

**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) File No. EA-2014-0207
Maintain a High Voltage, Direct Current)
Transmission Line and an Associated Converter)
Station Providing an Interconnection on the)
Maywood - Montgomery 345 kV Transmission Line)

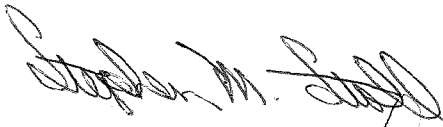
NOTICE OF COMMUNICATION

Issue Date: April 2, 2014

Attached are letters and emails as of this date sent to Commissioner Stoll regarding EA-2014-0207 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 line and an associated converter station providing an interconnection on the Maywood-Montgomery 345 kV transmission line.

These filing are made in compliance with this commissioner's interpretation of the "standards of conduct" in 4 CSR 240-4.010 and 4.020 relating to ex parte and extra record communications and does not otherwise imply or reflect the position of the Missouri Public Service Commission or any other commissioner.

Respectfully Submitted,


Stephen M. Stoll
Commissioner


Mark D. Hughes
Adviser to Commissioner Steve Stoll

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
On this 2nd day of April, 2014.

From: Steve English [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2014 10:30 AM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: 100 new signers: Steve English, Valerie Brown...

Another 100 people added their names to Block Grain Belt Express's petition "[Mr. Chris Koster: Deny Grain Belt Express Clean Line public utility status in Missouri.](#)" -- momentum is growing.

There are now 1100 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Block Grain Belt Express by clicking here:

<http://www.change.org/petitions/mr-chris-koster-deny-grain-belt-express-clean-line-public-utility-status-in-missouri/responses/new?response=02713ceb37be>

Dear Mr. Stephen M Stoll,

We, the undersigned, hereby oppose the private, for profit corporation Grain Belt Express Clean Line, and request that Missouri Public Service Commission DENY approval of their application to become a public utility, allowing them the authority of eminent domain. The proposed high voltage direct current lines have no proven benefit to the residents of the State of Missouri in either transmitting or receiving energy for our state. If constructed, these towers and high voltage transmission lines would significantly decrease property values on potentially thousands of properties; cause a loss of productive farmland; scar the landscape forever; negatively impact hunting, recreation and agritourism; and could cause serious health effects, according to some studies.

Sincerely,

1100. Steve English Columbia, Missouri
1099. Valerie Brown New London, Missouri
1096. Monica White Kansas City, Missouri
1095. cindy norton vandaila, Missouri
1094. carol fiorito Perry mo, Missouri
1093. Amy Martin Moberly, Missouri
1092. Alicia kestner Hannibal, Missouri
1089. Kyle Alexander Normal, Illinois
1086. J. Stephen Matyas New London, Missouri
1085. Natalie Clark Salisbury, Missouri
1083. Korylee Horstmeyer Monroe City, Missouri
1082. Suzanne Becker Blue Springs, Missouri
1081. Billy Gracy Sr Cassville, Missouri
1080. Wayne Gillispie Moberly, Missouri
1079. Brent Cowden New London, Missouri
1078. Heather Taylor Lathrop, Missouri
1076. Steve Yager Frankford, Missouri
1075. Cliff Bailey Faucett, Missouri
1074. Ronald Henke sALISBURY, Missouri
1073. John Briscoe Columbia, Missouri
1072. mark northcutt Laddonia, Missouri

1071. Elliot Meyer Hannibal, Missouri
1070. Curt Foster New London, Missouri
1069. Matt Malmquist Mancos, Colorado
1068. Teresa Martin Hannibal, Missouri
1067. Dana Blase Hannibal, Missouri
1066. Amie Strieker New London, Missouri
1064. Bud Meyer Miami, Florida
1063. Martin Meyer Hannibal, Missouri
1062. Y Lynn Helbing New London, Missouri
1061. Richard Moody Kansas City, Missouri
1060. sandra see New London, Missouri
1059. Gregg Andrews Hannibal, Missouri
1058. Jordan Ingram Hannibal, Missouri
1057. Kathy brownell Hannibal, Missouri
1056. Brad Jaecques Cairo, Missouri
1055. Louis Meyer Carbondale, Colorado
1054. Amanda Haas Curryville, Missouri
1053. adam ogle Center, Missouri
1052. Ann Lear Hannibal, Missouri
1050. Jacquelyn McKnight St. Joseph, Missouri
1049. Max Thomure New London, Missouri
1048. Jane Glover Hannibal, Missouri
1047. Nancy Beinke Kirkwood, Missouri
1046. Sidney Brownell Hannibal, Missouri
1044. Rebecca Yager Frankford, Missouri
1043. Amelia Johnson Hannibal, Missouri
1042. Martha S Smith Lathrop, Missouri
1041. Marlene Rodenbaugh New London, Missouri
1040. Arla Rodenbaugh Hannibal, Missouri
1039. Tony Joseph Cairo, Missouri
1038. Andrea Binder Salisbury, Missouri
1037. Keith Wyckoff Cowgill, Missouri
1036. J Brennan Turney, Missouri
1035. chris schwery lathrop, Missouri
1034. Mike Corbin Salisbury, Missouri
1033. Abby Corbin Salisbury, Missouri
1032. Mary Corbin Salisbury, Missouri
1031. Christine Meer Mt. Airy, Maryland
1030. REGINA Moore Lathrop, Missouri
1029. debby lewin lawson, Missouri
1028. Debby Henke Salisbury, Missouri
1025. Dorothy Boss Salisbury, Missouri
1024. Carolyn Lovelace Lathrop, Missouri
1023. Jerry VanStrien Perry, Missouri
1021. Mike Matranga Winnebago, Illinois
1020. Amy Lovelace Lathrop, Missouri
1019. Mindy Henke salisbury, Missouri
1017. Marlene Wilkerson Smithville, Missouri
1016. Gail Peck St Joseph, Missouri
1015. Scott Lewis Kansas City, Missouri
1014. Randy Martin Kirksville, Missouri

1013. jeannette dexter Faucett, Missouri
1011. Vicki Imgarten Salisbury, Missouri
1010. Lesli Hill Warsaw, Missouri
1009. michael thomas Frankford, Missouri
1008. Aimee Ramsey Osborn, Missouri
1007. Mary Hoppe Gillett, Wisconsin
1006. Sat Jiwan Ikle-Khalsa Takoma Park, Maryland
1005. Malik Ibragimov Wayne, New Jersey
1005. Grant J. Williams Anderson, Indiana
1004. Deedee Casto Hilliard, Ohio
1003. jon duplissie punta gorda, Florida
1002. Raghavendra Bhimaraju Dallas, Texas
1001. Ashleigh Russell Lawrence, Kansas
997. Kyla Anderson Garner, Georgia
996. chris wilson huntington beach, California
995. Dhruvin Patel Duluth, Georgia
994. Tyler Johnson Columbus, Nebraska
991. Alfred Hannon DANBURY, Connecticut
989. rose madron verdon, Nebraska
988. kathryn rosenquist steger, Illinois
987. PRIYA TRIPATHI BALTIMORE, Maryland
986. shelly hazeleur redding, California
985. Claudia Wienie los angles, California
984. hari venkat arlington, Massachusetts
983. GUNVOR LENNSTRAND NOVI, Michigan
982. Jennifer Sherman Bethalto, Illinois
981. Jessica Garratt Washington, District Of Columbia
980. Lois Sullivan NEW YORK, New York



Dear Commissioners,

I am a resident of Clinton County. I am very much opposed to the Grain Belt Express Clean Line transmission line and ask that you please Deny them Public Utility status. Missourians do not need the electricity and would not benefit from it. It would violate our property rights, reduce our property value far more than compensation, spoil our rural landscape, cause hundreds of acres of deforestation, create obstacles to farming, limit future land use options, and cause potential health risks to human and livestock.
Thank you.

Respectfully

Jeff Wright,

[REDACTED]
Turney, MO 64493
[REDACTED]

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March 23, 2014

Mr. Stephen M. Stoll
Commissioner
Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street, P.O. Box 0360
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

Mr. Stoll:

I am writing to you in opposition of the proposed Grain Belt Express high voltage DC line in Missouri. We are asking for you to support the landowners and citizens of this state by denying them public utility status and the power of eminent domain as requested in case number EA-2014-0207.

There are many concerns regarding this project:

Approval of the project would give an out-of-state private for-profit Company permanent right of way onto private citizens land and set a new precedent for our state.

There is little or no public benefit to the citizens of Missouri from this line and certainly does not justify eminent domain.

Reduction of property values due to the access and maintenance of the power lines.

There are landscapes concerns due to the size of the power lines, removal of trees, etc. to construct the power lines and for future maintenance.

Safety issues for citizens living in close proximity with the line and for livestock.

I believe the citizens of Missouri have worked long and hard to obtain and maintain their land and deserve the respect, commitment and dedication of our commissioners to protecting their property rights and doing everything in their power to stop the Grain Belt Express.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jan Moore". The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent loop at the end of the word "Moore".

Jan Moore

Dear Commissioner,

I recently became aware of the proposed Grain Belt Express (Case # EA-2014-0207). I vehemently oppose this project and urge you as a member of the Missouri Public Service Commission to deny Public Utility Status this company is requesting. We must not allow this defacing of over two hundred miles of our beautiful countryside with more than 1000 monstrous towers. This will impact thousands of missourians aesthetically as well as markedly affecting property values. If you believe that this project is a must, please insist that it can only proceed with underground installation, the technology exist and it is far less obtrusive. I urge you to take this matter very seriously and I am convinced that the reason you may not have had much feedback from the public is that the scope of the project is not well known. The company behind this project has done a fairly good job of keeping it under the radar of most individuals. Let's work together to deny this company the power of "Eminent Domain".

Respectfully,



Kevin Imhof


Dear Commissioner Stephen M. Stoll,

I am a resident of Clinton County. I am adamantly OPPOSED to the Grain Belt Express transmission line and ask that you please DENY them Public Utility status. Missourians do not need the electricity and would not benefit from it. It would violate our property right, reduce our property value far more than compensation, spoil our rural landscape, cause hundreds of acres of deforestation, and create obstacles to farming. None of the electricity transported though the lines would be produced in Missouri and very little supplied to any Missourians, if any, so there is no public use, benefit or necessity to justify the use of Eminent Domain.

Respectfully,



Shirley M. Evans


Plattsburg, MO 64477

Case # EA-2014-0207

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Respectfully,

Charles E. Sloan

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Plattsburg, MO 64477

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Respectfully,

Carl W. Sloan

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Plattsburg, MO 64477

Case # EA-2014-0207

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Respectfully,

Mary Jo Sloan

Mary Jo Sloan

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Plattsburg, MO 64477

Case # EA-2011-1210

March 20, 2014

Mr. Steven M. Stoll, Commissioner
Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street, P.O. Box 0360
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

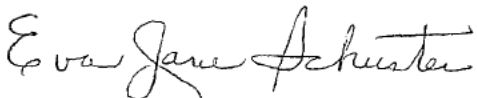
Dear Mr. Stoll:

I have been a Clinton County landowner for over 50 years and I am writing to let you know that I am opposed to The Grain Belt Express transmission line coming through not only Clinton County, but the entire State of Missouri.

The electricity is not to help we Missourians; it will be headed to the East Coast at our expense. We property owners do not want to live or farm around 110-200 foot towers, be the victims of decreased property values, or endanger the health of livestock for the purpose of moving electricity from western Kansas to Indiana and further east.

I would like to urge you and other members of the commission to DENY Public Utility Status to Grain Belt Express when they apply.

Sincerely yours,



Eva Jane Schuster

██████████
Gower, MO 64454

Commissioner Stephen M Stoll
200 Madison St. P.O. Box 0360
Jefferson City, Mo. 65102-360

Reference Case No EA-2014-0207

Dear Commissioner;

As a resident of Monroe County, I am very much opposed to the Grain Belt Express Transmission line and ask that you deny them Public Utility status and Eminent Domain for the building of this line. As I understand, Missouri would not receive any of the electricity transmitted through this line.

It would reduce our property values, spoil our rural landscape, cause several hundred acres of deforestation, create farming obstacles, cause drainage and irrigation problems, create huge problems with GPS service, such as guidance, mapping, cell phone service, ect.


