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Executive Director  
Illinois Commerce Commission  
527 East Capitol Avenue  
Springfield, IL 62701

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EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTORS OFFICE

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

Dear Executive Director,

I oppose Ameren's proposed transmission line reroute due to the lack of: 1) due process, 2) proper notification, 3) taxpayer/landowner input, and 4) information justifying the efficiency and necessity of the MCPO route through Piatt and Douglas Counties.

As a taxpayer, I am guaranteeing profit for Ameren, and should be involved in the decision whether or not they should be allowed to construct a Power Transmission Line. And if it's decided this new line is to be constructed, I should be involved in the decision of where it is to be constructed. I should be involved in every part of this decision, including 1) Is this new Power Transmission Line needed, or are there other options? and 2) What route makes sense, and is that route engineered with consideration of the taxpayer/landowners *as well as* the company?

I believe it is through the Illinois Commerce Commission office, specifically, that the taxpayer should be involved, and this involvement should include consultation, offering an opportunity for concerns to be heard, and consideration of the taxpayers' recommendations. I also believe affected landowners should, as a separate group, be included in route and engineering decisions, since, as landowners, they alone bear the cost of land devaluation. So just as with taxpayers, it is through the Illinois Commerce Commission office, specifically, that the landowners should be involved, and this involvement should include consultation, being offered an opportunity for concerns to be heard, and consideration of the landowners' recommendations.

I respectfully request you halt all progress on the proposed Transmission Line until all concerned parties are made a part of the decision process.

Sincerely,

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