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In the Matter of the)
Application of Grain Belt)
Express Clean Line, LLC, for)
a Certificate of Convenience) Case No. EA-2014-0207
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)

JUDGE MICHAEL BUSHMANN,
Presiding Regulatory Law Judge

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:
Chairman Robert Kenney
Commissioner Steven Stoll
Commissioner Daniel Hall
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner William Kenney

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1 (Proceedings commenced at 6:00 p.m.)

2 P R O C E E D I N G S

3 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Good evening. It's
4 Wednesday, September 3rd, at 6:00 p.m. We are in
5 St. Joseph, Missouri. The Missouri Public Service
6 Commission has set this time for a local public
7 hearing in the case captioned as "In the Matter of the
8 Application of Grain Belt Express Clean Line, LLC, for
9 a certificate of convenience and necessity authorizing
10 it to construct, own, operate, control, manage, and
11 maintain a high voltage, direct current transmission
12 line, and an associated converter station providing an
13 interconnection on the Maywood - Montgomery 345 kV
14 transmission line." That's file number EA-2014-0207.

15 My name is Michael Bushmann. I'm the
16 regulatory law judge, who will be presiding over this
17 hearing. With me this evening is Chairman Robert
18 Kenny, Commissioners Steven Stoll, Bill Kenney, Daniel
19 Hall, and Scott Rupp.

20 Mr. Chairman, would you like to make any
21 opening remarks?

22 CHAIRMAN KENNEY: Good evening. Can
23 everybody hear me?

24 Just briefly, I want to thank everybody for
25 taking the time out of your Wednesday evening to take

1 part in this local public hearing. This is the sixth
2 of eight that we will have. We have two more
3 tomorrow, and that will include the local public
4 hearing portion of this case. So thanks for being
5 here.

6 The court reporter is transcribing all your
7 words, and so the transcript that will be sworn in
8 will become a part of the case file. So we're looking
9 very forward to hearing what it is that you have to
10 tell us.

11 The judge will go into more formalities and
12 provide you where he feels about the conduct for local
13 public hearings in a moment, but I just wanted to let
14 you know that we do appreciate your testimony, and
15 we're looking forward to what you have to say. And we
16 will have copies of these transcripts to take into
17 account after the evidentiary hearing in November when
18 we will be deliberating.

19 So thank you again for being here and we
20 look forward to your testimony.

21 JUDGE BUSHMANN: We're going to start and
22 have counsel make their entries of appearance.

23 For Grain Belt Express Clean Line, LLC.

24 MR. STEAL: Jonathan Steal on behalf
25 of Grain Belt Express Clean Line, LLC.

1 MR. OPTIZ: Tim Opitz on behalf of the
2 Office of Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson
3 City, Missouri 65102.

4 MR. WILLIAMS: Nathan Williams on behalf of
5 the Missouri Public Service Commission staff, Post
6 Office Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

7 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Are there any attorneys
8 present from interveners that have intervened as a
9 party that I haven't called?

10 Before taking any testimony this evening,
11 I'd like to provide you with some information about
12 the Commission and why the Commission is holding this
13 public hearing.

14 Grain Belt Express applied to the
15 Commission for approval of its plants to construct a
16 high voltage direct current transmission line and
17 associated facilities within Buchanan, Clinton,
18 Caldwell, Carroll, Chariton, Randolph, Monroe, and
19 Ralls County, Missouri, as well as an associated
20 converter station in Ralls County.

21 The Commission may grant permission if it
22 finds that the construction is necessary or convenient
23 for the public service. The Commission cannot decide
24 any questions about imminent domain, including whether
25 a particular property can be taken or the amount of

1 compensation that would be made. Those questions can
2 only be addressed in a circuit court.

3 The Commission has already scheduled an
4 evidentiary hearing for November of this year to take
5 evidence regarding Grain Belt Express's application.
6 It has also scheduled hearings in each of the counties
7 affected by the proposed transmission line to give
8 members of the public a chance to state their support
9 or their opposition to the project. That's the
10 purpose of this evening's hearing.

11 For those who want to provide testimony,
12 I'm going call the names listed on the sign-up sheet.
13 If you have signed up and testified at a previous
14 hearing, please wait until the end of the list so that
15 others who haven't been able to testify can do so.

16 When I call your name, please come to the
17 podium. I'll put you in a row and ask you to state
18 your name, where you live, and then you can give your
19 comments to the Commission.

20 There are a lot of people here today that
21 would like to speak, so please try to keep your
22 remarks under five minutes so that everyone has a
23 chance to testify. I will give you a five-minute
24 warning and then try to conclude your remarks shortly
25 after.

1 The Commission won't be able to answer any
2 of your questions because they have to remain
3 impartial until after the evidence presented in the
4 evidentiary hearing. If you do have any questions,
5 please speak with the representatives of Grain Belt
6 Express or the Commission staff or any of the other
7 parties who are here tonight.

8 My final request is to please be polite and
9 courteous to everyone who is speaking here and treat
10 them as you would like to be treated.

11 With that, let's move on to the testimony
12 from the witnesses.

13 The first witness that I have on the list
14 is John Bliven [phonetic].

15 Mr. Bliven, are you here? Did you provide
16 testimony at the Hannibal hearing? I think I saw your
17 name on that. I hate to do that to the number one guy
18 on the list, but I'm going to have to ask you to wait
19 until the end.

20 The next is James Turner.

21 JAMES TURNER,
22 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole
23 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as
24 follows:

25 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Could ou please state your

1 name and spell your last name? And you'll need to
2 speak directly into the microphone.

3 MR. TURNER: My name is James R. Turner,
4 and I reside in Kansas City, Missouri. I am an active
5 member of the Missouri Sierra Club. I urge the Public
6 Service Commission to find that Missouri will benefit
7 if the Grain Belt Express builds the Clean Line along
8 the proposed route.

9 Development of wind and solar energy use on
10 a national scale is vital to our continued health as a
11 nation and for all the world's humanity. The Clean
12 Line will make a big contribution of wind energy that
13 can help Missouri meet the goals of our renewable
14 energy standard.

15 First of all, it will help to channel wind
16 power, generate electricity on to many users well east
17 of -- [inaudible] -- wind and solar energy produced
18 over the broad areas will help us to reduce our use of
19 the fossil fuels that are overloading our atmosphere
20 with carbon and methane, which heats and worsens our
21 climate.

22 We need to keep coal and oil in the ground
23 where it can be available to future generations for
24 extraction of important chemicals without combustion.
25 If we burn all of the coal and oil that the companies

1 claim they have, human habitation will become
2 impossible, so we need to be making, with all
3 deliberate speed in accommodation, a better portfolio
4 of energy, a much more renewable energy.

5 The Clean Line will further encourage the
6 production of wind energy in Kansas. This will enable
7 families to burn less coal so that it will use less
8 valuable water to cool and power steel turbines. And
9 water is becoming increasingly valuable. We should be
10 conserving it. Wind and solar energy will help our
11 society.

12 Later today we'll be hearing evidence that
13 wind is becoming the least costly source of energy.
14 With ramped up wind energy, we can move to lower
15 energy cost, and this will help reduce the inequality
16 of income distribution which is cramping our economy
17 and eroding the role of our middle class.

18 For all these reasons, Missouri economy and
19 our social vigor will benefit if the Clean Line is
20 approved.

21 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Can you wait for a moment?

22 Any questions from attorneys or Chairman?

23 Thank you.

24 Rita Norton?

25 RITA J. NORTON,

1 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole
2 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as
3 follows:

4 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
5 spell your last name.

6 MS. NORTON: Rita Jane NORTON, N-o-r-t-o-n.

7 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Can you pull that mic down
8 a little closer to your mouth?

9 MS. NORTON: Yes. Thank you, sir.

10 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Go ahead.

11 MS. NORTON: My focus is on enabling
12 Missouri to access powerful, renewable wind energy
13 from Western Kansas.

14 I'd like for you to look at the big picture
15 for a moment into the future. We will be shifting to
16 renewable energy. Possibly we'll wait until it goes
17 inside our heart and souls by increasing
18 the environment's climate disruption by burning wood
19 and learning to focus energy.

20 Or possibly we'll make some stuff to
21 actually slow down climate disruption by increasing
22 the heating up of the atmosphere, but the shift to
23 renewable energy will happen.

24 The Grain Belt Express project is the only
25 way that will decrease our heating of the atmosphere.

1 It will use direct current transmission lines, which
2 are less ugly than alternating current transmission
3 lines. It's almost ready to move forward.

4 I strongly recommend that we encourage the
5 Grain Belt Express project. It's an important part of
6 our shift to renewable energy that has to occur
7 anyway.

8 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any questions by attorneys
9 or Commission?

10 Thank you, ma'am.

11 Joe Spease?

12 JOE SPEASE,
13 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole
14 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as
15 follows:

16 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
17 spell your last name.

18 MR. SPEASE: Joe Spease. The last name is
19 S-p-e-a-s-e. I'm from Overland Park, Kansas

20 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Go ahead.

21 MR. SPEASE: I'm here talking mainly about
22 the economic advantages of the project. There are
23 huge -- they're essential to the future of our
24 country, and I'll get into the details of explaining
25 why.

1 Not all resources are the same. One from
2 Kansas is extraordinary. The higher capacity factor
3 of average wind speeds have driven these prices down
4 in a study -- in an annual study coming from the
5 Department of Energy released a couple of weeks ago
6 called, "Wind Technology Market Study," concluded that
7 the average prices of electricity coming from Kansas
8 and other states in the great plains area was two and
9 a half cents per kilowatt hour. That's compared to
10 the national average retail rate of twelve and a
11 half cents per kilowatt hour.

12 Working to support projects like this are
13 going to drive energy prices down, which is
14 extraordinary when you consider what happens with
15 inflation over time. But the cons to extract coal and
16 natural gas and materials for renewable energy are
17 only going to increase over time.

18 It is to support the blueprint, like Grain
19 Belt, that we will do everything we can to sustain and
20 stabilize our economy, because the cost of the wind
21 don't change over decades. The price of electricity
22 is going to stabilize and allow us to avoid those
23 catastrophic volatile changes in prices for fossil
24 fuel.

25 So it's essential projects like this move

1 forward. I want to compare, too, the price of this
2 wind power to the price of the wind power from
3 offshore wind projects where beginning prices are
4 close to eighteen cents per kilowatt hour. So we're
5 talking about the costs of energy that are going to be
6 desirable around the country.

7 My company develops energy storage projects
8 like compressed air energy storage, and these are not
9 new technologies. There have been plans around for a
10 long time.

11 Combining this wind restore, for example,
12 with energy storage, would produce a base load wind
13 path that can replace coal power, natural gas power,
14 and nuclear power at a reduction in the price of those
15 base load energy sources. Doing this is going to lead
16 to the creation of hundreds of thousands of jobs in
17 this country because it will allow for unlimited
18 development of wind power.

19 If we care anything about our future
20 economy and the world we leave behind for our
21 children, which we get with a stable economy and job
22 creation, it's projects like this that will lead to
23 those essential manufacturing jobs, hundreds of
24 thousands of them, that we have lost over the last few
25 decades. It is essential that we support projects

1 like this to help our economy.

2 There are other things. It eliminates the
3 problem of carbon tax. It's inevitable we will have
4 one. This is the best way of minimizing that. The
5 cost of natural disasters are increasing. Our largest
6 reinsurance companies in the world -- [inaudible] --
7 Swiss Re and companies owned by Warren Buffett have
8 all concluded that the cost of natural disasters now
9 are reaching \$300 billion a year. All of our market's
10 insurance companies say the best way to eliminate
11 these costs is through a rapid transition to renewable
12 energy. Projects like this will make that possible,
13 will promote independence and national security as
14 concluded by -- [inaudible] -- from the Pentagon, who
15 supports projects like this in speeches he's given to
16 the Chamber of Commerce of Kansas City, Missouri.

17 And it will reduce healthcare cost. The
18 Harvard -- [inaudible] -- study by Dr. Paul Epstein
19 and the National Academy of Science, who are two of
20 our most prestigious specialists have concluded that
21 the health care cost of burning fossil fuels amount to
22 a half trillion dollars a year. Projects like that,
23 we eliminate those costs. They are gone from our
24 economy.

25 There are many, many benefits to this

1 project, and I urge you to support it.

2 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any questions?

3 COMMISSIONER STOLL: Thank you for your
4 testimony.

5 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Carol Mehl?

6 CAROL MEHL,

7 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole
8 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as
9 follows:

10 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
11 spell your last name.

12 MS. MEHL: I'm a member of the Sierra Club,
13 and my name is Carol Mehl, M-e-h-l.

14 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you reside?

15 MS. MEHL: Pardon me?

16 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you reside?

17 MS. MEHL: Kansas -- I'm sorry. Kansas
18 City, Missouri.

19 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Okay. Please go ahead.

20 MS. MEHL: My friends in the Sierra Club
21 have stated things more eloquently than I can, but if
22 you were my students, I would say things this way --
23 and I think it's no less important for us to be in the
24 simple and direct.

25 There are three simple but true principles:

1 Clean, triumph, dirty. Good economy trumps expense.
2 Health trumps illness. Our cleanliness for our planet
3 and for our health, we owe it, today, because we are
4 already -- [inaudible] -- caused by climate change.

