

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

In the Matter of the Application of Grain Belt Express        )  
Clean Line LLC for a Certificate of Convenience and        )  
Necessity Authorizing it to Construct, Own, Operate,        )  
Control, Manage, and Maintain a High Voltage, Direct        )  
Current Transmission Line and an Associated Converter        )  
Station Providing an Interconnection on the Maywood –        )  
Montgomery 345 kV Transmission Line.                        )  
Case No. EA-2014-0207

**NOTICE OF COMMUNICATION**

Issue Date:    May 22, 2014

Attached is a letter from Christopher Painter sent to Commissioner Kenney 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 filings 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,



William P. Kenney, Commissioner



Rachel M. Lewis  
Advisor to Commissioner William P. Kenney

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day May, 2014.

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Missouri Public Service Commission  
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Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

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Dear Commission Members:

*Burn down your cities and leave our farms, and your cities will spring up again as if by magic; but destroy our farms and the grass will grow in the streets of every city in the country.*

*-William Jennings Bryan*

I am writing to express my resolute **opposition** to Clean Line Energy Partners' application to receive a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity. I do not believe that it ought to be made convenient for a group of venture capitalists to condemn the land of the good citizens of Missouri. After researching the practices and plans of this limited liability corporation I find nothing in their character to suggest that they have in mind the best interests of our state.

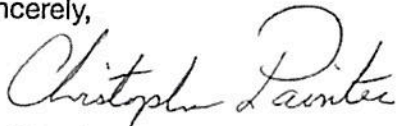
In fact, they have failed to demonstrate all four of the criteria for obtaining a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity. Missouri has no eminent need for Kansas wind energy, let alone a massive power line with the primary purpose of delivering electricity to other states. Therefore, with no need of the energy, it is certainly not in the public's interest to condemn mile upon mile of productive farmland. Rather, it is necessary and in the public's interest that the farmland be left intact and productive. Furthermore, Clean Line's economic feasibility rests upon a 40% interest from National Grid, out of the U.K. Granting a Houston based energy corporation perpetual rights to our land is unwise, granting those rights to a Houston based corporation with British backing is as ill-advised as inviting Rod Blogajevich to organize a conference on political ethics. Finally, Clean Line is not qualified to build or maintain the proposed power line. They have never so much as constructed a dollhouse with an Erector set, let alone a 750 mile long power line. It is clear that Clean Line fails on all four of these points. However, my primary objection to their application does not rest on these particulars.

My objection rests on the principles our forefathers laid down in our nation's founding documents. Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are inalienable rights granted by our Creator to all men and all women. Governments, therefore, are instituted for the purpose of guaranteeing these rights, and such is the principle purpose of your commission. Clean Line is a private entity seeking to abscond with the rights of Missouri citizens, namely the right to be secure in our homes and on our farms. This is the very abuse of power our founders knew would arise, and they have, through the laws of this land, charged you with the sacred responsibility of safeguarding our rights. One private citizen cannot lawfully extract the private property of another citizen who is disinclined to sell. Wrapping these actions in the

facade of environmentalism does not alter their fundamental despotism. Therefore, do not be fooled by the theatrics of a Houston energy corporation and their British investors. See through their veneer to the clear principles of our nation.

My fifth great grandfather, David Allee, fought the British in 1775 in the hope that his children would be secure in their God given rights. And now, facing the threat of a British financed corporate land grab, I too will stand up and fight for my neighbors. I may be a mere Mayberry-type, a simple resident of a small town scheduled to be swallowed by massive power line, but I can recall the principles of our nation's founding. I know corporate tyranny when I see it. Therefore, I am resolved to stand up for my community and my neighbors, and I now ask you to gather together alongside me. Stand in the gap; strike down Clean Line's application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity. Show the rest of our nation that Missouri is dedicated to the principles upon which these United States were founded. The use of eminent domain for private profit is unconstitutional, arrogant, and outright thievery.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher Painter". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Christopher Painter

CC:

Representative Sam Graves  
Senator Claire McCaskill  
Senator Roy Blunt  
Missouri Governor Jay Nixon  
State Representative Jim Neely  
State Senator Brad Lager  
The St. Joseph News-Press  
The Kansas City Star