

Tuesday, January 21, 2014

Executive Director
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Avenue
Springfield, IL 62701

RE: Case #12-0598 PDM/CFT Route

Dear Executive Director:

As a landowner in Piatt County, I am thankful for the wisdom of the administrative-law judges' approval and recommendation to use the PDM/CFT route which is a much more cost effective and simpler route. I would pray that you would also be wise and approve this route at the administrative-law judges' recommendation.

Here are but a few of the reasons for the absolute necessity to abandon the reroute thru Piatt, Douglas and Moultrie County:

1. The lack of due process
2. The lack of proper notification to landowners in Piatt and Douglass County
3. The lack of public input in regard to the reroute which is yet to be listed as part of the counties impacted on the ICC or Ameren web pages, thus landowners did not feel any pressure to approach ICC or Ameren about the matter. Those that did ask were told the route would not affect landowners in either Piatt or Douglass County
4. Segments of the reroute were submitted after the December 31 ICC deadline, which should be enough in itself to not allow this reroute.
5. This affects far more total crop ground by cutting through the middle of field after field and in some cases is within a mile of the homestead on the property.
6. There will be several 90 degree turns required in the reroute increasing the cost astronomically
7. The reroute will be right next to the Tuscola Airport making landing and take off more of a concern for the pilot and the passengers
8. The reroute crosses right through multiple Amish districts and even thru a registered Native American archeological site!
9. *Last but not least is the financial savings by going with the original PDM/CFT route.*

I ask that you please make it known that you are standing for the landowners of Illinois and will vote for the original, shorter, and more direct route and oppose the reroute. This original route has been widely publicized and properly vetted to landowners for over a year and included public input and participation with dozens of public meetings held throughout 2012. The original route was studied for years and had a full review of 32 different sensitivities making a much wiser choice.

Sincerely,



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January 29, 2014

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Re: ICC Case 12-0598/Support for ICC proposed PDM/CFT (Channon) Route

We are asking your support of the Administrative Law Judge's Proposed Second Order and Selection of the PDM/CFT (Channon Family Trust) Route.

As stated in the ICC Proposed Second Order on Rehearing, January 17, 2014, the PDM/CFT route is the least cost and outperforms the MCPO route on 11 of the 12 known factors. It presents no difficulties in construction or maintenance and affects fewer property owners than the other options presented. It also appears to better utilize existing corridors such as roads, section lines and property lines.

The MCPO route is over 9 miles longer and would cost \$17 million more to construct than the PDM/CFT route. The PDM/CFT route follows Ameren's original, properly vetted routes through Moultrie County, which Ameren spent years studying, reviewing, publicizing and refining, based on feedback from multiple public forums and a review of 32 different geographic sensitivities.

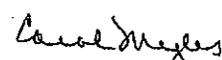
There were no public meetings or forums in connection with the MCOP route. Ameren has never proposed or submitted any routes through Piatt and Douglas counties and were not included in Ameren's formal petition.

We support the PDM/CFT route and oppose the MCPO route through Piatt and Douglas counties, and hope you will also.

Thank you,



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Carol Myers

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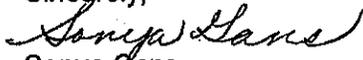
I support the PDM/CFT/STAFF route.

I OPPOSE the MCPO route through Douglas and Piatt Counties.

I would appreciate if you would vote NO for MCPO route.

Thank you,

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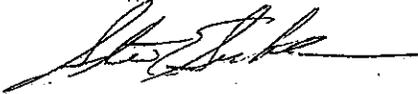
My family has farmed in Piatt and Douglas Counties for more than one hundred years. As a property owner, I am strongly opposed to the Moultrie County Property Owners (MCPO) proposed route through Piatt and Douglas Counties and support the Administrative Law Judges' selection of the Channon Family Trust (PDM/CFT/Staff) route. I oppose the MCPO route support the PDM/CFT/Staff route for the following reasons:

- the MCPO route is over 9 miles longer than the PDM/CFT/Staff route,
- the MCPO route would cost \$17 million more to construct than the PDM/CFT/Staff route,
- the MCPO route would include 50 more towers and spans than the PDM/CFT/Staff route,
- the MCPO route splits 103 family farms including our family farm. This is four times the number of farms impacted by the PDM/CFT/Staff route,
- the MCPO route would place these massive towers and high-voltage lines unnecessarily close to multiple towns,
- the MCPO route would run through the Arthur Amish Community, devastating this unique, historic area, forever destroying the area's beautiful, rural sight lines,
- the MCPO route travels miles off course to the north and negatively impacts 40% more cropland, more property owners, and far more communities,
- the MCPO route not only impacts more cropland, more prime farm ground, and more wetland areas, it would also require the clearing of forestland along three major rivers and would cross 19 more streams, causing far more damage to the ecosystem than the PDM/CFT/Staff route.

The PDM/CFT/Staff route follows Ameren's original, properly vetted routes through Moultrie County, which Ameren spent years studying, reviewing, publicizing, and refining based on feedback from multiple public forums and a review of numerous geographic sensitivities. Ameren has never even proposed or submitted any routes through Piatt and Douglas Counties, and Douglas and Piatt Counties were not even included in Ameren's formal petition to the ICC. The ICC Commissioners should reject the longer, more costly, and far more destructive MCPO route through Douglas and Piatt Counties and support the Administrative Law Judges' selection of the PDM/CFT/Staff route through Moultrie County.

The stated mission of the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) is to "pursue an appropriate balance between the interest of the consumers and existing and emerging service providers to ensure the provision of adequate, efficient, reliable, safe and least-cost public utility services". I appeal to you to follow your mission statement and duties as an appointed officer of the Commission and support the PDM/CFT/Staff route, which is the shorter, more direct, and more carefully studied route through Moultrie County.

Sincerely,



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