

MEMORIALIZATION OF EX PARTE
COMMUNICATION FROM INTERESTED PARTY

ICC Docket Number, or Docket Number or Case Number from Other Jurisdiction

(Please be specific): 12-0598

Subject of the Communication (Note - This field is limited to 8 lines of text):

The proposed route for Ameren's Illinois Rivers Project.

Name of the Commission Officer or Employee Making Report (first, then last name):

Cameron

Schilling

Job Title:

Policy Advisor

Names and Job Titles of Other Commission Employees Present:

Chairman Scott, Commissioner McCabe, Commissioner Colgan, Acting Commissioner Maye, and Acting Commissioner del Valle

Date of Communication: Aug 20, 2013

Location of Parties to Communication:

N/A

Mode of Communication (Please Check All That Apply):

e-Mail FAX In Person Mail Telephone

Nature and Substance of All Oral Communications (Note - This field is limited to 15 lines of text):

None.

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Responses Made to Written or Oral Communications (Note - This field is limited to 8 lines of text):

None.

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- Submitted are copies of all written items received (optional).
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- Written communications were received but are not being submitted.

Please Check One:

- Submitted are copies of written responses (optional).
- No written responses were made.
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Name of, Title of, and Entity Represented by Person Communicating to You:

Jan Lommele, Douglas County Resident.

State What Action, If Any, the Person Requested or Recommended (Note - 11 lines of text):

Ms. Lommele requests that the Commission reject the route stipulated to by MCPO and Ameren covering the Mt. Zion to Kansas portion of the line.

Include Any Other Information You Deem Pertinent (Note - Limited to 8 lines of text):

None.

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Under Section 5-50(b-5) of the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, the information required by this form shall promptly be memorialized and made a part of the record.



ICC Commissioners Scott, Colgan, del Valle, Maye, McCabe
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COMMERCE COMMISSION

AUG 20 2013

Office of Chairman
And Commissioners

Dear Commissioners:

I am a resident of Douglas County and I am requesting your consideration of the following issues and facts in your deliberation to grant authority for Ameren to construct a power line for the Illinois Rivers Project, and then reject the proposed route that Ameren stipulated with the Moultrie County Property Owners (MCPO) from Mt. Zion to Kansas and instead select one of Ameren's previous routes proposed for this portion of the line:

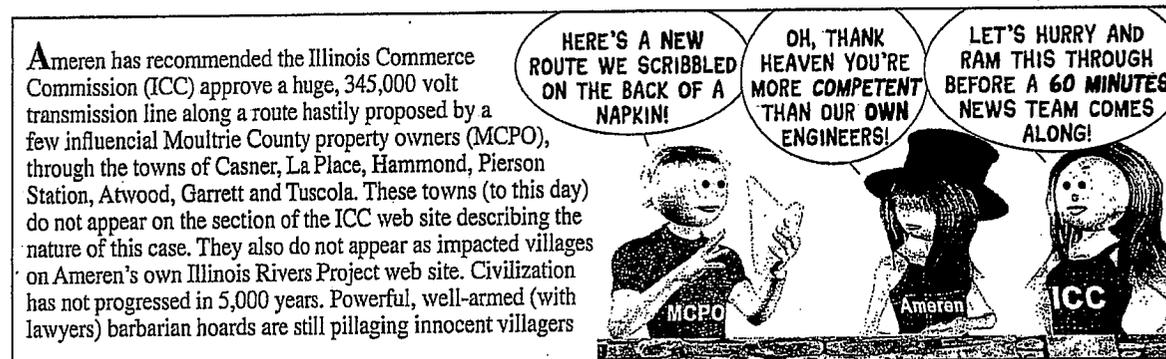
Ameren has two carefully studied, widely publicized, and properly vetted routes that are both shorter, more direct, and have none of the issues and due process/notification concerns of the MCPO route, and the ICC should select one of Ameren's own routes developed prior to the stipulation with MCPO. As you may know, residents of Douglas and Platt Counties are very upset about the lack of due process we have received. By choosing one of the two routes previous to the stipulation with MCPO, Ameren can say in good faith that they did provide the proper notice and did get proper public input. They have considered sensitivities on the routes where I feel MCPO did not consider sensitivities in my county such as airport safety, Amish churches, and Native American archeological sites along the line they proposed. Ameren spent much time and effort in testifying that their previous routes were the best and the MCPO was not viable, and then seemed to throw all that out when MCPO agreed to drop their opposition to the Mt. Zion substation. The MCPO route was put together in a few weeks, where Ameren's previous routes were considered over a number of years.

