

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of Grain Belt Express Clean)
Line LLC for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity)
Authorizing It to Construct, Own, Operate, Control, Manage,)
and Maintain a High Voltage, Direct Current Transmission) EA-2016-0358
Line and an Associated Converter Station Providing an)
Interconnection on the Maywood - Montgomery 345 kV)
Transmission Line.)

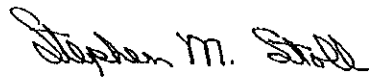
NOTICE OF COMMUNICATION

Issue Date: August 8, 2016

This notice is being filed on behalf of all the Commissioners at the Missouri Public Service Commission along with the attached letter we received from Betty O'Bannon regarding the above referenced case.



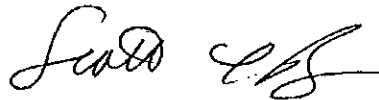
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Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri
On this 8th day of August, 2016

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Governor Jay Nixon
Capitol Building Room 2016
Jefferson City, MO

Honorable Jay Nixon

I am 90 years old and hope you will listen to me. You voted for Clean-Line. This was a bad deal. When I asked Mark Lowler of the company, "you know the wind doesn't always blow in Kansas, where will you get your electricity?" he responded with "Oh, we have a "coal producing plant" from a state north of us!" What plans do you have, if someone vandalizes your sub-station, like they did in California? His response "We have no plans?"

Clean Line's \$2 billion, 720 miles project that would transmit electricity said that it would pay five million yearly in value taxes. Then why does the landowner have to pay taxes on the land that was taken away from them?

Clean Line plans to use land 170 feet instead of the original 400. Who is the loser here? They are not letting the farmer use the road off of the highway to enter their fields.

Their towers are also extremely tall. Big jobs for workers in Missouri? Do you think that Missouri workers are qualified to put up towers that tall?

I know you have read or heard how high voltage is not good for the land, as well as animals and birds. There is an electrical plant at Thomas Hill north of Moberly. The ground keepers are not allowed to mow under the towers. Dangerous!!! I live near an Amish settlement and their source of income is from their milk production. What will be the effect on their livelihood?

The Missouri Public Service Commission has already DENIED Clean Line a certificate and I find it disheartening that you do support them in their findings.

Flash—Clean Line has paid all the lawyers in Jefferson City off. They all have a conflict of interest. This leaves the Eastern Missouri Land Owners Alliance having to go to Saint Louis for representation. Sounds like the Al Capone in Chicago. I hope you have not been persuaded by their -----.

Perhaps Clean Line will change their minds and put the tower in your backyard.

Thank you,

Betty D. Benson

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Cc: to all the people I know, that need to know.

40th District Capitol Report

7/8/16

Round Two with the Grain Belt Express

It was disappointing news that our Governor has decided to support a private investment company based in Texas (Clean Line Energy) over the concerns of our citizens involved in the number one industry in Missouri: agriculture.

The Governor has negotiated land protections with Clean Line, a for-profit private company in Texas, without any input from the landowners affected by this transmission line. Not only did he disregard the agricultural community, but he also disregarded the findings of the Public Service Commission, who ruled against this transmission project.

Last year, the PSC ruled in favor of Missouri landowners by a vote of 3-2. There were many findings that came out of hearings and testimony from concerned citizens who live both on the proposed transmission route and outside the route.

Public opinion on this project was very strong in opposition: 7,160 public comments were received with an additional 3,663 comments and 3,500 signatures coming from the petition process.

It was stated in the final report that 60 comments were made in support of Clean Line's project. This is in stark contrast to the 7,100 opposing comments. It was very clear to me that the PSC was weighing all of the facts and heard the public loud and clear.

Listed below are some conclusions that the PSC came to in their decision and vote. Clean Line studies failed to support its allegations that the line would result in lower retail rates for consumers in Missouri.

Construction would create transmission congestion.
Wind energy generated in other states has a lower cost than the wind energy transported on Grain Belt's proposed line.

Farmers on whose property the proposed line would be located could experience soil compaction, interference with irrigation equipment, aerial applications to crops and problems with large machinery around the towers.

The proposed line is not needed for grid reliability in Missouri.

Grain Belt failed to show the line is needed in Missouri.

Grain Belt failed to show the line is economically feasible.

and introducing legislation such as HB 1027, and also working with Rep. Remole on HB 2418 to establish Missouri statutes that provide guidelines for these kind of private companies - for profit transmission lines - that do not benefit our state. Our Governor has decided to replace the decision-making of the PSC and showed no support or proposal for any legislation that protects our agricultural industry. He is now committing his time and energy to a private company over the will of the people.

As your State Representative for the 40th District, I will continue to stand alongside with Missouri Landowners Alliance and Missouri Farm Bureau in opposition to this project.

Statement from Missouri Farm Bureau President Blake Hurst:

"In supporting the proposed Grain Belt Express, Governor Nixon has chosen to align himself with an out-of-state corporation at the expense of the individual property rights of Missouri farmers and other landowners even though the Governor announced purported landowner protections, the fact remains that property can be taken from landowners over their objections by giving grain belt express the power of eminent domain. Currently utility companies have the authority to use eminent domain as a 'last resort for the public good,' but the awesome power of eminent domain should not be used for projects like Grain Belt Express."

It is my hope that the PSC will continue to listen to its citizens and base their decisions on the testimony and facts in regards to how this project does not benefit Missouri.

For comments to the Public Service Commission, visit www.efis.psc.mo.gov. File number: EA2016-0358.

For updates on this issue, visit www.BlockGBEmo.com.

To support Missouri Landowners Alliance, visit www.missourilandownersalliance.org.

I want to thank the county commissioners, the land owners, and citizens in the 40th District who have worked with me in opposition to this transmission line project. I look forward to serving my constituents in the future.
Working on your behalf,

Representative Jim Hansen

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