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To Ameren Transmission Co. of Illinois:

I am writing to oppose the construction of the new high voltage electric power lines near my home and would like to suggest a different route to take.

My name is Richard (Rick) Copeland and I live on 300E (Coles Co. IL, Mattoon). My wife and I are extremely concerned about these powerlines being so close to our home because of the health risks that go along with the radiation released from them. Childhood leukemia, other cancers, heart arrythmias, Alzheimers & other thing are caused by it and our family has a past history and current problems with all of those.

My grandkids are at my house for lengthy periods of time (ages 19 mos + 9 years) everyday since my wife is their primary babysitter. My daughter works with me and we are all outside most of the day. It is putting all of our health more at risk, especially my

grandkids who would not have a choice.

My family (my side) is prone to Alzheimers and runs strongly throughout. This also is linked to high voltage powerlines.

My wife has had type 1 diabetes for about 50 years and has other complications including high blood pressure and heart arrythmias which are also complicated by the EMFs from the lines. She's already had a 7-way heart bypass and is in and out of the doctor's enough with out extra complications.

I also have suffered from high blood pressure and I depend on my health to be able to work and provide for my family since I am an independant farmer.

My neighbor across the road Erbon Doak is older and would be tragic for him to develope any of these either.

My neighbor to the south, William (Bill) Moore has three young children as well that are

atrisk.

There is a road east of mine about a half mile away that would be a great alternative route. No one lives close to where the lines would be along that route, and the closest on that road is vacant and has been for quite sometime.

Included in this packet are maps showing our proposed alternate route for your primary route, along with other letters of concern for this project for the same reasons: Everyone's health and well-being, mainly the innocent children in this matter.

I strongly ask you to consider my request; our request, to change you primary route to the one we suggested. Is it really worth putting innocent kids and other peoples lives in danger?

Sincerely,
Rick Copeland