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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:

As a landowner in Piatt County, I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposed transmission line reroute through the counties of Piatt and Douglass.

There are so many reasons to abandon this reroute that it seems foolish to even think that I have to write this letter to request it. Here are but a few of those reasons for the absolute need to abandon the reroute thru Piatt and Douglas County:

1. The lack of due process
2. The lack of proper notification to landowners in Piatt and Douglass County
3. The lack of public input in regard to the reroute which is yet to be listed as part of the counties impacted on the ICC or Ameren web pages, thus landowners did not feel any pressure to approach ICC or Ameren about the matter. Those that did ask were told the route would not affect landowners in either Piatt or Douglass County
4. Segments of the reroute were submitted *after* the December 31 ICC deadline, which should be enough in itself to not allow this reroute.
5. This affects far more total crop ground by cutting through the middle of field after field and in some cases is within a mile of the homestead on the property
6. There will be several 90 degree turns required in the reroute increasing the cost astronomically
7. The reroute will be right next to the Tuscola Airport making landing and take off more of a concern for the pilot and the passengers
8. The reroute crosses right through multiple Amish districts and even thru a registered Native American archeological site!

I ask that you please make it known that you are standing for the landowners of Illinois and are for Ameren's original, shorter and more direct route through Moultrie County and oppose the reroute. This original route has been widely publicized and properly vetted to landowners for over a year and included public input and participation with dozens of public meetings held throughout 2012. The original route was studied for years and had a full review of 32 different sensitivities making a much wiser choice.

Sincerely,

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