ILLINOIS
COMMERCE COMMISSION
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Office of Chairman
And Commissioners

Doug Scott

Chairman ICC

Subject: ICC Case #12-0598, Meredosia to Pawnee Segment

Dear Mr. Scott,

My name is Jacob Spencer and I live at 1061 Coultas Rd, Scott Co, in Winchester, IL with my parents and older brother. I work with my dad and hope to take over the family farm when I get older. My dad farms several parcels of land in Scott Co, Illinois and three of these are all on the right of way for the proposed route of the Ameren power line. The proposed route affects two miles of our property, running down two sides of one parcel requiring a ninety degree turn. Our family home will be within a half mile of the power line.

I have become very familiar with this case as my dad was informed by Ameren in May of 2013 that the route would not affect our farmland or house. He has since learned that was not true. He was notified in August 2013 that Ameren would be requiring a right of way across our family farmland.

It has come to my attention that there is a shorter (18.3 miles), less expensive ($36 million) route that is available. On this route, everyone has been notified and no one is in opposition to this route as proposed by the MSSCLPG group. I am also aware that your own commission staff has recommended the MSSCLPG route for this line.

Besides the savings in money, this MSSCLPG route affects 50 less (**50 less**) homes within 500 feet of the right of way and also affects 87 less (**87 less**) landowners.

I also understand that Ameren's disagreement with MSSCLPG's route is the fact that two parallel lines could sustain damage from a storm. They are using the November 2013 storm in the Washington, IL area as an example of what could happen. But Ameren already operates many miles of parallel lines and has no concerns about storms with them.

In conclusion, Mr. Scott, the existing route advocated by the MSSCLPG has **18 miles less** exposure to storm damage, **$36 million in savings** for not only Ameren but for every person in the state of Illinois through cheaper rates, has the support of all parties involved except Ameren, affects less land by being **18 miles shorter**, and therefore, affects **50 less homes and 87 less landowners**, and **also has the recommendation of your commission staff.**

I respectfully ask that the commissioners take a strong look at the Meredosia to Pawnee section of this case and approve the line as recommended by the commission staff and grant the MSSCLPG's route.

Sincerely,

Jacob Spencer Jacob Spencer