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ICC Docket Number, or Docket Number or Case Number from Other Jurisdiction

(Please be specific): 13-0657

Subject of the Communication (Note - This field is limited to 8 lines of text):

ComEd Grand Prairie Gateway Project transmission line.

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Name of the Commission Officer or Employee Making Report (first, then last name):

Heather

Jorgenson

Job Title:

Administrative Law Judge

Names and Job Titles of Other Commission Employees Present:

Terrance Hilliard, Administrative Law Judge  
Elizabeth Rolando, Chief Clerk

Date of Communication: Feb 17, 2015

Location of Parties to Communication:

Mode of Communication (Please Check All That Apply):

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Name of, Title of, and Entity Represented by Person Communicating to You:

Shauna Wiet, Chairman, Kane County Historic Preservation Commission

State What Action, If Any, the Person Requested or Recommended (Note - 11 lines of text):

Correspondence against Commission approval of any revised route of the transmission line near the Muirhead Springs Forest Preserve.

Include Any Other Information You Deem Pertinent (Note - Limited to 8 lines of text):

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## **Jorgenson, Heather**

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**From:** Rolando, Elizabeth  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 17, 2015 8:48 AM  
**To:** Hilliard, Terrence; Jorgenson, Heather  
**Subject:** FW: ICC Docket # 13-0657 ComED Grand Prairie Gateway/Muirhead Springs proposed revised route  
**Attachments:** Muirhead Farmhouse from Save Wright Vol2 Iss1 FIN2-2.pdf; Muirhead Farmhouse letter to the ICC.pdf

See attached.

**From:** SHAUNA [mailto:shaunawiet@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 12, 2015 11:22 AM  
**To:** Rolando, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** Fwd: ICC Docket # 13-0657 ComED Grand Prairie Gateway/Muirhead Springs proposed revised route

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**From:** SHAUNA <shaunawiet@comcast.net>  
**To:** [cweller@icc.illinois.gov](mailto:cweller@icc.illinois.gov)  
**Cc:** [mpetersdorf@gmail.com](mailto:mpetersdorf@gmail.com)  
**Sent:** Wed, 11 Feb 2015 22:49:00 -0000 (UTC)  
**Subject:** ICC Docket # 13-0657 ComED Grand Prairie Gateway/Muirhead Springs proposed revised route  
Dear Ms. Weller,

Please find attached a letter from the Kane County Historic Preservation Commission in support of the ICC's previous decision to route the said line to the west and south of the Muirhead Springs Forest Preserve. The currently proposed revision would cause the line and towers to abut the Frank Lloyd Wright designed Muirhead Farmhouse, a Kane County landmark. It would also move the bulk of the infrastructure needed to pull the line south of Plato Center much closer to the village itself.

The currently approved route does several things:

- 1) Preserves the integrity of the landmark Muirhead Farmhouse
- 2) Keeps the line off of forest preserve land entirely
- 3) Avoids violating deed restrictions on the forest preserve land placed by the family at the time of sale and the subsequent litigation
- 4) Avoids the corner infrastructures from being placed closer to the village of Plato Center

It is my understanding you are able to see that the letter is distributed to the commission. I have also attached a magazine article with photos if that is of interest. I would appreciate it if you could confirm receipt as I acquired your contact information from another party. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Shauna Wiet, Chairman  
Kane County Historic Preservation Commission

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Shauna Wiet, Chairperson



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February 6, 2015

Illinois Commerce Commission

RE: Grand Prairie Gateway/Muirhead Springs  
Reference Docket # 13-0657

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing on behalf of the Kane County Historic Preservation Commission. We are writing in affirmation of your approval for the route of said line which currently is planned to skirt the Muirhead Springs Forest Preserve to the west and south. It is our understanding that this route was approved in October of last year.

It has come to our attention that there is a proposed revision under consideration which would bisect the forest preserve by using the existing railroad right of way. You may not be aware that this revised route would adversely impact a Kane County Landmark and nationally significant Frank Lloyd Wright designed property. The Muirhead Farmhouse was designed by Wright in 1950 for a family who had farmed the land for over 90 years. The home remains in the family today. It has been meticulously restored by its current owners and has hosted national and international visitors during its time in use as a bed and breakfast. With bookings one and a half years in advance, it became too successful to be practical with young children and as such, the bed and breakfast use has been suspended for the time being. This is not just another old house.

The revised route would negatively impact the home by bringing the transmission line and towers immediately adjacent to the landmark and require the homeowners and visitors to drive under it in order to access the property. It also would likely trigger a mandatory and time-consuming Illinois Historic Preservation Agency review per state statute. Aside from the impact on the landmark property, the proposed revised route would put the infrastructure closer to residents of Plato Center thus compounding the negative effect.

The Kane County Historic Preservation Commission respectfully requests you re-affirm your October decision of the route which follows the western and southern boundaries of the Muirhead Springs Forest Preserve. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Shauna Wiet".

Shauna Wiet, Chairperson

Kane County Historic Preservation Commission

**Cc: Chris Lauzen, Chairman, Kane County Board**

**Mike Kenyon, President, Kane County Forest Preserve District**

**Monica Meyers, Executive Director, Kane County Forest Preserve District**

**Elizabeth Safanda, Executive Director, Preservation Partners of the Fox Valley**

**Janet Halstead, Executive Director, Frank Lloyd Wright Conservancy**

**Mary Lu Seidel, Chicago Field Director, National Trust for Historic Preservation**

**Lisa DiChiera, Director of Advocacy, Landmarks Illinois**

**Rachel Leibowitz, Division Manager, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency**

**David Halpin, Cultural Resources Manager, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency**

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