



VILLAGE OF HUNTLEY
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From: David Johnson, Village Manager

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Re: ICC POSTPONES FINAL RULING ON POWER LINES

HUNTLEY, IL – During a September 24th ICC Bench Session the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) postponed making a final ruling on ComEd’s request to construct power lines through the heart of the Village of Huntley until it has had time to further review the proposal. The Village Board remains strongly opposed to ComEd’s route through Huntley.

“We believe that the plan before the ICC is shortsighted and does not take into full consideration the devastating impacts this will have on our community,” says Village of Huntley Mayor Chuck Sass. “ComEd and the ICC must realize that this is not the best solution for our region.”

In May 2007 ComEd filed an application with the ICC for a Public Convenience and Necessity Certificate to construct, operate and maintain a 138,000-volt electric transmission line that will run through McHenry and Kane Counties. ComEd plans to construct nearly 12 miles of power lines along the south side of Interstate 90 before turning north in Rutland Township and eventually turning east along Kreutzer Road.

The Village Board maintains that ComEd should consider less populated areas with far less projected impact than on Huntley’s Wing Pointe Subdivision. The towers may have an adverse effect on property values for existing residents and will likely have a negative impact on the Village’s long-range plan for a major transportation corridor along Kreutzer Road.

“We are hopeful that the ICC’s decision to delay its ruling is based on the need to examine the alternatives to ComEd’s current plan,” says Sass.

The ICC has not indicated when it will publically revisit ComEd’s proposal. The earliest the commission can act is at its next scheduled Bench Session on October 7, 2008. For additional information on the Village of Huntley visit www.huntley.il.us or contact the Village Manager’s Office at 847-669-9600.

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