

## Local group taking a stand against the Mark Twain Transmission Project

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The \$200 million Mark Twain Transmission Project that was approved in 2011 will now take one of only two proposed routes from Palmyra to the Missouri-Iowa border in Schuyler County.

But some residents say they've had a chance to do their research, and they don't want it here.

While area residents gathered inside the Palmyra American Legion Tuesday afternoon to hear presentations about the proposed transmission line, John Bambrick-Rust was outside passing out flyers.

"Pacemaker batteries can be drained quickly around the lines, the effects on animals, livestock, we have people in our group who are farmers and concerned about it," Bambrick-Rust said.

He heads "Neighbors United Against", a group of a few hundred residents across Adair, Knox and Schuyler counties who say they've researched what this transmission project will do, and they don't like what they found.

"We just started going to our county commissioners and saying hey look this is what we found, we're opposed to this what do you think about it," Bambrick-Rust said. "Eventually we convinced them, not just ourselves but a large number of people convinced our county commissioners to be opposed to the line."

"There is no documented adverse effects because of these power lines," Peggy Ladd with Ameren said.

She says their experts have also done research and they've found nothing.

"Health risks, the danger to the animals, we've been hearing a lot of that there's a lot of urban myth surrounding this project," Ladd said.

At the open house residents even got to check if the route would go through their land.

"I think if the route is on the property they're a little more concerned, and if not, they've just breathed a sigh of relief," Ladd said.

Ladd says the project is moving ahead either way, and it's up to the residents to jump on board or jump ship. ✖

"Only land owners can advocate for their property the best. Come in get all those answers but get the facts," Ladd said.

The next open house will be Wednesday in North Newark at the Heartland Ozark Lodge and Steakhouse from 4pm-7pm.

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**November 12, 2015 Testimony presented for the Public Service Commission by Jean L Sidwell**

As a Trustee for the Johns Family Farm Trust & 1/8<sup>th</sup> owner of the farm, I would like to testify to the PSC that I am strongly opposed to Ameren transmission Company of Illinois' proposed Mark Twain Transmission Project, and ask that they be denied public utility status and the project not be approved.

This is the best recollection of the events I recall from the Ameren Open House meeting for the public held on 10/30/14. My sister, my sister-in-law and I stopped at the Ameren station that provided maps of the proposed transmission line B9 route which would cross our farm property. The proposed Ameren transmission line, as indicated by the map of our farm, provided by an Ameren technician, at the open meeting held 10/30/14 at the Fellowship Baptist Church on Jamison Street in Kirksville MO., showed the line easement passing approximately 50 ft. feet from the family farm house. This map was printed out by an Ameren technician. My sister, sister-in-law, and I were quite concerned about how close the easement and power line of 345,000 volts would be to the farm house. At this time, my nephew, his wife and young daughter were living in the farm house. We pointed out to the Ameren representative, how close the line was to the farm house and suggested that Ameren could have run the proposed line west along the property fence line. We were told to fill out an Ameren Transmission questionnaire to identify our issues and concerns over the B9 route cutting through our farm property. Another concern was that this proposed transmission line may result in a decrease in value of our family farm as much as 50% by some estimates.

I have attached a copy of that original map with the distance indicated by the Ameren computer technician. You will notice the proposed B9 Ameren transmission line cuts right down the middle from south to north of our best farm ground.

Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois had invited the public to attend their "open house," meeting to "ask questions." This was the first of these open house meetings that I had attended. When my husband and I first arrived, we were asked to sign our names on a list. Those who chose not to sign their name were not allowed to enter the meeting and asked to leave. Another thing I noticed, Ameren seemed to be video-taping everyone that entered. Also there were several policemen around the room, which in my view was not necessary, but served to intimidate attendees. I was there to get my questions answered concerning the proposed line, not to cause any problems. After all, as a Christian and member of a Baptist church, attending a meeting held in a Baptist church, I know how to conduct myself in a house of God.

As an example of how rude and disrespectful Ameren representatives were to my husband at this open house meeting I will relate the following about a question my husband asked at an Ameren information station. He asked, (in a calm civil manner), about Missouri State law 229.100 which reads: "No person or persons, association, companies or corporations shall erect poles for the suspension of electric light, or power wires, or lay and maintain pipes, conductors, mains and conduits for any purpose whatever, through on, under of across the public roads or highways of any county of this state, without first having obtained the assent of the county commission of such county therefor; and no poles shall be erected or such pipes, conductors, mains and conduits be laid or maintained, except under such reasonable rules

and regulations as may be prescribed and promulgated by the county highway engineer, with the approval of the county commission."

