

1 ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

2 DOCKET NUMBER 12-0598

3 DIRECT TESTIMONY

4 OF

5 Intervener, Katherine Thomure

6 Q: Please state your name?

7 A: **Katherine Thomure**

8 Q: Please state your current residence?

9 A: **6928 South 78th, Payson, IL 62360**

10 Q: Please identify by street address and parcel number any real property in which you claim
11 an interest that will be affected by the proposed electric transmission line and related facilities
12 that are subject of Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois' ("ATXI) Petition currently before
13 the Illinois Commerce Commission?

14 A: **PIN: 20-0-1411-001-00 a true, accurate, and correct map of this parcel is attached
15 hereto as Exhibit 1 (hereinafter referred to as the "Property").**

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

17 A: **Owner of the Property.**

18 Q: How is the Property currently used?

19 A: **The Property is currently used as my family's primary residence. We just recently
20 built a new home on the property.**

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

22 A: **Our new home is located on the Property. It was constructed in 2011 and we moved
23 into the home in December 2011.**

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

25 A: **No.**

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

27 A: **Good.**

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

29 A: **Not to my knowledge.**

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

31 A: Yes.

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

33 A: Yes, where it affects our home.

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

35 A: It is my understanding that ATXI has estimated the proposed alternative route will
36 place the transmission line 250 feet from our home. However, according to measurements
37 that I have taken the proposed alternate route transmission lines will be 230 feet from our
38 home. I am concerned about the health of my children. My children that reside on the
39 Property are ages twelve, eight, and twenty two months. I also have a step son who is
40 seventeen years old that stays on the Property on a weekly basis.

41 We built our house knowing that we would have the current landscape, including
42 our intention to keep the tree line. It will decrease our property value. We put our savings
43 into this house knowing we wanted to live there forever. This property has been in my
44 family farm for many years, which is why we picked the location. If we would have known
45 about this alternate route we would have changed the location of the house and/or
46 purchased a different piece of land.

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

49 A: If we ever want to sell our house the property value will be decreased. The house
50 and land is approximately \$330,000.00. Additionally, I maybe providing day care to
51 children in the future, and I have concerns that the parents will choose a different day care
52 provider out of concern of the power line.

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

55 A: The transmission lines will be 230 feet from the home according to my
56 measurements.

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

58 A: All the landscaping would be taken down. I also have concerns for my children's
59 safety.

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

62 A: None exist.
63 Q: Does this conclude your testimony?
64 A: Yes.

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73 STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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77 Signed and Sworn to before me, a Notary in the County and State aforesaid by
78 Katherine Thomure on this 27th day of March, 2013

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Joseph A. Fessler
NOTARY PUBLIC