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Mr Doug Smith
Chairman
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Avenue
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This letter is written to you to ask for your consideration in accepting the Ameren Transmission electric line route between Meredosia and Pawnee as previously recommended by the Commission Staff. Please reference "Docket No.:12-0598, Ameren Transmission Company Illinois Rivers Project".

I am Mrs. Marianne Kaufmann, owner of land west of Woodson on which Ameren has decided it would like to place large electric lines across the south end of my property. Since I only have 47 tillable acres, to take off several acres (3 or 4) for this route will take a substantial percentage of my land.

I understand that a much shorter route exists which uses an existing corridor between Meredosia and Pawnee. This has been in existence for many years for a 138kV line and is 18.3 miles shorter and would cost \$36.78 million less to construct. This existing route is the route that the Commission Staff has recommended throughout this case. It appears that everyone's interests will be satisfied if the line is placed parallel to existing 138kV line, with the sole exception of Ameren. Surely Ameren can add safeguards to prevent any problems that "might" occur with that \$36.78 million in savings.

Please take a long look at this case as to the Meredosia to Pawnee segment and approve the line as recommended by the Commission Staff.

Sincerely,

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