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Mr. Doug Scott, Chairman
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Avenue
Springfield, Illinois 62701

Re: Docket No. 12-0598

Dear Chairman Scott,

I am writing to you in support of the conclusion articulated in the Proposed Second Order on Rehearing, specifically regarding the Mt. Zion to Kansas segment. Although I am no longer a resident of Illinois, I own property in Douglas County, a farm that has been in my family for generations.

In my opinion, the Rehearing testimony given by Mary Burns was cogent.

I encourage you to approve the PDM/CFT route based upon the following statements from the Proposed Second Order on Rehearing:

- Because the Moultrie PO Route would be off course and longer than necessary: "As to the 'Length of the Line,' or the 'Difficulty and Cost of Construction,' it appears uncontroverted that the PDM/CFT and Staff Routes are preferable to the Moultrie PO Route."
- Because the Moultrie PO Route would negatively impact more communities and farmland than necessary, regarding the "Social and Land Use Impact" criteria, the conclusion was: "It appears from the evidence that the route which Moultrie PO has presented the Commission with, will impact more farmland, being longer; and also appears to split more farms, rather than traveling along roads or section lines. The Commission believes that the evidence presented shows that there is a preference for the PDM/CFT Staff Routes when considering this issue."
- Regarding the "Presence of Existing Corridors" criteria, it was concluded: "The Commission finds that it must agree with PDM/CFT that its route is preferable to the Moultrie PO Route when considering this criterion. The PDM/CFT route follows more corridors such as property lines, section lines, and roads, while avoiding the dangers of

parallel lines that ATXI has previously argued is an adverse attribute. The Commission also notes that the PDM/CFT Route apparently affects fewer landowners and is shorter."

- Finally, the Proposed Order states: "Based on the evidence presented to the Commission on this segment of the project, the Commission believes that the preferable route is the PDM/CFT Route with Staff's modification. It is clearly the least-cost option which has been presented to the Commission, it presents no difficulties in construction or maintenance, and affects fewer property owners than the other options presented. It also appears to better utilize existing corridors such as roads, section lines, and property lines."

An additional factor that I believe deserves consideration in this matter is that the Moultrie PO Route violates a basic farming maxim, i.e. you do not throw something off onto your neighbor's property. Via their suggested route, the Moultrie PO is attempting to do just that to the property owners of Platt and Douglas counties.

Again, for all the above reasons, I encourage you to approve the PDM/CFT Route. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Douglas C. Kamm