The routes Ameren previously proposed through Moultrie County are much more direct from Mt. Zion to Kansas. The exact location of the Mt. Zion substation is as yet undetermined, but has been proposed (even by ICC's own staff) to move south, so the MCPO route would be even more out of line, going north from Mt. Zion to move around Moultrie County before heading back south to Kansas, and Ameren's previous line would be more direct and efficient.

If you chose to restart the process for this segment, you would further delay the construction and the resultant economic and employment benefits of the line. There is no need to burden the thousands of property owners of Douglas and Platt Counties with further legal actions to protect our rights. Just decide to grant authority for one of the routes Ameren developed before they stipulated a route with MCPO.

I regret to say that the following political cartoon which appeared in a Moultrie County newspaper (for which I have permission to re-produce) seems to be on point if the ICC does grant authority for the MCPO route. A project such as this should be based on common sense and sensitivities and not last minute stipulations that support the interest of private parties at the expense of the public good.

by Chambers



Respectfully,
Jan A. Lommele,
943N CR 125E
Atwood, IL 61913

Schilling, Cameron

From: McCabe, Ann
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2013 8:57 AM
To: Teshar, Ariel; Schilling, Cameron
Subject: FW: ex parte Ameren Illinois Rivers Project request for consideration

From: Jan Lommele [<mailto:jlommele@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, August 18, 2013 10:09 PM
To: Scott, Douglas; Colgan, John; Maye, Sherina; McCabe, Ann
Cc: Feipel, Jonathan
Subject: Ameren Illinois Rivers Project request for consideration

Dear Commissioners:

I am a resident of Douglas County and I am requesting your consideration of the following issues and facts in your deliberation to grant authority for Ameren to construct a power line for the Illinois Rivers Project, and then **reject** the proposed route that Ameren stipulated with the Moultrie County Property Owners (MCPO) from Mt. Zion to Kansas in favor of previous routes proposed by Ameren for this portion of the line:

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The routes Ameren previously proposed through Moultrie County are much more direct from Mt. Zion to Kansas. The exact location of the Mt. Zion substation is as yet undetermined, but has been proposed to move south, so the MCPO route looks incredibly out of line, going north from Mt. Zion to move around Moultrie County before heading back south to Kansas.

If you chose to restart the process for this segment, you would further delay the construction and the resultant economic and employment benefits of the line. There is no need to burden the hundreds of property owners of Douglas and Piatt Counties with further legal actions to protect our rights. Just decide to grant authority for one of the routes Ameren developed before they stipulated a route with MCPO.

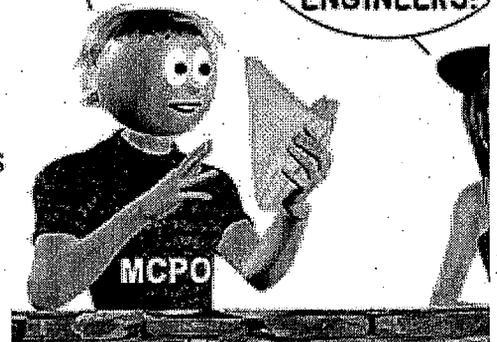
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My family and I are not opposed to the concept of the line. My son works for the National Renewable Energy Lab, for example, and my daughter-in-law is a consultant to utilities on communications issues for large projects. But a project such as the Illinois Rivers Project should be based on common sense and sensitivities.

Ameren has recommended the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) approve a huge, 345,000 volt transmission line along a route hastily proposed by a few influential Moultrie County property owners (MCPO), through the towns of Casner, La Place, Hammond, Pierson Station, Atwood, Garrett and Tuscola. These towns (to this day) do not appear on the section of the ICC web site describing the nature of this case. They also do not appear as impacted villages on Ameren's own Illinois Rivers Project web site. Civilization has not progressed in 5,000 years. Powerful, well-armed (with lawyers) barbarian hoards are still pillaging innocent villagers

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