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To Whom It May Concern

Information about the **Central Illinois Weather Net radios** that are linked to the MO/IL Intertie Repeater System which covers from Macon County to Marion County and from Morgan to Randolph County.

Soon the western half of the intertie system will be shut down for amateur use. The group of owners and sponsors that have built the Illinois system and maintained it in service for the last 10 years are considering expanding the Linked System to include a permanent connection to the St. Louis 443.475+ (WD0EFP/R) repeater with its current Tone of 77.0Hz. The addition of this repeater will provide the NWS in St. Louis an access point during severe weather nets and also provide a reliable connection to our ham friends in the St. Louis area. A dependable repeater connected (Linked) all time with the current Illinois Linked Repeater System will greatly enhance this system.

This letter is being sent to all of those systems and users that are currently monitoring the network to give you an opportunity to voice your concerns or comments in a forum that can be heard by all that are promoting this new change.

If requested we could call for a discussion on the linked system and hold a round table discussion about the good or bad parts of this idea. Please let either John W9KXQ, Skip WS9V, Jerry N9RBQ know if you want to discuss this on the air.

As of today 2-4-2016 the WD0EPB/R Repeater is being linked to the Illinois Linked Repeater System on a "trial basis, with idea to leave this Link active, if there are no objections.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and please let your voice be heard if you have a problem with this arrangement.

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