I would appreciate your serious consideration on this matter.

Respectfully,



Cliff Seward

Monroe City, MO 63456



[REDACTED]
Laddonia, MO 63352

March 3, 2014

Missouri Public Service Commission
Chairman Robert S. Kenney
Commissioner Steve M. Stoll
Commissioner William P. Kenney
Commissioner Daniel Y. Hall

Dear Members,

This morning I am personally writing to you as my Missouri Public Service Commissioners because I feel I must share my feelings and also to ask you to conscientiously consider the wisdom behind my decision.

First, I have three words from the third grade classroom that can solve almost every problem---and I will give them to you to use free of charge. They are: **Absolutely, Positively, NO!**

I am very concerned that a private for profit corporation, Grain Belt Express Clean Line, and some other countries are even suggesting putting a high voltage direct current line across our own county--our own state--or even our country. I am appalled any state in the United States of America would give this a whit of consideration. It is heart-breaking to think of having almost 800 miles with 5 to 7 towers per mile that are 120 to 200 feet tall erected by any corporation when we cannot use and do not need this current and are already blessed with our own resources.

It is sad when we think that our country has spacious skies, amber waves of grain, rich soils, fruited plains, coal fields, natural gas, and a pipeline just begging to be approved--blessings that are ours throughout our nation--and we still have to constantly be standing firm to protect these.

I am sharing some pictures from northeastern Audrain County to encourage everyone to say **Absolutely Positively NO!** and thus deny this corporation Public Utility status. We don't want and we don't need any private corporation building a line that would surround these beautiful areas both locally and in all our country.

Sincerely,


Jane Talley Webster

Can You Even Envision These Huge Towers _____



just across Route J
from Littleby Baptist Church?



in the spacious skies on Rd. 364 west
of Littleby Bridge when walking
with your family?



above the amber waves of grain
on Road 364?



in the sky above the fruited plain
on Hwy MM where the corn
is being shelled?

Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street, P.O. Box 0360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Reference Case No. EA-2014-0207

Dear Commissioners,

I am a resident of Audrain County. I am adamantly opposed to the Grain Belt Express transmission line and ask that you urge you to deny them Public Utility status. Missourians do not need the electricity and would not benefit from it. It would violate our property rights, reduce our property value far more than compensation, spoil our rural landscape, cause hundreds of acres of deforestation, create obstacles to farming, limit future land use options, and cause potential health risks to human, livestock, and wildlife. Thank you!

Respectfully,

Jane T. Webster
Signature

Jane T. Webster
Name (Printed)

[Redacted Address]

Address

Ladsonia, MO 63352
State & Zip

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[REDACTED]

From: Tara [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2014 3:56 PM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Grain Belt Express

Dear Mr. Stoll,

I am sending this to express our strong opposition to the Grain Belt Express transmission line planned to cross Missouri. This line will affect our family farm land, which already has had 3 gas/pipelines go through it. The high voltage transmission lines not only provide safety and health concerns, but the loss of land which is used for farm production and recreation is of grave concern. In addition, we have no information to indicate this will benefit Missourians other than for temporary benefits financially to people for whom have no vested interested in the encroachment of land owner rights.

Please consider the small farmer and families for whom this will impact not only now, but in years to come. It is heartbreaking as an honest, hardworking and loyal citizens to feel violated on our own family land and by our state if this is allowed. Thank you for the opportunity to express our grave concern.

Sincerely,
Troy and Tara Link
Randolph County, Missouri
Sent from my iPad

[REDACTED]

From: Kim Templeton [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2014 11:01 AM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Please help us!!!!

Dear Mr. Stoll,

"Mr. Stoll I would like you to make a report that I am against the Grain Belt Express going through Caldwell County. I also feel that if the residents of Caldwell County don't want it, no other county's will want it either. Please help us keep our property values. Theses power lines will only bring down our property value. We don't know what kind of effects this will have on our kids, crops and livestock. Please help us!!

Sincerely,

Kim Templeton

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Polo, MO 64671
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Jamy Aubrey [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2014 8:03 AM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: No Grain Belt in Caldwell County

Mr. Stoll,

As a concerned Missouri citizen and resident of Caldwell County, I would like to inform you that I am against the Grain Belt Express going through Caldwell County. I believe these power lines will bring down our property values. Please help us keep our property values. We also don't know what kind of effects this will have on our children, crops and livestock. Please help us keep the Grain Belt out of Caldwell County and surrounding areas for the sake of our children, our property value, our livestock, and our crops!

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation in this important matter!

Thank you!

Jamy Aubrey

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 8:10 AM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: GBE

Good Morning,

I am trying to save what property we have for the future of my children and hopefully their children's children. Grain Belt Express had proposed a line through one corner of our property then followed a property line across the rest of the property. That wasn't good. It would have destroyed our hedge row, cattle pens, and been extremely unnerving as future plans to expand. Now they have moved the line to the middle of our property. Splitting it in half, deeming it useless for any future improvements. Our property is wide not really deep. These eye sores would be seen from the road, dropping the values greatly. We have worked very hard for this land, have great ideas and plans for it as our children grow. We have 3 poorly built, older barns that need replaced. We won't be able to build on too many areas of this property after we dance around easements and right of ways. We will either have to stay a few feet off the gravel road or go to the back of the property where we wouldn't be able to afford utilities. We have worked hard for them to take this from us. A small one time payment for a lifetime of ruined land that will have no value. Why would anyone think this is ok to do? There has to be land owned by people somewhere else, have thousands of acres, they won't be hurt by this. This is all we have, why would anyone allow or think it is ok to ruin it? Please help us get GBE out of Missouri, off my land, for all of our futures!

Thank you,
Sara Giarratana

[REDACTED]

From: martha [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2014 11:47 AM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Clean Line Energy

I am writing to express my **objection** to the Grain Belt Clean Line Energy project proposed to carry wind energy from west to east.

First, we **object** because we very likely will be on their route. We already have 3 pipelines across us, and we don't want another transmission line.

We are also **opposed** to granting them eminent domain.

It appears from information I found that the east coast governors have rejected midwest wind energy. They want to use their own resources. So, why is Clean Line determined to do this? They not only have the Grain Belt project, but 2 others.

Please register my objection to the Clean Line Energy project.

Thank you.

Gerald Link
[REDACTED]
Huntsville MO 65259
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

From: Kelli Gentry [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2014 1:29 PM
To: Stoll, Steve

Mr. Stoll,

I would like you to make a report that I am against the Grain Belt Express going through Caldwell County. I also feel that if the residents of Caldwell County don't want it, no other county's will want it either. Please help us keep our property values. These power lines will only bring down our property value. We don't know what kind of effects this will have on our kids, crops and livestock. Please help us!!

Thank you,
Kelli Gentry

[REDACTED]

From: Joyce Wortmann [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2014 8:26 AM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Grain Belt Express

I am a resident of Monroe County. I am adamantly OPPOSED to the Grain Belt Express transmission line and ask that you please urge the Public Service Commission to DENY them Public Utility status. Missourians do not need the electricity and would not benefit from it. It would violate our property rights, reduce our property value far more than compensation, spoil our rural landscape, cause hundreds of acres of deforestation, create obstacles to farming, limit future land use options, and cause potential health risks to humans, livestock, and wildlife.

Thank you

Leroy & Joyce Wortmann
[REDACTED]
Madison, MO 65263

[REDACTED]

From: Kenicia Ahart [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2014 9:45 PM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: GBE

We just wanted to voice our opinion on GBE. We do NOT want GBE in Caldwell county or the state of Missouri!!!!!! We have worked very hard to buy OUR land. We do not want you or anyone else telling us what we have to do with it! Would you want someone telling you what you had to do with your land? Would you want these giant ugly towers going across your land decreasing its value? We will fight to the very end to stop you from ruining our land that we have worked so hard to get. Please leave our county alone. You are not welcome here!

Sincerely,
Brad and Kenicia Ahart

Sent from my iPad

[REDACTED]

From: dale latta [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 19, 2014 10:25 AM
To: Stoll, Steve; Kenney, Robert; Hall, Daniel; Kenney, Bill

steve.stoll@psc.mo.gov
robert.kenney@psc.mo.gov
daniel.hall@psc.mo.gov
bill.kenney@psc.mo.gov

Dear Commission ,

I am adamantly opposed to Eminent Domain for private gain in Missouri. I am referring to Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC. I want to voice my opposition to this private investor group receiving "Utility Status" from the Missouri Public Service Commission.

It is important that elected and appointed officials stand up for the farms and farmers of Missouri. The citizens of Missouri value our farmers. They provide so much for so many, yet have a small voice against multibillion corporations such as Grain Belt Express. It would be a travesty to allow a private investor owned group to be able to use Eminent Domain to gain control of Missouri farms for their own financial gain.

Please take a stand with the people of Missouri and deny "Utility Status" to Grain Belt Express Clean Line.

Sincerely,

Dale E. Latta

[REDACTED]
Aztec, NM 87410
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: K. [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 19, 2014 9:54 AM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Utility status

Dear Commission ,

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Please take a stand with the people of Missouri and deny "Utility Status" to Grain Belt Express Clean Line.

Sincerely,
Kim Schulz

[REDACTED]

From: Wayne Beach [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2014 4:58 PM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Grain Belt Express

Dear Mr. Stoll,

I am not a NIMBY. Stands for "Not In My Back Yard", a derogatory name given to those who oppose the proposed Grain Belt Express power project. I am a NIMFY; "Not In My Front Yard". Yes, one of the proposed routes passes the north end of our property about 150 feet from the front door of our house. The right of way would include the north fence, the drive way, and much of the front yard.

We are retired and chose this land and setting for the view and beauty. We stand to lose much in property value, and don't know if it is safe to live this close to a power line handling 3,500 megawatts.

I oppose the Grain Belt Express project. It is not right that anyone should be required to forfeit property value and income, those who are losing farm land, to a For Profit Company for their enrichment.

Thank you for helping to stop this insanity.

Wayne Beach

[REDACTED]

From: Dawn Tvrdy [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2014 6:47 PM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Against Grain Belt Express

Dear Commission ,

I am adamantly opposed to Eminent Domain for private gain in Missouri. I am referring to Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC. I want to voice my opposition to this private investor group receiving "Utility Status" from the Missouri Public Service Commission.

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Please take a stand with the people of Missouri and deny "Utility Status" to Grain Belt Express Clean Line.

Sincerely,
Dawn Tvrdy
Sent from my iPad

[REDACTED]

From: Tony & Chasity Ferguson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2014 3:20 PM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: GBE

Dear Mr. Stoll,

I am writing you in regards to the proposed Grain Belt Express Line. My family moved to Caldwell County 8 months ago to a small farm. Since moving here we began learning of the possibility of these huge power lines going through land just a little ways from our backyard. We have 3 small children and would have to move our family if these lines are approved. I'm am writing you to let you know that we are in opposition of the GBE. We appreciate anything that can be done to stop these power lines from running through Missouri.

Thank You,
Chasity Ferguson

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So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your *God*. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

[REDACTED]

From: Kathy Mikels [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2014 1:46 PM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Block Grain Belt Express in Clinton County

Dear Commissioner Steve Stoll ,

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Sincerely,

Thank you,

Kathy Mikels

[REDACTED]

From: Jenn L [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2014 11:21 AM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: AGAINST Grain Belt Express in Caldwell County

Mr. Stoll,

I would like to voice my adamant detest over the Grain Belt Express going through Caldwell County in my beloved state of Missouri. I am not currently personally affected by this line but do not wish for this precedent to be set for profit businesses to be able to push their way through our rural areas. As a fellow Caldwell County resident, I am more than furious over this attempt in my county! The detriment to property, fellow neighbors' health and livestock should NOT be excused as a cost of business.

What else can I do to help my voice be heard regarding my outrage on this subject?

--
God Bless America,

Jenn Leyden
[REDACTED]

Nehemiah 4:9 Nevertheless we made our prayer to our God, and because of them we set a watch against them day and night.

[REDACTED]

From: Sarah Olson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2014 5:35 PM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Say No to the Grain Belt Express Line

Dear Commission ,

I am adamantly opposed to Eminent Domain for private gain in Missouri. I am referring to Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC. I want to voice my opposition to this private investor group receiving "Utility Status" from the Missouri Public Service Commission.

