August 8, 2013

Mr. Miguel del Valle
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 Commissioner del Valle,

CASE #12-0598

First of all, I feel the Illinois Commerce Commission has done a fine job over the years of watching out for the citizens of the State of Illinois. However, in case #12-0598 it has been brought to my attention that Administrative Law Judge Stephen Yoder is a relative of Yoder Farms and Drainage and Yoder Family Trust. They are listed on the intervener list for Moultrie County Property Owners. Therefore, Administrative Law Judge Stephen Yoder should have recused himself from passing judgment in this case since he is related to them and this would be a conflict of interest. Any law judge in the judicial system would have done this, as it is the right thing to do.

I know this relationship with the Yoder's is true, as they have been my family's tenant farmers for over 30 years.

Sincerely,

Mark H. Jones

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