<http://www.moga.mo.gov/mostatutes/stathtml/22900001001.html>

My husband was escorted out of this meeting, when he asked a question about MO. State Law 229.100. I was a witness to this whole event. An Ameren representative, who evidently did not want to respond to this question, asked a policeman to escort my husband outside. My husband left the meeting without causing any disruption, and was interviewed by the Kirksville Daily Express about this action by Ameren. I have enclosed a copy of the article from the front page of the Kirksville Daily Express, Friday Oct. 31, 2014, entitled "AMEREN FACES THE PUBLIC." (Front page – continued on page 7).

By what legal right did Ameren have to treat my husband in this manner for asking a question, at an open house meeting where Ameren invited the public to come and ask questions?

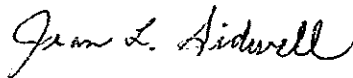
The best argument that this power line is not necessary is demonstrated by the actions of Ameren. If they thought the power line was necessary, why did they not respect the rights of Missouri citizens and make an honest straight forward presentation to the Missouri Public Service Commission in the first place instead of being forced to.

Elected officials of five Missouri counties have passed resolutions opposing the construction of this high voltage power line, refusing to grant permission to allow this utility line to cross their counties. Ameren has indicated by their actions that they do not respect the rights of those Missouri counties, their elected officials or the rights of Missouri citizens who own the property under or near this proposed transmission line.

Please take note of the way Ameren treated the public at these open meetings, review carefully what they say they will do and their real intentions, help protect Missouri citizens and prevent the construction of this unnecessary Mark Twain Transmission Project.

Thank you for your careful consideration.

Jean L Sidwell



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Johns Family Farm  
Line - 46.92ft. from Farm House



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Dear Commissioner's:

Re: case# EA-2015-0146

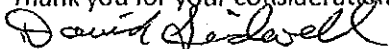
I am strongly opposed to Ameren transmission Company of Illinois' proposed Mark Twain Transmission Project, and ask that they be denied public utility status and the project not be approved.

This company has indicated that they intend to build a power line at a diagonal (not along property lines) across over 100 acres of my parent's best farm land. My parents are over 90 years old and are confined to a nursing home. They must sell their farm to meet nursing home costs. My father is a World War II veteran and his farm is a result of a lifetime of hard work and sacrifice. I am concerned that this power line may result in a decrease in the value of their farm by as much as 50% at a time when they are being forced to sell their property to meet their needs.

Attached is a copy of a Kirksville Daily Express Newspaper article dated October 31, 2014. This article illustrates how arrogantly they treat Missouri citizens and how little regard they have for the rights of Missouri citizens and the laws of the state of Missouri. It also is an example of how their actions contradict their statements and how unreliable they are.

They invited the public to attend their "open house" meeting and to "come ask questions". Their company spokesman is quoted as saying "we want to hear their questions, their concerns, respond to them and make certain that when they leave here today they have the facts". I ask that same spokesman (in a civil manner) about Missouri state law 229.100. I asked him about the reports that several Missouri counties were using that law to refuse to allow the company to construct power lines across their counties. I was surprised that he responded by saying he did not know the answer to that question and that if I ask that question again he was going to have me "escourted" off the property. At his request I was escourted out of the meeting. To my knowledge they had no legal right to treat me in that manner. Please protect us from this company.

Thank you for your consideration.

  
David Sidwell

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Neighbors United Against Ameren's Power Line protest outside of Ameren's open house session.  
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# Protestors, questions at Mark Twain Transmission Project open house



Above: A Neighbors United Against Ameren's Power Line member protests against Ameren's Mark Twain Transmission Project. Below: Nearby residents speak with Ameren representatives at Thursday's open house. DANIELLE BROWN/DAILY EXPRESS

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Who is this going to benefit? Why in Kirksville? Will the property value go down? Does this line go through my property?

These were the types of questions Ameren representatives were faced with Thursday night during the second series of open house sessions regarding Ameren's proposed Mark Twain Transmission Project - a 345,000-volt transmission line that will run from Palmyra to Kirksville and then turn north towards the Iowa border, where the lines will interconnect with others.

Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois, or ATXI, representatives pushed possible benefits northeast Missouri residents will see from the transmission line and said the purpose of the evening was to hearing community feedback and present them the project plans after receiving some public scrutiny.

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Division of Energy Director Lewis Mills said the steering committee's goal is to find short- and long-term solutions for "clean, reliable, affordable and abundant energy" for Missouri.

Truman State University President Dr. Troy Paino welcomed the group to campus and touted energy efficiency projects the university has taken on in recent years. Five solar panel systems have been installed, each generating 32,000 kilowatt hours per year. In 2014 alone the power value generated is already \$9,300, exceeding the year's lease cost.

The university also installed a mid-sized steam boiler in 2010. The unit provides steam in non-winter months and saves Truman about \$60,000 annually. A majority of computer servers have also been eliminated, with the move to virtual servers significantly dropping the university's consumption for heating and cooling.

Thursday's meeting brought to-

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## Court order temporarily restricts nurse's movement

(AP) - Maine health officials obtained a 24-hour court order restricting Kaci Hickox's movement after the nurse repeatedly defied

"We want to hear their questions, their concerns, respond to them and make certain that when they leave here today they have the facts," spokesman for the Mark Twain Transmission Project Leigh Morris said.

"Not theory, not supposition, not what somebody said. They're getting it from the horse's mouth here today, and they're going to get the truth."

Local residents and landowners were taken from station to station to hear those facts, see the purpose and planning of the project and get their questions answered.

Morris said one of the main reasons for building the transmission lines is to bring renewable power to the state of Missouri.

He also said the transmission line will fall under Missouri's Renewable Energy Standard, which was approved by voters in 2008. The standard requires 20 percent of the power delivered by the state's public utility companies to come from renewable resources, according to Morris.

"MISO (Midcontinent Independent System Operator) has already determined that this line has to be built, and if Ameren Transmission Company doesn't build it then they'll select somebody else to build it," ATXI spokesman for the Mark Twain Transmission Project Leigh Morris said.

Morris said the transmission lines will also serve to create jobs, system reliability and reduce transmission congestion. Current transmission lines are becoming too small to move large amounts of energy from one place to the next.

Substations will transfer power through the 100 miles of transmission lines to distribution utilities. Morris said one of the substations being used for the lines is located in Kirksville,



An Ameren rep shows landowners how close their properties will be to the transmission line (red line). DANIELLE BROWN/DAILY EXPRESS

which is why the proposed routes come through the area. The utility companies will then deliver that power to their customers.

When asked if the power being delivered by the transmission line will be used to service the nearby area, Morris repeated that the power is "transferred to utilities who in turn wind up delivering that power" to all customers, not specifically to one area.

Ameren has also offered to residents whose property will be affected by the transmission lines a one-time lump-sum payment for the use of the properties or decreased property value.

Some local landowners present at the open house were still not happy with Ameren after the open house session and questioned the some of the company's responses to them.

"I think a lot of what they say is actually disingenuous, and it's not real factual. It's very controlled. Only what they want you to know," landowner Rosanna Abreo said. "It's really difficult to understand why they can't tag on to an existing line, with all

the technology that's out there, instead of ruining additional farmlands and habitats."

"They know how to pass the buck on to the next station, and you'll have that person there or this person here this is what we're used to," Dwight Peterson, whose property is on one of the proposed routes, said.

"We're just working with them to make sure our rights are protected," his wife Judy Peterson said.

The Petersons are also a part of the Neighbors United Against Ameren's Power Line group, who were protesting outside of the open house.

Some attendees were escorted out during the open house session.

Schuylar County resident David Sidwell said he was escorted out after asking specifically about Missouri State Law 229.100, which reads:

"No person or persons, association, companies or corporations shall erect poles for the suspension of electric light, or power wires, or lay and maintain pipes, conductors, mains and conduits for any purpose what-

ever, through, on, under or across the public roads or highways of any county of this state, without first having obtained the assent of the county commission of such county..."

"I was just curious. If eight or nine counties say they won't support your line, where does that put you with your line," Sidwell said. "They said 'We don't know. There's nobody here that knows, and if you ask that question again we're going to ask you to leave the premises.' I'm just trying to ask one basic question that I'm curious about. They asked me to leave. I just thought that was a basic question that was OK to ask."

Ameren representatives also met with city staff earlier in the day at community forum concerning the transmission lines.