5 And fossil fuels, they need stay in the
6 ground. We know two very good clean energy solutions;
7 wind and solar. I'm here to speak for anyone who is a
8 poor child. I'm talking about poverty here, whose
9 parents lack medical abilities as well as solutions of
10 what to do for a severely asthmatic child.

11 And in terms of that, that means being
12 inversion, particles, gases, and the air problems
13 brought about by inversions. Any hospital can tell
14 you, cardiopulmonary, asthmatic, anything pulmonary go
15 way up and many of them are very dire.

16 I remember stopping Christmas so that my
17 grandson could be taken to the emergency room from
18 severe asthma, because we were burning logs. That's
19 articular matter. Now, that's not fossil fuel, but it
20 is representative of the filth that is present by the
21 burning fossil fuels.

22 And economy, 2.5 cents kilowatt hour for
23 wind and solar trumps, the national, make a lot
24 average of 12.5. I agree with my colleague who said
25 "It's going to happen." Why not let it happen sooner

1 rather than later and have all the advantages of
2 cleanliness for the economy and decency?

3 Thank you very much.

4 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Ma'am, please wait a
5 second.

6 Any question?

7 All right. Thank you.

8 Gerald Nickelson?

9 GERALD NICKELSON,
10 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole
11 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as
12 follows:

13 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Could you state your name
14 and spell your last name?

15 MR. NICKELSON: My name is Gerald
16 Nickelson, N-i-c-k-e-l-s-o-n.

17 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you live?

18 MR. NICKELSON: I live in New Hebron,
19 Missouri.

20 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Okay. Go ahead.

21 MR. NICKELSON: I work in electric
22 industry, building distribution transformers in the
23 wind and solar industries. So clean energy plays a
24 big role with I do in my life. It's the future of my
25 job. It's the future of a clean environment for my

1 children. Should we not be thinking about the future
2 of the planet and the cleanliness of our environment?

3 I should think that everyone wants to do
4 whatever is possible to insure a cleaner environment,
5 cleaner future, cleaner rivers and streams, clean
6 drinking water for future generations of America. The
7 Grain Belt Express is part of the solution for
8 Missouri increasing its renewable energy supply above
9 what we have now.

10 As we plan for the retirement of our
11 current coal generation units, Grain Belt undertook
12 the responsibility, through research, to route their
13 lines with the least amount of impact to the
14 surrounding environments. These DC current lines
15 require less right of way than our current AC lines
16 that are in place. Wind and solar energy is clean
17 energy with no carbon emissions, and it reduces the
18 water withdrawal from lakes and rivers by an estimated
19 four billion gallons per year versus hydroelectric and
20 gas energy that we have in place now in Missouri.

21 This project allows Missouri to accept
22 affordable, clean energy and increasing environmental
23 regulations that are driving the increased costs for
24 dirty energy, thus causing, you know, the retirement
25 of coal plants that we have.

1 I've done a lot of this 30 [phonetic]
2 years. I've worked towards clean energy. I've talked
3 to cities and towns and senators across this nation.
4 I'm a big advocate for wind and solar based on what I
5 do.

6 The wind blows every day. The sun shines
7 every day. Why would we not want to use that to our
8 advantage to produce clean electricity to ensure that
9 we have a cleaner environment for the future of
10 ourselves and for future generations?

11 Thank you.

12 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Questions?

13 Hold on just a second.

14 MR. WILLIAMS: You said you were a
15 participant in the solar industry; is that correct?

16 MR. NICKELSON: Yes, sir.

17 MR. WILLIAMS: How long have you been doing
18 that?

19 MR. NICKELSON: The company I work with has
20 been working in the solar industry since 2005.

21 MR. WILLIAMS: And how long for you?

22 MR. NICKELSON: I've been working for that
23 company since 1998.

24 MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

25 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Ted Rogers?

1 TED ROGERS,
2 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole
3 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as
4 follows:

5 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
6 spell your last name.

7 MR. ROGERS: Ted Rogers, R-o-g-e-r-s.

8 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Could you put that mic
9 closer to your mouth? Thank you.

10 And where do you reside?

11 MR. ROGERS: 13465 State Route A, Faucett,
12 Missouri.

13 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please go ahead.

14 MR. ROGERS: We're a fourth -- fifth
15 generation farmer, and this clean line is coming right
16 by our house, and this puts out so much power that
17 nobody knows what it's going to do. Nobody has built
18 one of these like this. It's not been around. It's
19 200 feet from our house. We have no idea what this is
20 going to do to our property.

21 Wildlife, they're going -- they're just
22 going to clean two of my creeks. Banks are just going
23 to be completely cleaned. I have pictures from KCP&L
24 where they've cleaned the banks here last summer, and
25 they just ruined the creek bank. There's nothing when

1 they got done.

2 I just can't see this disrupting my
3 property for no more than what Missouri is going to
4 get out of it. And Buchanan County is not getting
5 anything. All the -- everything that -- the homes
6 that they say they are going to power is going to be
7 in St. Louis. We're not going to gain anything out of
8 this at all.

9 And we're afraid we're not going to be able
10 to live there now, once this thing grows through,
11 because we don't even know what it's going to be like.
12 It's that close to our house.

13 I just urge you to -- to deny it. It's
14 health problems. It's health problems for us. It's
15 health problems for any farmer across Missouri where
16 these houses set next to this thing. It's just as
17 much as a health problem to us as it is to the people
18 that -- that -- the fossil fuels.

19 If they want the energy out there --
20 windmills out there, let them put them out in the west
21 coast -- or in the east coast. I just feel like it's
22 not what we need.

23 Thank you very much.

24 (Applause.)

25 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any questions?

1 Thank you.

2 Donald Churchill?

3 DONALD CHURCHILL,

4 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole
5 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as
6 follows:

7 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
8 spell your last name.

9 MR. CHURCHILL: Donald Churchill,
10 C-h-u-r-c-h-i-l-l.

11 JUDGE BUSHMANN: And where do you live?

12 MR. CHURCHILL: Faucett, Missouri.

13 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Go ahead.

14 MR. CHURCHILL: I'm in agreement that this
15 is not going to do much for our part of Missouri. As
16 far as I'm concerned, the only reason they're putting
17 any substation one of these is just so they can use us
18 as a steppingstone. They are going to give very few
19 Missourians electricity. They just want to use our
20 state as a steppingstone. That's all I have to say.

21 (Applause.)

22 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Questions? Thank you.

23 Wendy Churchill?

24 WENDY CHURCHILL,

25 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole

1 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as
2 follows:

3 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
4 spell your last name.

5 MS. CHURCHILL: Wendy Churchill,
6 C-h-u-r-c-h-i-l-l.

7 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please go ahead.

8 MS. CHURCHILL: I'm against the proposed
9 Clean Line. My family is a fifth-generation farming
10 from South Buchanan County. My dad is Ted Rogers, and
11 it is going in within 75 yards of my childhood home,
12 where my kids are going to be playing, where my
13 grandkids are going to be playing -- hopefully-one-day
14 playing. There is going to be catastrophic damage
15 done outside the back door.

16 And it's not just outside my mom and dad's
17 backdoor, which is within a mile of my home. It's
18 outside all the farming families across Missouri.
19 This isn't going through the cities. It's going
20 through our farms, our rural neighborhoods. It's our
21 farm ground. It's the pasture. It's the crops.

22 They're -- you know, there are going to be
23 so many things that are going to be devastated. We have
24 no idea what's going to happen. We don't know if the
25 farmers are going to be able to use their GPS. We

1 don't know what these lines are going to -- you know,
2 transmissions, the volume of electricity that they're
3 going to put off. We don't know about our cell phone
4 use. We don't know if we're going to get satellite.
5 There's -- no one can give us any answers about what's
6 going to happen, because it's never been done. So I
7 get to be a Guinea pig. My kids get to be Guinea pigs
8 to find out, you know what -- later down the road, we
9 didn't know that's what was going to happen. I have a
10 real issue with that.

11 It terrifies me. It terrifies me that
12 someone would be given the right-of-way, just a free
13 and clear permission to take whatever ground they want
14 for profit. And they can move wherever they want, and
15 they're going to have access to all of our property
16 whenever they want. There's not going to be anything
17 to stop large monster equipment coming through, not
18 just the transmission line, but to get to the
19 transmission line. How are they going to service it?

20 I mean, I'm -- I'm seriously concerned for
21 the entire state of Missouri and how it's going to
22 change the face of Missouri and how it's going to
23 effect our lives and how it's going to effect our
24 future, and I have an issue with someone making
25 money -- it's not the Missourians that are going to

1 make money. You know, you get this feeling. If we
2 give them the right-of-way, then what else is going to
3 go on the right-of-way? Dirty energy can be built on
4 the same right-of-way? What's to stop cell phone
5 lines and other pipelines? It's -- you're giving them
6 control, ownership, the ability to do whatever they
7 want, and who can stop them if we don't stop it now?

8 That's all.

9 (Applause.)

10 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Questions?

11 Thank you.

12 Barbara Rogers? Ms. Rogers?

13 MS. ROGERS: I won't speak.

14 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Linda Meyer?

15 LINDA MEYER,

16 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole
17 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as
18 follows:

19 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
20 spell your last name.

21 MS. MEYER: Linda Meyer, M-e-y-e-r.

22 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Can you move that mic down
23 closer to you?

24 MS. MEYER: Is that better?

25 JUDGE BUSHMANN: That's better. Thank you.

1 And where did you live now?

2 MS. MEYER: Lancaster, Kansas.

3 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Okay. Please go ahead.

4 MS. MEYER: Missouri law is clear that the
5 exercise are of eminent domain over private property
6 solely for economic development is prohibited. Grain
7 Belt Express shouts this project as one that will
8 create jobs, tax revenue, and local economic
9 development. The mere thought that a private,
10 for-profit, speculative, 40 percent foreign owned
11 company can destroy people's livelihood is
12 unfathomable.

13 In my family's case, there are seven tracts
14 of land in Buchanan County that would be affected.
15 Some of the property that Clean Line is proposing to
16 take in this case has been in my family since 1957.
17 Land was my taken from my grandparents by eminent
18 domain over 50 years ago, and one of the affected
19 tracts was the replacement for that property.

20 My grandparents were deprived of their
21 social take [phonetic] out at the time the land was
22 condemned, and that was long before legal proceedings
23 were completed and financial settlement was made.

24 My parents have made sacrifices throughout
25 their lives to inquire the land they've had. I can

1 assure you that they use best practices and farm the
2 land to it's fullest. They've made substantial
3 investments to ensure the land is most productive.
4 The fruits of their labor certainly benefit the
5 citizens of Missouri and their supplier of grain for
6 Missouri businesses as well as livestock production
7 for our food supply chain. My younger brother has
8 made large investments to ensure the land he farms is
9 most productive. He practices soil conservation and
10 wildlife preservation.

11 This land which so much has been invested
12 in will now suffer from compaction issues as the
13 yields would be negatively impacted. Wildlife and
14 forestry would be negatively impacted. Livestock
15 would suffer, and most importantly, our quiet and
16 private lifestyles will be intruded upon because this
17 company wants others to be convinced that it should be
18 granted public utility status.

19 The glued positives of income from a
20 for-profit company are of little consequence when the
21 damages and loss of property value that will be
22 inflicted upon our land are calculated. The emotional
23 toll of going through the eminent domain is process
24 is immeasurable.

25 My family has younger members who have

1 dreams of farming unblemished and unencumbered land
2 that is not subject to imminent domain by private
3 companies. Clean Line's goal is economic development
4 and development of the direct current transmission
5 lines is the means Clean Line is using to achieve it's
6 goal of economic development.

7 We ask that you carefully balance the
8 rights of private property owners versus this
9 developer's desire to support economic development.

10 (Applause.)

11 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Questions?

12 Thank you.

13 Nathaniel Wagers.

14 NATHANIEL WAGERS,
15 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole
16 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as
17 follows:

18 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
19 spell your last name.

20 MR. WAGERS: Nathaniel Wagers, W-a-g-e-r-s.

21 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you live.

22 MR. WAGERS: Andrew County, Missouri.

23 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please proceed.

24 MR. WAGERS: I've been an electrician for
25 about 17 years, and I know that there was a lot of

1 discussion earlier today about all the jobs that would
2 be temporary for this project. Well, every job I've
3 ever had being an electrician is a temporary job. So
4 if it's one of this magnitude, I'd say that's a
5 temporary job that I would like to have.

6 On the same note, I just really think this
7 is better for the working families in Missouri for
8 this to go forward. Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Questions?

11 Thank you.

12 Scott Howell.

13 SCOTT HOWELL,

14 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole
15 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as
16 follows:

17 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
18 spell your last name.

19 MR. HOWELL: My name is Scott Howell,
20 H-o-w-e-l-l.

21 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you live.

22 MR. HOWELL: Andrew County, Missouri.

23 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please go ahead.

24 MR. HOWELL: I, too, have been in the
25 construction industry 27 years, and although it's been

1 a temporary job, I, like the last guy, for 27 years
2 have had jobs similar to this. I do believe the
3 economic impact it would have on the State of Missouri
4 would be good for everyone in Missouri.

5 That's all.

6 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Questions?

7 Thank you, sir.

8 (Applause.)

9 Robert Pyatt?

10 ROBERT PYATT,

11 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole
12 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as
13 follows:

14 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
15 spell your last name.

