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Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Avenue
Springfield, IL 62701

In Re: Case # (12-0598) Meredosia to Pawnee Segment

My name is Bruce Dahman. My wife, Pam, and I live South of I-72 at the exit 52, which is North of Winchester. Our family owns approximately 3 miles of property within the area of the route that has been chosen for the Ameren 345 kV Transmission Line. The proposed line will cut through my land and be 1,320 feet from the back of my house and absolutely ruin my view, of which is the very reason I chose to build my home in its current location. This is very distressing to me.

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

It has also come to my attention that all of the landowners along this existing route have been notified of this case and not a single one has voiced any objection whatsoever to the new line being placed along the shorter pre-existing route. It seems apparent that everyone's interests will be satisfied if the line is placed parallel to the existing 138 kV line, with the sole exception being Ameren. Apparently Ameren would "prefer" not to have the lines run parallel because the parallel lines "might possibly" cause some problems in the event of a catastrophic storm.

Obviously, with the $36.78 million that Ameren would save by using the existing route, Ameren should certainly be able to add safeguards and could prevent the disruption to the pristine land (and my view) that will occur if the route proposed in the August 2013 order is approved.

I 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.

Sincerely yours,

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