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

Dear Chairman Silvey,

This letter is 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 filing its application for a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct and operate a transmission line in parts of Perry and Cape Girardeau Counties.

I am writing you to express my opposition to this request for waiver.

While Covid-19 has temporarily changed some ways in which 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.

Based on feedback from affected landowners, many residents are elderly and lack the necessary technology or internet connection to participate. I am confident that the PSC would not seek to deprive these individuals from the process, and therefore an in-person meeting is crucial to achieve an equitable process. Many of these farms affected by the project have been in the same families going back generations. We should maintain every opportunity for their voices to be heard.

I would ask that you reject the request from Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William C. Eigel".

Senator William Eigel