16 MR. PYATT: My name is Robert Pyatt,
17 P-y-a-t-t.

18 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you reside.

19 MR. PYATT: I live in rural Faucett,
20 Missouri, Buchanan County.

21 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please go ahead.

22 MR. PYATT: First of all, I'd like to thank
23 the Commission for coming here this evening -- I'm
24 sure a lot of people would too -- to hear our opinions
25 and to hear our thoughts on this.

1 I haven't written a speech tonight. I made
2 some notes about how I feel, and I think a lot of
3 other people I've spoken to feel the same way, so
4 please bear with me on a few things.

5 I come to you tonight as a resident of
6 Buchanan County. My wife and I, we own a farm, and we
7 own farm property in the county. We own a home that's
8 within approximately 150 yards of where this line is
9 propose to go through. We have a direct involvement
10 as a consequences of this line and of this proposal.

11 You might look at me and you might think
12 "Well, you know, he's a not-in-my-backyard-kind of
13 guy." Okay? And I would argue against that. My
14 family is -- my family that I married into with my
15 wife, Jennifer, is a sixth-generation land owner in
16 Buchanan County. We've had a lot of experiences in
17 farming and agriculture in the county. We've also had
18 a lot of experiences in the county community and our
19 local community here.

20 Think about -- you know, we've had
21 experiences where our farm -- our -- our family, in
22 the past, has been presented with the opportunity to
23 benefit our community, benefit the local community.
24 We've made sacrifices. We've donated -- our family,
25 in the past, has donated 10 acres of land of property

1 we owned to build a road.

2 On the property where we live right now, we
3 already have a line -- a Kansas City Power and Light
4 line extending from Kansas City to St. Joseph. We put
5 up with it, and we -- that was granted to them years
6 ago by our family. Again, it was a sacrifice, but it
7 was a sacrifice for the common good. It was a
8 sacrifice for the community in which we live here.

9 We didn't do it because we thought it was a
10 good idea. It was a profitable company, and there's
11 nothing wrong with that. We make money off selling
12 electricity. That's all well and good, but we knew
13 the sacrifice was necessary because our community
14 needs electricity, and our community needs power. Our
15 community needed a straight road. We have it. We're
16 not against eminent domain. That's my point. I
17 think you'll find that most of the citizens of our
18 community are not against making a sacrifice when the
19 sacrifice is necessary to benefit the public good.

20 But the question you're being presented
21 with, fundamentally, tonight is: Do we sacrifice
22 property rights from our most fundamental rights as
23 Americans? Do we sacrifice property rights in the
24 interest of commercial well-being and just commercial
25 advancement alone? The argument is made that, "Well

1 Missouri will benefit, and Missouri will get some
2 electricity out of this through a station on the
3 eastern side of the state." I think that's still
4 questionable whether the ultimate -- the ultimate
5 outcome of that station will be built or not.

6 So it's questionable whether Missouri
7 really will benefit, and it's clearly questionable as
8 to what degree it will benefit. What we're asking --
9 you're asking for tonight to consider the issue of
10 property rights, "How do you sacrifice those property
11 rights, and what do you sacrifice them for?"

12 Like I said, our family has a record, a
13 history, of making those sacrifices for the public
14 good, either for straight roads or for straight
15 utility lines when necessary when they benefit the
16 local community we serve, which we live in. And I
17 think you'll find that our friends down here tonight,
18 for the most part, are willing to do the same.

19 When you're looking at an issue of taking
20 electrical power, generated via wind power, in Western
21 Kansas and selling to communities in Indiana and
22 points east, is this a -- is this a system that's
23 going to benefit and be worthy of certificate of
24 necessity for the state of Missouri? I don't think
25 so. I don't think it's there. I don't see it. I do

1 see the opportunity, though, if Kansas City Power and
2 Light, the utility to St. Louis or St. Joe or our
3 local communities, if they need to build a
4 transmission line, we're open to suggestions. We're
5 open to opportunities there.

6 But just remember this: You build a line
7 across a state, going from Kansas do Indiana, that's a
8 line you can't use to generate power and to transmit
9 power for the citizens of the State of Missouri.
10 There's only so much land, and there's only so much
11 transmission, only so much grid that can be built.
12 When you look at transmitting power from western
13 Kansas that points east, you're looking at potentially
14 sacrificing opportunities for power for the citizens
15 of the State of Missouri.

16 Again, I want to close -- just a few
17 points, though. It's been brought to your attention
18 tonight that wind energy is clean energy, and wind
19 energy is the future; wind energy is a good idea, but
20 I think -- I have no issue with that, and I take no
21 exception to that. I think most people don't either.
22 I think wind energy is a great idea. In fact, I think
23 wind energy generated in Western Kansas would be great
24 for the citizens of Western Kansas rather than them
25 having to build a large coal fire facility in Holcomb,

1 Kansas because their fighting it.

2 (Applause.)

3 Some of my friends from the Sierra Club and
4 such, I think wind energy is a great idea, but let's
5 keep it local. If you have wind out in Western
6 Kansas, generate your power out there and use it as
7 much as you want to.

8 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Five minutes.

9 MR. PYATT: Thank you.

10 And with that, I'm going to close -- close
11 with the question to you that we are looking at
12 sacrificing property rights, one of the most
13 fundamental rights we, as Americans, have.
14 Sacrificing those rights, whenever you do that, you
15 have to ask yourself, "Is it for the public good? Is
16 it for the public good of our community?"

17 I have seen over the months -- I've
18 researched this and read everything I can about it. I
19 see no benefit to our local communities. I see no
20 benefit to the people who are having to make that
21 sacrifice, whatsoever.

22 Thank you, gentlemen.

23 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Question?

24 Thank you.

25 Robert Stuart?

1 ROBERT STUART,
2 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole
3 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as
4 follows:

5 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name for
6 the record and spell your last name.

7 MR. STUART: Robert Stuart, S-t-u-a-r-t.

8 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you live?

9 MR. STUART: Lone Jack, Missouri.

10 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Go ahead.

11 MR. STUART: I'm here to speak in support
12 of Grain Belt Express. It's good for Missouri. It's
13 good for our country. It's good for our environment.
14 If we're going to move toward renewable and green
15 energy, we have to have a way to transport it. This
16 is the way only way to transport that energy.

17 It will create a lot of jobs. I've heard
18 people say, "Those are temporary jobs," like a couple
19 of the previous speakers. I've never had anything but
20 a temporary job. I don't even know if I know anybody
21 that has a permanent job. I've heard people talk
22 about the health issue. I'm here to say, "I am the in
23 the electrical power industry." I just retired. I
24 did that for 44 years. I have no health issues. I've
25 been right on those poles with 500,000-volt energized

1 lines, and, once again, I have no health issues.

2 I guess, in closing, I'd just like to say
3 that I'm glad that land owners in the past have
4 allowed lines like this to go across the land, because
5 if they hadn't, I'm not sure where we'd all be. My
6 guess is we'd probably still be sitting in the dark.

7 That's all I have.

8 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Questions?

9 Thank you.

10 (Applause.)

11 Scott Brown? Mr. Brown?

12 Daria Ussary?

13 DARIA USSARY,

14 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole
15 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as
16 follows:

17 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
18 spell your last name.

19 MS. USSARY: Daria Ussary, U-s-s-a-r-y.

20 JUDGE BUSHMANN: And where do you live?

21 MS. USSARY: Agency, Missouri.

22 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Go ahead.

23 MS. USSARY: I've listened to several
24 testimonies that had positive thoughts on Grain Belt
25 Express. How many of these people are a direct target

1 of this proposed transmission line? How many of them
2 are being threatened to have their land taken by a
3 business that is just -- [inaudible]? It doesn't
4 really -- it doesn't really matter. I'm coming to
5 you -- I'm not coming to your town. I'm not asking
6 you to do something in your town. I'm an active
7 member of the American Group of Contractors
8 [phonetic]. I know how to protect what we have worked
9 hard to have in this community; to preserve our
10 property rights Missouri.

11 Grain Belt Express is not selling what they
12 are advertising in my eyes. Utilities status should
13 not be granted for a business that is strictly a
14 middle man for economic growth. We work for a lot of
15 the landowners in this area. They have worked their
16 lives to build this up, and I don't believe any one of
17 them have a problem with the clean air. They have a
18 problem with "This does not benefit with Missouri."
19 The little bit of impact that it will present to
20 Missouri is not felt by our community. Thank you.

21 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Questions?

22 Thank you.

23 Mac Andrew.

24 MAC ANDREW,

25 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole

1 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as
2 follows:

3 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
4 spell your last name.

5 MR. ANDREW: My name is Mac Andrew,
6 A-n-d-r-e-w, and I work in -- live in Kansas City.

7 JUDGE BUSHMANN: All right. Go ahead.

8 MR. ANDREW: First of all, I want to thank
9 you Chairman and Commissioners for holding this
10 meeting. I can tell you that in --

11 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Can you move that
12 microphone a little closer?

13 MR. ANDREW: I can.

14 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Thank you.

15 MR. ANDREW: Again, I want to thank you for
16 holding this meeting. I can tell you that there's got
17 to be more fun out there in 30 minutes, but this is
18 all that I'm going to be listening to --

19 [inaudible] -- the Kansas City Royals hang on to first
20 place as I drive back to Kansas City.

21 I live in Kansas City, but I was born here
22 in St. Joe, and I was raised here. Went to Missouri
23 Western before it was a junior college, and they
24 didn't have a four year college then, and I can
25 remember in my high school days in the early 60s

1 driving the car and waiting for gas to go down from
2 nineteen cents a gallon -- waiting for gas to --
3 [inaudible] -- fifteen cents a gallon. Coming up here
4 tonight, I spent 60 bucks. It seems like that's a
5 ridiculous amount to be spending on gas these days, so
6 I'm here to support this project.

7 I -- when I left Missouri Western and went
8 to the University of Missouri - Rolla and got an
9 engineering degree -- I've been in the --
10 [inaudible] -- business for 50 years. So I just think
11 renewable energy is very important. Clean energy is
12 very important. In my last 12 years, I was a public
13 works director in Johnson County, and like to say the
14 same comments to anybody here tonight about, we'd love
15 to have this road, but we could put it somewhere else,
16 I heard a man, a couple statements ago, say, "Put this
17 out in Western Kansas." Well, I think this is going
18 to be great for this country, I mean our state in
19 Missouri, and so I'm supporting it. I think there is
20 four basic -- or three basic things that I can see
21 that are very good out of it.

22 First, we need to reduce our use of these
23 fossil fuels. It's just not a good way to proceed.
24 There also could be economic develops, which I heard
25 somebody say, "That's all it's for." Well, there is

1 nothing wrong with economic development, and it will
2 produce jobs whether permanent or temporary.

3 And, finally, this is power for the future,
4 a renewable energy source. I have five grandsons, and
5 this may not benefit me, but I think it will benefit
6 generations ahead.

7 So I thank you, again, for allowing me to
8 come.

9 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Questions?

10 COMMISSIONER STOLL: Thank you for your
11 testimony.

12 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Thank you, sir.

13 Ann Brock.

14 ANN BROCK,

15 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole
16 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as
17 follows:

18 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
19 spell your last name.

20 MS. BROCK: Ann Brock, B-r-o-c-k.

21 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you live?

22 MS. BROCK: Agency, Missouri.

23 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Go ahead.

24 MS. BROCK: I've been struggling with this
25 issue and have tried to be very fair in my assessment

1 of it in spite of the fact that it would negatively
2 effect my neighbors and me. Even though it would hurt
3 our property values by ruining aesthetics of our farms
4 and damaging our health, I've been open-minded about
5 this proposal for one reason: Wind power is green,
6 and I firmly believe in creating solutions to our
7 energy problems. I also believe that people should be
8 willing to make sacrifices now in order to make the
9 future a better place, so I'm ready to put my money
10 where my mouth is and suck it up take the hit and see
11 the face of my property disfigured, and even put our
12 health at risk for something good, something better
13 than what we have.

14 So I've began exploring the issues fairly
15 and objectively, even looking for a pretext that
16 supports it against my best interest, and the
17 following are the results of my inquiry:

18 What is green about running hundreds of
19 miles of high tension lines, monstrosities that upset
20 the ecosystem and majority of the beauty of the
21 landscape? How green does that sound?

22 I struggled to see how -- [inaudible]
23 crisscrossed by more power lines permitting
24 God-knows-what -- [inaudible] -- in just our vicinity.
25 What's green about the constant buzzing above our

1 heads? What's green pylons tower above our heads? I,
2 for one, cannot find anything green in cancer
3 clusters.

4 Second, does Indiana have no wind of its
5 own? If now, how are the energy needs being met at
6 the present? Is electricity in such sort supply that
7 this necessitates the destruction of farms and our
8 lives?

9 And who is the real beneficiary here? It
10 certainly isn't us. Is it the people in Indiana, or
11 is it simply the investors of this corporation? In
12 the old days, eminent domain was used for industrial
13 or commercial development, which would create jobs in
14 a certain area, or it was used to facilitate
15 transportation, which would indirectly boost the
16 economy. Are we really going to see any lasting
17 benefits to the economy? If so, I don't see it.

18 In conclusion, this project was hatched up
19 by a corporation who doesn't care about Missouri, our
20 economy, our environment or our people.

21 Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

22 (Applause.)

