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State Representative  
District 148

December 28, 2020

Mr. Ryan Silvey  
Public Service Commission  
200 Madison St.  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Dear Chairman Silvey,

As the Senator-Elect of the 27<sup>th</sup> district, I am writing you today to express my concerns regarding the Matter of Application of Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois for a Certificate of Public Convenience related to the installation of a 138 kV Transmission Line and Associated Facilities in Perry and Cape Girardeau Counties. (File # EA-2021-0087).

Specifically, ATXI filed a motion to waive a Commission Rule that would require it to conduct an in-person public meeting with affected landowners before filling its application for a certificate of convention and necessity to construct and operate a transmission line in parts of Perry and Cape Girardeau Counties. Due to many of the landowners being elderly and many of my residents not having access to the necessary technology to participate in these online meetings, I am asking that you reject this request.

While Covid-19 has altered the way we conduct our governance, it is important that we do not fundamentally change processes and procedures that exist to protect Missourians and ensure a fair system of governance.

I am confident that the commission would not want to deprive these individuals from the process, and therefore an in-person meeting is crucial to achieve an equitable process. Many of the farms affected by this project have been in the same families going back many generations, and I would hate to see them jeopardized by a policy change that was not vetted. We should maintain every opportunity for their voices to be heard.

In closing, I ask that you reject the request from Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Holly Rehder".

State Representative & Senator- Elect Holly Rehder