Kirksville City Council member Rick Steele released the following statement about the forum:

"The questions presented by Kirksville City Staff were department specific and dealt with many issues such as how these lines would affect air traffic at our airport.

My concerns were if any of

this project would be within the city limits; why they weren't working with the Missouri Public Service Commission; how vegetation control would be done; issues regarding Use Taxes; and the need for timely and complete information to be provided to the municipality - not the up to one year delay in responding to our queries.

But, perhaps my greatest concern is the issue over eminent domain and trying to force property owners to accept a smaller lump-sum payment that would bind the land forever instead of negotiated leases. This worries me in that it would appear that a private company would be exercising the powers of a government body and while today it may not directly affect those within the city limits it

would set a most dangerous precedent. Also of concern were the often contradictory answers."

The next step for the project will be to select a final route for the transmission line. Currently, there are two proposed routes for the project. Morris said the routes will most likely be finalized by the end of the year.

Briggs	Gena	<p>ATXI-Peggy L. Ladd; written letter dated July 15, 2014 invite to one of three August open houses because my property is within 2,500 feet of a proposed route option.</p> <p>Tuesday, Aug.5, 2014 ATXI open house at El Kadir Shrine Club in Kirksville, MO (in person) where Peggy L. Ladd, in person told me that this power line project WILL happen and that "NO is NOT an option!" I talked with several representatives, and at the time didn't think it was necessary to document every name. I obtained an open house handout, a questionnaire and a few aerial images of my farm with all the proposed route options showing.</p> <p>Letter dated October 7, 2014 from Peggy L. Ladd, ATXI inviting me to the second round of open houses.</p> <p>Thursday, Oct. 30, 2014 at Fellowship Baptist Church, Kirksville, MO (in person) where I got to talk with 3 Ameren representatives and two armed, hired security--in a church--about why I had to sign in at the door when I had, on my person, the invitation to attend the open house. At this meeting I received a revised version of the project's route options, more aerial images and another questionnaire.</p> <p>Two letters dated February 9, 2015 from Peggy Ladd, ATXI that notified me that ATXI had completed the route selection and of the PINs to identify the parcels of my property-one that is located within the proposed 150-foot right-of-way of the selected route and one that is not.</p> <p>19th Judicial Circuit Court of Cole County, Jefferson City, MO-in person and represented by Paul Henry, attorney, before Judge Dan Green for the right to intervene in the lawsuit between ATXI and MOPSC. Monday, October 20, 2014.</p>
Williams	Tysen	<p>They held a meeting at Kirksville, only for information. ATXI tried to get this to go though without even going through the PSC. They are taking advantage of any land owner at this time, they told us no matter what it was going to take place and to live with it. Sorry my great grandfather did not buy this land for someone to take it away from them. We are only a couple years away from this being a century farm.</p>
Scott	Howard	<p>It was at an Ameren open house for the public in the Marion County VFW hall, at which time I spoke with at least 5 Ameren employees, including Peggy Ladd, about power line map routes, about transmission tower structures, about building and maintaining right-of-ways, and the process of obtaining eminent domain. When I questioned Ms Ladd personally about eminent domain issues, I was asked to leave the open house.</p>



I called an ATXI phone number either towards the end of 2014 or early 2015. I believe the voicemail went to a person by the name of John from ATXI (can't remember last name). Peggy Ladd ended up being the one who called me back. I expressed how my family and I had emailed about the problems of the line crossing our property where we load out hogs on semi trailers and how it would not work for Ameren to install a line through the heart of our family farming operation. She made it sound like it was up to me to talk to my neighbors about getting the line to go somewhere else. That should be ATXI's job!

Ameren hasn't pursued working with us at all to move the line even though I have emailed, called, and expressed this at both open houses at Newark!

My Family emailed "Hawkins Family Farm Concerns of Proposed Transmission Line" on November 9, 2014.

We also emailed "Reinforcing why proposed Mark Twain Transmission Line will not work @ proposed location across the Hawkins Family Farm" on November 28, 2014.

At the Ameren meeting at the Heartland Ozark Lodge and Steakhouse, at Newark, on October 29, 2014 I talked to several representatives from Ameren. I tried to learned everything I could about this proposed line. I stayed late, talking to Ameren's Representatives while they took down their booths.

