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RE: TRANSMISSION LINE
CASE #12-0598

August 14, 2013

Phillip Mattix
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Mr. Doug Scott
Chairman
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Avenue
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Dear Chairman Scott,

I oppose the proposed Ameren power line through Douglas/Piatt Counties. My siblings and I recently inherited my parent's farm in Douglas County. My father farmed for 60 years and his father farmed our land for 60 years before that. Our farm was dissected by I-57 in the late 1960's and we now find out that the Ameren Power line will go through our farm as well. This is an outrage that we were given no prior notification about this event. The only communication we received was the certified mail in late June asking for permission to survey for the power line.

How can this be? With no notification to land owners nor residents (my sister and her family currently live on the farm), a decision was made to further denigrate our land? I find this appalling and ask that the Commission uphold and approve one of the two original Moultrie County routes previously designated.

- Ameren spent years studying and reviewing possible routes for this project and Douglas/Piatt Counties were NOT selected as sites for the routes published by Ameren. Nor were they discussed during the dozens of public forums held across the state.
- Piatt and Douglas Counties were not listed as project sites in Ameren's 2012 petition to the ICC and are not currently listed as affected counties on the Website.
- Part of the MCPO route was submitted TWO DAYS AFTER the ICC's December 31 deadline.
- No public forums or opportunities for public feedback have been held in connection with the MCPO route.
- The MCPO route travels miles off course to the North, is longer and impacts more total cropland

We landowners in Douglas County were given no notification nor Due Process in this decision. Having paid Illinois tax dollars over 150 years, our families deserve better consideration than we have been given!

REJECT THE MCPO route and accept the only "viable", properly approved route for this power line.

Sincerely,

Phillip Mattix