It is important that elected and appointed officials stand up for the farms and farmers of Missouri. The citizens of Missouri value our farmers. They provide so much for so many, yet have a small voice against multibillion corporations such as Grain Belt Express. It would be a travesty to allow a private investor owned group to be able to use Eminent Domain to gain control of Missouri farms for their own financial gain.

Please take a stand with the people of Missouri and deny "Utility Status" to Grain Belt Express Clean Line.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: Susan Inskeep [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2014 11:38 AM
To: Stoll, Steve; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: Grain Belt Express Line

Dear Commissioner Stoll:

My name is Susan Inskeep and I am one of the Kansas landowners affected by the transmission project in Kansas. I don't know what you have heard and I can't possibly express all that has happened but I must say none of it has been transparent. Two years before landowners even knew this was happening, Gov. Brownback placed Mark Sievers as the Chairman of the KCC. Grain Belt was given public utility status then. After notifying landowners in late July, this was pushed through so fast that even when the negative comments were four times the positive ones on the KCC website, Sievers reported after their decision to ok the siting, there was overwhelming support. Then within a month or two he retired and returned to Colorado.

The governor refused an audience with us throughout the ordeal. I attended two of the KCC hearings and was furious none of my questions were addressed by the representatives of GBE concerning environmental impact studies, migratory patterns with whooping cranes that fly over our farm, and why this route was chosen. We received no support from Farm Bureau though I understand the Farm Bureau in Illinois is actually siding with the farmer/landowners in representing them.

There are so many reasons why this is a bad idea. As the global economy has begun to realize, sustainability is the wiser choice for the future. Power outages this winter have had devastating effects. As a Kansan, this transmission line doesn't even allow us to receive the energy as it is all being shipped out of state, by an out of state billionaire with backing from a huge corporation in England. This is nothing more than a land grab on the backs of those of us who love our land, the scenery, and don't want the possibility of terrorist activity outside our front door. I don't know of anyone on this line that has these structures any closer to the home than us. This house and farm have been in the family for nearly a century and now within a matter of months, everything has changed for us.

There are many of us who care deeply in stopping this project if possible. I commend Rep. Randy Garber for standing with the people in his jurisdiction because many others have simply chosen to "drink the Kool-Aid" in this holy grail of "Big Wind". They are now exempt from killing the Bald Eagle! I finally received a letter from my US Senator, Pat Roberts after writing him several times. His answer, to paraphrase, was that he was a US Senator and this was an eminent domain issue I needed to take up with my local representatives. Yes, the same ones drinking the Kool-Aid in support of our wannabe President, Sam Brownback.

Thank you for asking for our comments and I would be happy to share more.

Sincerely,

Susan Inskeep

[REDACTED]

From: Karen Blake [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2014 8:43 PM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Opposed to grain belt

Mr. Stoll,

I am writing to let you know that I oppose the Grain Belt/Clean Line/Michael Skelly project.

This project would run thru the middle of I and my partner's (Joyce Burnett) property. This property has been in my partners family over 80 years. Please hear our voice and let be known of our opposition.

Thank you,

Karen Blake

Joyce Burnett

Sent from my iPad

[REDACTED]

From: David Truskett [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2014 6:28 PM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Grain Belt Express

Steve

I wish to express my opposition to the proposed routes for GBE thru Caldwell County. One of the routes crosses my farm and will impact the value of the property by 25% - 40%. In addition I am concerned as the proposed route runs directly thru the middle of my summer pasture and will divide most of the pasture ground from a 6 acre lake and the primary source of water for my cattle operation. In addition the cattle will be reluctant to cross under the lines because of the sound and lights. In addition I have not seen any long term study results showing that there is no affect on the health and capability of the cattle to reproduce.. This basically ends my cattle operation if this goes through.

In addition I have always planned on passing the family farm on to the next generation and the kin have already expressed no desire to move to the farm if GBE goes through.

Therefore I and my family hope that you will not the approve the application for the GBE lines.

Thank You

David Truskett
[REDACTED]
Cowgill, Mo. 64637

[REDACTED]

From: Amy Harvey [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2014 1:45 PM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Grain Belt poses threat to Grid Security

A 700 mile long, long-haul transmission line is not only inefficient, but leaves itself wide open for weather disruptions and cyberassaults as this article explains. Thanks, Amy Harvey
<http://www.energybiz.com/article/14/01/moniz-cyber-warning>

From: Amy Harvey [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2014 12:04 PM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Grain Belt Express opposition

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Please take a moment and read this about how landowners have not been treated fairly. Misinformation and lack of information seems to be the rule of the day with "Clean" Line and its Grain Belt Express project. Many landowners along the route are just now finding out about the project and many are still not aware.

Please deny this company public utility status so that my family and other families can keep their homes and businesses. Should this line go up it will cause us great financial harm.
Amy Harvey

Grain Belt Express Clean Line Files for Negotiated Rate Authority at FERC

11/20/2013
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One of the biggest questions plaguing Grain Belt Express opponents has at long last been answered... well, sorta, for now.

Who is supposed to pay for this \$2 billion project?

By finally applying to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for authority to negotiate rates for transmission service with potential buyers and sellers of electricity, Grain Belt Express pretends that it intends to finance its own project.

Although, GBE has been telling other audiences that ratepayers in "states farther east" may be paying for its project:

Mr. Glotfelty also noted that there could be circumstances under which the Grain Belt Project could find it necessary to depart from the cost recovery model described and instead seek cost recovery through regional or inter-regional cost allocation mechanisms.

Mr. Berry testified that while Petitioner currently has no plans to seek cost recovery for this Project through regional cost allocation, Petitioner is not in a position to make an irrevocable commitment not to seek cost allocation. He stated that such a commitment would be premature and would potentially go **against the public interest**. If regulations change in the future, an irrevocable commitment not to recover costs in a certain manner **may compromise the** ability of **Petitioner** to complete the Project.

Do you think maybe GBE isn't being completely honest with FERC? I do wonder how a situation that may compromise GBE is against the public interest, if all project risk is being absorbed by GBE as a merchant transmission project?

GBE has presented an altered version of reality to FERC:

D. Public Outreach

Public outreach and active stakeholder involvement are key components of Applicant's approach to development of the Project. Beginning in 2010, Grain Belt Express implemented an extensive, methodical, multi-level public outreach strategy across Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, and Indiana, which has resulted in more than 1,000 in-person meetings across the Project area as of November 2013. Grain Belt Express also has maintained an active presence online and through social media. The Project's website, www.grainbeltexpresscleanline.com, has been actively updated since the beginning of the Project in 2010. Among other information, the website contains: a project video that describes the need for the Project and how Grain Belt Express will bring significant economic benefit to states through much-needed transmission expansion for new wind energy projects; an FAQ section for all stakeholders to learn greater details about the Project; a section on how local businesses can learn about opportunities to participate in

the construction of the Project; and information regarding Project meetings, maps, studies, regulatory filings, and third-party resources. In addition, Grain Belt Express distributes a newsletter on a regular basis to hundreds of stakeholders. These newsletters provide information on Project milestones, recent events and meetings, as well as upcoming Project activities. The newsletter is available to anyone who is interested in receiving a copy. Applicant's participation in multiple state regulatory proceedings also has publicized information regarding the Project.

E. Project Schedule

Applicant continues to work closely with land use and routing experts as well as landowners, local government officials, state and federal agencies, and other stakeholders in the areas where the Project will be built in order to gather input and determine the specific route for the transmission line in each state that it will traverse. Applicant is consulting experts on topics such as threatened and endangered species, archaeology, and cultural resources to ensure that appropriate considerations are taken into account in the routing decisions. Applicant expects to obtain all necessary authorizations from federal, state, and local governments and agencies for the Project by 2016.

I think I might know a few landowners who feel they have not been "closely worked with." In fact, the affected landowners in Kansas were the LAST ones to find out about GBE's project. Some of these landowners feel they were not properly notified under Kansas law, and even when they found out, they were denied effective participation in a matter that granted GBE the right to take their land by force. GBE even admits that, according to their public outreach plan, landowners are the last to be notified, after environmental groups, business groups, elected officials, local governments, and potential suppliers. It is only after Clean Line has drummed up support for its project by schmoozing and making dubious promises that it springs the project on affected landowners. In this way, Clean Line hopes that landowner concerns will be smothered by the group of MIMPSYS it has created.

However, FERC has no jurisdiction to right any wrongs made in the state regulatory process because it has no authority over siting and permitting. But, the dishonesty is galling.

GBE also tells FERC that it will shoulder all financial responsibility and risk for its project:

Applicant is assuming all market risk associated with the development and construction of the Project, and Applicant does not have and will not have any captive customers. Accordingly, Applicant has no ability to pass through the Project's costs to captive ratepayers.

Well, not really. GBE is passing some of its risk and cost associated with its project on to affected landowners and local governments who are expected to shoulder uncompensated project costs. Such costs may include the expense of providing public safety services during construction and operation, use of roadways for construction and maintenance, reduction in tax base, lowered property values, interference with farming operations, health and safety risks of living and working in close proximity to the project, inverse condemnation takings, lowered farm operation income, and increased costs to farm around the project, and the list goes on.

GBE also mentions that there are other planned regional projects that will provide price competition. These other projects that are ordered by RTOs are financed by, and guaranteed cost recovery from, ratepayers. Ratepayers are assuming all risk of these other projects. If GBE causes the competing projects to fail, ratepayers will end up financing the failed projects, for which they will never receive any benefit.

In addition, GBE is promising FERC that it will abide by the Commission's rules about honest and aboveboard negotiation with potential customers. If landowners believe GBE has not been honest and aboveboard with them, how can FERC trust that GBE will keep promises made in this application? Many believe that GBE has not developed a good reputation of honestly attempting to follow regulation in the public interest. In fact, some believe that GBE's reputation is that of smart alec arrogance, always trying to manipulate regulation in order to advance its pecuniary goals.

For instance, after promising Kansas regulators 135 "operations" jobs in the state related to its project, GBE tells FERC the truth:

Once the Project is completed, Applicant will turn over operational control of the Project to an RTO, which will operate the line pursuant to a FERC-approved non-discriminatory rate schedule filed under the RTO's OATT.

There is no RTO located in Kansas.

GBE also asks FERC for permission to use special selection criteria to evaluate offers. Preference will be given to potential customers who are willing to make "deposits" and shoulder some of the cost burden. In this way, GBE may be discriminating against customers who are not in a position to invest in its speculative project. I'm not sure this is what FERC really had in mind as non-discriminatory.

Keep an eye on this one. It's going to be interesting.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2014 9:59 AM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: RE: Grain Belt Express Opposition

Thank you very much. I appreciate the quick response!

I knew that they not applied yet but were intending to do so. Thank you for placing my note in their file. Will I have a way to know when they do apply?

Thank you,

Katie McKay

From: Eiken, Shelley [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Stoll, Steve
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2014 9:58 AM
To: 'Katie McKay'
Subject: RE: Grain Belt Express Opposition

Thank you for your e-mail regarding the Clean Line Energy project. The input of citizens is essential in helping the Public Service Commission make the appropriate policy determinations. Your position is important to us, and I appreciate your taking the time to contact me.

You may wish to note that Clean Line Energy has not yet made any application with the Missouri PSC, but they have represented to the Commission they are likely to do so in the near future. At such time, a docket would be created to receive all filings and records in the case related to this project. I will immediately place your correspondence in the PSC's open records file and will subsequently file it in any Clean Line Energy docket at such time a docket is established.

Again, thank you for your correspondence and for taking the time to share your position on this issue.

Sincerely,

Steve Stoll

From: Katie McKay [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 4:59 PM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Grain Belt Express Opposition

Dear Commissioner Stoll,

I live in Clinton County Missouri and will be directly affected by Grain Belt Express Clean Line Energy. This energy line is one of many proposed lines that would be operated by Clean Line Energy, LLC. I am adamantly opposed to this private investment group being able to use Eminent Domain to gain control of Missouri farms for their own financial gain. I would like to explain how this will personally affect me.

