

Adair County Commissioners oppose Ameren project

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KIRKSVILLE, MO. -- The Adair County Commissioners have drafted a resolution opposing the Mark Twain Transmission Project.

That proposed high-voltage power line would run from Iowa through Kirksville to Palmyra.

The Commissioners have determined that the transmission project negatively impacts citizens and property owners in Adair County.

A big concern citizens have: Serious health hazards to humans and animals have been documented due to the electromagnetic exposure from living in close proximity to a power line. The resolution states that although the power line will be crossing through Adair County, citizens will not benefit from lower electric bills or electric accessibility. This power line, will impact those on the East Coast. County Commissioners hope that this resolution will help those living in Adair County.

"We feel very good that we are doing the right thing for the people here in Adair County. The only benefit would be to Ameren, and there is a lot of negative intangible problems associated with this power line," said Mark Thompson, an Adair County Commissioner.

2nd District Commissioner Mark Thompson has reached out to Commissioners in surrounding counties that will also be affected by the power line. Thompson told KTVO that he expects Schuyler and Knox County Commissioners to draft a similar resolution opposing the project.