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Office of Chairman
And Commissioners

Chairman Scott,

My name is Kelly Dodsworth. I have properties in Morgan and Sangamon Counties that would be adversely affected by the "Proposed Route" Ameren is advocating in docket #12-0598 Meredosia to Pawnee segment.

First I would like to thank you and your staff's diligence in reviewing the facts and granting us a rehearing against Judge Yoder's recommendation. As I recall you stated "This (Ameren's proposed route) goes against our own tenents, it is longer and more expensive and should be further studied".

The facts are now even more conclusive that Ameren should run their new line along their existing 138kV corridor. Your technically qualified staff more adamantly continues to support using the existing 138kV corridor as they did in the first hearing. This route is 18.3 miles shorter posing less exposure to storms, less maintenance cost and construction expense that saves 36.8 million dollars while using existing access roads. This route also affects far fewer residential structures and property owners. The existing corridor has been there over 40 years.

Ameren has no convincing facts as to why they "prefer" not to parallel lines when in practice the do so regulary. We asked Ameren for maintenance cost-per-mile data for single and parallel lines and they refused our request. I feel this supports our point that parallel lines cost less to maintain, they can inspect two lines at the same time using the same access roads. Ameren also says parallel lines "might" cause "possible problems" in a storm with no further facts or substantiating data. These lines are already built to withstand storms and can't be built dangerously close to each other in order to comply with regulations.

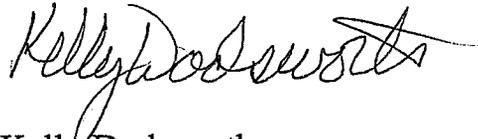
On wendsday morning you granted our rehearing and that afternoon the judges requested the contact information of all the landowners along the existing 138 kV route by Monday and we did that. I think the judges and Ameren tried to shoot us out of the water with their first request deadline. We requested the same information from Ameren which was unavalible. They don't know whose proerity their line is on? All landowners on the existing 138 kV line were notified of this case and not one has objected. Everyones intrests, but Ameren would be satisfied if the new line follows the existing corridor.

Chairman Scott, I purchased 200 ac. In 2011 for its quality recreational resources hunting, fishing, camping, ATVs and more mushrooms (pic enclosed) from our family trust. Prior to my purchase this timber/cropland has been extensively developed for resource conservation, wildlife habitat and prairie restoration through state and federal programs and is signed up in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). The proposed route would bisect the entire 200 ac. property including two tracts of land rated HEL (highly erodible land) by the Natural Resource Conservation Service and should not be disturbed. The clearing of vegetation will destroy existing wildlife corridors and habitat along with prairie restoration.

This same property is historically significant in that the IL Geological Survey's chief curator Ken Farnsworth has identified and documented hundreds of artifacts of the Hopewell Indians from the Middle Woodland Period – 1000 years older than Cahokia Mounds. The highest concentration is located on the proposed route. (see pics)

Please take a strong look at this case and stop Ameren's senseless land grab and rule in favor of your technical staff's less expensive less destructive shorter existing corridor.

Respectively

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelly Dodsworth". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Kelly Dodsworth