

why Ameren's routes should not be selected? Doesn't your own instinct and all of the evidence suggest that simply selecting one of Ameren's two shorter routes is the correct choice in this case?

Do the right thing; simply grant the petition for one of Ameren's carefully studied, widely publicized, and more direct routes through Moultrie County. If you follow this appropriate course of action, which all of the evidence, all of the press coverage, all of the public input, all of the recommendations of the ICC's own neutral staff, and undoubtedly your own instincts tell you is the correct route to select, you will have done your duty, properly adhered to your charter, done right by the governor and the citizens of Illinois who have put their faith in you, spared thousands of families the increased financial burdens and unnecessary stress of further litigation, and avoided unnecessary delays in the much needed jobs and the economic stimulus that this project would create. In addition, you will have properly supported Ameren which has done due diligence in regard to their properly submitted petition and the selection and publication of their original primary and alternate routes through Moultrie County.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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