23 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Questions?

24 Thank you.

25 Cynthia Peterson? I'm not sure I got your

1 last name right. B-e-d?

2 CYNTHIA PETERSON,

3 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole
4 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as
5 follows:

6 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Could you please state
7 your name and spell your last name, for the record?

8 MS. PETERSON: Cynthia Peterson
9 P-e-t-e-r-s-o-n. Kansas City, Missouri.

10 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Go ahead.

11 MS. PETERSON: I'm speaking tonight wearing
12 a number of hats. I have been, off and on, a member
13 of the Sierra Club. I'm someone who believes in
14 conservation, renewable -- sustainable renewable
15 resources, and environment protection. I'm a land
16 owner of a central-old family and Doniphan County,
17 Kansas on which Grain Belt Express plans to build
18 lines, and my husband and I are residence and property
19 owners in Northwestern Missouri. We are opposed to
20 power lines for after number of reasons. In spite of
21 what Sierra Club promotes, the primary purpose of this
22 power line is to make money.

23 Clean Line. What a positive promising
24 name. So much about this power line is promises,
25 propaganda, projections and possibilities. The

1 promise of power lines to transport wind energy, the
2 projection of economic investment in areas of
3 construction. The propaganda that people, farms, and
4 homes in the path of the power line will not suffer
5 any negative consequence to the value and beauty of
6 land, nor to their livelihood, nor to their health and
7 safety.

8 Very little about Clean Line is about
9 absolutes, reality, known consequences, or guarantees.
10 I am sorry that the environment -- [inaudible] -- like
11 Sierra Club have fallen for this lie and hopped on
12 Clean Line's bandwagon with unproven promises for a
13 clean healthy environmental from this power.

14 I am sure that Sierra Club supporters will
15 say that "We need this line for the greater good of
16 the globe," and so I ask, "Can you guarantee that the
17 greater good will indeed be served? Can you ensure
18 that this line will never be used to transport coal
19 fire power and energy that Sierra Club avidly opposes,
20 especially lines that would at least be a necessity in
21 the vicinity of the controversial Sunflower Power
22 Plant? Can you swear that there are not other viral
23 pathogenic impacts which will result from this power
24 line? Will there be profound negative consequences
25 for some species that live in our environment as to

1 power transmission farm? Is this power line really
2 the lesser evil than the battle against climate
3 change? As land owners in the past have been dodging
4 transmission line, we nay seem like
5 anti-environmentalists lists, but this is not the
6 case.

7 A few year ago there were in very, very few
8 in Polk County, Missouri, who organized and
9 protected -- [inaudible] -- to a power plant to be
10 built -- [inaudible] -- and Squaw Creek National
11 Wildlife Refuge. At my initiation, the Sierra Club
12 program was going to -- [inaudible] -- on this issue.

13 At that time, after a lot of research, my
14 husband and I decided we should put our money where
15 where our mouths were, so we were the first
16 residential property owners in Polk and Jackson
17 [phonetic] County co-op to install the solar power.
18 Clearly, we do care about the consequences of climate
19 change, but we believe that solar power and
20 conservation have far fewer negative environmental
21 impacts as our nation quests for sources to energy
22 needs.

23 To conclude, I'd like to state again that
24 we are avidly opposed to these high-voltage
25 transmission lines that are being forced upon our

1 century-old family farm. For the past 10 years this
2 land, with the help of Sierra funding, has been a
3 restoration for tall grass prairie.

4 Obviously, this kind of crop reduces carbon
5 to help our environment. Our wonderful prairie
6 restoration has all been practically positioned with
7 the University of Kansas and the Native Plant Society
8 members. If this Clean Line allowed to build on our
9 land, there will be long-term negative consequences
10 for our prairie restoration.

11 For example, if these lines cross our --
12 [inaudible] -- people walking can spread the native
13 seeds that expensive and time consuming to control.
14 The damages done during installation would be severe
15 and serious -- [inaudible] -- plants and would take
16 years to undo. There is absolutely no question that
17 these power lines will devalue the land, in our eyes,
18 because we have planted a prairie for beauty and for
19 the greater good of the environment. For many years
20 my husband and I have planned to retire in Doniphan
21 county, but we will certainly not do so if these
22 hideous lines are erected.

23 I should have collect add that I would --
24 [inaudible] -- Missouri PCS may not care to hear about
25 our concern for our farm across the river, but since I

1 receive e-mails from Sierra Club saying --
2 [inaudible] -- I know that they have members from
3 across the river to attend these meetings. It's also
4 true that we've had little chance to voice our
5 objections to Grain Belt Express, so we appreciate the
6 opportunity to object in person and to support our
7 neighbors from Southern [phonetic] Polk County in
8 their efforts to stop Grain Belt Express from building
9 a line monstrosity across the entire state of
10 Missouri. Thank you for your time and attention.

11 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Questions?

12 Thank you.

13 Ben Coons? Ben Coons, maybe?

14 BEN R. COONS,

15 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole
16 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as
17 follows:

18 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
19 spell your last name.

20 MR. COONS: Ben R. Coons, C-o-o-n-s.

21 JUDGE BUSHMANN: And where do you live?

22 MR. COONS: E Highway, Agency, Missouri,
23 six miles west of -- [inaudible].

24 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please go ahead, and
25 please get closer to the microphone, so they can hear

1 you.

2 MR. COONS: I'm hard of hearing. I'm
3 sorry.

4 JUDGE BUSHMANN: That's -- get closer to
5 the microphone, so they can hear you.

6 They can't hear you very well. You need to
7 get closer to the microphone.

8 MR. COONS: I'll describe myself somewhat
9 of a student of history. I understand that the grid,
10 as we know it today, is becoming an antiquated system.

11 People in Florida, as an example, are using
12 technologies of today to get off of the grid, and
13 corporations, the power-to-be are requiring them to be
14 hooked up, because they're in compliant mode with
15 cities or the counties in compliance with the United
16 Nation's orders, whatever those things are called now,
17 but I'll quote, from history, a man of deep thinking,
18 wisdom, who I really admire is Lysander Spooner. He
19 said that "Taking a man's property without his consent
20 is as much theft, be it an individual calling himself
21 a Highwayman or tens of thousands calling themselves a
22 government. The only thing that's different is the
23 number involved.

24 I'll just leave it at that. Thank you.

25 (Applause.)

1 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Questions.

2 Thank you.

3 Richard Strathman?

4 RICHARD STRATHMAN,

5 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole

6 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as

7 follows:

8 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and

9 spell your last name.

10 MR. STRATHMAN: Richard Strathman,

11 S-t-r-a-t-h-m-a-n.

12 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you reside?

13 MR. STRATHMAN: 1301 31st Road, Marshall

14 County, Kansas.

15 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please go ahead.

16 MR. STRATHMAN: After hearing this lady's

17 speech, I just want to throw mine away and just say

18 "Ditto to hers." She did it great, but I felt

19 obligated to come over and give you a little bit of

20 how we feel in Kansas.

21 I'm a farmer in Marshall County, Kansas. I

22 raise cattle and crops. I have sons in the farming

23 operation and also have grandsons that are coming

24 home. Clean Line projected route goes right through

25 my property, so it affects me greatly. It's within a

1 few hundred feet of my home, where we work every day
2 of our lives. Clean Line that they show no effects --
3 health effects. Where's the research that's been done
4 on 600,000-volt lines? I have not seen it. What
5 about the health effects to my livestock, straight
6 voltage? You know, it's not alone how it affects
7 humans. What about the livestock that grazes
8 underneath these lines, grazes underneath these
9 high-voltage power lines. How does it effect them?
10 No studies have been done on 600,000-volt lines, how
11 it affects them.

12 What about the health effects of my
13 grandkids? What's going to happen when they work and
14 play underneath these lines day after day? What
15 happens to them? Studies have been shown that anybody
16 raised or grown up, especially at a young age, under
17 high-voltage power lines have an increased chance of
18 leukemia. That's a proven fact.

19 One thing I haven't heard anybody talk
20 about is the devaluation of property. These 200-foot
21 power lines go power lines next to my home, who is
22 going to want to buy my property some day? Who is
23 going to want to live there? What is the devaluation
24 of everybody's property all the way through Kansas and
25 Missouri? How does that affect them?

1 This land that I live on was bought and
2 paid through blood, sweat, and tears. Why should
3 Clean Line have the right to walk through my property,
4 my business, just for the sake of making some
5 billionaire some more money?

6 The wind --
7 (Applause.)

8 Kansas is not the only place that the wind
9 blows. There's just as much wind energy out on the
10 east coast and on the west coast and up north. Why
11 does it have to come all the way across this part of
12 our nation? Mark Lawlor, in the many times meeting
13 with him at our Kansas commissioner meetings, has said
14 many times, "This is a wind energy only line." We all
15 know that's not true.

16 This thing starts in Kansas within a few
17 miles of the Holcomb power plant. Don't fool yourself
18 people. This is not a wind energy only line. There
19 is going to be coal fire energy coming down this line.
20 The wind don't always blow day and night. They have
21 to have a back up.

22 In Kansas, we are snow walled by this
23 thing. It came on us so fast, the first thing we --
24 when we first heard about it, it was in the paper, and
25 we were supposed to have a town hall meeting. We knew

1 nothing about it. Our great Governor, Brownback -- if
2 the you want to call him that -- shoved this thing
3 down our throats. All the help from we've tried to
4 get from KLA or Farm Bureau, they all told us the same
5 thing, "Our hands are tied. The governor wants it."
6 So, I want you -- the reason I tell you that, I want
7 you to know that Kansas landowners do not want this.

8 I ask you to please do your research before
9 you okay this line. It's a very expensive source of
10 energy. As I said, there's a lot of Kansans that do
11 not want this line. Of the 1308 impacted landowners
12 in Kansas, only 139 landowners have signed up.

13 Now, if this thing is so great for the
14 economy, for the businesses, for our health, then why
15 haven't more landowners signed up? 179 out of 1308?
16 That's a pretty small percentage. Of the 370 miles
17 that come through Kansas, they have only got 61 signed
18 up and that's --

19 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Five minutes.

20 MR. STRATHMAN: Excuse me?

21 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Five minutes.

22 MR. STRATHMAN: Thank you.

23 For the people who are in favor of this
24 line, I ask this, "What are you willing to give up to
25 live under this line? What are you willing to give

1 up? Do you want to live next door to it? Do you want
2 a 200-foot tall -- tall tower in your front yard? Are
3 you willing to pay the extra cost of wind energy?
4 It's not cheap. And, in my eyes, a 200-foot tall
5 tower near my house is very ugly. It's not at pretty
6 sight.

7 What's the future? Somebody said the
8 future of their kids and grandkids. What's the future
9 of my grandkids? If they can't live underneath this
10 thing and work under it, what's their future if I --
11 if we have to move off this land? What's the future
12 of them walking through this -- our land with this
13 power line and taking our land out of production, what
14 we live on?

15 Please deny Clean Line this line and I'd
16 like to end by saying, "My land is not for sale.
17 Don't sellout, Missouri."

18 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Questions?

19 Thank you.

20 Scott Battles.

21 SCOTT BATTLES,
22 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole
23 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as
24 follows:

25 JUDGE BUSHMANN: State your name and spell

1 your last name.

2 MR. BATTLES: Scott Battles, B-a-t-t-l-e-s,
3 and I live in Liberty, Missouri. I teach at Pinnacle
4 Career Institute, wind energy. Essentially, I say
5 it's industrial maintenance on a free run for the
6 state, but I come here tonight to urge you to be in
7 favor of this. Our grid system in this country is
8 pathetic and cheap. My father-in-law is from Beijing,
9 China. When he came here, his initial impression
10 was he laughed. When he saw our grid system --
11 [inaudible]. He literally laughed.

12 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Can you speak a little
13 closer into the microphone?

14 MR. BATTLES: Yes, sir.

15 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Thank you. That helps.

16 MR. BATTLES: When my father-in-law came
17 here from to Kansas City from communist Beijing China,
18 he laughed at our grid system. It is a mess. Smart
19 grids have to happen. It is essentially -- it is very
20 essential to our national defense [phonetic]. We have
21 to have redundancy [phonetic]. There have been times
22 in my life where I have had fuel generates [inaudible]
23 and slept in my truck to keep rail lines running and
24 power to these systems -- these critical systems. We
25 have to have redundancy. The smart grid is the right

1 way to go. This is one step forward for the smart
2 grid. It will create jobs and agriculture and energy
3 are going to be the two biggest industries in our
4 future. This has to happen. These two entities can
5 get along together. I've heard many instances here
6 tonight about radiation, and I'm sitting here just
7 shaking my head, because I know many people here have
8 high voltage lines on or about their farm. I look at
9 it say, "These lines are AC, and there's a huge
10 fundamental difference between AC and DC lines."

11 These DC lines will be substantially less
12 than any of the AC lines running through there. At
13 some time, somehow we are going to have to have a DC
14 system within this country. This entire country can
15 be fed, energy can be produced from South Dakota,
16 North Dakota and Kansas, but the -- [inaudible], there
17 is no energy coming out of those wind turbines.

18 I've heard references to the fact that wind
19 turbines kill birds. I just want you to know, I've --
20 [inaudible] for a couple of years, and I can tell you
21 my car kills a whole lot more birds than the average
22 wind turbine. I've seen eagles flying by wind
23 turbines, and I've never found one dead yet. Your
24 general power grid system, coal energy, kills a whole
25 lot than any wind turbine.

