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

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Mr. Scott and Commission members,

I am strongly opposed to Ameren Illinois' plan to create a new route to run power lines from Meredosia to Pawnee, Illinois. The proposal by Ameren will mean taking away a big chunk of farm land from my father and brother and many of my childhood neighbors. They depend on using tillable land to make a living and it is not right to take that away when there are better alternatives on the table.

I have been told there is already a line that the new lines can be built next to that actually decreases the miles of lines needed by over 18 miles. This will save Ameren and its customers millions of dollars by making for a much shorter route that already has the proper right-of-ways vehicles would need to get to and from the lines.

Additionally, I have been told using the existing route is the recommendation made by your staff. It seems to me if this is the most cost effective and already approved by your people, then that is the way to vote. Please do not approve the plan 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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