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Illinois Commerce Commission
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Subject: (12-0598) Meredosia to Pawnee Segment

February 8, 2014

Mr. Scott and Commission members,

I am writing to voice my opposition to Ameren Illinois' request to put new transmission lines up between Meredosia and Pawnee, IL. I am not opposed to better technology, but the proposed route Ameren wants to use is going to hurt the livelihood of many farmers and will be another eye sore for everyone to have to look at each day.

It has been brought to my attention there is an existing route that could be used which would not cause a disruption to farm fields and would not add to the unpleasant site of more power lines than there already are to obstruct viewing nature. The existing route makes more sense because it is also much shorter and would save millions of dollars in costs to taxpayers. I am told the existing infrastructure is also the route recommended by your staff.

Some of the land affected has been in my wife's family for generations and it will hurt people I care about by taking pristine farm ground and turning into another place for unsightly power lines. Please listen to your staff and go with their recommendation and not the route proposed by Ameren. It will be better for the landowners, Ameren users and taxpayers in the end. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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