1 I've personally walked at the airport in
2 Beijing, China. I've walked at an airport Mexico
3 city, and I've choked on pollution. I do not want to
4 see my country go that route. I've been to the city
5 of New York -- [inaudible] swim in the lakes, and
6 looked over and seen a "No Swimming Sign." I decided
7 to ignore it, but as I looked over, I saw it was full
8 of mercury, and I decided it maybe it was not a good
9 idea to do so.

10 The pollution that we're creating is
11 essentially killing the plants. I don't even want to
12 sit here -- [inaudible] -- about carbon tax or carbon
13 pollution is killing this plant, and this is one step
14 in the right direction. Renewable energy has to
15 happen, whether it's solar, whether it's wind.

16 Clean Line is one step towards that, and we
17 need to get rid of these long-haul AC power
18 transmission lines. Thank you.

19 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Questions? Thank you.

20 Bill Matney.

21 BILL MATNEY,
22 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole
23 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as
24 follows:

25 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and

1 spell your last name.

2 MR. MATNEY: Bill Matney, M-a-t-n-e-y. I'm
3 from Dearborn, Missouri.

4 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please go ahead.

5 MR. MATNEY: Okay. This power line is
6 going cross the Missouri River at my father-in-law's
7 farm. He already has three pipelines buried
8 underneath that ground. How much more damage can they
9 do by putting another one over the top?

10 COURT REPORTER: Sir, can you speak into
11 your mic, please?

12 MR. MATNEY: Excuse me.

13 COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

14 MR. MATNEY: I said my father-in-law has
15 his farm down there in the Missouri bottoms. It has
16 three petrochemical pipelines buried underneath it.
17 They redid two of them the last three years, in which
18 case you disturb the dirt and everything.

19 Now they're going to put a big power line
20 over the top of that same ground, and it seems like an
21 overkill for that farm. It's especially damaging when
22 you think about the fact that they are saying this is
23 going to be clean energy when it's actually being
24 built right next to a coal fire power plant in Western
25 Kansas. I talked to my friends in that area. They

1 have never heard of a massive buildup of [phonetic].
2 These power -- no -- these windmills generating
3 electricity. They don't know that this is happening
4 out there.

5 It's just a pipe train where these people
6 want to come through and use it as an extension cord
7 to run electricity through the east coast towards
8 Indiana, which is close to Great Lakes where they
9 could generate better wind energy off the lakes than
10 they could out in western Kansas. They can generate
11 better off the Atlantic Ocean than they can in Western
12 Kansas. The winds are stronger, but they want to run
13 it clear through Missouri. I say all these people
14 come up here from Kansas City testifying in favor of
15 this thing, and I wonder why don't they run it through
16 Kansas City, and dump the electricity off there,
17 and --

18 (Applause.)

19 I have a brother-in-law that came from
20 Australia who was -- [inaudible]. He liked the place
21 to live over here better than -- well, he was
22 originated in Australia, but he was stationed at a --
23 he was a pilot flying out of a Muslim country at a
24 time when it didn't seem like a good idea to live in a
25 Muslim country. He says they have these DC power

1 lines, but they make them bury them so it doesn't hurt
2 the environment. I think this would be a lot safer
3 and a lot more people would be in favor of it if they
4 were buried underground. You'd still get the
5 electricity there.

6 That's about what I have to say.

7 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Questions?

8 Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 Jake Koetting?

11 JAKE KOETTING,

12 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole
13 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as
14 follows:

15 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
16 spell your last name.

17 MR. KOETTING: My name is Jake Koetting,
18 K-o-e-t-t-i-n-g.

19 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you reside?

20 MR. KOETTING: I live in Leawood, Kansas,
21 and I own a business in Grandview, Missouri.

22 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Go ahead.

23 MR. KOETTING: First of all, I would ask
24 God for the wisdom for all you on the Commission. I
25 also thank God for this country that allows us to

1 speak freely like this, and I also ask God for
2 strength, because I dislike public speaking very much.

3 This line is all about money and profits on
4 both sides. I don't believe profits are evil.
5 Profits are what we have left after we pay our bills.
6 They're the only means for creating excess money to
7 maintain or improve our standard of life. I cringe
8 when I hear that profits are bad, because they are the
9 only way for us to improve our own life or move up as
10 an economy in economic class.

11 The good landowners here are trying to keep
12 the value of their land, and I understand that. My
13 grandparents moved from Maryville, Missouri, in the
14 1920s to a homestead in Texas. All my aunts and
15 uncles and my brother's farm around a similar distance
16 at Savannah, Texas [phonetic].

17 I only mention that because my company was
18 recently building high-voltage 345 kV transmissions
19 and substation lines across many of my friends' and
20 relatives' farm ground for the CREZ Project. It
21 started in Amarillo, Texas, and is going to Houston,
22 Texas. My brother and aunts and uncles were initially
23 very concerned about these lines crossing their farms
24 because of the environmentalists and the environmental
25 concerns you hear about on the Internet, but yet the

1 idea of outsiders -- [inaudible] -- extra transmission
2 might improves the lives across the countryside,
3 turning -- [inaudible] -- farm ground.

4 Plus in West Texas, you have to irrigate
5 with sprinklers. Sprinklers are in quarter-mile
6 circles, and concerns of these lines would be too low
7 to drive a combine or tractor truck under, and the
8 structures would be spotted in the middle of the farm
9 ground where the would lose the use of valuable land.
10 That wasn't the case.

11 Engineers worked with the landowners to
12 spot the structures so they wouldn't invade. I'm a
13 hunter all my life, and don't these projects don't
14 ruin the hunting ground. I've shot pheasants under
15 these windmill blades, deers, ducks, and geese and
16 built these transmission lines across, and there are
17 thousands of Sandhill Cranes that land next to these
18 lines and all lived [phonetic] in that country.

19 My aunts and cousins used it to start up a
20 business bringing breakfast and lunch to the
21 construction crews building these lines. That's my
22 family's experience with the construction of
23 high-voltage lines across the property.

24 Construction of that line brought many jobs
25 in that area to support local Texas environment with

1 concrete claims from truck drivers, freight
2 deliverers, linemen, you name it.

3 My experience is as a structural engineer,
4 designing these electrical transmission lines and
5 substations for some of the largest engineering
6 companies in the U.S., headquartered in Kansas City
7 like Burns & McDonnell and Black & Veatch.

8 Nine years ago I took a risk and started a
9 small business in Pleasant Hill, Missouri, and since
10 moved it to Grandview. We design steel structures and
11 sell the equipment and materials as a package to
12 electric utility companies. To me, small business
13 means seven families with 20 children. We go through
14 brief -- [inaudible] -- because of the downturn in the
15 economy.

16 My company is the definition of a Missouri
17 small business since we only had seven employees.
18 We're engineers from the University of Central
19 Missouri in Warrensburg, Kansas State University,
20 University of Maryland, and even Kansas University --
21 or University of Kansas.

22 Even though we are small business, we use
23 Chris Davis here in St. Joe to buy most of our
24 materials. I believe we're one of the top five firms
25 for their company. We also use Brookfield Fabricating

1 in Brookfield, Missouri, to fabricate our steel
2 structures and galvanize them. We supply the
3 materials to the eastern county substation here in
4 St. Joe, and I'd just like to say all the private
5 companies are owned and worked by people, not nameless
6 corporations that are all about profits.

7 But I need profits, and so do our
8 employees. I can buy tools to be more efficient, run
9 my air conditioner, use the roads, buy trucks made in
10 Kansas City, and even a TV to relax a bit. I use the
11 right-of-way and the public roads, water, and
12 electricity, and so do all of us.

13 I don't think anyone here would vote to
14 remove the current electric power lines and go
15 without. I think we would all be against a power
16 plant in our area, but the fact is: We need them. We
17 have to have electricity and at reasonable prices.

18 I'm for the excel [phonetic] the pipeline
19 to both Nebraska and South Dakota. I'm for the
20 high-voltage transmission line being built here in
21 Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.
22 I'm for lines being built by unions of New Jersey and
23 the union workers in the substations here in Missouri.

24 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Five minutes.

25 MR. KOETTING: And I'm for the line -- I'm

1 for this line because my company and our families need
2 that income. So I'd just like to say thank you.

3 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Questions?

4 MR. KOETTING: Can I say one more thing?

5 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Go ahead.

6 MR. KOETTING: I don't have any guaranteed
7 business here, but the commissioners might be able to
8 stipulate that the local contractors, suppliers can be
9 used as a preference, and that's why I stood up to
10 talk today.

11 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Hold on one moment.

12 CHAIRMAN KENNEY: Is that better?

13 MR. KOETTING: That's better.

14 CHAIRMAN KENNEY: Are you in business with
15 Mr. Unthank?

16 MR. KOETTING: Shawn and I are partners.

17 CHAIRMAN KENNEY: Okay. All right.
18 What's the name of your business?

19 MR. KOETTING: Kansas City Utility
20 Packaging Company.

21 CHAIRMAN KENNEY: Okay. Thank you for
22 being here tonight.

23 MR. KOETTING: Thank you.

24 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Leon Wright?

25 LEON WRIGHT,

1 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole
2 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as
3 follows:

4 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
5 spell your last name.

6 MR. WRIGHT: Leon Wright, W-r-i-g-h-t. I
7 live in Smithville.

8 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Go ahead.

9 MR. WRIGHT: All the information that I've
10 been able to gather on Clean Lines is that they are a
11 for-profit company, 100 percent, and they are going
12 to -- the information I have, they are going to sell
13 their company as soon as they get the lines in.

14 They also want to cross Missouri, and they
15 want to condemn, by eminent domain, all of our
16 properties across Missouri. That'd be like -- giving
17 them eminent domain would be like putting a fox in
18 charge of a chicken house, and I don't think we want
19 that.

20 I have property that they're going to
21 cross -- according to the paper that I've seen on it,
22 they will cross my property. Clean Line says they
23 will have little or no effect on anything, and yet
24 they say on the other hand -- they put it in an area
25 where it will least affect anyone. If it's not going

1 to have any effect on anyone, they could put the --
2 [inaudible] -- medians, and take it right through the
3 state. They don't need to come across property
4 owners. And by giving them imminent domain, would be
5 giving -- giving away some more of our rights as
6 property owners. Thank you.

7 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Questions?

8 CHAIRMAN KENNEY: Sir, thank you for being
9 here tonight. Just a couple quick questions.

10 Would you -- would your opinion about the
11 line change if it was routed along the existing
12 right-of-way, like you suggested, a median down the
13 Highway 70 or along Highway 36?

14 MR. WRIGHT: Actually, I -- I don't want
15 the power line coming through Missouri because
16 Missouri would benefit very little from it. As the
17 one man said earlier, wind power is available
18 everywhere, and they don't need all these transmission
19 lines to transport it. Off of the coast of -- the
20 east coast, there is plenty of wind. Off the Great
21 lakes, there is a lot of wind. And, like they said,
22 it doesn't blow all the time. They would have to have
23 their backups, but I would not be in favor of a line
24 even if it did go down I-70.

25 CHAIRMAN KENNEY: Thank you.

1 (Applause.)

2 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Craig Boyer.

3 CRAIG BOYER,

4 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole
5 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as
6 follows:

7 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
8 spell your last name.

9 MR. BOYER: Craig Boyer, B-o-y-e-r. I live
10 in Faucett, Missouri.

11 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Go ahead.

12 MR. BOYER: I've already -- I'm against the
13 Clean Line company, because we've already got two
14 lines that -- I own 200 acres down there, and we've
15 already got two lines intersecting it this way, and
16 this will be a third one. And one of my kids -- in
17 fact, my boy was going to build a house down there
18 where the proposed line was going to be, and there's
19 no way we would take out -- basically, my whole
20 property would be useless to build a house on because
21 of all the electricity lines that I've got crossing my
22 ground.

23 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Can you get a little
24 closer?

25 MR. BOYER: With Clean Line, they're going

1 to build these transmission lines which they have not
2 ever built before. We've got KCP&L lines that go
3 through there.

4 I was talking to some guys that were
5 cleaning the lines, the three underneath there, and
6 supposedly clean -- or Clean Line has already talked
7 to them to them to build the lines. So they already
8 got -- evidently have their own stuff set up to go on
9 through. I think I -- I can't remember the name of
10 the company that came through there, but it was for
11 KCP&L.

12 We live with the structures. With all the
13 different lines that we got there, if a tornado comes
14 through, or whatever, I don't know how all that is
15 going to -- say you get one of them knocked down. I
16 know they are going to be supposedly so far away, but
17 there is an intersection down there as far as the
18 highway, that somebody is going to have to address,
19 because there's lines going every which direction down
20 there.

21 The other thing I was going to say: If
22 it's so good for Missouri stead of building a
23 substation on the east side, putting in the middle of
24 Missouri, and then maybe more people will be for it
25 instead of -- we already know all that all of it's

1 going to head on over to the east coast. It's not
2 staying in Missouri. This is -- we're just a
3 steppingstone going through.

4 That's all I've got.

5 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Hold on.

6 CHAIRMAN KENNEY: Mr. Boyer, thank you.

7 If they did build a substation somewhere in
8 the middle of the state or even building on the
9 western half of the state, would that change your
10 opinion about the line, then?

