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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 taking this opportunity to express my opposition to the proposed reroute through Douglas and Platt Counties that Ameren is now supporting as their preferred route between the proposed substations in Mt. Zion and Kansas, IL. Ameren spend a great deal of time studying and developing their original 2 proposed routes that went through Moultrie County. Very little study has gone into the proposed reroute through Douglas and Platt Counties. Additionally residents of Douglas and Platt Counties have never received information stating their counties contained a proposed route. Information some residents received did not list Douglas or Platt Counties as counties affected. These residents should be notified properly and given ample time to state their opposition before a decision on the route is made by ICC.

The proposed reroute through Douglas and Platt Counties is about one quarter of a mile from the Tuscola Airport. That seems way too close to be safe.

The proposed reroute through Douglas and Platt Counties consists of a 2 mile swath, not a 150 foot corridor like the 2 original routes Ameren proposed. Therefore residents of Douglas and Platt Counties do not know exactly if or how they will be affected by the reroute.

Are the high voltage power lines actually needed? Why are they being built? Who is benefiting from their construction? Will there be any benefit to the residents of the areas that they pass through? Are there any health risks to those who will live close to these high voltage power lines? These are valid questions that need to be answered.

This is a massive project that will affect many people and I think due process needs to take place, which should include proper and accurate notification of the proposed routes, ample time to respond, and public hearing for residents to ask questions and state their objections before a decision on this proposed route is made.

Sincerely,



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