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COMMERCE COMMISSION

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February 6, 2014

Doug Scott, Chairman
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Avenue
Springfield, Illinois 62701

Office of Chairman
And Commissioners

Re: Case #12-0598
Objection to the ATXI Alternative Route

Dear Sir:

My wife, Linda and I are land owners, and we farm ground directly south of the Nortonville road, southwest of Waverly, Illinois where the new proposed transmission line would cut across our farming ground. We raise cattle and usually put up an electric fence around our harvested corn fields and allow the cattle to eat corn left in the field. We're concerned the transmission line would affect the current in the fence wire and the current would stop or be interrupted. The possibility of that happening could cause multiple problems.

The proposed new line that would come across from Meredosia to Pawnee, Illinois would be better served by putting the line on the existing route, which is 18.3 miles shorter. We feel more farm ground would be preserved by using the shorter route.

We have been told that it would cost \$36.78 more to construct the new longer line. Most likely this increase in construction costs would be passed on to customers that already have costly utility bills.

We'd like for the Commission Staff to approve the proposed route in the August 2013 order. We understand that not one of the landowners on the existing route oppose a new line. As we stated above, using the existing line would allow more cost savings and fewer miles of transmission line.

We respectfully request that the commissioners take a strong look at this case as to the Meredosia to Pawnee segment and approve the line as recommended by the Commission Staff.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration, we are

Sincerely,

Herschel W. Caruthers
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Linda M. Caruthers
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