My husband and I rent a home in Cameron, MO from my father. Our home is located on 6 acres and it lies directly next to my parent's 270 acre farm. My husband and I recently married in August of 2013 in our back yard. We planned on buying the house and acreage from my father early 2014. We also plan to have children sometime during 2014. One of the proposed lines would run behind my home as well as all through my parent's farm. My brother and sister in law, and their 6 month old child, live down the road. The line also will run through their farm.

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Beyond the financial aspect of this is my concern of health effects. These lines will carry wattage that is 3 times stronger than the wattage necessary to power Hoover Dam. I have read studies that have linked HVDC energy to cancer, especially childhood leukemia. I am absolutely fearful to raise a child remotely close to this energy.

Because this will have a direct impact on my family, I have researched these types of energy lines, and current lines across the globe. There are a few in California and people living in the area have written articles about how badly these lines affected their quality of life. There are lines in the Netherlands and also across the UK. In the Netherlands, these towers and wind farms were built and then once they were put in operation, they quickly were shut down due to the inefficiency of wind energy. There are abandoned wind farms all across the country as well as these massive unused lines.

I read an article that states, currently in the United States there are around 14,000 abandoned wind turbines. I encourage you to read an article I found. It discusses the ineffectiveness of wind energy and how the intent of the investors is simply to gain the easements and receive government subsidies (http://www.libertynewsonline.com/article_301_31276.php). The company Clean Line Energy has already announced that at any time after the project is approved by the Public Service Commission of Kansas, Missouri, Illinois and Indiana, they have the right to sell all the easements. This includes before the construction begins, and any time during construction. In the UK, a company called National Grid is already building these types of power lines across the UK. There was a hearing with the ICC where it was stated that National Grid has the right to acquire (ultimately OWN) Rock Island Clean Line, any of the other subsidiary projects, or "Clean" Line at any time- before or after completion (one of those lines being the Grain Belt Express).

Clean Line proposed a line through Arkansas and they were not granted public utility status. Here is a link to the ruling: http://www.apscservices.info/pdf/10/10-041-u_41_1.pdf

We held a public meeting in Cameron and invited citizens around the area to come and receive information. It was alarming how many were not even aware of the project, but even more alarming of how many thought they would receive the clean energy. Our citizens have been misinformed by the information passed around by the local offices of this company. I went to their website, grainbeltexpresscleanline.com, and read every link and every study. It clearly states that only cities near a converter substation will be able to purchase the energy. They state in one link that there is a possibility of a converter station being built in St. Louis. In my opinion, it is highly unlikely that the substation would be built due to the extreme high cost to build the substation after I have researched current transmission lines and the ineffectiveness of wind farm energy. If this company already speaks of selling the easements once gained, I doubt they would invest in a substation that is such a high cost and is merely been state a remote possibility. The only recipients of the energy would then be on the east coast. There have been governors of states on the east coast who have expressed opposition to this project because they want to invest in their own type of renewable energy.

I have talked with many landowners in the area and not a single one said they would take the easement money if they had the chance. Even if easement money is received, the land owner still is required to pay the property tax on the land even though they cannot use the land. It is not right. This whole project is not right. I am 27 years old and can see how horrific this will be if built in our state. My husband and I are trying to establish ourselves and prideful Missouri landowners, but at age 27 we are already seeing this might not be a dream we can achieve in this area of Missouri. My entire family lives in this area, so the idea of moving isn't very appealing. I lived in Columbia, MO for 6 years and then worked and lived in Kansas City. I moved back to Cameron for the quality of life. Now that quality of life is being threatened before I even have the chance to establish myself as a landowner.

I dearly hope that the Missouri Public Service Commission views Missouri farms as the backbone of our state. I hope you view our hardwood forests as a beautiful natural resource that we should manage and protect. Lastly, I hope you view Missouri farmers as real people with many years of blood, sweat and tears lovingly invested in our great Missouri

farms. Grain Belt Express Clean Lines view the Missouri landscape as a commodity for their personal financial gain, with no regard for the devastation that will ensue on our farms and in our lives.

As a resident of Missouri and a hopeful future landowner of Missouri, I plead with the PSC to deny "Utility Status" to Grain Belt Express. The drawbacks far outweigh the benefits for our great state. A private investment group from another state should not be able to walk in to Missouri and take our land. It's not right and I hope you have your citizens' best interest in mind when you make your decision.

Respectfully,

Katie McKay

[REDACTED]

From: Steve Yates [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2014 10:03 AM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Clean Line Energy Partners

I am writing to you to express my dissatisfaction with this company's proposed route through Monroe County and specifically along Hwy. 36 where my property is located. My land is highly productive farm land. Areas south around the Mark Twain Lake would not take up such good farmland. Are there sources of power closer to the eastern states? Thank you

[REDACTED]

From: Janel & Chris Wagner [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2014 4:03 AM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Grain Belt Express

Dear Commissioner Stoll,

I am writing as a concerned landowner regarding the Grain Belt Express issue. Our family owns land near one of the proposed routes. We do NOT want this company to force our friends and neighbors to allow this dishonest company to take over Missouri land. There are so many issues in opposition to this being an economically viable project it stuns me any investors out there would consider it. It further stuns me that our state leadership, whom supposedly has the best interest of their Missouri citizens as one of their priorities, would even consider it.

In this once democratically based country, private business couldn't possibly fathom requesting public utility status strictly for their own gain, and have it considered, much less granted. Productive farmland, quality pasture, and peaceful homes could be forced into uselessness. Crops don't grow as well near these lines, cows prefer to graze away from them as well, hence lost revenue to both the land owners and the state. A value cannot be put on the rights of an American Landowner to say NO, and keep their property, their peace and our heritage undisturbed. Nothing about this plan benefits Missouri. From my perspective, some foreign investors, that already KNOW wind energy is NOT a viable business, are seizing an opportunity to acquire for free/cheap, land across our great country in the name of GREEN. They know the current administration and population as a whole are so green minded they are eager to sell their souls to align with a green mentality. Due to what has ALREADY taken place in many European countries, this company KNOWS this wind business will never make money, but instead, they see an opportunity to acquire American land, from American citizens, and then wait and re-sell this land for a HUGE profit. I must admit, they have done a lovely job of giving out only the feel good information to our public officials, and they did this well in advance of any landowner knowing their homes and livelihoods were at stake. Now that landowners are involved they are in hopes their preliminary work will get this poor business plan overlooked. Missouri farmers and citizens are not stupid minions like they treat us. We are smart, educated and passionate about our lives.

I have not talked to ONE landowner that is favor of this project. This is a bad business model that is guaranteed to fail. People on the east coast do NOT want or NEED this energy. NOTHING about this makes sense. The citizens of Missouri do not want more foreign investors buying yet another piece of our American soil, nor will this work out in the best interest of the future of our kids.

Please take the time to really look at, read and understand the Block Grain Belt information. Please consider the informed, and passionate citizens of Missouri truly want this Clean Line project to shut done, not choose another route, not just move to some other state, but for them to stop. America soil, American leaders, and American citizens are NOT for sale. Not in the name of GREEN, or for any other issue.

A few months ago, in an effort to more fully understand their perspective, I met with one of the employees that was in the business of dealing with difficult land owners. You need to know this man boldfaced lied to me. I have an accounting background, as well as already had done some of my own research about how viable wind systems can be, when at their best. I was already armed with some good basic information. This man didn't blink an eye and lied to me. When I showed him my info, and questioned both his industry information as well as the economic viability of the project, he stuck to his lies and basically told me ALL the info I had gathered from totally

independent sources was wrong and totally ignored the poor economics behind the project. I do not, and I implore YOU to NOT trust anything these people say. They are in business to deceive anyone and everyone that inhibits this project, at all cost. Do your own research. Wind power is BAD business. The technology is NOT there for it to make \$\$ for anyone, except on a small scale at a personal resident or business. If this company truly had a passion for supporting the green agenda for the benefit of our planet, they would instead be selling and installing smaller scale wind power producing items for residents and businesses. This is not their agenda.

Please kick them out of our state, out of our COUNTRY. The USA is NOT for sale.

Feel free contact me if you have further questions. [REDACTED].

Janel & Chris Wagner
Lawson Missouri

[REDACTED]

From: EDWARD J & [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 12, 2014 9:58 PM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Grain Belt Express / Clean / Michael Skelly

Mr. Stoll I am sending you this note because my wife (Virginia) and I are opposed to Grain Belt Express / Clean Line / Michael Skelly. We live on Virginia,s grandfathers farm which we have registerd as a Missouri Century Farm and take a lot of pride in still being able to live and farm this land. The proposed power line would cut right thru the middle of this farm. We feel this project is not in the best interest for us and the people of Missouri. Please deny these private investors the right to utility status, We have many concerns from health & saftey to humans, livestock, wildlife , forage & soil. Thank you for taking the time to here our concerns & please do not let this happen. Ed & Virgina Pautz [REDACTED] Polo Mo. 64671 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Warren Stephens [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, January 11, 2014 4:06 PM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Grain Belt

I want to adamantly express my opposition to “Grain Belt” so called “Clean Lines” attempt to exploit the people of Caldwell County MO and the other counties they are attempting to cross to build a wind transmission line for their profit at the expense of the people. They have used all sorts of means in attempting to dupe & convince land owners to allow this transmission line. Much of their promotion has been distorted, unproven or even false concerning safety concerns as well as who will truly benefit. The huge loss to property owners, tax loss to Caldwell county where Grain Belt will take advantage of Caldwell County’s Tax Abatement tax break given to businesses that invest in the county has been down played with the so the promotion of unverified benefits. Sounds much that the so called affordable care that was rammed down our throats.

I am just one of a large number of concerned people in Caldwell county asking you do all you can to deny this exploitation of the people of Caldwell & the other counties here in MO that will be affected.

Sincerely Yours
Warren Stephens

[REDACTED]

From: Scott Gilmer [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, January 11, 2014 11:58 AM
To: Stoll, Steve
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Mr. Stoll

I would like you to make a report and filing that I am against the Grain Belt Express going through Caldwell County. I feel if the residents of Caldwell County do not want this transmission line crossing our county, that no other county will want it either. Please help us keep our property values. These power lines will only bring down our property values. Plus, we don't know what the health effects will be in the future on our children, our crops and our livestock (our livelihood). This is a land grab! Please help us. I appreciate your consideration and any assistance you can give us.

Scott Gilmer,
Caldwell County [REDACTED]
Tel: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Kansas [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 8:03 PM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Grain Belt Express Comments
Attachments: Mr Stoll.pdf

Mr Stoll,

Please consider my attached comments when you are listening to the Houston GBEE request to place 3,500 mega watts of direct current electromagnetic fields of electricity over your Missouri land and family homes.

Thank you,
Linda from Kansas

[REDACTED]

From: Will Cooper [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 5:49 PM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Grain Belt Express

Sir,

I oppose the Grain Belt Express passing through Caldwell County Mo.

Thank you,
William Cooper
Polo Mo

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE Smartphone

[REDACTED]

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Clean Line proposed a line through Arkansas and they were not granted public utility status. Here is a link to the ruling: http://www.apscservices.info/pdf/10/10-041-u_41_1.pdf

We held a public meeting in Cameron and invited citizens around the area to come and receive information. It was alarming how many were not even aware of the project, but even more alarming of how many thought they would receive the clean energy. Our citizens have been misinformed by the information passed around by the local offices of this company. I went to their website, grainbeltexpresscleanline.com, and read every link and every study. It clearly states that only cities near a converter substation will be able to purchase the energy. They state in one link that there is a possibility of a converter station being built in St. Louis. In my opinion, it is highly unlikely that the substation would

be built due to the extreme high cost to build the substation after I have researched current transmission lines and the ineffectiveness of wind farm energy. If this company already speaks of selling the easements once gained, I doubt they would invest in a substation that is such a high cost and is merely been state a remote possibility. The only recipients of the energy would then be on the east coast. There have been governors of states on the east coast who have expressed opposition to this project because they want to invest in their own type of renewable energy.

I have talked with many landowners in the area and not a single one said they would take the easement money if they had the chance. Even if easement money is received, the land owner still is required to pay the property tax on the land even though they cannot use the land. It is not right. This whole project is not right. I am 27 years old and can see how horrific this will be if built in our state. My husband and I are trying to establish ourselves and prideful Missouri landowners, but at age 27 we are already seeing this might not be a dream we can achieve in this area of Missouri. My entire family lives in this area, so the idea of moving isn't very appealing. I lived in Columbia, MO for 6 years and then worked and lived in Kansas City. I moved back to Cameron for the quality of life. Now that quality of life is being threatened before I even have the chance to establish myself as a landowner.