I talked to one of the guys in charge of maps. There, I drew out our property boundaries of all the farms we farm where the transmission line was to go and those next to where the proposed line goes. This showed how bad our farming enterprise would be affected because we would have to spend a lot of time under the lines, crossing under it many times since it takes a turn on our property. I did this on Ameren's big paper back maps that took up the majority of a table. It would be interesting to see if they still had these copies.

In the computer mapping section we showed the young lady several aspects of our farm and had her take notes on Ameren's computer based mapping system. We pointed out where the line would go over the top of the ridge where we feed the majority of our hay to our cows on one particular farm. On Ameren's computer map it was obvious where we had fed a lot of hay right where they proposed the line would go across our property by the round circles in the pasture. We had her record where the line was to cross over and is close to future building sites for the expansion of our outdoor natural pork enterprise which includes more electric fence, hoop buildings, an alley, water lines, and waterers, which would be too risky to install with 345,000 volt line going overhead because of stray voltage that could likely occur as it has caused a lot of problems for dairy farmers who have power lines on their property of a similar magnitude. As my dad stated at the PSC hearing with an ATXI lawyer in the room at Schuyler County on Oct. 26, 2015 in Queen City, this would result in a loss of \$60,000 a year if we couldn't go ahead with our plans.

My dad and I talked to one of Ameren's engineers. We asked several questions. He told us that if we had an electric fence going under the line, even if we turned the charger off, we would still be able to feel the fence pulsing under the Transmission line while we were working on it if it wasn't grounded. (We ground the fence chargers but we don't ground electric fence because then it won't work!) When I asked him how it would affect GPS he told me "GPS would work about like it would in a building" which is a sly way of saying it won't work very good under the line because we bought the best antenna available for our GPS and it won't work in our machine shed. I've talked to farmers and GPS technicians with different kinds of GPS on their farm equipment and they say the same thing. It won't work in their buildings either. I did not realize how important names, exact quotes, dates, and

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		documentation would become. I would love to have the names of those I spoke with, but I didn't retain them. After all that was nearly a year ago now.
Mann	Laura	I had horrible interactions with several Ameren employees at a public forum meeting. They behaved terribly and in a bullying manner. Particularly Peggy Webb. I also do not believe they correctly recorded my opposition. They sugar coated it in their records to say "I didn't like the way power lines looked".
Di Stefano	Maria	Only at the Open Houses; I do not have names. In the first open house it was stated that they were sharing optional paths for the line and that the final decision was going to be arrived at after taking into account public input. The path closest to my property was going to be south of it, relatively far. When the second open house took place and they showed the final choice, the line showed going all along the north boundary of my property, in the W-E direction. This WAS NOT in the possible options they had shown the first time. Also, when in the first open house I asked why this line had to come through the Kirksville area, the response was that the population of Kirksville was growing and that the line was going to be needed for future energy needs. Population growth in Kirksville? I have lived here for 30 years and the population has been stable at approximately 17,000. All well-known data indicates that this area is not gaining population, quite the contrary.
Billington	Joseph	Attended the second open house at Days End Kirksville regarding the Zachary Station. Asked a few questions from ATXI representative regarding the line crossing my property, specifically about the fencing and grounding issue. I was told that ATXI was only there that day to discuss the Zachary Station and they would not address any other questions. I left the meeting.
Snodgrass	James	with several representative of abxi during the public meetings at palmyra mo. I went to all of the public meetings and voiced my opinion to the representatives. they passed me from one representative to another telling me that all of my concerns would be addressed. Concerns were having the lines to close to my home for health reasons. noise and loss of my woods. Big concern was no one to tell me what sort of compensation would be given for use of my land. I would rather lease the right away and be paid yearly than a one time payment. Did not want my input jut told me what they were going to do. It did not feel like a negotiation or two way street. It was more like here is our proposal take it because we will build it no matter what you think. This is the impression they left with me.

