

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

My friends, Matt and Donna Allen, own the property listed above. I have had the pleasure of visiting this awesome property over the last 18 years. This property is a model for how agriculture and conservation can coexist and compliment one another.

I have enjoyed the abundance of wildlife and the wonderful habitat that this parcel provides. This is a place where deer, coyotes, owls, bats and countless other creatures call home. I cannot imagine a scenario in which the woodlands would be cut for a power line. It would be devastating to the ecosystem and is not necessary.

I am a life-long resident of Illinois and I cannot stand by and watch wildlife habitat constantly destroyed by agriculture and other entities.

I urge you to consider running power lines along an existing easement or using agricultural parcels. Either of these options will not destroy existing woodlands and habitat and agriculture is minimally affected by the presence of power lines.

Thank you for your consideration,

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