11 MR. BOYER: I think it would -- if it was
12 in the center of the state, then it would be going for
13 Missouri residents. That would enlighten -- or maybe
14 convince me a little bit more to do that. I think the
15 electricity that we have, I think we have plenty of
16 grid out here that nobody -- like, you can't hook on
17 to the -- to what we already have.

18 If you need, like the other gentlemen said,
19 transmission lines, evidently for the whole
20 infrastructure, that's fine. Do it for that if that's
21 what we're going to do, not just for a for-profit
22 individual. Have the government -- you know, if we
23 have got to have new transmission lines from the east
24 to the west coast and everything in between, let's do
25 it as unit instead of all these individual little

1 pieces, you know, popping up here and popping up here.
2 That serve no purpose for -- maybe you pull that into
3 the whole grid.

4 CHAIRMAN KENNEY: Thank you.

5 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Bob Grier.

6 BOB GRIER,
7 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole
8 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as
9 follows:

10 JUDGE BUSHMANN: State your name and spell
11 your last name, for the record.

12 MR. GRIER: Bob Grier, G-r-i-e-r.

13 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you reside.

14 MR. GRIER: I live on the outskirts of
15 Gower, right next to town on a farm.

16 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Okay. Go ahead.

17 MR. GRIER: My farm is basically along the
18 south side of Gower -- west side of Gower. My concern
19 here is the devaluation of my property. The line does
20 not cross me. It is across the road from me,
21 approximately 200 yards south of my property. About a
22 mile and a half. That distance from that line, we had
23 some round-table discussions in the community about
24 the values of the properties and the devaluation of
25 the property in a round-table discussion amongst

1 several of us, a banker included. We was talking
2 about the devaluation and threats up to a mile of that
3 line. And if you were in a half mile of it, it was
4 kind of a consensus among all of us that we think it
5 would depreciate our property as much as 50 percent
6 out that first half mile and would depreciate some up
7 to a mile from it in each direction.

8 And I know that they are talking about 150
9 or 200-foot easement that they will purchase. That's
10 fine. If you're under that -- if you're in that 150
11 or 200 feet, but what are you going to -- what are
12 they going to compensate us that this is 50 percent of
13 the value of our property that it doesn't even touch
14 us. It's across the road from of us. I could stand
15 in my front window. The top of one of these poles --
16 I could duck down and see the top of those poles.

17 And in our community, between Kansas City
18 and St. Joseph, we have a value beyond farm value. We
19 have a value there. We have a lot of commuters that
20 commute back and forth from St. Joe to Kansas City.
21 There's a lot development potential to that land.
22 When we purchased it, we paid premium dollar because
23 that was figured in. To protecting that, you know,
24 we're getting no compensation from this.

25 We devalue -- it takes 100 percent of our

1 development value away from our property in the
2 distant property that I own in this corridor that I'm
3 talking about, and it represents nearly 800 acres
4 between myself and a brother of mine that -- we co-own
5 on the property. We figure that it will devalue our
6 properties nearly \$3.7 million total, and that's very
7 substantial. We're compensated nothing for that. I
8 feel that's a point that I haven't heard in these
9 meetings. I've been to two or three meetings now that
10 it should be brought up, should be considered.

11 This is a very high-profit opportunity for
12 these people and, you know, they're not spreading it
13 among the people that it's damaging. They're only
14 going to spread it on that 150 or 200-foot easement.
15 It is also a lot more acres than that 150 or 200 feet.

16 That's all I've got to the say. Thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Questions?

19 Thank you.

20 Billy Hole [phonetic]? I think that's
21 correct.

22 MAN IN THE AUDIENCE: I signed the list, I
23 did not know -- I thought it was an attendance list.

24 JUDGE BUSHMANN: He doesn't want to
25 testify.

1 The last name I got on the list was the
2 first name on the list. Is John Bliven still here?
3 Mr. Bliven?

4 That's all I have. Is there anybody --

5 AUDIENCE: I signed up.

6 AUDIENCE: So did I.

7 JUDGE BUSHMANN: I may not have that sheet,
8 then. Why don't we take a ten-minute break? We'll be
9 in recess until 7:45.

10 (Recess.)

11 JUDGE BUSHMANN: While we were at recess, I
12 did find the sheet. There are some additional names
13 of folks who signed up, and we're going to start were
14 the Mr. Bliven I think is now available.

15 JOHN BLIVEN,
16 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole
17 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as
18 follows:

19 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
20 spell your last name.

21 MR. BLIVEN: John Bliven. Last name is
22 spelled B, as in boy, -l-i-v, as in Victor, -e-n. I
23 live in Columbia, Missouri.

24 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Go ahead.

25 MR. BLIVEN: I'm a business unit director

1 for Hubbell Power Systems located in Centralia,
2 Missouri. I testified in the Hannibal hearing and
3 during that testimony, as well as in this testimony,
4 I've learned a lot about some of the concerns.

5 And one of the concerns that I heard was
6 about the amount of heavy equipment that was going to
7 be utilized going across people's land. That is a
8 concern, and it's one area that Hubbell Power Systems
9 has solutions that we can provide. And since the last
10 hearing, I actually went down to -- [inaudible] --
11 specifics to Clean Line energy.

12 We have the ability to provide foundation
13 solutions that don't require heavy equipment. This is
14 a -- [inaudible] -- system. It's made in Centralia,
15 Missouri. There are no spoils with this. Concrete is
16 used at a very minimum, if any. Light equipment is
17 used to put them in. We're talking about backhoes and
18 skid steerers.

19 One other thing, you know, we don't really
20 understand exactly all of the holes that are going to
21 be used and what construction they are, so it depends
22 on the design, the hole, and which kind of soil they
23 are going across, but that's what I wanted to
24 commission on. There's been a lot of talk about jobs;
25 temporary jobs, full-time job. The last time I

1 reported to the Commission, we talked about, you know,
2 in the area of 50 jobs here in Missouri, total of 60
3 jobs throughout Hubbell Power Systems. And with this,
4 depending upon how many of these anchors are used,
5 this could increase our utilization of -- for
6 employment in the area to somewhere in the
7 neighborhood of 15 additional temps.

8 So I wanted to bring -- put that into my
9 testimony and modify my earlier testimony with that.
10 So this will take the total number of jobs for Hubbell
11 to the 70 range with a total number of jobs here in
12 Missouri to 60 or 65.

13 Thanks a lot.

14 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any questions?

15 CHAIRMAN KENNEY: Thank you for being here
16 again. Tell me again what your title is with Hubbell.

17 MR. BLIVEN: I'm a business unit director
18 over the Centralia construction and civil business
19 units.

20 CHAIRMAN KENNEY: The 60 to 65 jobs here in
21 Missouri after the project is concluded, do you
22 anticipate that Hubble would have business to sustain
23 those jobs after the project concluded?

24 MR. BLIVEN: That's difficult to say, but
25 historically, we've been able to absorb most of the

1 new employment that we've put in place in prior
2 projects.

3 CHAIRMAN KENNEY: Thank you very much.

4 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any other questions?

5 Larry Hahn.

6 LARRY HAHN,

7 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole
8 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as
9 follows:

10 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
11 spell your last name.

12 MR. HAHN: Larry Hahn, H-a-h-n.

13 **Q. Where do you reside?**

14 MR. HAHN: St. Joseph, Missouri, Buchanan
15 County. I live in the country on a farm.

16 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please proceed.

17 MR. HAHN: I was ten years old -- ten years
18 old before I ever knew what electricity was, to begin
19 with. Not too many people here are probably like.
20 Electricity was nice, but because we -- [inaudible].

21 In 1962 my wife and I bought a farm at the
22 east end of St. Joe. 1967, '68 St. Joe was supplied
23 with power, and put in a high-voltage transmission
24 line diagonally across our farm. I was told the line
25 was from Kansas City to Omaha. It was six large

1 voltage lines. I was told each line is one inch
2 thick. I was told that the line carries 345,000
3 volts. I was told that these equipment poles are
4 about 90 feet tall -- [inaudible] -- 25 to 30 feet
5 apart running diagonally across our farm.

6 They used eminent domain -- [inaudible] --
7 easement, which is 165 feet wide. I do not know what
8 the easement is. I've never heard it said here how
9 much the easement is to be. All the property owns
10 should check that out to check how wide it should be
11 this -- [inaudible] -- easement, how wide.

12 AUDIENCE: 200 feet.

13 MR. HAHN: Huh?

14 AUDIENCE: 200 feet.

15 MR. HAHN: Okay. Got that. On my farm
16 only, that's half the length of a football field which
17 includes sent to the endzone. That's ground that's
18 not being used for anything except farming.

19 These -- [inaudible] -- interfere with --
20 [inaudible] -- spraying, planting, irrigating,
21 harvest. Starting in the 1960s, when I bought this
22 farm, everybody had a two-row or four-row --
23 [inaudible]. In the early 1960s, farmers started
24 going to wider equipment. In 1966 I purchased a
25 narrow six-row planter, 15 feet wide, plus the marker.

1 It was too wide to go between these diagonally set
2 poles. Straight away, I got through a little bit,
3 maybe. So you had to stop lift the planter and the
4 marker the get through the poles.

5 Today's planters are much, much wider.
6 Most farmers have 12, 16, 24, or even more row --
7 wide-row planters. Their width ranges from 35 to over
8 60 feet -- [inaudible]. I do not know these -- well,
9 I've seen these towers with these poles. You still
10 got to dodge around anything for row crops. Many of
11 these planters have -- [inaudible] -- farther to dodge
12 around your towers.

13 The lease east [phonetic] of our farm now
14 has combine a 16-row planter and combine with an
15 eight-row corn head, and a 24-foot wide grain table
16 [phonetic]. It's not able to move through these
17 poles -- [inaudible] -- that's dodge around. The
18 ground is not in not use. Can't plant. There's just
19 weeds.

20 They're several problems with farms --
21 problems with putting the power line across our farms.
22 This farm around one -- [inaudible] -- of chemicals is
23 a great challenge and a great thing to a pilot. Think
24 about that. It's not wise to fly into these power
25 lines, and I've seen it done on our farm once, but --

1 [inaudible]. Now they fly over, but at that high
2 altitude, chemicals do not do much good because they
3 are dissipated by the time they hit the ground --
4 [inaudible] -- and these poles -- or these lines, I
5 understand it, are even higher than what it is on our
6 farm.

7 The -- [inaudible] -- thing that I think,
8 to approve this, as you probably know, is the
9 electromagnetic field against these high-voltage
10 lines. In damp weather on our farm, you can hear the
11 snap, crackle, and pop. Think about it. Snap, just
12 like a short in the wire. It's been going on that way
13 for all these years.

14 When I was farming, any time we went
15 underneath these power lines, my tractor radio was
16 totally out of whack because of the static coming off
17 the power lines. If it's damp and cool, there's
18 always static on the radio no matter what. When I
19 had -- [inaudible] -- on part of this ground and off
20 to side, where I had pastures, not on the cropland,
21 and near the right-of-way, the electric fence was hot.
22 I thought there was something wrong one day when I got
23 shocked a few times. I went back to the barn, and I
24 guess I had it unplugged. It was unplugged, yet a big
25 electric fence out there was hot. Something was

1 wrong. You know -- [inaudible] show there was nothing
2 wrongs.

3 In 1967, I installed a traveling gun
4 irrigation system for all the cropland and bottomland
5 in the hill ground. Any power line that does not
6 follow a section line, boarder a section line, or farm
7 property line is definitely interfering with any
8 farming operation, but my traveling guns was --
9 [inaudible] -- power line. There was a lot of
10 electromagnetic fuel being -- [inaudible]. I'm
11 talking about a lot. It had nothing compared to what
12 was wrong on the tractor radio. I had to be very
13 careful when operating my irrigation system or getting
14 around with equipment.

15 They talk about property values being
16 affected. Yes, they are. One cannot --
17 [inaudible] -- easement. If your property is an area
18 where -- [inaudible] -- in the future, you're left
19 out. You don't know -- [inaudible] -- good example
20 that is. Our farm, the way it's -- it sits
21 diagonally. It cuts over a bunch property on the
22 farm. The property can never be developed for
23 housing. The east part above the bottom can't be
24 developed. Across the road from me, the farmer --
25 [inaudible] -- years ago, I think he got 5- or

1 6,000 -- [inaudible] -- power line was pumped.

2 Across the roadway, there's 40 acres for
3 sale. Forget about it. [Inaudible] --

4 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Five minutes.

5 MR. HAHN: Okay.

6 I question the health risks of those power
7 lines going over or near someone's house, being
8 exposed on a 24/7 basis that had never --
9 [inaudible] -- to our satisfaction.

10 Also, the gas -- oil and gas and --
11 [inaudible] -- why not bury the power line? They can
12 be buried and go right through the housing areas and
13 no problems with lines or no problems with the
14 experience of power lines, but gas lines from --
15 [inaudible] -- for 50 years. Never had a bit of
16 problem with them, and eminent domain is has been
17 used strictly for big business with the Kansas Speed
18 Way [phonetic].

19 Any questions?

20 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any questions?

21 COMMISSIONER STOLL: Thank you for your
22 testimony.

23 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Thank you, sir.

24 (Applause.)

25 Sam Duong.

1 SAM DUONG,
2 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole
3 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as
4 follows:

5 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
6 spell your last name.

