June 25, 2013

Mr. Miguel del Valle
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Avenue
Springfield, IL 62701

Dear Commissioner del Valle,

In regards to Docket No. 12-0598 and the routes for the Illinois Rivers Transmission Project proposed by Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois, we ask that you refrain from allowing access through Illinois' largest Amish / Mennonite settlement.

The area is home to thousands of Amish and Mennonite who have used the land for generations. The tourism through this area generates significant revenue for both the region and the state. The peace and tranquility of the simple Amish simple life is the draw for tourists who come from many miles to see how people live without electricity not have it hanging over their heads. Having a high voltage line running through the farms and dairy herds is simply not fitting or acceptable.

While all proposed routes will touch the Amish region, the least obtrusive will be the Ameren Primary Route. This route goes south of the Lovington to Humboldt line that is home to so many Amish.

We appreciate your consideration of the Amish and Mennonite farmers and dairy herds as you evaluate the scenario.

Sincerely,

Monica Miller, Humboldt IL