I dearly hope that the Missouri Public Service Commission views Missouri farms as the backbone of our state. I hope you view our hardwood forests as a beautiful natural resource that we should manage and protect. Lastly, I hope you view Missouri farmers as real people with many years of blood, sweat and tears lovingly invested in our great Missouri farms. Grain Belt Express Clean Lines view the Missouri landscape as a commodity for their personal financial gain, with no regard for the devastation that will ensue on our farms and in our lives.

As a resident of Missouri and a hopeful future landowner of Missouri, I plead with the PSC to deny "Utility Status" to Grain Belt Express. The drawbacks far outweigh the benefits for our great state. A private investment group from another state should not be able to walk in to Missouri and take our land. It's not right and I hope you have your citizens' best interest in mind when you make your decision.

Respectfully,

Katie McKay

[REDACTED]

From: Penny [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 4:59 PM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Against Grain Belt Express

" Mr. Stoll I would like you to make a report that I am against the Grain Belt Express going through Caldwell County. I also feel that if the residents of Caldwell County don't want it, no other county's will want it either. Please help us keep our property values. Theses power lines will only bring down our property value. We don't know what kind of effects this will have on our kids, crops and livestock. Please help us!!

Thank you!
Penny Byers
Cowgill MO

[REDACTED]

From: Dawn Cline [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 4:22 PM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Grain Belt Express Power Lines

Dear Mr. Stoll I would like you to make a report that I am against the Grain Belt Express going through Caldwell County. I also feel that if the residents of Caldwell County don't want it, no other county's will want it either. Please help us keep our property values. Theses power lines will only bring down our property value. We don't know what kind of effects this will have on our kids, crops and livestock. Please help us!!

Dawn Cline
Polo Mo

[REDACTED]

From: Robert McPheeters [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 4:11 PM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Grain Belt Express

Mr. Stoll - I would like you to make a report and filing that I am against the Grain Belt Express going through Caldwell County, Mo. I feel if the residents of Caldwell County do not want this transmission line crossing our county, that no other county will want it either. Please help us keep our property values. These power lines will only bring down our property values. Plus, we don't know what the health effects will be in the future on our children, our crops and our livestock (our livelihood). This is a land grab! Please help us. I appreciate your consideration and any assistance you can give us. We do not want the Grain Belt Express going through Caldwell County, Mo. Robert D. McPheeters, Caldwell County resident and landowner.
Tel: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Robert McPheeters [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 3:24 PM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Grain Belt Express

Mr. Stoll - I would like you to make a report and filing that I am against the Grain Belt Express going through Caldwell County. I feel if the residents of Caldwell County do not want this transmission line crossing our county, that no other county will want it either. Please help us keep our property values. These power lines will only bring down our property values. Plus, we don't know what the health effects will be in the future on our children, our crops and our livestock (our livelihood). This is a land grab! Please help us. I appreciate your consideration and any assistance you can give us.
Patricia A. McPheeters, Caldwell County resident and landowner.
Tel: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: KEVIN JENSEN [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 3:21 PM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: RE: Grain Belt Express

Mr. Stoll, Thank you for your kind reply and your intention to include my correspondence in any future action concerning Clean Line Energy. I am aware that the company has not yet filed with the PSC, but I wanted to make my feelings clear on that matter as well.

Thank you for your future interest and concern in this matter as you represent our rural communities.

Sincerely,
Sarah Jensen

"Remember George: No man is a failure who has friends." (It's a Wonderful Life)

From: Steve.Stoll@psc.mo.gov
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Grain Belt Express
Date: Fri, 10 Jan 2014 20:24:23 +0000

Thank you for your e-mail regarding the Clean Line Energy project. The input of citizens is essential in helping the Public Service Commission make the appropriate policy determinations. Your position is important to us, and I appreciate your taking the time to contact me.

You may wish to note that Clean Line Energy has not yet made any application with the Missouri PSC, but they have represented to the Commission they are likely to do so in the near future. At such time, a docket would be created to receive all filings and records in the case related to this project. I will immediately place your correspondence in the PSC's open records file and will subsequently file it in any Clean Line Energy docket at such time a docket is established.

Again, thank you for your correspondence and for taking the time to share your position on this issue.

Sincerely,

Steve Stoll

From: KEVIN JENSEN [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 4:12 PM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Grain Belt Express

Mr. Stoll,

Please include my name on any reports stating that I am against granting Grain Belt Express status as a public utility in Missouri. I am against their desire to take land from the citizens of Caldwell County. The very idea that a private entity can sweep in with "pie in the sky" aspirations, drum up a little money, and be granted the power of "eminent domain" is at complete odds with a freedom loving society. The idea that the Midwestern states should pay for, with more than just money I might add, energy that the East Coast states have repeatedly stated they don't want nor wish to pay for, is extreme folly; to which our beautiful rural communities will pay the ultimate price. I am very concerned by the ramifications to the land value, livestock, health and livelihood of our community and local landowners without apparent benefits.

Sincerely,

Sarah Jensen

"Remember George: No man is a failure who has friends." (It's a Wonderful Life)

[REDACTED]

From: Robin Harvey [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 2:35 PM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: 'Clean' line energy

Dear Mr. Stoll,

As a very concerned (voting) citizen of the state of Missouri, I must express my great distaste for the proposed 700 mile extension cord that clean line wants to ram through our beautiful state. At the very least, the idea of laying waste to so much productive farmland should be enough for intelligent men block any efforts to construct such a sham, not to mention the terrible loss of property rights and property value.

I am simple county folk that has my entire life savings and retirement invested in valuable Missouri farmland. My family's history goes back more than a century within the confines of this state. We are productive and hardworking people that have added value to Missouri. Now we are under attack from corporate greed based outside our borders. The idea of having a 140-200 foot lattice tower 250 feet from my front door is not what I had in mind when I decided to leave the 'city' and return to the area of my family to farm. If the Missouri PSC allows this 'foreign' corporation to receive public utility status to gain a foothold here for the sake of using eminent domain to steal our land is hideously treasonous. It is my belief, that men like you are placed in positions such as yours to protect the citizens of this state from evils like this. Our founding fathers would be rolling in their grave to think that all their efforts were brought to a situation as this. To allow the loss of sovereignty and individual rights for the 'perceived' benefit of some corporations bottom line.

Clean line does not have any customers for this wreck, nor has it ever built anything remotely like this proposed project in their history. The more one investigates clean line, the more one realized this is a land grab scam. I could go on for hours with the dirty dealings this company has done and the reality of what they are proposing, but I know you are a busy man. I appreciate the opportunity to speak my part in opposition to this gross error in judgment of a project.

Please stand up for us! Please stand up for what is right! We citizens of Missouri are counting on you and the wisdom of your co-committee participants. If this goes through, I am finished. I will have lost all value in my farm and will have nothing for myself or my family as my farm will be worthless with that next to my front door.

Would you want that right next to your front door?

Sincerely,

Robin Harvey

[REDACTED]
Polo, MO 64671
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Yahoo [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 1:10 PM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Grain Belt Express
Attachments: Grain Belt Express.docx

Commissioner Stoll:

As a landowner in Caldwell county Missouri I am very concerned about the possibility of the Grain Belt Express transmission lines running across my property and devaluating my land. I am totally against the project and hope you will heed the attachment I have enclosed.

thank you
Jerry Mathews

[REDACTED]

From: Janet Stonum [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 12:38 PM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Grain Belt Express

Mr. Stoll - I would like you to make a report and filing that I am against the Grain Belt Express going through Caldwell County. I feel if the residents of Caldwell County do not want this transmission line crossing our county, that no other county will want it either. Please help us keep our property values. These power lines will only bring down our property values. Plus, we don't know what the health effects will be in the future on our children, our crops and our livestock (our livelihood). This is a land grab! Please help us. I appreciate your consideration and any assistance you can give us.
Janet Stonum, Caldwell County resident and landowner
Tel: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Terry Smart [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 11:17 AM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: GRAIN BELT EXPRESS

I LIVE ON [REDACTED] POLO. I SAY NO! NO! NO!, TO THE GRAIN BELT EXPRESS!!!!!!!!!!

[REDACTED]

From: Mark Mutchler [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 10:42 AM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Effect of Grain Belt Express and/or Clean Line Energy

Commissioner Stoll,

I wanted to contact you directly to let you know how the Grain Belt Express (GBE) project is directly affecting my family as well as a landowner in Caldwell County. I currently have a signed and accepted land contract to purchase approximately [REDACTED] acres from [REDACTED] in Caldwell County. The final sale is contingent upon the land not being affected by the Grain Belt Express. The land is located at [REDACTED] and is located in the direct path of the [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] proposed routes for the GBE. As a matter of fact, the northern route divides the property, and will be directly overhead of a cabin on the property, and will ultimately cut through a 10-acre wooded parcel of hickory and oak trees, destroying any chance of us purchasing the property. With the line cutting through the heart of the property, I would conclude that the property value would be reduced significantly.

We are hoping to purchase this property for a weekend getaway which will ultimately turn into our retirement home. However, if the Grain Belt Express project is permitted to continue, we will have to void the purchase contract and look outside of Caldwell County for another piece of property.

I urge you and other members of the commission to help deny Clean Line from obtaining public utility status and to keep them from using eminent domain to secure land rights across Caldwell County and ultimately across Missouri. This project has absolutely no merit and will result in the theft of hundreds, if not thousands, of acres from farmers and landowners across Missouri.

I appreciate you spending the time to read my concerns. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter personally, please contact me at this e-mail address or the phone number listed below.

Sincerely,

Mark Mutchler
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Jeffrey Cole [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 9:41 AM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Grain Belt Express

Good Morning Steve,

I just called your office and left a message with your secretary. I would love to spend a few minutes speaking with you in person. Please call me at [REDACTED]. Your secretary is awesome!

I very much oppose the Grain Belt Express. My wife and I are both 55 years old. 3 years ago after getting all six kids out of the house, we bought a 40 acre farm, which is beautiful. While I manage human tissue transplants across 3 states, [REDACTED] is the retirement business.

We have planted hundreds of apple trees. We also are now the third commercial bittersweet farm in the US. Bittersweet is the native orange berried shrub that use to grow in fencerows, and you went and it picked it in the fall with your Grandma. Our business plan is to promote agri-tourism in NW Missouri. Families can come pick apples, kids can make their own apple cider, pick pumpkins, pet the lambs, feed the chickens, etc.

The Grain Belt Express wipes us out, wipes out the orchard. It severely affects same family farms. I will give you a couple of examples. Helga, my friend and neighbor to the west, is 65 years old. She has a small family dairy of 30 cows on 80 acres. The Grain Belt Express wipes out her dairy farm and her retirement income. Ms. Boone, a widower in her late 60's, raises Prime Kobe beef on her 120 acre farm. Kobe beef is very, very expensive. This is Ms. Boone's retirement income.

The point I am trying to make is the Grain Belt Express wipes out small family farms across the state, folks who work hard, don't ask for handouts from the government, and have built very nice boutique farms that generate very good incomes. I understand from speaking with my friends, who are large landowners, farming hundreds and thousands of acres, primarily in cattle, corn and soybeans, they generally don't oppose the Grain Belt Express. It does not wipe them out, as the lines are miles from their homes, and they view it as an income source.

As a lifelong Missouri boy, we live in the most beautiful state in the nation, and I have traveled on business to all of them. I completely fail to understand why we would want to place a scar on our state with these hideous lines. Generally speaking, most cities across the state require electric lines to be built underground. I would not oppose the Grain Belt Express if it were buried underground along existing utility easements like I-70, 36 highway, or the natural gas pipeline easement already in place. In my humble opinion, this is the correct solution if this company wants to do business in our state.

Speaking of the company, I have done extensive research on this company. I have both a BA and MBA and have done due diligence many times on companies for mergers, contracts, etc. I did research on this company, as well as the specific individuals involved, and the executive management team. Trying not to be biased, this company and the executive's involved are "sketchy" at best. They are barely a company, with very limited funding. Do we really want a company like this, with questionable funding from the venture capitalist companies, starting a very expensive project in our state? There is a very strong possibility they will never

complete the work, and the state will be left with a very expensive project. This is my personal opinion, but I would not want to risk my career by supporting this company and their executives. They are not transparent enough.

