

Resolution 092815

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.

WHEREAS, the project is inconsistent with Missouri farming operations, is disruptive to current farming practices and threatens the property rights of private citizens with the seizure of their homes and land by eminent domain.

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.

WHEREAS, high-voltage transmission lines are proven to cause health risks. They have been linked by the National Institute of Environmental Health Studies to an increase in childhood leukemia and The World Health Organization has stated that electromagnetic fields (EMFs) probably cause acute, biological effects and should be regarded as possible human carcinogens.

WHEREAS, the project will result in the erection of poles and lines that will have negative impacts on the landscape which may interfere with regional tourism, outdoor recreation and campaign efforts promoting the rural lifestyle and hunting opportunities that attract many to this region of Missouri.

WHEREAS, the county commissioners from the five effected counties, Adair, Schuler, Shelby, Knox and Marion, have all adopted resolutions in opposition to this proposed transmission line.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Schuyler County Commissioners 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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