

January 31, 2014

Mr. Doug Scott, Chairman
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Ave
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SUBJECT: Case Number 12-0598, the Meredosia to Pawnee segment. Ameren

Cc John Colgan, Ann McCabe, Sherina Maye, Miquel del Valle

Dear Mr. Scott:

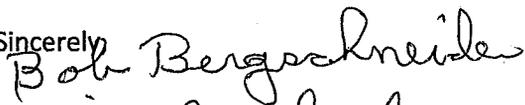
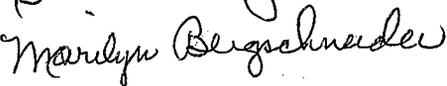
We are writing this letter because we own property on the proposed Ameren line. We live and farm in Section 14-8 in Morgan County, Franklin, Illinois. The proposed route will be within 1,000ft. of our home. We are strongly opposed to the proposed route for many reasons. They are destroying precious farm land when there are other options.

We know there is a much shorter route that uses an existing power line corridor between Meredosia and Pawnee. It has been there for a long time and is 18.3 miles shorter than the new proposed route. We also understand it will save \$36.78 million to put the new line along this existing corridor because it's so much shorter and because vehicle access is already in place. Why wouldn't they take the shorter and less expensive route?

Ameren has referred to possible increased maintenance for a parallel line, but since there is already access to the existing line, it seems logical that any maintenance done will be saving money, since both lines are accessible by existing roads. We would like to know the number of miles of Ameren powerlines that are now running parallel in Illinois. What is the cost-per-mile of maintenance for existing single-line and parallel corridors.

We are asking you to take a strong look at this case of the Meredosia to Pawnee segment and approve the line as recommended by the Commission Staff. They recommended the shorter, existing route. It is less expensive and less invasive. None of landowners along the existing route oppose selection of that route.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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