

January 10, 2022

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20426

Docket # CP17-40-000 / Spire STL Pipeline Project

Dear Ms. Bose:

My name is Kenny Davis I own property that Spire pipeline has crossed and condemned my land. Spire decided not to negotiate in good faith so Spire sued me and several other farmers.

I have several issues that has been caused because of this pipeline. I have drainage problems I have ditches that was not there I have ponding inside and outside the easement. I have trees that have fell outside the easement due to erosion root exposure. I have slippage on my east slope that is getting worse every time it rains. The biggest issue I have is the way I've been treated, been lied to, being abused on my own property. Spire pipeline has never followed through with the rules that was sit in front of them by FERC. I have lost a good part of my hunting grounds that I utilize with my family and the impact is unfair. I was told by Russell English, the Spire manager in the beginning that Spire is going down the middle of your land and there's not a damn thing you can do about it. I find that out to be true and I had nobody on my side to help fight this pipeline in the way they abused me until Central Land stepped in, it's a shame that somebody that pays taxes and works hard for their money and what they own is stolen away by eminent domain.

I'm not against the pipeline, I am against the way Spire did business and treats people. Spire ignored my concerns in the beginning and the location they built the pipeline, Spire had selected a feasible route along my eastern property line that was acceptable to me, but that all changed when Spire realized that I wanted to discuss in detail agreement language to protect me and I wouldn't take their low-ball deal. After Spire found out that they couldn't con me into their ridiculous agreement, Spire changed the route right down the middle of my property in the exact spot where I enter my farm. I communicated to them that I already installed power and have installed water supply for the home I planned on building where Spire wanted their easement. Spire told me, if you our easement we will not use this route and take the old route that I preferred, but if you don't take accept our agreement, we are going right down the middle of your property.

I communicated numerous issues to FERC and Spire and explained how severe the impacts would be if Spire constructed down the middle of my property. For starters, I warned Spire how valuable my timber is due to my properties entire purpose is for hunting on. The enjoyment that I once had is gone because my deer stands for hunting were located right down below where Spire impacted my creek. Now I no longer can hunt in this prime location because all privacy has been taken from me due to Spire clearing thousands of trees. The creek has serious impacts and continues to slip and erode no matter how many times Spire tries to fix it. West of the creek crossing I have a road

crossing and the only area to cross the creek in this area, but Spire has destroyed this as well and I can no longer cross over the creek. On the south side of the creek Spire has severely changed my hills and slopes, in some cases the original contours are off 10 feet to 15 feet. In the same area there are several large slips that have encroached off the easement that have caused landslides leading to several valuable timber off the easement due to Spire. FERC personnel visited my property in the summer and evaluated and reported in FERCs inspection report that the slip is definitely an issue, but Spire just ignores this because they know the extensive remediation efforts it would take to fix it. After the start of construction I communicated to Russell English, the Spire manager that I need to keep my timber and I seen Spire had stacked all the timber so before Spire tried to haul it off, I wanted to keep it, but Spire told me that they were keeping the timber and will not give it to me, than with a arrogant laugh, said “You should of took the offer and signed the agreement”.

The Spire inspectors have no clue what’s going on and state to us that Spire management would fire him if he reports every little compliance issue. In 2019 I tried everything to get through to Spire and the inspectors, but they just don’t care and usually never show up anyways. I don’t understand and want answers from FERC on why you would let a company get away with this and scar the great state of Illinois.

The Illinois EPA and Illinois Department of Agricultural have also filed violations and reports, which is extremely rare and only happens to the worst of the worst companies. Spire has neglected the FERC standards and guidelines over and over and over while my land has a scare in Scott County, Illinois. I ask and plead with FERC to please for once force Spire to make this right and stop the detrimental impacts to my land. We are real people and American citizens and it should be criminal to treat people like this. FERC CAN’T approve or allow the approval of the project or the EIS until Spire can comply with the rules they agreed too. Please FERC make this abuse stop and please realize Spire is not telling you the truth, there can’t be numerous landowners on one project that are all saying the same thing, if Spire was complying with the guidelines.

Thank you,

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