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COMMERCE COMMISSION

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Office of Chairman  
And Commissioners

Dear Doug Scott,

My name is Diane E. Colwell. I live at 3122 Colwell Rd. Franklin, IL 62638. The description of my property is: 15-20-300-012, 15-20-400-003, 15020-400-004.

I am writing in regards to the case number 12-0598, the Ameren 345kV Transmission Line.

I have lived on this farm since I was born and have actively farmed since 1973. My two sons Jarrad G. Colwell and Brian P. Colwell do the farming and will someday inherit the farm.

As I understand the electric line will go through my property on the property line.

I have been informed that there is a much shorter route that exits between Meredosia & Pawnee. I know this shorter route has been in existence for many years as a 138kV line. This existing route is 18.3 miles shorter and the Commission Staff has recommended the shorter route from the beginning. I have been advised that the land owners along the existing route do not object to new line being placed parallel to the existing 138kV line.

Ameren is the only one objecting to this placement of the parallel lines.

Also, Ameren is spending \$36.78 million more to go 18.3 miles farther. It is without any doubt the added cost of construction will be passed on to the Ameren customers.

Last but not least, why the land that is considered pristine should be invaded by this proposed project and create havoc to this wonderfully free environment.

Should we not try to protect as much of our land as possible. As my father Paul F. Bergschneider, always said "If you take care of the land, it will take care of you."

I respectfully request the commissioners to take a long and strong look at this case as to where this 345kV line should be constructed.

Sincerely,

Diane E. Colwell Jarrad G. Colwell Brian P. Colwell

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