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

RE: ICC Case 12-0598/Opposition to proposed reroute through Douglas and Piatt Counties

Dear Chairman Scott,

I'm writing this letter in opposition to the proposed transmission line reroute through Piatt and Douglas counties.

I'm disappointed with the lack of due process, proper notification and public input along with the complete ineffiency and unnecessary expense of the MCPO route. This route runs miles off course to the north, is longer and outside of Ameren's original study area. This new proposed route runs through two counties that aren't listed as impacted counties on the Ameren or ICC web pages describing the nature of the case and includes route segments submitted after the December 31 ICC deadline. It impacts more total crop ground by cutting right through the middle of field after field, includes more unsightly 90 degree turns actually too many for being efficient, Not to mention it crosses right through multiple Amish districts, a registered Native American archeological site, and next to the Tuscola airport.

This route runs through the middle of 2 of our family 80 acre fields. This land was purchased in 1834 through the Land Grant program. It has been not only family owned for 6 generations, but family continually farmed by 7 generations with a new generation born this year. Can't we preserve our family heritage? I want to keep this land in our family and not have it devalued. Please consider Ameren's original shorter, more direct routes.

Sincerely,

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