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COMMUNICATION FROM INTERESTED PARTY

ICC Docket Number, or Docket Number or Case Number from Other Jurisdiction

(Please be specific): 12-0598

Subject of the Communication (Note - This field is limited to 8 lines of text):

The approval of a certificate of convenience for Ameren Transmission Co. to construct the "Illinois Rivers" transmission line. The project is the subject of Docket No. 12-0598.

Name of the Commission Officer or Employee Making Report (first, then last name):

Cameron

Schilling

Job Title:

Policy Advisor to Commissioner McCabe

Names and Job Titles of Other Commission Employees Present:

Commissioner McCabe, Chairman Scott, Commissioner Colgan, Acting Commissioner Del Valle, and Acting Commissioner Maye.

Date of Communication: Jul 1, 2013

Location of Parties to Communication:

N/A

Mode of Communication (Please Check All That Apply):

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Name of, Title of, and Entity Represented by Person Communicating to You:

Karen Freese

State What Action, If Any, the Person Requested or Recommended (Note - 11 lines of text):

To ask the Commission to reject the route proposed by the Moultrie County Property Owners in Docket No. 12-0598.

Include Any Other Information You Deem Pertinent (Note - Limited to 8 lines of text):

None.

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July 1, 2013

Karen Freese
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Ms. Ann McCabe
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Avenue
Springfield, IL 62701

Dear Commissioner McCabe,

I am writing on behalf of my husband and two children to oppose the MCPO-proposed route through Douglas and Piatt counties. It should not be considered for the following reasons:

- Ameren spent years studying and reviewing possible routes for this project, and based on Ameren's findings, Douglas and Piatt Counties were not selected as sites for the 'potential' routes published and discussed by Ameren during dozens of public forums held across the state in the summer of 2012.
- Piatt and Douglas Counties were not listed as project sites in Ameren's final 2012 petition to the ICC.
- The originally submitted MCPO route was developed in less than three weeks (per MCPO).
- Part of the MCPO route running through Piatt County was submitted after the ICC (Dec. 31) deadline.
- Part of the MCPO route through Douglas County is not even in Ameren's original study area.
- All MCPO routes consisted of two-mile wide swaths, not exact 150-foot corridors like Ameren's routes.
- The MCPO route travels miles off course and turns north avoiding all but a corner of Moultrie County, despite the fact that Moultrie County lies directly between the Mt. Zion and Kansas substations.
- The MCPO route is longer, impacts more cropland, and includes more 90° turns than Ameren's alternate.
- No public forums or opportunities for public feedback have been held in connection with the MCPO route.
- Ameren reviewed 32 geographic sensitivities in selecting their routes, whereas MCPO only reviewed 6.
- The ICC notification sent to property owners on January 7, 2013 after the filing of the MCPO route listed 18 impacted counties. Douglas and Piatt Counties were not listed causing even more confusion.
- Douglas and Piatt are not listed as impacted counties on the "Maps" page of Ameren's IRP website.
- In addition, Piatt and Douglas Counties are not listed on the ICC web page describing the nature of this case, nor do Douglas and Piatt Counties appear in any of the project descriptions placed at the top of hundreds of documents filed on the ICC's website/e-Docket, despite the fact that the ICC e-Docket is the exact place where the ICC directed property owners to go for more information.

In short, many Douglas and Piatt property owners cannot find clear information related to their counties in this case. Based on the presence of vague and even conflicting information, the lack of proper notification, the absence of any public meetings regarding the MCPO route, not to mention testimony from Ameren stating that the Ameren routes represent the only viable routes, the MCPO route should be rejected!

Sincerely,



Karen Freese