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To: Illinois Commerce Commission

Chairman Doug Scott,

ILLINOIS  
COMMERCE COMMISSION  
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Office of Chairman  
And Commissioners

Subject: Case number (12-0598) Meredosia to Pawnee segment

I, Shirley L. Emerson, own 160 acres of farmland that the Ameren power line would cut through the middle of my farmland. The line would come within 200 feet of the farmhouse that has been in the family for 3 generations. My children, Alicia Kavchak and Marissa Emerson, will inherit this farmstead as 4th generation owners. We all have a serious interest in this Ameren power line issue.

We have been informed that there exists a much shorter route which uses an existing corridor between Meredosia and Pawnee that has been in existence for many years as a 138 kV line. This shorter route is 18.3 miles shorter and would cost \$36.78 million less to construct. The existing 138 kV route is the route that the Commission Staff has recommended throughout this case.

We were also told that none of the landowners along the existing route had voiced any objection to the new line being placed along the shorter/existing route. If the line is placed parallel to the existing 138 kV line, Ameren could use their \$36.78 million in savings to improve or safeguard their power lines.

I respectfully request the Commissioners to approve the Meredosia to Pawnee segment using the 138 kV line as recommended by the Commission Staff.

Respectfully submitted,



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