		At both the Oct 2014 and Feb 2015 open house. Do not have names, but same person at both pictured in paper, Where I found myself surrounded by four at the first meeting and three at the second meeting. One which followed me into the hall when the paper interviewed me. The man in back of me in Feb was an armed guard.
Hollenbeck	Margaret	See attached folder.
Hollenbeck	Clifford	Do not recall who or the date. Probably the open houses when attending. I do recall how RUDE Ameren was.
Games	Deborah	<p>I spoke with Peggy Ladd on the phone in September 2014 to get info about the project and ask her to speak to our group of concerned citizens. She wasn't willing to speak to our group. In her words, she wasn't willing to be a sacrificial lamb, and she takes security very seriously.</p> <p>I left Jennifer Berry a phone message with a question about the project, and she answered me with a letter in the US postal mail. I don't know how she obtained my address.</p> <p>I attended the open house in Palmyra and was not allowed to re-enter the building after a number of attendees had been asked to leave for asking legitimate questions.</p> <p>I attended the open house in Kirksville at the Baptist Church, and none of my questions were answered.</p> <p>I spoke with Peggy Ladd and Jim Jontrey at the open house in Kirksville at the Days Inn, and they didn't know anything about Ameren MO's plans or Ameren MO's lack of need for this project.</p>
Jackson	Chloe	I communicated with an employee of ATXI at an open house last year in Kirksville. The communication was face-to-face. I asked them a question about the project, to which they directed me to another employee. The employee I was directed to did the same thing. I do not know the names of the employees.
Sidwell	Curtis	Went to the public meeting at the church in Kirksville and Ameren people could not answer any of my questions. I was threatened to be thrown out of the building if I did not sign the paper giving permission for me to be photographed and filmed. I was escorted out.
Spring	Kenneth	At the open house at Heartland. Ameren employees were Rude and did not answer questions and belittled any questions we asked.
Spring	Marian	At the open house at Heartland. Agents were rude, ran me around in circles from station to station. Never answered any questions and laughed when I voiced my concern over health effects. Also emailed Peggy Ladd right after pin numbers were sent out. Email was on old computer that crashed. No longer have a copy of it.
Klusmeyer	Holly	<p>Peggy Ladd</p> <p>She was very rude and told me I needed to do my research which was something I had done a lot of anyways so I told her she needed to do her research. All of their statistics, I found, were from at least 15 years ago, which I do not believe is updated information. This was the first time I talked to her, face-to-face, at Heartland last year. I then spoke to her on the phone because she wanted me to call her. The conversation didn't go anywhere besides her giving me more statistics that I had already read about.</p>

Griffith	Anita	I attended several ATXI public meetings at Newark and Kirksville over that first year of proposed line informational meetings. I did not take the names of the representatives with whom I spoke. I wrote lengthy notes with my concerns at each meeting, and was told, despite their having numerous computers at hand, printing out maps, they could not make copies for me of my input. I was not allowed into the meetings without giving my name. There was armed security present, which shocked me. Later, trying to get information, I spoke with whomever answered the phone and did not take notes. Several calls were to ask when meetings would be held, when we would know which proposed line would be decided as final proposal, whether any of our concerns had been taken into consideration, and whether my letter of denial of access (by any means except US Mail) had been received. That particular call was because I had heard that ATXI was refusing to accept the mail packets Neighbors United was sending in with our collective letters. I wanted to be sure they had received my individual letter and that it was on file. I was informed it had been received.
Goers	Dale	I attended the open house at Heartland. Communication consisted of ME LISTENING TO THEIR PROPOSAL. Possible routes and reason for the ATXI power line.
Shahan	Randy	I attended an open house in Adair County. I was escorted out of the open house at the church in Kirksville for not signing in ( I didn't want my photograph taken)
Jack-Scott	Julia	I spoke to a number of ATXI representatives at the first Adair County open house, though I do not remember individual names. I do remember speaking to Peggy Ladd and asking her what would happen if we refused to sign an easement agreement to which she responded that they would take us to court to have our land condemned in eminent domain proceedings. I also asked if they tried to route the line around homes, especially those where young children lived, and she responded that they tried to, but sometimes they did had to run lines close to or over people's houses.
Myers	Nena	I attended both open houses at Heartland, Aug. 6 & Oct. 29, 2014 where I found out what a "NIMBY" is. 11-2-14 completed online survey then sent pictures of Bald Eagles & nest along with maps in an email to "marktwaintransmission". Copy of email attached. 2-27-15 phoned and left a recorded message requesting a map with the PIN given to our property. 3-3-15 someone returned my call and would take a screen shot of our map and send to me. 3-6-15 received map. Copy attached. 4-24-15 Shelby County Commissioners, Glen Eagan & Maurice Shuck, along with Don Lindsey & me met with Peggy Ladd & Barbara Miller from Ameren near Palmyra to check the EMF's at an existing line. Also discussed why some homes along the proposed route were marked with yellow dots and others not. I had asked at the open house if it had to do with distance was told no, just needed to show where our home was at mapping station, but when final proposed route was announced our home was still not marked. Peggy would check and let me know. Peggy phoned several days later and said to be a yellow dot you had to be 1,000 feet or less away. We are 1,080' according to her.