7 MR. DUONG: Sam Duong [phonetic],
8 D-u-o-n-g.

9 JUDGE BUSHMANN: And where do you live?

10 MR. DUONG: Kansas City, Missouri.

11 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Go ahead. I am associate
12 director of --

13 COURT REPORTER: Sam, get closer to the
14 mic. Thanks.

15 MR. DUONG: -- [inaudible] -- and support
16 the Clean Line, because it does -- what it does --
17 actually, it does, you know, give opportunity for
18 people, you know, to have a job and stuff.

19 It's not just a temporary job, but also
20 it -- you also will have jobs for manufacturers,
21 water -- [inaudible] -- everybody. I'm talking about
22 the economy and everything else. [Inaudible] outside
23 of the United States. But when we start doing Clean
24 Line and start bringing all that economy back to the
25 United States, we have manufactures for the wind

1 turbines and generators, the wind -- the blades for
2 the windmill, because a majority of the --
3 [inaudible] -- outside of the United States.
4 [Inaudible] have no work than, but this here, I
5 believe that we can actually bring jobs back into the
6 United States.

7 And that concludes what I have to say.

8 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Questions?

9 Thank you.

10 Gretchen Waddell Barwick.

11 GRETCHEN WADDELL BARWICK,

12 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole
13 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as
14 follows:

15 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
16 spell your last name.

17 MS. WADDELL BARWICK: Gretchen, and I have
18 two last names. Waddell, W-a-d-d-e-l-l, space,
19 Barwick, B-a-r-w-i-c-k.

20 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you live?

21 MS. WADDELL BARWICK: I live in St. Louis,
22 Missouri.

23 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please go ahead.

24 MS. WADDELL BARWICK: So I'm a member of
25 the Sierra Club, and I am from St. Louis. I have a

1 brother and he was raised in Kansas City, and I was
2 thinking about my family who lives in North
3 Kansas City and who lives Smithville as I was driving
4 through this area -- [inaudible].

5 And whenever I think about this project, I
6 think about my family this lives up here in this area,
7 and I think about the family that would like to have
8 with my husband some day. And I would like to see our
9 children be able to live in an environment that is
10 invested in the future, that is invested in clean
11 energy, clean air.

12 There are a lot of people here tonight who
13 are landowners, and they have very legitimate
14 concerns. Someone asked, "What would you give up?" I
15 would give up coal ash landfills, air pollution, water
16 pollution, my family suffering from asthma attacks.
17 Those are all things that I would give up if we had
18 clean energy in Missouri.

19 I am in support of this the Clean Line
20 Grain Belt Express, and I urge you to allow to them to
21 come into Missouri and let us benefit from this
22 project.

23 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Questions?

24 Thank you.

25 (Applause.)

1 Margaret I lain justice.

2 ROGER DAY,

3 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole
4 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as
5 follows:

6 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
7 spell your last name.

8 MS. JUSTUS: My name is Margaret Elaine
9 Justus. The last name is spelled J-u-s-t-u-s.

10 JUDGE BUSHMANN: And where do you live?

11 MS. JUSTUS: I live at 3280 Southeast
12 McQueen Road, Buchanan County.

13 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Go ahead.

14 MS. JUSTUS: First of all, as I came into
15 this meeting tonight -- [inaudible].

16 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Can you speak a little
17 closer to the mic?

18 MS. JUSTUS: Yes, I can. Is this better?

19 JUDGE BUSHMANN: That's much better.

20 MS. JUSTUS: Thank you for holding this
21 meeting tonight and giving us an opportunity to
22 express our concerns. As I came in the front door,
23 the sign that I saw at the front says "Local Public
24 Meeting."

25 What I've heard tonight has been a lot of

1 people talking pros and cons about this power line.
2 The only people who spoke in support of this power
3 line are not local. They don't live in Buchanan
4 County.

5 (Applause.)

6 I could be wrong on this, but I don't
7 believe there is even one person from Buchanan County
8 that spoke in support of this line, and I respectfully
9 request that you gentleman take that into
10 consideration as you move forward with this.

11 In terms of temporary employment, I fully
12 support anyone who wants to work for a living. I
13 absolutely do, and I admire people who do want to find
14 jobs and find ways work, but that's temporary. I ask
15 you to please consider the people whose long-term
16 lives are being impacted by the conclusion you
17 gentlemen will make, where as some of them may come in
18 and work for a few months or a year. Even in the
19 construction of this power line, the people on the
20 ground who own the land that it's going to go through
21 are going to live with this for the rest of their
22 lives. And they deserve to be heard. They deserve to
23 have their voices registered in this consideration and
24 this balance. It's a very difficult scene, and I
25 appreciate that.

1 The perspective that I want to talk about
2 is a little different than what we've heard this
3 evening. My husband Stephen Logger [phonetic] and I
4 own a private airstrip in Buchanan County. We fly
5 antique airplanes. This power line would come within
6 two miles of the end of our runway. And if any of you
7 are pilots, you know that the older airplanes take a
8 lot of distance to get off, especially if they are
9 underpowered. This is going to take a negative impact
10 on our ability to fly from our -- from our airstrip.

11 I heard a similar concern from our friends,
12 the Veters, who own the Plattsburg Airport in Clinton
13 County. The power line will come about a mile and a
14 half south of their airport, which is public. They're
15 concerned very much that the smaller aircrafts like --
16 [inaudible] -- the smaller aircrafts that are
17 affected, will not be able to get airborne within a
18 mile and a half of their field.

19 So, you know, it's just the aboveground
20 concern that we want you to take into consideration
21 also in addition to the impact of these people who are
22 farming and living on the land.

23 Electromagnetic fields are an issue. They
24 are an issue, and they've been direct current, not
25 only in Australia, but in Europe, also. Right now

1 they are in the process of putting these direct
2 current lines under ground for the very reasons that
3 you've heard people don't want them aboveground here.

4 Please take the possibility of putting them
5 underground into consideration. It would not only
6 impact -- lessen the impact of the electromagnetic
7 field, but it would be less visually disturbing to
8 those people who actually live on the land. It's
9 something take into consideration.

10 And with all that the good people of Sierra
11 Club and -- and I support a lot of what you're doing.
12 I really do, but I have friends in any the Missouri
13 Department of Conservation. I have friends --
14 [inaudible] -- windmills, and there is an impact to
15 migratory water fowl. There is an impact to birds
16 like the Lesser Prairie Chicken -- [inaudible]. And
17 this is something we all need to embrace along with
18 the other aspects of this decision.

19 That's all I have to say. I thank you.

20 (Applause.)

21 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Questions?

22 Hold on.

23 MR. WILLIAMS: The airplanes at your
24 airport, the older ones, typically how long do they
25 take, under normal flight conditions, for a plane to

1 climb to high of say 400 feet after liftoff from your
2 landing strip?

3 MS. JUSTUS: Let me ask my husband who is
4 the pilot. Stephen, if it was a -- [inaudible] -- how
5 long would it take to get the airplane clear of a
6 power lines?

7 MAN IN THE AUDIENCE: In normal time --
8 [inaudible].

9 COURT REPORTER: Can you speak up? Sorry.

10 MS. JUSTUS: He says in normal time, it is
11 would not be an issue, but if it's foggy or if there's
12 heavy density to the air, there's -- well, there's a
13 serious of variables that have to that to happen to be
14 over the aircraft in order to get them to a height.

15 And, again, as he mentioned, the visibility
16 of the power line is going to be an ongoing concern to
17 anyone who is flying.

18 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any other questions?

19 Thank you.

20 (Applause.)

21 Kent or Joyce Scott. I'm not sure which
22 one would like to testify.

23 KENT SCOTT,
24 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole
25 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as

1 follows:

2 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
3 spell your last name, for the record.

4 MR. SCOTT: My name is Kent Scott. My last
5 name is S-c-o-t-t.

6 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you live?

7 MR. SCOTT: 14440 Southeast 80th Road in
8 Agency, Missouri.

9 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Go ahead.

10 MR. SCOTT: Thank you.

11 First off, Mr. Pyatt, when this is all
12 done, I'd like a course in public speaking, because
13 you nailed it.

14 I'm not at good public speaker, so bear
15 with me. I also say, like the others that -- thank
16 you. We really appreciate you coming in and listening
17 to us, and I'm sure you've heard that --
18 [inaudible] -- but, again, thank you.

19 I'm going to make this pretty short,
20 because everybody here has touch on a number of things
21 and by being next to -- pretty close to last, all my
22 thunder has been stolen, which is probably a good
23 thing, because I can tend to ramble. I just hope I
24 hit everything for my son, who is also here tonight
25 who is very well versed and educated incredibly, so he

1 probably the one that should have been standing here.

2 The one thing, in listening to everything
3 tonight, that jumps out at me -- and the lady that
4 just spoke before me -- I apologize for not
5 remembering your name -- is the number of people --
6 and I was jotting down -- I was quick jotting down
7 where these folks were from. Leawood, Kansas;
8 Overland Park, Kansas; Kansas City, Missouri; Lone
9 Jack, Missouri; St. Louis.

10 I gave up. These folks, it doesn't do
11 anything to them, and it probably goes back to us
12 thinking, "Well not in my back yard," and I just
13 really wonder to myself, if it was going through their
14 back yard, if they would have the same position that
15 they take tonight with these speeches. I'm sorry, but
16 it seems somewhat reversed. That could be a cheap
17 shot, but some of these things seem awful prepared. I
18 just don't get that part of it.

19 It's too easy to say, you know, "Well, I'm
20 going to speak in support of this and support of that,
21 and as long as those power lines aren't going through
22 my backyard." I think that's what I'm trying to touch
23 on. There has been a number of things that have been
24 talked about tonight. I'm kind of in the same boat as
25 Mr. Rogers here who spoke very eloquently earlier

1 about having those power lines go across his property
2 line.

3 As far as he -- I believe, it was
4 mentioned, 65 sustainable jobs -- possibly sustainable
5 jobs -- I'm sorry folks. It's -- I don't see that. I
6 think about the only sustainable job I can think of
7 would probably be manifesting [phonetic] itself in
8 Missouri for this project, is the guy who changes the
9 strobes on top of the towers, and those towers are
10 going to be there, and I'm going to be looking at them
11 right out of my bedroom window. And a blinking light
12 doesn't do too much good for -- [inaudible]. I don't
13 have much more. I have one thing that I want to say.

14 With all do respect, Jonathan, I didn't
15 catch your last name, so I apologize. I guess, what I
16 want to request of you as Clean Line's spokesperson,
17 "What would be your position if that was going through
18 your back yard?" And I'm sure you've heard that
19 expression before. Would you have that in your
20 backyard?

21 (Applause.)

22 I live on 42 acres. I don't know what you
23 live on, but we don't have a very big tract of land,
24 but if you lived over here and were going through what
25 we are going through right now, I think I know your

1 answer. I don't think you'd want to be looking at
2 them anymore than we want to look at them.

3 Thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Questions?

6 Thank you.

7 Darla Emmendorfer?

8 DARLA HALL EMMENDORFER,
9 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole
10 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as
11 follows:

12 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
13 spell your last name.

14 MS. HALL EMMENDORFER: Darla. I have two
15 last names --

16 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Can you move the
17 microphone down a little bit?

18 MS. HALL EMMENDORFER: Darla Hall, H-a-l-l,
19 Emmendorfer, E-m-m-e-n-d-o-r-f-e-r.

20 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you live?

21 MS. HALL EMMENDORFER: Dearborn, Missouri.

22 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Okay. Go ahead.

23 MS. HALL EMMENDORFER: Thank you.

24 I wanted to talk to you about the fact that
25 the property owners will suffer by the installation of

1 this Clean Line, Grain Belt Express line. To me, the
2 sacrifice -- [inaudible] -- equals the imminent domain
3 issue.

4 We will face property devaluation, and our
5 future property -- I'm sorry -- our future plans for
6 our land become basically nonexistent. The issue here
7 is, to us anyway, as land owners, is that our property
8 is valuable. It's been earned through blood, sweat,
9 sacrifices, and tears by many ancestors; my
10 grandfather and grandmother, my mother and father,
11 myself, my brother, and my -- our own children, for
12 that matter.

13 The yields of our fields are negatively
14 impacted and any -- I know another person mentioned
15 that any hope for expanding, making a homestead on any
16 of these lands, is impossible at this point.

17 For us, this means -- Clean Line means that
18 it will go directly over three existing -- and two of
19 those are new -- pipelines. And from our experiences
20 with the pipeline installation, I really don't have
21 much to say other than the fact that I wouldn't
22 believe anything that anybody told me at this point.

23 One of those pipelines, even though our
24 legal agreement for easement with the pipeline company
25 told us what depth that they would follow, one of

1 those lines went to about 300 -- or I'm sorry -- about
2 20 to 30 feet. Now, we're on the downside of a hill,
3 so I'm not really sure why it needed to go 20 to
4 30 feet deep, but I can guarantee you that that land
5 has never been touched before, and we can't say that
6 at this point now. I know you're not the pipeline. I
7 understand that; however, you're just going to put
8 something overhead that, again, is just going to
9 continue to devalue our property and does not allow
10 us, as property owners, to do what we want to do with
11 that property.

