

October 20, 2012

Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Avenue
Springfield, Illinois 62701

RE: Case #12-0598

Petition to Intervene – 22864 North Cleone Rd, Kansas IL

Dear Commission Members,

I have a longtime personal knowledge of the Allen property that will potentially be impacted by this alternate power line pathway.

For well more than a decade I have visited the property many, many times to explore their timber. Every year my family and I look forward to hiking on the well preserved trails in the woods, observing and photographing the fauna and flora, hunting, fishing and helping the Allen family maintain their piece of nature that is all too scarce.

I have oft observed the whole Allen family planning for and toiling in their woodlands with a long term view toward preservation of soil, timber and habitat for all manner of wildlife. Their considerable efforts have paid off with an abundance of habitat for wildlife, soil erosion prevention efforts, a sustainable tree management program and the preservation of a special environment.

In a time when all to many of these types of properties are disappearing it is imperative that every effort be made to shield them whenever possible.

There is an abundance of open land and existing roadway right of way adjacent to the Allen property and with a minimum of effort the power line can skirt this valuable piece of woodland.

Sincerely yours,

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