

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

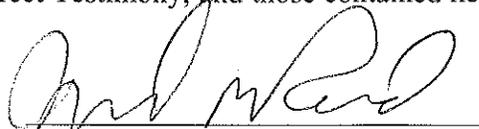
AMEREN TRANSMISSION )  
COMPANY OF ILLINOIS )  
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Petition for a Certificate of Public )  
Convenience and Necessity, pursuant )  
To Section 8-406.1 of the Illinois Public )  
Utilities Act, and an Order pursuant to )  
Section 8-503 of the Public Utilities Act, )  
To Construct, Operate and Maintain a )  
New High Voltage Electric Service Line )  
And Related Facilities in the Counties )  
of Adams, Brown, Cass, Champaign, )  
Christian, Clark, Coles, Edgar, Fulton, )  
Macon, Montgomery, Morgan, Moultrie )  
Pike, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott, and )  
Shelby, Illinois )

Docket No. 12-0598

VERIFICATION OF MICHAEL PATRICK WARD

The undersigned, Michael Patrick Ward, being duly sworn on oath, deposes and states as follows:

1. My name is Michael Patrick Ward. I am an Assistant Professor in the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
2. I am a witness for The Nature Conservancy in the instant proceeding.
3. I prepared Direct Testimony for submission on behalf of The Nature Conservancy, filed on ICC e-Docket in this proceeding as TNC Ex. 3.0, with attachment TNC Ex. 3.1 thereto, on March 29, 2013.
4. Subject to the April 11, 2013 Stipulation between Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois and The Nature Conservancy, if I were verbally asked the same questions at the hearing in this matter as asked in TNC Ex. 3.0, my answers would be the same.
5. Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, I certify that the statements set forth in my Direct Testimony, and those contained herein are true and correct in all respects.



Michael Patrick Ward

Dated: 5/14/, 2013