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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,

We are writing to respectfully ask that you not approve the proposed MPCO Route through Douglas and Piatt Counties. We own and rent three separate parcels of land that the proposed route would cross for one half mile and all three of them cross in the middle of the farms with no regard to boundary lines whatsoever. We have lived on the same farm for thirty seven years and twenty four years ago built a new home at the end of a quarter mile long drive hoping to avoid the negative effects of noise, traffic and other negatives such as high electricity exposure. This Transmission Line would be an invasion of privacy, an eyesore and would in no way benefit anyone in Douglas and Piatt Counties. The negative effects of this cumbersome high voltage line makes no monetary offer acceptable to approve this extremely off course route immediately adjacent to our home, farm base and shop .

We are somewhat encouraged by the fact the decision for approval was delayed, perhaps indicating that more diligence is being exercised than had been earlier by those that determined only one party was opposed to this route. As anyone even somewhat informed knows, it is not only embarrassing but alarming that anyone whose job it is to make a decision to approve or disapprove a project could be that misinformed. There were so many people of Douglas and Piatt Counties that were told these Counties were not subjects in the proposed project. As soon as there was awareness that these were even considered a possible Alternate Route there was a Coalition formed with an immediate group of around twenty people in opposition. More recently, after the news release that Douglas and Piatt Counties were being considered, out of a town meeting of two hundred people one would have been hard pressed to find even one who is in favor of this route.

Once again, all that is actually needed here is due diligence exercised on all factors. This route has more miles and turns than Ameren's original route and would cause many disruptions to prime farmland and the many residents along it's corridor. It would be good if all Commissioners could personally drive through these counties and follow the proposed route before considering approving it.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

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