

August 12, 2013

Mr. Doug Scott  
Chairman  
Illinois Commerce Commission  
527 East Capitol Avenue  
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COMMERCE COMMISSION

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Office of Chairman  
And Commissioners

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

Dear Chairman Scott,

My family has farmed in Piatt and Douglas Counties form many years. As a property owner, I am strongly opposed to the Moultrie County Property Owners'(MCPO) proposed route through Piatt and Douglas Counties for the following reasons.

- Piatt and Douglas Counties were not part of the potential routes disclosed by Ameren in the summer of 2012 during dozens of public meetings, routes that Ameren spent years studying and reviewing;

- Piatt and Douglas Counties were not listed as effected counties in Ameren's November 2012 petition to the ICC;

- Piatt and Douglas Counties were not listed on the ICC notification sent to the potentially affected property owners on January 7, 2013;

- *To this day*, Piatt and Douglas Counties do not appear on the section of the ICC website describing the nature of this case;

- *To this day*, Piatt and Douglas Counties are not listed as effected counties on the Ameren website.

Without the availability of clear and concise information regarding the potential impacts of this project, how can Piatt and Douglas County property owners reasonably assess the impacts this project will have on their property? Based upon the list noted above, Piatt and Douglas County property owners should be afforded the same opportunities that have been extended to Moultrie Country farmers to have a voice in decisions that impact their land and their future.

The stated mission of the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) is to "pursue an appropriate balance between the interest of the consumers and existing and emerging service providers to ensure the provision of adequate, efficient, reliable, safe and least-cost public utility services". I appeal to you to follow your mission statement and duties as an appointed officer of the Commission and support Ameren's original, shorter, more direct, and more carefully studied routes through Moultrie County.

Sincerely,



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