPO proposed alternate route.

**Q.** Are you aware of any other negative impacts the MCPO proposed alternate route would have in your area?

**A.** Yes. First, the proposed alternate route 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. Second, in the immediate vicinity of my farm, there are forest areas rich in wildlife which would have to be cleared for the proposed alternate route. Third, the proposed

alternate route passes very close to the Tuscola Airport, which is used by crop dusters serving farms in my area. Finally, the MCPO proposed alternate route departs significantly from a reasonably straight line from Mt. Zion to Kansas, which indicates that the MCPO route is inefficient, wastes valuable resources, and needlessly impacts many additional property owners versus the primary and alternate routes proposed by Ameren. Indeed, the only apparent justification for the MCPO alternate route is to move the route outside of Moultrie County.

Further affiant saith not.

Howard W. Kamm  
HOWARD W. KAMM

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

Shawn A. Robinson  
Notary Public

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