

## United States Senate

April 6, 2016

Ms. Anne Pramaggiore  
President and CEO  
Commonwealth Edison Company  
3 Lincoln Center  
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

Re: West Central Reliability Project (I-390 corridor)

Dear President Pramaggiore,

I write to you on behalf of several mayors from the northwest suburban corridor, as well as officials from Cook and DuPage counties, with specific concerns surrounding Commonwealth Edison Company's (ComEd) West Central Reliability Project.

The proposal, which involves the construction of 140-170' tall monopoles spaced 750 feet apart along the south side of the Elgin-O'Hare corridor between Bartlett and Itasca, has sparked a discussion over the impact the new power lines will have on the surrounding communities, local economic development and potential safety hazards to the region's airports. Elk Grove Village, Hanover Park, Itasca, Roselle and Schaumburg, the five municipalities that are most affected by the proposed structures, have expressed a preference for placing the proposed infrastructure underground.

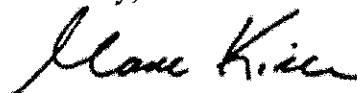
On February 22, 2016, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) released five (5) Determination of Hazard to Air Navigation reports regarding the project, stating that the proposed monopoles would have substantial adverse effect on the safe and efficient utilization of navigable airspace by aircraft and/or on the operation of air navigation facilities' as it relates to Schaumburg Regional Airport. In addition to these safety concerns, the municipalities present three main concerns. They claim a lack of advanced notification of the utility rights that ComEd possessed along the Elgin-O'Hare (I-390 corridor), a lack of information or insight on its utility planning as part of the comprehensive planning efforts for this corridor, and finally, that the West Central Reliability Project, as proposed, will have an adverse impact on the area communities including the visual appearance, reduced property values, and diminished economic potential.

Ensuring the safety and security of our national airspace for the millions of passengers in Illinois and across the country that rely on our aviation system everyday is critically important. Moreover, as the Senator representing communities whose property values could be impacted by this proposal, I believe all stakeholders deserve a fair and open process. Therefore, I request your assistance in providing the following information:

- How is ComEd working with the FAA to alleviate the safety concerns identified in its Determination of Hazard to Air Navigation reports?
- What steps is ComEd taking to address the wide range of concerns presented by communities and ensure a transparent and inclusive process?

I look forward to working with ComEd, the FAA, and local communities in resolving the concerns of those involved. Please feel free to contact Kitty Weiner, Senior State Advisor and Director of Outreach from my Chicago office with any questions or comments at (312)886-3506.

Sincerely,



Mark Kirk  
United States Senator

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