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Chairman of the commission,

January 31, 2014

I am writing this letter in reference to "docket number" 12-0589 Ameren Transmission Co IL River Project with specific reference to the Meredosia to Pawnee segment.

I am writing for myself, Helen Bergschneider and my husband, Tom Bergschneider of Franklin, IL. The proposed line will go through our farm that our son lives on. He lives a quarter mile from the line. It is crossing through the middle of field which makes farming very hard. We had a very close call with power lines a few years ago. Machinery is much bigger now than then and will make matters worse.

We understand there exists a much shorter route which uses an existing corridor between Meredosia and Pawnee, which costs \$36.78 million less to construct, and in fact the commission staff has recommended through this case.

I have been further advised that all the landowners along the existing route have been notified of this case and not a single one has voiced any objection to the lines being placed along the shorter/existing line parallel to existing line 138 KV except Ameren. They say paralleling to existing lines "might" cause some problems. With the \$36.78 million in savings, Ameren should certainly be able to add safeguards and could prevent the disruption of prestige land that will occur on this route.

I WOULD RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THE COMMISSION TAKE A STRONG LOOK AT THIS CASE AS TO THE MEREDOSIA TO PAWNEE SEGMENT AND APPROVE THE LINE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMISSION STAFF.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
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