Thank you very much for your consideration. I would love to testify on behalf of small land owners if given the opportunity. Please feel free to call me at any time.

Warm regards,

Jeff Cole



[REDACTED]

From: Gloria Leamer [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 9:31 AM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: FW: Grain Belt Express

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 9:19 AM
To: Gloria Leamer
Subject: Grain Belt Express

Mr. Stoll

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Dixon and Gloria Leamer
Polo, MO

[REDACTED]

From: conda segar [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 6:40 AM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: I am Against the Grain Belt!!!

Mr. Stoll I would like you to make a report that I am against the Grain Belt Express going through Caldwell County. I also feel that if the residents of Caldwell County don't want it, no other county's will want it either. Please help us keep our property values. Theses power lines will only bring down our property value. We don't know what kind of effects this will have on our kids, crops, and livestock. Please help us!!

Conda Kincaid
Braymer, MO

[REDACTED]

From: Michelle Gentry [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 11:19 PM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Grain Belt Express

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Michelle Gentry

[REDACTED]

From: Jessica Scott [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 10:18 PM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Clean Line for the Grain Belt Express Project

Steve,

I am writing because of the possibility to grant public utility to Clean Line for the Grain Belt Express Project. This will have a negative effect on several families. These families have homes that they could lose if this project is approved. PLEASE take a close look at this project and see how bad this could be for the people who live in the path of this utility project.

Thank you

Jessica Scott
Purdy, MO

[REDACTED]

From: sidney segar [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 10:13 PM
To: Stoll, Steve

" Mr. Stoll I would like you to make a report that I am against the Grain Belt Express going through Caldwell County. I also feel that if the residents of Caldwell County don't want it, no other county's will want it either. Please help us keep our property values. Theses power lines will only bring down our property value. We don't know what kind of effects this will have on our kids, crops and livestock. Please help us!!

N Segar Jr. Polo, MO"

[REDACTED]

From: Reitzm98 [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 10:11 PM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Deny Grain Belt Express

Mr. Stoll,

I would like you to file a report that I am against the Grain Belt Express going through Caldwell County. Please help us protect our property, property values, and the safety of our families. We don't know what kind of effects these types of power lines will have on our kids, crops and livestock. Please tell Grain Belt Express that they are not welcome in Caldwell County.

Thank you,
Michelle Newman
Polo, MO

[REDACTED]

From: Country In Llc [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 10:10 PM
To: Stoll, Steve

" Mr. Stoll I would like you to make a report that I am against the Grain Belt Express going through Caldwell County. I also feel that if the residents of Caldwell County don't want it, no other county's will want it either. Please help us keep our property values. Theses power lines will only bring down our property value. We don't know what kind of effects this will have on our kids, crops and livestock. Please help us!!
Sidney Segar. Polo, MO"

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 10:02 PM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Grain Belt Express

Hello Steve,

My name is Jeff Gatrel and I am a resident of Caldwell Co. Mo. The GBE power line is running through here on two proposed routes. The northern route will run within approximately 300' of my house. This is of great concern to me because my wife stays home with our two young children. They are in the house or on the farm about 90% of their lives. We also have a cow-calf operation and the route will be running through my bull pens where my breeding bulls spend most of the year. The line will run through our farm for approximately 1 mile. All of our farm is pasture and my Dad owns the biggest part of our [REDACTED] acre farm. We feel that this line will ruin our farm for running cows. We are also concerned about the long term effects of the 600,000 volts of DC power that we will be exposed to on a daily basis. We will not live in our house no matter who says it is safe to do so. It just doesn't make any sense.

The southern route which runs just North of Polo will effect my business. My wife and I own a welding shop where we fabricate equipment for the Livestock Industry. It is a thriving business where we employ [REDACTED] full time employees. This proposed route, I believe, will run just north of my property line. I will be within [REDACTED] feet of the lines anytime I am at my place of business. I simply will have to shut down the location. It is especially troubling because I just built the shop in 2011 and it is not payed for. I will likely receive no monetary compensation since it will not be on my property. I will be subject to the health risks and loss in property value.

I feel this line will not help the county or Northern Missouri in any way that could cover the costs in personal property loss, potential business loss, and health concerns.

Thank you very much for your time.

[http://www.\[REDACTED\]](http://www.[REDACTED])

Sincerely,

Jeff Gatrel
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Alisha Galbraith [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 9:37 PM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Block GBE

About four months ago a sign popped up next to my neighbor's driveway that saying, 'Block GBE'. I had no idea what it was, and promptly forgot about it.

A month ago my mother-in-law asked me if she could put one of these signs next to our driveway. I asked what it was for and she explained what the Grain Belt Express was...and I was horrified! I was amazed that this wasn't something that was on the news or in the paper, or at the very least, blowing up all over Facebook.

I did a little research on the GBE via the company's official site. I discovered that not only are these transmission lines ridiculously huge (200ft) one of the potential lines runs just an acre away from my house, if that. Another potential line (if the previous one fails) runs a quarter mile from my house, which would be interfering with my neighbors property.

The GBE will decrease property values, and force us to move. I can't live that close to 3,500 megawatts going directly past my house. We will just look past the superficial face that hundreds of miles of metal would just be a complete eyesore.

More importantly, farmers will not be able to continue to farm on their land. The GBE cuts through many family farms and if WiFi can cause damage to plants, then I would assume that 3,500 megawatts of power can damage crops. The United States produces 32% of the world's corn, and while I don't know the percent that Missouri contributes to that, Missouri is already down 7% in their corn production.

The people in Missouri need to know more about this. It doesn't just affect those who are in the area of the GBE. It affects all of us. If farmers can't farm, people don't get food. Please let me know what I can do to block the GBE.

Thank you,

Alisha Galbraith

[REDACTED]

From: Carolyn Shaffer [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 9:16 PM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Block Lean Line Express

Dear Steve.

I am a land owner in Caldwell County and I am deeply concerned about yet another company coming through my property and doing as they may. I currently have 3 pipelines that cross the width of my land. One has been there for many years, however, the last 2 have been built in the past 8 years.

Unlike the proposed Clean Line Express with its huge towers, at least the pipelines are underground and not seen other than the occasional markers.

I have always tried to keep my property neat, mowed, and have always received compliments on how nice a place that I have when people stop to visit. I do not want this beautiful scenery to go away... This is my land and it has been in the family for many years by our grandparents. It looks to me that something has to be done to keep companies like Clean Belt from coming into an area and taking away our land and our farming landscape.

There are not going to be any "Job" opportunities from this for the local people. I saw this when the pipelines came through. And the comment that I have heard that Missouri will be supplied with energy is false,, It is going right on by, this was never in the plan, however, I think they are saying that now...

About the health risks... would **you** want to try it, then it is too late..... My quiet farmstead will be a humming, unsightly location that will not be as valuable of property to farm with all of these lines running through it....

The county commissioners have been fed a "bone" that there will be an increase in tax dollars, so that is all they are looking at... This line does not go through their property or near their homesso, they don't care.

Please do what you can to stop this action by Clean Line Express and others in the future from wanting to take our property for their own gain..

Sincerely,
Carolyn Shaffer

[REDACTED]
Cowgill, Missouri 64637

[REDACTED]

From: Ruth Lowenstein [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 5:10 PM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Deny Grain Belt Express Utility Status

Dear Commissioner Stoll,

I am a Missouri landowner and farmer that is being directly affected by Grain Belt Express Clean Line Energy. I am adamantly opposed to this private investment group being able to use Eminent Domain to gain control of Missouri farms for their own financial gain. I would like to explain how this will affect us economically and personally.

My husband and I moved to the farm 25 years ago from the middle of a major city. We own a [REDACTED] acre organic cattle ranch near Cameron, Mo and have been good stewards of the land. We sell directly to customers and restaurants. We have many customers come to the farm to view both the cattle and farm. Several times a year we have a customer appreciation day. Our customers have expressed how they love getting food from a local farm, and love coming and spending time on the farm. We have planned on expanding more in to Agritourism. It is a very sustainable form of farming. We know our customers, they know the source of their food and the dollars stay local. This will all change for us if Grain Belt Express is granted "Utility Status" by the Missouri Public Service Commission. People that drive 30-50 miles to buy organic beef will not want to stand under 150-200', 3500 megawatt high power transmission lines. This would hurt us tremendously economically speaking.

Personally, the threat of these monstrous towers is even worse. We have six children that were raised on our farm. Three of our children have moved back after attending the University of Missouri and have started families of their own. They live in homes on the family farm. These towers run very close to all of us. The route of the towers across our land would cause major deforestation on our farm, as well as removing much needed land from our farming operation. The wildlife that we so love would most certainly be affected negatively. The health effects are really a major concern. We have small grandchildren living on the farm. None of us want to be near 3500 megawatts of electricity!

I dearly hope that the Missouri Public Service Commission views Missouri farms as the backbone of our state. I hope you view our hardwood forests as a beautiful natural resource that we should manage and protect. Lastly, I hope you view Missouri farmers as real people with many years of blood, sweat and tears lovingly invested in our great Missouri farms. Grain Belt Express Clean Lines view the Missouri landscape as a commodity for their personal financial gain, with no regard for the devastation that will ensue on our farms and in our lives.

As a Missouri landowner and farmer, I plead with the PSC to deny "Utility Status" to Grain Belt Express. The drawbacks far outweigh the benefits for our great state. A private investment group from another state should not be able to walk in to Missouri and take our land. It's just not right!

Respectfully,
Ruth Lowenstein
[REDACTED]
Cameron, Mo 64429

[REDACTED]

From: KEVIN JENSEN [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 4:12 PM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Grain Belt Express

Mr. Stoll,

Please include my name on any reports stating that I am against granting Grain Belt Express status as a public utility in Missouri. I am against their desire to take land from the citizens of Caldwell County. The very idea that a private entity can sweep in with "pie in the sky" aspirations, drum up a little money, and be granted the power of "eminent domain" is at complete odds with a freedom loving society. The idea that the Midwestern states should pay for, with more than just money I might add, energy that the East Coast states have repeatedly stated they don't want nor wish to pay for, is extreme folly; to which our beautiful rural communities will pay the ultimate price. I am very concerned by the ramifications to the land value, livestock, health and livelihood of our community and local landowners without apparent benefits.

Sincerely,

Sarah Jensen

"Remember George: No man is a failure who has friends." (It's a Wonderful Life)

[REDACTED]

From: Nina Storts [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 3:41 PM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Help stop Grain Belt Express

Mr. Stoll, I would like you to make a report that I am against the Grain Belt Express going through Caldwell County. I also feel that if the residents of Caldwell County don't want it, no other counties will want it either. Please help us keep our property values. These power lines will only bring down our property value. We don't know what kind of effects this will have on our kids, crops and livestock. Please help us!
Steve and Nina Storts, Polo, MO.

[REDACTED]

From: Helen Roller [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 3:45 PM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: DO NOT GRANT PUBLIC UTILITY to Clean Line for GRAIN BELT EXPRESS PROJECT

Steve,

Please do not to grant public utility to Clean Line for the Grain Belt Express Project. This will effect my daughter and her family and they could loose their home and property if this is approved.

I do not think this is a good precedent for the entire state of Missouri and I urge you to do everything you can to stop the Grain Belt Express Project.

