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Dear Chairman Scott,

I am writing to you today to voice my concerns about Case #12-0598. This proposed Ameren power line would go from Meredosia, Il to Pawnee, Il through my farm and next to my home.

This high voltage power line will come within 200 yards of my home that has been in my family for four generations. The line in question will cut across my pristine farm. My family has farmed this ground since 1833 and I do not want this high voltage power line to farm around in the future.

The Commission Staff recommended that Ameren should use a much shorter route which is an existing corridor between Meredosia and Pawnee. The people of Illinois should not have the extra cost of \$36.78 million put on their backs. The Staff's recommended route is also 18.3 miles shorter. This means less line to break and less ugliness for all of us.

I have also been notified that all of the landowners along the existing route have been made aware of this case and not one of them has voiced any objection to the paralleling of the lines.

Ameren has said that they would prefer not to parallel the lines, as it "might" cause some problems. I do not believe Ameren is giving the real reason for preferring 18.3 more miles of power line.

Putting the new line on the shorter, existing right-of-way would prevent valuable acres being taken out of production. Our productive land base will be reduced if the proposed August 2013 order is approved. I am respectfully requesting that the commission take a strong look at this case. Please use the existing right-of-way between Meredosia, Il and Pawnee, IL that was recommended by the Commission Staff.

Respectfully,



Curt W. Dodsworth