		<p><b>ATXI MEETING</b>  I attended the October 30th at ATXI's Open House at Fellowship Baptist Church in Kirksville, MO. The public was herded through the meeting from station to station like a herd of cattle! ATXI did not want questions to be asked and few were answered. Some people were escorted out of the building for asking a question. We were all made to sign in when we entered the church. When some asked why we had to sign in, there were no answers, just told to do so or they would be escorted out from the church. Some were escorted from the church. We all had invitations to be there for the informational meeting!?? No warm fuzzy feeling! Just COLD COLD COLD from ALL ATXI employees.</p> <p><b>Peggy Ladd - Same Meeting</b>  Four different family members were at this same meeting, went through at different times, and were given maps with different easement footage from the Johns Living Trust farm home. Anywhere from, 43' to 120' from the farm home. Family did not realize this until they had all been through all the stations and were talking over refreshments. My sister-in-law, Patty Fajkus, already had arranged a meeting with Peggy Ladd. My sister-in-law, Jean Sidwell, and myself also went along to this meeting with concerns over how close this proposed line was going to be coming next to our farm home where my son, wife and young granddaughter lived at the time.</p> <p>After introductions, Peggy Ladd accused me, Sharon Johns, at being at other meetings, and stated she recognized me. When I explained that I had not been to any other meetings, she was cool towards me. She also made me go out to the car and get my map to prove that I was telling the truth related to the easement footage. After we all talked for awhile, Peggy walked us all to the computer section and had yet another map ran off for the three of us. This reading was close to two others, 43' from the home. Peggy then instructed us to return questionnaires and write letters to her with our concerns. All questionnaires and correspondence provided. Also the letter from Peggy stating she would forward our concerns to the routing team for consideration.</p> <p>A second proposal was made for the movement of the line to go through the west side of our farm land and pond. As ALL maps/letters/correspondence states the lines can be changed at times once construction starts.</p>
Johns	Sharon	
Sidwell	David	Peggy Ladd
Sidwell	Jean	<p>I attended the ATXI open house at Fellowship Baptist Church in Kirksville, MO on October 30, 2014. This proposed line will run right down the middle of my land. Different family members received conflicting information regarding the footage from our family home to the easement. Various maps showed distances from 43' to 120'. When my sister-in-laws and I complained to Peggy Ladd about the easement running so close to our home she told us we could fill out a questionnaire and send it to Mark Twain Transmission Project to the attention of Jennifer Berry, Burns &amp; McDonnell, 9400 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64114 (questionnaire provided)</p>

Sidwell	Jean	<p>I attended Ameren open house held at Fellowship Baptist Church in Kirksville MO., 10/30/15. Ameren invited the public to an open house session regarding the proposed MTTP 345,000 volt transmission line from Palmyra to Kirksville and north to Iowa line. This line will pass right down the middle of my property. I found this out when a map was printed out by an Ameren computer operator. My sister, sister-in-law and myself complained to Peggy Ladd that this map indicated that Ameren's the proposed B9 line's easement, running across our property, according to their map was located approximately 46.92 ft from our farmhouse.</p> <p>We could fill out a questionnaire to identify our issues and concerns related to the routing of the MTTP 345,000 volt power line that would cross our property. I did fill out this questionnaire and sent to Mark Twain Transmission Project to the attention of Jennifer Berry, Burns &amp; McDonnell, 9400 Ward Parkway, Kansas City MO. 64114.</p>
Goers	Patricia	<p>I attended the open house at Heartland. Communication consisted of ME LISTENING TO THEIR PROPOSAL. Possible routes and reason for the ATXI power line.</p>
Scott	Howard	<p>My experience when visiting an Ameren open house in Marion Co. in Palmyra: All visitors were expected to sign-in, which I did. There were many Ameren employees at various stations explaining the process of creating a transmission line, from showing potential routes, to what kind of towers were planned, to how they created a right-of-way and the type of equipment used and herbicides used to control the vegetation under the power lines. I asked about safety issues, including the issue of run-off on high clay soils into farm ponds, which was an issue I was concerned about in the case of my daughter's property. When I asked what would happen if people refused to agree to a right-of-way on their property, I was told I would need to speak to Peggy Ladd, who was in charge of the open house. I was escorted over to her, and I asked about what happens when people don't agree to access to their property, and how the process of obtaining eminent domain worked. She said that she hoped that people would cooperate with the project and that that would not be necessary. I pointed out that there were people who did not agree to the project, so again asked how the process of eminent domain worked. She said that that was an issue for the legal department and she couldn't comment further. All of this conversation was civil. At this point, she then asked me if I had any other questions, and when I said no, she said, "Well, then it is time for you to leave." When I lingered, looking around to see if there were any other exhibits I had not yet seen, I was approached by a man who was not dressed in an Ameren shirt who said, " You have been asked to leave the hall," and he gestured toward the exit. Another man joined him. I asked the first man who he was, and he said he worked for Ameren, and he said, "It is time for you to go, now." Both men then escorted me to the exit door and then spoke to an armed police officer standing outside the door. —Howard Scott</p>