Helen Roller
Purdy, Missouri 65734

[REDACTED]

From: kristyhutson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 1:17 PM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Grain Belt Express

Mr. Stoll,

I am writing to you as a concerned land owner in Caldwell County Missouri. My husband and I purchased our home and [REDACTED] acres in Nov of 2012. We were looking for an area close enough to employment, yet still be able to live in the country to raise our 3 boys and grow our own food. I assume you are not familiar with the type of people who live in Caldwell County. I have found that most people who choose to reside in our county are all trying to be somewhat self sustaining in how we live. The Grain Belt Express project would destroy many small family farms through our county. The middle route proposed to go through would be on the northern border of our property. (Our mostly wooded property I would like to add. It is hard to find wooded acreage in this part of the state. My husband and I looked at buying a home in Kansas but couldn't stand the thought of having maybe one or two trees.) This project would clear cut a very large percentage of our trees. This alone would devalue our property. Our home is solely heated with wood heat and if the trees are removed and can not be allowed to grow back this too would cause our family distress. From the research that I have seen on these power lines the health risks from living so close to them is not something that we are willing to take a chance on. We pride ourselves in trying to live off what nature can provide with growing our own fruits and vegetables and raising chickens. We have plans to be able to grow a high percentage of our own food and this project could completely destroy that. I would not be able to continue in good conscience to raise my children so close to the power lines, so we are looking at having to relocate if this project happens. Since we just purchased our home a little over a year ago and the fact that re-selling it would most likely be impossible for near what we owe on it, we would have the risk of having to face a foreclosure just to keep our children safe.

I know that energy has to have advances, and have improvements, but I do not believe that we should have to sacrifice our safety. I have seen information about these lines being buried and that the risks are greatly reduced to the people around them. I do not understand why this company isn't trying to put these lines near a right away that already exists, like interstate 70 or 36 Hwy. Why do they need to cut through farm land? I ask that you deny Clean Line and the Grain Belt Express Project. Not only because of this project, but because of what approving this could mean for the future of eminent domain being used in Missouri. It is my understanding that Clean Line had no intention of providing any benefit to the state of Missouri until opposition to this project came about and started to get organized and that they have no prior experience putting in power lines. What business will be next trying to use eminent domain? Cellular companies wanting to take land to build towers? Large Corporation Farms saying they can have better production and taking land away from small farms? We can have a paper that says we own something and pay taxes on it just to have it taken away or destroyed from purpose we worked so hard to have it for? To me the line of what is bad for few and good for the masses would be crossed with granting public utility to this company. Obviously this project in my eyes is terrible because of its immediate effects on me and my family. I also hate to think that a precedence could be set by granting public utility to Clean Line that could also effect the rest of Missouri later on.

Please note that those of us in Caldwell County are taking this fight very personal and are neighbors telling neighbors and trying to compete with deep pockets like Clean Line has. But we will fight for what we believe in.

Thank You,
Kristy Hutson

[REDACTED]

From: mysticgraystar . [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 12:40 PM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Grain Belt Express

Dear Mr. Stoll:

Although the Grain Belt does not effect me or my farm, directly, it does effect many of my neighbors and friends.

We don't understand why the belt does not follow the route of the current power lines? Can't they attach lines to the existing poles? Why is the expressway not following the major roadways? Wouldn't it make more sense and be a shorter route?

When one looks at the map of "potential routes" for Missouri, one is left wondering WHY does the grain belt go through the MIDDLE of many farms and NOT follow existing easements along ditches and gravel roads? The "potential route" does not travel along state highways, either, like AC power lines and telephone lines, again, leaving one to believe that there is something the public is not being told.

This drives undereducated people to research internet sites, that may be misleading, and coming to the conclusion that these DC power lines are bad for their families, livestock, and property.

How often has the public been mislead by corporations who just want to get their project rubber stamped and completed BEFORE the risks and health problems come to light?

Those that do not have the basic internet research knowledge are left to listen to neighbors, local politicians, and fear mongers who are playing on those trepidations, all the while misleading skeptical landowners as to the dangers of HVDC.

That, coupled with the unanswered "common sense" questions in my first paragraph, leave many of the Missouri landowner's AGAINST this initiative.

Would it be wise to err on the side of caution when considering this massive endeavor? Or, would it be wiser to educate the public on the evidence of the safety of HVDC lines? This education would need to come from someone who is NOT affiliated with the Grain Belt Expressway OR the Missouri government; many people question the tenets of those with direct involvement to this project.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Morgan
Kidder, MO

[REDACTED]

From: joe manno [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 12:09 PM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: GRAIN BELT EXPRESS APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC UTILITY STATUS

Steve:

We have attended one of the Grain Belt Express public meetings about their intention of building an overhead direct current transmission line through Missouri. We were contacted by Grain Belt about the meeting because our property is included in one of the proposed routes for the building of the transmission towers. Since the public meeting we have learned that they have narrowed the proposed route to two areas and our property is one of them.

I have contacted them and asked them, if we will be notified when they finalize the route, they did not respond to my e mail.

I understand that they are applying for Public Utility status in Missouri. I am against them be give that status because they are not a public utility and if they are given that status they would probably take over our property using eminent domain.

In addition to looking at these huge towers and having the power transmission lines hanging down as low as 35 feet from the ground we probably would never receive a fair compensation for our property.

Thank you for your attention to this matter

Joe and Mary Manno

[REDACTED] COWGILL, MO 64637
[REDACTED]

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 11:24 AM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Grain belt

Hello please make a note I'm against the grain belt for Caldwell county!!! Thank you!!

Shelley Moore

[REDACTED]

From: Shanda [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 11:15 AM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: RE: Grain Belt Express

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[REDACTED]
steve.stoll@psc.mo.gov
or you can call him at 573-751-4221

[REDACTED]

From: Malorie Rood [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 11:05 AM
To: Stoll, Steve

Mr. Stoll I would like you to make a report that I am against the Grain Belt Express going through Caldwell County. I also feel that if the residents of Caldwell County don't want it, no other county's will want it either. Please help us keep our property values. These power lines will only bring down our property value. We don't know what kind of effects this will have on our kids, crops and livestock. Please help us!! Malorie Rood

[REDACTED]

From: Matthew Stallbaumer [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 10:39 AM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Grain Belt Express opposition
Attachments: APP-SITING-PAPER.pdf

Mr. Stoll,

I'm writing to you in opposition of the Grain Belt Express. My family owns property in northeast Kansas that will be impacted by the project. I am reaching out to you in Missouri because of the lack of response and a perceived lack of consideration that Kansas officials offered property owners like us.

In my family's specific case, the edge of the easement line would be approximately 200 yards from where my great-grandfather homesteaded.

Although the original buildings have since been torn down, it's been a family desire to build a home on that property. In fact, over the years, our family has been approached by others with interest to build on the piece of property because of the scenic views, but it's value to us and the potential for our family is too important for us to consider selling. This project would threaten, and in our mind prohibit, the realization of our plans to build on the property. Who wants to look at the ugly towers every day and be exposed to the factors that have been linked to health issues? Would you threaten the lives of your children or grandchildren? Because the easement doesn't actually touch our property, there is no offered compensation from Clean Line for the loss of value of our land or the loss of potential use.

We would lose, while a private company with the power of eminent domain would gain. Clean Line made no effort to address our desire to adjust the line so our dreams to build in the prime location would be spared.

Furthermore, the land work that will be done is all uphill from our ground, any erosion that results from removing trees and clearing cover will directly impact our land. None of these potential problems were ever addressed by Clean Line or the KCC.

Overall, public comment in Kansas was more than 97% opposed to the project.

The KCC responded by dismissing the opposition as simply "numbers". How disrespectful to the people of Kansas. Most of the concerns property owners had and have were never addressed by the KCC or Clean Line. The lack of independent study on health and environment and lack of independent expert testimony in the KCC docket documents and at the hearing left property owners feeling like their actions were nothing but a charade.

Property owners see no benefit to the project except for a very few number of wind energy developers. These few people stand to become even more wealthy, yet offer negatively impacted property owners less than fair compensation for easement property value, no ongoing payments to compensate for the loss future property value loss, no compensation for adjacent property value loss, no royalties for the billions of dollars of electricity flowing across the property. All of these compensation options are real and fair, other wind industry projects and communication tower projects recognize neighboring property losses due to the aesthetic and noise impact, they offer good neighbor payments to offset the losses (see pages 18-20 of the attached document). Clean Line Energy fails to recognize these losses and compensation options, despite one of their representatives being listed as a reviewer of the attached document.

Knowing that Clean Line Energy has never built or maintained a single transmission line of any size, and no transmission line of this size has ever been built by any company ever, is significant. National Grid's (UK) option to purchase the project pre-construction or anytime thereafter should be a clear indication that Clean Line only serves to gain access to private property, and may have no intention to actually build or maintain the project. Property owners deserve to know who is really getting access and will be responsible for respecting our most precious resource.

If land values decrease, which the obviously will as shown by the lack of interest in for sale property that is threatened by the line, how do counties make up for the loss in property tax revenue? How many other costs will be incurred by the local economies? None of these things have been studied or addressed. This is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the lack of attention and study that should be required for a project such as this. The job number estimates Clean Line has given needs to be vetted, they seem to be super inflated, how much maintenance does a transmission line really need?

When you consider that Kansas only uses 2800 mW of renewable energy for itself, how can one believe that exporting 3500 mW over 750 miles is really necessary? Kansas Westar just announced they will be importing 700 mW of wind energy from Oklahoma. Guess Oklahoma wind is cheaper than the wind in our own state. One should also remember that there is no way to control, restrict or monitor the amount of non-renewable energy that this line would carry. The coal plants in Western Kansas would be very close to the beginning point of this line, making one wonder if the true intent is to export coal energy, and the wind energy propaganda is only a selling point to get the line built.

Thank you for considering all of these points. There are many more that I could bring up, like Clean Line's failure to notify property owners. It is a fact that certified letters they mailed were returned to sender and Clean Line made no effort to find out why. It was because they sent letters to the land parcel address, not the residence of the owner. I don't know how many instances of this happened, because the KCC and Clean Line wouldn't reveal that information.

I ask that you really consider Clean Line's integrity, or lack thereof, in regard to this project. Thanks again for the opportunity to share my experience and knowledge about the project with you.

Matthew Stallbaumer

[REDACTED]

From: Gina Carlton [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 10:32 AM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Green belt should be stopped.

Grain Belt Express and/or Clean Line Energy

Property values could plummet as a result causing losses that far outweigh compensation

- Support structures that will tower from 120 to 200 feet high, 3 to 4 times higher than regular grid poles making them visible for miles
- 5 to 7 support structures will be erected per mile
- Our rural views will be spoiled forever
- Easements can be placed immediately adjacent to a home or other structures
- Adverse health effects from electromagnetic fields near the 3500 megawatt high voltage lines could occur according to some studies
- An access road would be required on each property leading to the easement according to C.L. rep.
- Loss of crop production around structures and access roads will occur
- Aerial crop spraying will be negatively impacted or may no longer be feasible
- High Voltage transmission is a highly specialized industry. Most labor and materials will be brought in and will not be sourced locally
- Although a few businesses may see a temporary increase, others will scarcely notice any increase for the few weeks that crews are in their area
- Most construction workers will travel with the project and most will not be hired locally
- The proposed project is “green washed” in order to gain public support
- An unsightly swath for the easement will be cut through wooded areas and kept clear
- Thousands of acres of woodlands would be deforested, some of them “old growth” forests

- Forest dwelling wildlife species’ could be adversely impacted
- Clean Line has admitted it may not carry wind energy exclusively
- Ongoing negative impacts to hunting and agriculture based tourism are likely
- Although Public meetings are required, we feel public feedback is not being seriously considered
- Clean Line is partially backed by National Grid of the United Kingdom
- Even if the proposed line does not go through your property, Clean Line has stated that it may be moved to other property
- As a public utility with one easement and lines already in place, if Clean Line ever wanted to acquire an additional easement adjacent to the first one for more lines, they likely would have very little trouble receiving regulatory approval to acquire them through Eminent Domain

Gina R. Carlton

Jeremiah 29:11

For **I know the plans I** have for you,” declares **the LORD**, “**plans** to prosper you and not to harm you, **plans** to give you hope and a future.

[Redacted]

From: Alison Nicholas [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 10:09 AM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Report against Grain Belt

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Alison Nicholas

[Redacted]

[REDACTED]

From: Chrissy Lowenstein [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 10:00 AM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Re: Concern from a Missouri Nurse

01/09/2014

Dear Commissioner Stoll,

I was wondering if you had the chance to look over my email that I sent you on 12/4/2013. I would like to know from your office what can be done from this point and who I should further contact. I have spoken to the Missouri Ombudsman, Tom Green, and he said that the best course of action would be for the Senators and Representatives of the affected districts to harness what can be done in hopes of their plan not reaching the P.S.C.. He also said that if the opposition is present at the public hearings, the P.S.C. really takes that into consideration when making a ruling. If in the event that GBE does get approved to have public utility status and the threat of eminent domain is real, the Missouri Office of the Public Counsel as well as the Ombudsman will be advocates for the rights of property owners. Your representation is vital in stopping this project. Thank you very much for your time and understanding.

