ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

DOCKET NUMBER 12-0598

DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

Intervener, Eleanor Flesner

Q: Please state your name?

A: **Eleanor Flesner**

Q: Please state your current residence?

A: **1652 North 300th Avenue, Plainville IL 62365**

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: **1652 N. 300th Avenue, Plainville, IL 62365. PIN: 18-0-0239-000-00 a true, accurate, and correct map of this parcel is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 1</u> (hereinafter referred to as the "Property").**

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

A: **Owners**

Q: How is the Property currently used?

A: **Grain farming and pasture for cattle.**

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

A: **Yes. Machine shed, home, and a grain bin.**

Q: Is there any revenue that is earned from the Property, if so what is the revenue?

A: **Yes. It varies depending on the crop yield. Additionally, due to the pasturing of cattle I am unable to provide an estimate.**

Q: What is the quality of the soil on the Property?

A: **Good, it is black dirt.**

Q: Is the Property encumbered by any existing utility easement(s)?

A: **Standard utilities only.**

Q: Do you oppose the primary route proposed by ATXI?

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31 **A:** **Yes.**

32 **Q:** Do you oppose the entire length of the primary route?

33 **A:** **Yes.**

34 **Q:** What is the basis of your opposition to the primary route?

35 **A:** **I am concerned about the transmission lines and how they will affect the value of the**
36 **land, the loss of income, difficulty for tenant farming, and planting crops. Additionally, I**
37 **am concerned about our fences being ruined on our property.**

38 **I also have concerns relating to soil and field compaction. Based on my personal**
39 **experience, compaction could affect obtaining a decent soil and ultimately affect the cash**
40 **rent price. Furthermore, I have concern about damage to the drainage tiles which could be**
41 **impacted by the transmission lines.**

42 **In addition to these concerns I believe the transmission lines will affect the ability to**
43 **conduct aerial spraying as it would compromise the ability to access the property, and**
44 **cause safety concerns for the pilot. I also believe that a tower/pole on our property would**
45 **affect the ability to mow. I mow my property and am concerned about hitting the pole**
46 **which creates a health hazard as well as causing potential damage to my property.**

47 **Q:** What is the expected financial loss from the use of the Property as a result of the primary
48 route?

49 **A:** **I am unable to give an estimate due to the variance of crop yield.**

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

52 **A:** **Approximately three-eighths of a mile.**

53 **Q:** What interference will the primary route have with the current use of the Property?

54 **A:** **Loss of income from crops and the value of ground as well as the disruption to the**
55 **well-being of cattle, the natural timber, berries, and mushrooms that grow on the Property.**

56 **Q:** Are you in favor of ATXI utilizing existing right of ways for the ATXI transmission line?

57 **A:** **Yes.**

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

60 **A:** **Keith Flesner, my nephew, is the tenant of the property. Keith does the farming on**
61 **the Property.**

62 **Q:** If there is an individual or party who has interest in the Property, does that party or
63 individual oppose the primary route proposed by ATXI?
64 **A:** **Yes.**
65 **Q:** Does the individual or party oppose the entire length of the primary route?
66 **A:** **Yes.**
67 **Q:** What is the basis for the individual's or party's opposition to the primary route?
68 **A:** **The tenant farmer would lose ground to farm and thus lose income.**
69 Q: Does this conclude your testimony?
70 **A:** **Yes.**
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73 Eleanor Flesner
74 **ELEANOR FLESNER**
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76 **STATE OF ILLINOIS)**
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80 **Signed and Sworn to before me, a Notary in the County and State aforesaid by**
81 **Eleanor Flesner on this** 26TH **day of** MARCH **, 2013**
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84 OFFICIAL SEAL
ANN M. DOYLE
85 Notary Public - State of Illinois
My Commission Expires Oct 19, 2013
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