RESOLUTION NO. 2012-R-14

RESOLUTION OPPOSING CONSTRUCTION OF ILLINOIS RIVERS PROJECT PRIMARY AND SEGMENT OPTIONS THROUGH CLARK COUNTY

WHEREAS, The Clark County Board and the Marshall School District have both passed resolutions opposing the construction of the Illinois Rivers Transmission Project through Clark County, and

WHEREAS, the proposed primary line and the segment options allow construction of the transmission line to pass within slightly more than one half mile from the south side of the Marshall City limits, and

WHEREAS, the proposed primary line lies directly in the path of future residential and business development which will become part of the City of Marshall as annexation continues as development occurs, and

WHEREAS, the proposed primary line halts future expansion of the lime quarry (a business originally established in 1938) by crossing land planned for future quarry use which affects both business operations and the employment of residents living in Marshall, and

WHEREAS, the proposed primary line would end transmission of radio signals from the tower of radio station WMMC which is a Marshall business, and

WHEREAS, the proposed primary line and segment options will have no connection points in Clark County anywhere, nor any taxable property in Clark County anywhere and has no other revenue benefits, and

WHEREAS, the proposed primary line and segment options negatively impacts the value of nearby residential property irregardless whether the line lies on the residential or on another adjacent property, and

WHEREAS, many of those property owners whose residences directly affected by construction and operation of the proposed primary line and segment options have businesses and employment in the City of Marshall.

In recent years, the City of Marshall has grown in all directions because of residential and business construction and this growth continues. It is very reasonable to conclude and

state that where the proposed route of the transmission line is located will become property within the city limits of the City of Marshall in the not too distant future.

This is not a simple matter of complaints because of the lack of transparency of route selection and communication with residents and business giving true intent of a line running on the south side of Marshall prior to selection of proposed routes for a power line that has many other better routes available. The information provided prior to the actual release of specific proposed line location information was simply too vague and city officials were not aware of potential problems.

This is a matter of the future growth of Marshall and the obvious distinctly negative impact it will have on our city. While we acknowledge and appreciate the good relationship with Ameren in the past and hope to in the future, this proposal seriously affects the community and if implemented has the obvious potential to permanently sour good feelings in the future.

This proposal has the look of a proposition to force through a route on the south edge of the City of Marshall for peculiar reasons unknown to us rather than do the logical and most cost effective thing and put both routes necessary for a proposal in southern Edgar County where no municipalities are located. It is significant to note in the Illinois Rivers filing that document ATXI Exhibit 7.4 (baseline cost estimate) shows the Kansas – Indiana State Line portion cost of the Primary route (south of Marshall) to be $68,236,000 and the Alternate route to be $63,919,000. The cost saving using the alternate route as the final choice is projected to be $4,317,000.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL THAT WE OPPOSE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ILLINOIS RIVERS PROJECT PRIMARY AND SEGMENT OPTIONS THAT CAUSES THE PROPOSED LINE TO RUN SOUTH OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL AND WE SUPPORT ALL OTHER RESOLUTIONS OPPOSING SUCH CONSTRUCTION BY PUBLIC BODIES IN CLARK COUNTY.

Dated November 14, 2012

	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
Beverly K. Church	✓		
Terry Clatfelter	✓		
John D. Ferris	✓		
Warren J. Le Fever	✓		
James McKittrick	✓		
Cheryl A. Raisner	✓		
Tim J. Sanders	✓		
James White	✓		

PASSED this 14 day of November, 2012.

APPROVED this 14 day of November, 2012.

Kenneth R. Smith
MAYOR

CITY CLERK

(SEAL)

Send to:
Illinois Commerce Commission
ATTN: Mr. Doug Scott

Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois
ATTN: Leigh Morris

Senator Dale Righter

Illinois Rep. Brad Halbrook

Illinois Rivers Project - Baseline Cost Estimate

Portion	Primary	Alternate	
Mississippi River - Quincy	$ 20,385,000	$ 22,747,000	
Quincy - Meredosia	$ 105,957,000	$ 104,264,000	
Meredosia - Ipava	$ 101,516,000	$ 104,875,000	
Meredosia - Pawnee	$ 129,077,000	$ 144,205,000	
Pawnee - Pana*	$ 65,868,000	$ 78,780,000	
Pana - Mt. Zion	$ 62,869,000	$ 72,182,000	
Mt. Zion - Kansas	$ 125,502,000	$ 128,026,000	
Kansas - Indiana State Line	$ 68,236,000	$ 63,919,000	4,317,000
Rising - Sidney	$ 40,482,000	$ 65,122,000	
Total Cost	**$ 719,892,000**	**$ 784,120,000.00**	

*Alternate 2 for this Portion only $ 65,018,000