

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

DOCKET NUMBER 12-0598

DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

Intervener, Stuart Kaiser

Q: Please state your name?

A: **Stuart Kaiser**

Q: Please state your current residence?

A: **1025 N. 550<sup>th</sup> Ave., Quincy, IL 62305**

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: **1173 N 450<sup>th</sup> Ave., Payson IL 62360, PIN: 21-0-0037-000-00 a true, accurate, and correct map of this parcel is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.**

**PIN: 21-0-0032-002-00 a true, accurate, and correct map of this parcel is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.**

**PIN: 21-0-0032-003-00 a true, accurate, and correct map of this parcel is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.**

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

A: **The property is owned half by Stuart Kaiser and half by Steve Kaiser and Carolyn Kaiser. The ground is primarily used for agriculture in the farming of corn and beans. I also rent my grain leg to Airwave Communications for purposes of an internet transmitter, and rent the property for raising of livestock. The ponds located on the property are used for recreational fishing.**

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

A: **Yes. There are currently buildings on the property such as grain bins, grain leg, residential home, barns and hog sheds.**

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

**A: Yes. Revenue is earned from agriculture use, and leasing the property for livestock and internet transmissions.**

**Q: What is the quality of the soil on the property?**

**A: Good.**

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

**A: Rural Electrical Association has a power line that crosses over the property.**

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

**A: Yes.**

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

**A: Yes.**

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

**A: It is going to disturb our farm operation in numerous ways. First, in our farming we utilize aerial spray applications such as fungicide. The proposed transmission line will impact the ability to conduct effective aerial spray applications. Additionally, the placement of the poles will decrease farming efficiency because we will be required operating the machinery around them, which will decrease efficiency.**

**Another concern is soil compaction which will disrupt the soil and reduce the yield. I also have concerns about the affect on the drainage tile on the Property. The construction process may damage or destroy the drainage tile causing damage to the property. Finally, I the placement of the transmission line on the Property will diminish the value of the Property.**

**Q: What is the quality of your soil?**

**A: I have high quality soil. The Property at NE SEC 04 3S8W-EX 3.67A-E 1/2 NE SEC 4 consists of Downs South Silt Loam and Menfro Silt Loam. The Property at NW SEC 03 3S8W -EX 20A SW COR & 29.49A HWY & 25.96A S LN-NW SEC 3 consists of Edwardsville Silt Loam, Downs Silt Loam, and Wakenda Silt Loam. Attached hereto as Exhibit 4 is a true and correct copy of KSI Laboratories Soil Test Results.**

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

**A: The financial losses will result from the loss of yield due to soil compaction and the loss of tenant income.**

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

A: **There are two buildings less than 100 yards away.**

Q: What interference will the primary route have with the current use of the property?

A: **The primary route will interfere with the aerial spraying, ground spraying, tillage, planting, and harvesting.**

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

A: **Yes.**

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

A: **Yes.**

Q: Do you oppose the entire length of the alternative route?

A: **Yes.**

Q: What is the basis of your opposition to the alternative route?

A: **It will affect my property line, ~~and would decimate the people at the dairy farm and along their property.~~**

Q: What is the expected financial loss from the use of the property as a result of the alternative route?

A: **The financial loss will be the same as identified above.**

Q: What is the proximity of the building(s) and/or structure(s) on the property to the alternative route proposed by ATXI?

A: **They are approximately a half mile away.**

Q: What interference will the alternative route have with the current use of the property?

A: **It will make it more difficult to farm around especially with the aerial and ground spraying. Additionally, it will interfere with all farming practices and damage the soil.**

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

A: **Michael Perkins has interest in the property because of the use of his internet tower. Along with Stanley Brinkman who puts his horses in the pasture.**

Q: ~~If there is an individual or party who has interest in the property, does that party or individual oppose the primary route proposed by ATXI?~~

A: ~~As I understand it everybody involved opposes the route.~~

Q: Does the individual or party oppose the entire length of the primary route?  
A: Yes  
Q: Does this conclude your direct testimony?  
A: Yes.

Stuart Kaiser  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS     )  
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COUNTY OF ADAMS     )

Signed and Sworn to before me, a Notary in the County and State aforesaid by  
Stuart Kaiser on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013



Judith A. Chapman  
NOTARY PUBLIC