Sincerely,
Chrissy Lowenstein, RN-BSN

On Wed, Dec 4, 2013 at 8:52 AM, Chrissy Lowenstein [REDACTED] wrote:
12/4/2013

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Sincerely,

Chrissy Lowenstein, RN-BSN

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 9:58 AM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Grain Belt Express

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Please help us!!

Ron Darby
Cameron, MO

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 9:44 AM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Grain Belt Express

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Please help us!!

Justin Rechtermann
Polo, MO

[REDACTED]

From: Amy Harvey [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 1:25 AM
To: stevestoll@psc.mo.gov; Stoll, Steve; stevenstoll@psc.mo.gov; steven.stoll@psc.mo.gov
Subject: We oppose "Clean" Line Energy

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Dear Mr. Stoll,
I want to thank you for your honesty and willingness to listen to the landowners and citizens of Missouri about "Clean" Line Energy and their proposed Grain Belt Express Project. Mr. Mike Ford is my neighbor and he told me that you are encouraging affected citizens to write in comments to you about how Grain Belt would affect them if they gain public utility status and the power of eminent domain for their private gain. I applaud you in your efforts to maintain open communication with farmers and landowners, unlike what Kansas citizens experienced last fall from their Governor Brownback and the KCC. <http://stoppathwv.com/1/post/2014/01/heroes-and-zeroes-in-kansas.html>

Since Clean Line has been schmoozing counties and government officials for over 2 years before Missouri citizens were ever aware, this practice puts the landowner at a great disadvantage. Because of "Clean" Line Energy's lack of transparency and honesty with their routing process, many directly affected farmers and landowners along the proposed routes will be negatively impacted. My own home and small farm will left severely altered if the line should be approved and placed the proposed 300 feet from my front door. My real estate value will drop significantly, the likelihood of me being able to maintain insurance on my property threatened, and my ability to sell my home and land much less likely because I have real doubts of a loan company approving a loan to a buyer of my property with a 20 story tall HVDC power tower on my front lawn.

As it was shown you in "The Other Side of "Clean" Line" compilation that I sent to each one of the Missouri PSC commissioners, "Clean" Line is a disreputable business. The real possibility of them selling Grain Belt after easements are acquired is apparent in testimony coming out of the ICC hearings in Illinois last month. See <http://www.blockricl.com/> to read testimony from Michael Skelly, President of "Clean" Line Energy Partners LLC and the real lack of credibility and demonstration that their projects across our American Mid-west are nothing more than speculation projects set to rape private land ownership while greedily partaking of foolish federal wind subsidy dollars. They admit that they have an option of selling the obtained easement to Great Britain owned National Grid either before or after project installation. Since "Clean" Line has never put up a transmission project before, the most logical step would be that "Clean" Line plans to sell its acquired easement immediately upon obtaining the land.

For Missourians to buy into this scheme would set our country up for more financial upheaval as the industrial wind energy and the long-haul transmission lines associated with them is a dying technology and is notorious for going belly up within a few years of implementation. See this article here that shows 14,000 abandoned industrial wind turbines and their transmission counterparts the sit vacant and rusty out in California.
http://www.libertynewsonline.com/article_301_31276.php And, our current administration wants to subsidize more?

Here is what California is doing now to turn around from the failed industrial wind farms, by using Distributed Generation and Grid Scale Storage. This would eliminate need for these transmission lines that hog up land and deface property and rural beauty. <http://calhounpowerline.com/2014/01/08/california-moving-to-grid-scale-storage/>

I urge you to please work to stop these "carpet bag" style brokers of failed wind energy from taking our land and despoiling the most prime farmland across the Mid-west with their outgoing technology that will stomp on some of the finest communities from Kansas to Indiana.

Thank you,
Amy Harvey

[REDACTED]
Polo, MO 64671
Caldwell County

mailing address: [REDACTED], Kingston, MO 64650

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2013 10:40 AM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Grain Belt Express

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Sarah Rechtermann
Polo, MO

[REDACTED]

From: Stoll, Steve
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2013 1:02 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Clean Line Energy - Comments

Mrs. Ford:

I talked to your husband earlier today and told him I would send my contact information to you.

I would suggest that if citizens have comments regarding the Clean Line Energy issue that the comments are sent to me by U.S. mail or E-mail. By communicating with me by either of those methods, I will have a paper copy of citizen comments that I will add to the record when appropriate. At this time, Clean Line Energy has not filed any documents with the Missouri Public Service Commission.

Please feel free to share my contact information with others.

Best regards,

Stephen Stoll

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P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65201-0360

Telephone: 573-751-4221
E-mail: steve.stoll@psc.mo.gov

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From: Chrissy Lowenstein [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2013 8:52 AM
To: Stoll, Steve
Subject: Concern from a Missouri Nurse

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12/4/2013

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Sincerely,

Chrissy Lowenstein, RN-BSN
[REDACTED]



December 2, 2013

The Honorable Steve Stoll, Commissioner

Missouri Public Service Commission

P.O. Box 360

Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Dear Mr. Steve Stoll,

On the morning of November 26, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. **Clean Line Energy – Grain Belt Express** – the 700+ mile long wind energy transmission line - held a project update presentation during the PSC agenda meeting. During that presentation one of the Mo PSC Commissioners posed a question to the Clean Line rep as to whether they had received any organized opposition to the Grain Belt project. Clean Line's response was it was receiving "tremendous support overall although they have run into some opposition in Caldwell County".

Given this response by Clean Line, and as a landowner along one of the proposed Grain Belt transmission routes in Caldwell County, Missouri, I feel compelled to tell you that there is a growing movement across the entire Midwest against Clean Line Energy and their projects. Clean Line has a practice of sending reps in early across their target states, making unrealistic promises to county commissioners and county reps early on in the process before landowners are aware. Clean Line would like you to believe they have "tremendous support overall", but most landowners along the proposed routes either do not know that Grain Belt exists, or they have contacted their commissioners with their concerns and were told it is a done deal, so now they feel hopeless to intervene. I still meet landowners, even in Caldwell County, that are still not aware of the Grain Belt project proposed to cross their property. Every landowner I do know is NOT for this line, and resents this private investment company from Texas seeking the power of eminent domain for their and their international investor's private gain.

The Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) granted public utility status to Grain Belt before the landowners were notified. Landowners, Marshall County, Nemaha-Marshall Electric Cooperative, Mai Oil and others intervened at the KCC against Grain Belt and are appalled at the treatment they received. They were given little time to protest effectively. It is interesting that Mr. Sievers of the KCC references the 2600 public comments, but in his Concurring Statement he only cites the 260 letters of support for Clean Line. I guess those other 2340 respondents that opposed Grain Belt did not matter to the KCC, as they seem "Hell bent" on completely sanitizing and cleansing the docket of any opposing testimony. Please assure us that the MO PSC is not corrupt, as we have found the KCC to be. Then we will rest easier knowing that landowners will receive fair treatment in this case when Grain Belt files for public utility status in the spring of 2014.

Another Clean Line Energy project, the Rock Island Clean Line (RICL) through Iowa and Illinois, is receiving tremendous opposition. The Illinois Dept of Agriculture, the IL Farm Bureau, and Com Ed have all come out against Clean Line. I have included a quick fact sheet overview from the **Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) Testimony Highlights: Docket 12-0560** that raises major concerns about the necessity and feasibility of RICL. View this website here for more info: www.blockricl.com. Since Clean Line uses the same business model for its projects across the Mid-West, these concerns would also apply to Grain Belt. Recently, on November 26, 2013, the Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) denied RICL's petition for bifurcation of the franchise process. This decision was made based on the motion of resistance filed by the lawyers fighting on behalf of the Preservation of Rural Iowa Alliance, and all landowners, tenants, businesses, families, community members, and the Consumer Advocate's Resistance. This

sends a clear message to Clean Line that Iowan voices will be heard and they will not receive the same treatment that Kansans received. You can read ORDER DENYING MOTION TO BIFURCATE on the IUB website link here: <https://efs.iowa.gov/cs/groups/external/documents/docket/mdaw/mja4/~edisp/208728.pdf> and on their website www.iowastoprid.com

I have also included a compilation of information gathered by concerned landowners and affected parties to show the truth behind Clean Line Energy Partners LLC and some of the tactics they are using that are contrary to the image that the company represents to the public. Its purpose is to inform and examine "Grain Belt Express: The Other Side of the Story". It is my understanding that since Clean Line has not filed its case yet, sending this information should not violate any Mo PSC rules on improper communications.

I would also like to draw to your attention that as of November 22, 2013, three separate courts have held the wind energy industry responsible for damages. See enclosed article. There is a precedence being set that the operation of wind turbines non-stop put residents living near them at risk of "irreparable physical and psychological harm." Neighbors had complained of negative health impacts since the turbines were built. Also, in the first-ever criminal prosecution of a wind company for illegal bird kills under the Migratory Treat Act, Duke Energy Renewables, Inc. pled guilty and was ordered to pay one million dollars. Duke's wind projects in Wyoming slaughtered 14 golden eagles and 149 other protected birds. In France, meanwhile, a judge earlier this month ordered 10 wind turbines taken down for destroying a community's rural character with "unsightliness of white and red flashing lights." In France, 50 percent of wind projects are now in court. Those of us on the transmission end of the Clean Line - Grain Belt project have many similar concerns about the health, safety, and the decreased property value impact of living too near HVDC power lines. My home is only 300 feet from a proposed 20 story tall tower, and my neighbor is even closer.

Thank you for your time and earnest investigation into Clean Line's claims. As concerned citizens we look to the Missouri PSC to protect our right to private property and to give us a voice on how that property is used and how these hideous power lines will affect our rural quality of life. It is certainly not in the best interest of Missouri to allow this private investment company to facilitate the installation of unneeded, unwarranted, and inefficient transmission lines and wish to take easements for perpetuity using the power of eminent domain.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Steve Stoll, Commissioner
Missouri Public Service Commission
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Dear Commissioner Stoll;

I understand that Clean Line Energy, LLC from Houston, TX has been in contact with the Missouri Public Service Commission in regards to the portion of the proposed Grain Belt Express Clean Line that runs through Missouri. I believe that Clean Line was asked if they were running into opposition, to which they replied something to the effect of "...tremendous support overall although they have run into some opposition in Caldwell County". Indeed, they have run into tremendous opposition in Caldwell County. If Clean Line thinks they have any support, it can only be because they have not contacted or listened to landowners who are impacted by this proposed HVDC line in Missouri.

Dear Commissioner, please know that our group in Caldwell County is reaching out and contacting other counties in earnest. Please know that the people we are contacting are along Grain Belt's proposed routes (there are several routes in each county), by and large, are not even aware of the project. Many people on a proposed route have not been contacted by Clean Line and were not aware, nor attended the open houses for their area. Needless to say, they are shocked, incensed and very motivated to organize opposition with us, Caldwell County and throughout the state. We are holding our own informational meetings across the state to warn people what may be coming their way and show the "other side of Clean Line".

I do not know if Public Service Commissions stay aware of what other states are doing if the same project crosses state lines or is very similar, but surely you know that Illinois has denied Rock Island Clean Line public utility status thus far for a laundry list of reasons. Kansas landowners are fighting the public utility status recently granted, Arkansas has denied Plains and Eastern Clean Line public utility status, as well. Just yesterday, the Iowa Utilities Board DENIED RICL's (Rock Island Clean Line) petition for bifurcation of the franchise process. This decision was made based on the motion of resistance filed by the Alliance Lawyers on behalf of The Alliance and all landowners, tenants, businesses, families and community members and the Consumer Advocate's Resistance. This is an important step in the process of stopping RICL in Iowa.

Please know that we are educated and professional in our efforts. We will be sending you factual information that we have gathered and compiled. We look forward to the opportunity to meet personally with the Missouri Public Service Commission when Clean Line applies to become a public utility in Missouri and public hearings are held.

Most Sincerely,



Jennifer Kissler
Block Grain Belt Express