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September 22, 2015

**Adair County Commission Resolution # 17 – 2014 - A**

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF THE AMEREN MARK TWAIN TRANSMISSION  
PROJECT THROUGH ADAIR COUNTY**

**Whereas**, Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI) has proposed a 100-mile high-voltage transmission line (345,000 V) to run through the Missouri Counties of Schuyler, Adair, Knox, Shelby and Marion.

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**WHEREAS**, the project will provide little or no economic benefit to the State of Missouri. It will result in higher rate to its customers to offset project costs, it will not result in significant temporary or permanent employment, and the amounts of tax revenue that ATXI claims the project will generate is speculative. Any benefits would be outweighed by reduced land values and permanent impediments on farm and ranch operations placing an economic strain on effected landowners.

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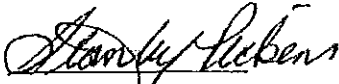
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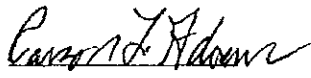
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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That Adair County opposes the construction of the Mark Twain Transmission Project because it is not in the best interest of the State of Missouri nor is it in the best interest of its residents and property owners. It will create adverse effects on farmers, their families and their livestock. The project will impede the pursuit of the livelihoods of Missourians and it will be detrimental to the local economy. It is against sound public policy and the moral principles of Missouri to allow a private, for-profit company to take private land for purely corporate gain.



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**Resolution** 2015-1

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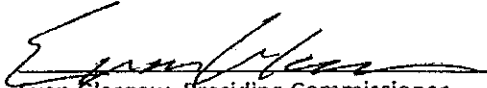
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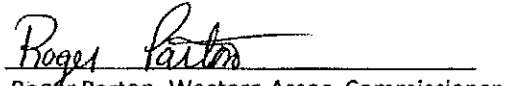
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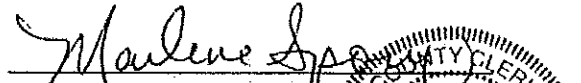
That The Knox County Commission opposes the construction of the Mark Twain Transmission Project because it is not in the best interest of the State of Missouri nor is it in the best interest of its residents and property owners. It will create adverse effects on farmers, their families and


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Evan Glasgow, Presiding Commissioner

  
Michael Fox, Eastern Assoc. Commissioner

  
Roger Parton, Western Assoc. Commissioner

  
Attest: Marlene Spory, County Clerk



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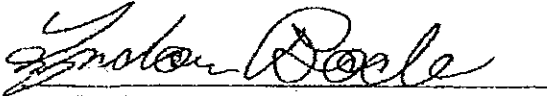
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Be it resolved, on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November 2014, that the Marion County Commission does hereby go on the record as opposing the Ameren Mark Twain Transmission Project, because it has been determined that Ameren of Illinois (ATXI) Mark Twain Transmission Project (MTTP) negatively impacts citizens of Marion County.

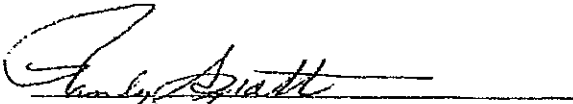
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Resolution 092815

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

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Resolution 2015-1

Date October 1, 2015

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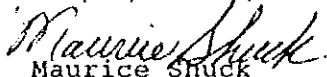
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Maurice Shuck

Associate Commissioner

  
Kerry McCarty

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