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

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Office of Chairman
And Commissioners

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

Dear Chairman Scott,

I am writing to give you my comments regarding the proposed Ameren power transmission lines and the proposed routes. I am very disturbed by the fact there has been no public discussion of the third route through Platt and Douglas County that was proposed after the deadline passed and is now being considered.

- There was no real public discussion about this route. It does not even appear on your or Ameren's website. As if it is a big secret that is going to be pushed on the farmers in those two counties without their input.
- The route appears to be much longer than the other two proposed routes. This route would be more expensive to build; destroy more farm land, and appears to go through Indian archeological areas. It also appears to go right next to the Tuscola airport. Is this a safety hazard?
- There are more unsightly 90 degree turns which add to the expense as well.
- There are two good alternative routes that Ameren proposed that have been studied for several years, had plenty of public input and have taken into account any environmental issues. Both are shorter and more economical. They will cost millions less.

I feel that one of your prime directives is to provide power as economically as possible for all citizens whether in Illinois or not. Ameren will get a return on the investment no matter what it costs, but why should the increased rates to cover a more expensive route be passed on the power customer when a more economical route is available.

Sincerely



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