

**STATE OF ILLINOIS  
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois	}	
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Petition for a Certificate of Public Convenience	}	
and Necessity, pursuant to Section 8-406.1 of	}	
the Illinois Public Utilities Act, and an Order	}	
pursuant to Section 8-503 of the Public Utilities	}	Case No.: 12-0598
Act, to Construct, Operate and Maintain a New	}	
High Voltage Electric Service Line and Related	}	
Facilities in the Counties of Adams, Brown, Cass,	}	
Champaign, Christian, Clark, Coles, Edgar,	}	
Fulton, Macon, Montgomery, Morgan, Moultrie,	}	
Pike, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott, and Shelby,	}	
Illinois.	}	

**DIRECT TESTIMONY ON REHEARING**

**OF**

**PAUL BERGSCHNEIDER**

**Intervenor MSSCLPG Exhibit 6.0**

1                    **DIRECT TESTIMONY ON REHEARING OF PAUL BERGSCHNEIDER**

2            **Q.    PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND CURRENT RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.**

3            A.    Paul J. Bergschneider. 846 Franklin-Alexander Road, Franklin, Illinois 62638.

4            **Q.    ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE PROCEEDING IN WHICH YOU ARE**  
5            **SUBMITTING THIS TESTIMONY?**

6            A.    Yes, I am.

7            **Q.    CAN YOU BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR FAMILIARITY WITH THE**  
8            **PROCEEDING IN WHICH YOU ARE SUBMITTING THIS TESTIMONY?**

9            A.    Yes, I can. Illinois Commerce Commission Docket No.: 12-0598 is a proceeding initiated  
10           by Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (“ATXI”), seeking a Certificate of Public  
11           Convenience and Necessity and an Order from the Commission to construct, operate, and  
12           maintain a new high voltage electric service line and related facilities in the Illinois counties  
13           of Adams, Brown, Cass, Champaign, Christian, Clark, Coles, Edgar, Fulton, Macon,  
14           Montgomery, Morgan, Moultrie, Pike, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott, and Shelby. The original  
15           Petition in this matter was filed on November 7, 2012. Because of some amendments to the  
16           original Petition, the Administrative Law Judges in this matter ruled that the Petition should  
17           be treated as if it were filed in total on January 7, 2013. I am a part of a group of intervenors  
18           to this petition, collectively known as the Morgan, Sangamon, and Scott Counties Land  
19           Preservation Group. Our group is represented by counsel and we are participating as an  
20           active party to this proceeding. I am filing this testimony as a representative of the group and  
21           in accordance with the current Case Management Order.

22           **Q.    ARE YOU AUTHORIZED TO TESTIFY ON BEHALF OF, AND AS A**

23 **REPRESENTATIVE OF, THE MORGAN, SANGAMON, AND SCOTT COUNTIES**  
24 **LAND PRESERVATION GROUP?**

25 A. Yes, I am.

26 **Q. ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE TESTIMONY YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY**  
27 **PROVIDED IN THIS MATTER AND WHICH HAS BEEN MARKED AS**  
28 **INTERVENOR MSSCLPG EXHIBITS 1.0 AND 4.0 AND WOULD YOU LIKE TO**  
29 **AMEND AND/OR CLARIFY SUCH TESTIMONY IN ANY FASHION?**

30 A. Yes, I am and I would. I wish to express the fact that the Morgan, Sangamon, and Scott  
31 Counties Land Preservation Group now advocates approval of the Petition as filed with  
32 approval given to a routing option which follows the existing 138 kV line for the segment  
33 of the route between Meredosia and Pawnee, Illinois (“MSCLTF Route”). Such routing  
34 option was initially presented herein as an alternate route by the Morgan and Sangamon  
35 County Landowners and Tenant Farmers (“MSCLTF”) on December 31, 2012 and by  
36 supplemental identification of January 3, 2013. Individually, I also strongly advocate  
37 selection of that routing option. The MSCLTF Route is 18.3 miles shorter than the ATXI  
38 Rebuttal Recommended Route and would cost \$36.78 million less to construct.

39 **Q. HAVE YOU HAD A CHANCE TO FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THE**  
40 **DOCUMENTS AND TRANSCRIPTS OF PROCEEDINGS THAT HAVE BEEN**  
41 **FILED IN THIS MATTER TO DATE?**

42 A. Yes, I have. I have familiarized myself, with the assistance of counsel, with what has  
43 transpired to date. I feel I have a comfortable understanding of the status of the case as it  
44 now exists. I would also like to incorporate by reference the testimony that is being filed

45 contemporaneously with this, my Direct Testimony on Rehearing, by other members of the  
46 Morgan, Sangamon, and Scott Counties Land Preservation Group.

47 **Q. SINCE THE TIME YOU PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED TESTIMONY IN THIS CASE,**  
48 **HAVE YOU HAD ANY CONTACT WITH ATXI OR ITS REPRESENTATIVES OR**  
49 **CONTRACTORS?**

50 A. Yes, I have. We were asked a number of times to consent to allow ATXI and its surveying  
51 group (identified on vehicles as “SAM” from Texas) onto our land. We did not provide such  
52 consent at any time, either by telephone, in writing, in person, or otherwise. However, at  
53 various times during Spring and Summer 2013, I spotted the contractors on our property, up  
54 to one-eighth of a mile onto the property from the edge of the roadway. They were  
55 trespassing. When confronted, the surveyors stated that they were searching for concrete  
56 section markers. While this may indeed be their intended purpose, they were trespassing.  
57 On one occasion I specifically asked them to remain on the roadway and thirty minutes later  
58 (after I had driven away) I received a telephone call from a neighbor indicating that the  
59 surveyors were trespassing again. If ATXI and its contractors have this much disregard for  
60 property rights generally, it is my great fear that ATXI will fail to comply with potential  
61 agreements and/or easements it is requesting. I also find it suspect that such surveys were/are  
62 being conducted prior to any final order being entered approving and defining the project.

63 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

64 A. Yes, it does.