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Mr. Doug Scott, Chairman
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Avenue
Springfield, IL 62701

Dear Mr. Scott:

We reside and farm in Edgar County. We request that Ameren's Proposed Primary Route for the Illinois Rivers Project is the only route that will be considered for the project.

Our families own and farm several thousand acres in Edgar County and have invested over 50 years in improving and growing what we have worked very hard for. We are concerned that these transmission lines would have a severe adverse effect on the value of our properties along with health and safety issues for our children and those who would have to farm underneath these high power lines.

We do not want to see the proposed route changed. Prior to the selection of the primary route there were numerous letters submitted from the citizens of Edgar County including the Edgar County Board, School Board, Township Boards, and landowners, along with signed petitions. There is strong opposition to a route in Edgar Co. After seeing some of the information gathered, we believe that the primary route chosen by Ameren is the most logical route affecting the least amount of people.

Sincerely,

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