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Executive Director
Illinois Commerce Commission
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Dear Executive Director,

Regarding I.C.C. Docket #12-0598, I received a letter January 7, 2013 that there would be a status hearing January 17. I couldn't understand why I was involved as my farm in Piatt Co. was not on the list for the High Voltage line to be constructed by Ameren Electric.

Now I am told that the Illinois Commerce Commission has approved a route through Piatt. Co.

Having experienced the many problems with a similar 345KV line on my farm here in St. Clair Co. such as spending many extra hours mowing, tilling, and planting around the 4 towers.

The soil compaction from the construction when the ground was saturated with rain, still shows up on the yield monitor significantly less as we harvest under the line. The small amount we received from Illinois Power Co. will never compensate us for the loss of income and also the devaluation of our farm.

It also makes us sick every time we look out our front window to have to look at this ugly line and connected sub-station on our beautiful farm.

As I have been told the plan over Piatt Co. would be much longer and more expensive to build and affect many more residences than the Primary Route produced by Ameren.

Please reconsider your latest decision and approve the Ameren Primary Route which had much more engineering and planning.

Sincerely