ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

DOCKET NUMBER 12-0598

DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

Intervener, Louise Brock-Jones Limited Partnership

Q: Please state your name?

A: **Barbara File**

Q: Please state your current residence?

A: **825 Hanna Road**

Manchester, MO 63021

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: 12-0-00462-000 attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 1</u> is a true and correct copy of a map depicting the property.**

PIN: 12-0-00610-000 attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 1</u> is a true and correct copy of a map depicting the property.

PIN: 12-0-00350-000 attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 2</u> is a true and correct copy of a map depicting the property.

PIN: 12-0-00364-000 attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 2</u> is a true and correct copy of a map depicting the property.

Collectively referred to herein as (the "Property")

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

A: **I am a partner in the Louise Brock-Jones Limited Partnership.**

Q: How is the property currently used?

A: **Agriculture: corn and soybeans.**

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

A: **Yes. There is an implement building that stores combines and other large farm equipment. There is also a machine shed that is used for storage of equipment.**

4. Field Efficiency: The possible placement of transmission line towers on the property will have a negative impact on field efficiency.

5. Weed Control: If the towers are placed on the Property, we will have to perform weed control on and around the towers. The presence of weeds reduces yield because the weeds will consume water and nutrients otherwise utilized by the corn or soybeans.

6. Land Value: The installation of the transmission line will have a permanent, negative impact on value of the Property.

Q. What type of soil do you have?

A: We have high quality soil. Attached as <u>Exhibit 3</u> is a true and correct copy of a Soil Type Data Report from 2010.

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

A: I will incur a financial loss as a result of a loss of yield because of soil compaction and drainage issues. I will also incur a financial loss because of the impact on tenant farming leases during the time period of construction.

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

A: There are no buildings nearby that are impacted by the transmission route.

Q: Are you in favor of ATXI utilizing the alternate route proposed by ATXI?

A: Yes.

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

A: Mark Donnell and Nils Donnell are the Tenant Farmers of the property.

Q: If there is an individual or party who has interest in the property, does that party or individual oppose the primary route proposed by ATXI?

A: Louise Brock-Jones Limited Partnership's tenants, Mark Donnell and Nils Donnell, object to the proposed primary route of ATXI.

Q: Does the individual or party oppose the entire length of the primary route?

A: Yes.

Q: What is the basis for the individual's or party's opposition to the primary route?

A: Mark Donnell and Nils Donnell object to the primary route for the reasons set forth above.

Q: Does the individual or party oppose the entire length of the primary route?

A: Yes

Q: Does this conclude your testimony?

A: Yes.

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COUNTY OF COLES)

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

ASMIR SALIHOVIC
Notary Public - Notary Seal
STATE OF MISSOURI
St. Louis County
My Commission Expires: Nov. 19, 2016
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