12 The other issues are that the installation
13 of the either underground or overground does not allow
14 us to protect our crops like we'd like to. For
15 instance, we not be able to apply the pesticides and
16 the fertilizers so that we can get the exact yields
17 that we'd like.

18 I'd also like to mention that, from the
19 pipeline experience that we've had, we have
20 experienced water erosion. Our crop production is
21 down in that area, and we have an abundance of weeds
22 in the right-of-way work area where they came, and
23 that was over three years ago. We never had water
24 issues with that land previous to that, because we
25 terraced it. We took care of it. I like to call my

1 father the original -- excuse me -- like the original
2 person who knows exactly where water should go and how
3 it should go there.

4 In doing that, we've never been able to
5 re-create the terraces that we've had previously.
6 And, again, it doesn't settle it and other issues from
7 those pipelines. I do understand that this is an
8 overhead transmission line; but, again, we won't be
9 able to farm around it. We have other easements and
10 transmission lines that are far older on some other
11 properties that we own, and, again, they are difficult
12 to farm around, and the weeds and things that grow up
13 on those easements, which are supposed to be taken
14 care of by the owner of the easements are not done,
15 and anyone here that knows how weeds grow, they sort
16 of expand and populate just kind of wherever --
17 wherever they come up.

18 I did want to also mention, in terms of the
19 pipeline company -- I'm sorry -- Clean Line Energy
20 itself, there's been a lot of discussion or a lot of
21 comments today regarding -- regarding the basic --
22 basically, the Clean Line company will profit by many
23 millions of dollars, billions of dollars, for that
24 matter, from the installation of these lines, and
25 selling power from one end of the country to another

1 end of the country is not unheard of; however, when it
2 passes through land that has been in the family for so
3 long and consequently, none of us will gain from that
4 power, in this area anyway, from my knowledge, it
5 doesn't make much sense to me.

6 In terms of the cost for the easements to
7 Clean Line Energy, I estimate that they're going to
8 pay out somewhere -- and this is based on the --
9 on the proposed easement agreement that I've been
10 presented with -- they're cost is somewhere between
11 \$4- to \$6 million to gain easement to the property
12 that they're asking for property to, either across
13 Kansas or across Missouri. And those are very rough
14 figures, and it may very well be more money than that.

15 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Five minutes.

16 MS. HALL EMMENDORFER: Thank you.

17 I ask you to express to me, if you can, how
18 to a \$4- to \$6 million outlay for you basically does
19 anything for us when you can create millions of
20 dollars from that. I do not believe in any jobs,
21 other than temporary jobs, will be available after the
22 Clean Line Energy line goes through. The same things
23 were said with regard to the pipeline; however, there
24 are no jobs here other than the very few that I'm
25 aware of, and most of the work force that came in to

1 build those line were from out of state.

2 So I thank you for your time, and I thank
3 you for the opportunity to talk in front of you and
4 for you coming to our city tonight to do this.

5 Thank you.

6 (Applause.)

7 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Questions?

8 MS. HALL EMMENDORFER: Thank you.

9 Tom Liss [phonetic]? Mr. Liss?

10 Nicole Rose?

11 NICOLE ROSE,

12 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole
13 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as
14 follows:

15 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
16 spell your last name.

17 MS. ROSE: Nicole Rose, R-o-s-e.

18 JUDGE BUSHMANN: And where do you live?

19 MS. ROSE: Kansas City, Missouri.

20 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Go ahead.

21 MS. ROSE: I'm from Kansas City, Missouri,
22 and I've heard some people talk to that effect that
23 we're not from here. I consider myself a Missouri
24 resident. My dad was in the military, and we were all
25 over the place, not just in Missouri, but in other

1 states too. So when I think about my home, I think
2 Missouri. I care about Kansas City. I care about my
3 family, but I also care about Missouri as a whole.

4 As a Kansas City resident, I do benefit
5 from a small portion of my energy coming from low cost
6 renewable resources. I feel really proud of this, and
7 I also feel hopeful, but it's not enough, and I want
8 all of Missouri to have better access to renewable
9 resources and renewable energy sources.

10 This transmission project will bring low
11 cost renewable energy to many more Missourians. Up to
12 200,000 homes could benefit from this project. I also
13 care about helping Missouri move forward with its
14 goals of increasing renewable energy by 2021. This
15 transmission project will help Missouri do that. It
16 will also create jobs. It will help Missouri rely
17 less on finite resources. It will help decrease the
18 cost of energy to Missouri residents.

19 Thank you.

20 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any questions.

21 Thank you.

22 Jason Rose

23 (Applause.)

24 MARK JASON ROSE,

25 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole

1 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as
2 follows:

3 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
4 spell your last name.

5 MR. ROSE: My name is Mark Jason Rose, and
6 my last name is spelled R-o-s-e.

7 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you live?

8 MR. ROSE: Kansas City, Missouri.

9 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please go ahead.

10 MR. ROSE: My wife spoke to some of the
11 reasons we're here, and I do appreciate that everybody
12 came out to speak for and against it, because, my wife
13 on the way here -- and to be I wanted to hear -- I
14 wanted to hear what the discussion was. And it also
15 struck me as we were on the way here that, no, we're
16 not local, but we had to pay money to get here. We
17 had to pay for gas money to get here, and we're trying
18 to buy a home right now, and every dollar counts when
19 you're doing that.

20 I grew up in a small town, and I worked on
21 a farm every summer, so I'm not that far removed from
22 what everyone here is speaking -- no, it doesn't come
23 directly through my back yard, so I don't have that
24 perspective; however, my family has been farming for
25 generations. And, although, we live in the city now,

1 that's almost right now just simply because that's the
2 option I have been given with the skills that I have.
3 And, regardless of that, my heart stays in the small
4 town, and I hope some day to be able to go back to the
5 farm and work in that environment, but if we don't
6 move forward with Clean Line, we just bring in another
7 argument and say, "Well, it's never going to get done,
8 because it's just going to be" -- everybody -- no
9 matter where you do it, someone is going to be
10 impacted. And because I do support an environment
11 that is clean and I want more renewable resources, I
12 support this project.

13 Thank you.

14 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Questions?

15 Thank you, sir.

16 (Applause.)

17 Matt Wagner.

18 MATT WAGNER,

19 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole
20 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as
21 follows:

22 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
23 spell your last name.

24 MR. WAGNER: My name is Matt Wagner,
25 W-a-g-n-e-r.

1 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you live?

2 MR. WAGNER: I live in Southern Buchanan
3 County.

4 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Go ahead.

5 MR. WAGNER: Well, first of all, I would
6 I'd like thank the Commission. I'd like to thank your
7 for your time. So many of our times [phonetic] is our
8 most valuable asset, and it really means a lot that
9 you're willing to come here and hear the feelings of
10 many.

11 I did not plan on speaking. I was just
12 going to come and hear this out. I want to let you
13 know, I'm totally for clean energy. We, slightly over
14 a year ago, got involved in part of the solar
15 rebate through KCP&L. At the same time, we've been
16 building a new homing. We have increased on what we
17 originally planned on spending on a home to go in with
18 LED lighting, all of the energy-efficient appliances,
19 and we are what appears to have a net-zero home. I
20 will know more here in the next couple of months.

21 So I'm a proponent to clean energy, but
22 this particular line, one of the proposed routes is
23 right across my front property line, and, you know,
24 I -- you know, you've heard a lot from people that are
25 fifth-, sixth-generation that farm that ground and

1 live there. I do not have the luxury to say that. 21
2 years ago when we moved -- [inaudible]. 18 years ago
3 we bought this ground. We worked, you know, all our
4 blood, sweat, and tears in order to make it a better
5 place than we when leave it. I don't see how, if
6 these proposed lines are supposed to go across our
7 ground, it would leave it a better place than when we
8 found it.

9 And, you know, I'm a small business owner.
10 I understand the gain financially, not only between
11 the lines coming across my ground, but also through
12 the -- [inaudible] -- in direct relation to ground
13 that was due to this power line. Absolutely against
14 it.

15 I talked to some of my colleagues that are
16 also for erosion control. They have all mentioned
17 that they do not want anything to do with it because
18 of the amount of local opposition. So I didn't get to
19 the spend the weekend with some friends of ours down
20 it Central Arkansas. They run a cattle operation. Is
21 in the process of coming down and shutting down their
22 cattle operation, because the Little Red River runs
23 through the middle of it. The erosion river off the
24 cattle into the river is -- I guess, damages the ideal
25 path for a threatened species. I think the power

1 lines coming through can create less than an ideal
2 habitat for endangers species. That endangered
3 species is Middle Class America, who is still willing
4 to work hard for the American dream.

5 Thank you.

6 (Applause.)

7 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Questions?

8 Thank you.

9 The last name on my list is Claus
10 Wawrzinek. I probably didn't say that correctly.

11 CLAUD WAWRZINEK,
12 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole
13 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as
14 follows:

15 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
16 spell your last name.

17 MR. WAWRZINEK: Claus.

18 JUDGE BUSHMANN: What was the name?

19 MR. WAWRZINEK: Claus. Last name,
20 Wawrzinek, W-a-w-r-z-i-n-e-k, Kansas City, Missouri.

21 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you live?

22 MR. WAWRZINEK: Kansas City, Missouri.

23 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Thank you. Go ahead.

24 MR. WAWRZINEK: I think this Clean Line
25 project is going to help us obtain the 15 percent

1 [inaudible] mandate that we have in the State of
2 Missouri to obtain that by 2021.

3 Also it will make renewable energy a more
4 viable alternative to fossil fuels, which we're
5 currently dependent on about 90 percent. Fossil fuels
6 fluctuate -- [inaudible] -- so this is will also help
7 us to keep the energy cost down. It's a
8 cost-effective resource. It's competitive with coal
9 and other fossil fuel resources. It's a reliable
10 energy resource. This wind is very likely to blow in
11 Kansas.

12 The entirety of Missouri would benefit from
13 this, and this is going to be a central piece for
14 making greener -- [inaudible] -- a viable resource in
15 Missouri. I'm looking forward to this project because
16 it will help us get cleaner air and cleaner water in
17 Missouri for future generations. So I urge you
18 approve this project.

19 Thank you very much.

20 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Thank you.

21 (Applause.)

22 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Is there anybody that has
23 not testified that would like to?

24 I see one hand. Yes, sir. Come forward,
25 please.

1 ROGER DAY,
2 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole
3 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as
4 follows:

5 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
6 spell your last name.

7 MR. DAY: I'm Roger Day. Last name, D-a-y.
8 I live at 2901 Southeast Taos Road, Faucett, Missouri.

9 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Go ahead.

10 MR. DAY: Mine is not a rehearsed speech.
11 I didn't bring any information up with me, but I just
12 a few things that I would like to go through and point
13 out, if I could, to the Commission.

14 Number one, the Clean Line is asking for
15 200-foot easement, and once we go through and sign
16 that easement to them, it's their property. We can
17 still farm over the top of it. We farm -- or one of
18 our farms is going to be third farm that's effected
19 when the line comes over from Kansas, and we can still
20 farm underneath that, but if they have to bring the
21 equipment in to go in and do the Clean Line, they can
22 bring it in at any point across our farm to get to
23 wherever is they need to work at, and we're simply
24 out.

25 Number two is a question that I have to go

1 through and ask everybody here -- who is here is
2 willing to go through and give up 200 feet straight
3 line across your property that you'll never have
4 control over again? You still may be able to farm it,
5 but try and sell it. Who here would be willing to
6 give up 200 feet easement of their property? Show me.

7 I guess, enough said, sir. Thank you.

8 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Thank you, sir.

9 Did you want to the provide testimony sir.

10 MAN IN THE AUDIENCE: Yes.

11 BILL HEDGE,

12 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole
13 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as
14 follows:

15 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
16 spell your last name, for the record.

17 MR. HEDGE: W-a -- Bill Hedge. Last name
18 is spelled H-e-d-g-e.

19 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Go ahead.

20 MR. HEDGE: It's fair we live in a country
21 where you can express your views whether other people
22 agree with you or not. I have eight points that I
23 would like you to consider as you make this decision.

24 Number one. If they're going to pay a
25 farmer whatever they are going to pay them, how much

1 money is this company actually making to compensate
2 for the farmers? That's -- that's number one.

3 Number two. Once permission is given for
4 that land, what is next? Who is next? [Inaudible]
5 come through and say, "Well, you gave" -- "you gave
6 your permission to have that land. How about our
7 company?" So then it just continues to go on and on
8 and on until there is no more farmland available.

9 Number three. Every war that has ever been
10 fought has been fought over land, and we're giving our
11 land -- 40 percent of that land, according to Clean
12 Line, is owned by a British company. So that land
13 then is no longer in the land of United States
14 citizens because it belongs to a foreign entity.

15 AUDIENCE: Right.

16 Number five --

17 (Applause.)

18 AUDIENCE: That's right.

19 (Applause.)

20 Number five. If our grid is so bad here in
21 the United States and people complain that, "Oh, this
22 is a terrible grid," then stay in the country where
23 the grid is so great. Stay there, and then we'll --
24 we'll just -- we'll do what it the way we like --

25 (Applause.)

1 Number six. What is meant by imminent
2 domain? I thought it meant that the people who lived
3 on the land were supposed to prosper from it.
4 According to this, only one percent of the energy will
5 stay in Missouri. I've heard talk about a substation;
6 but, again, if it's imminent domain, isn't it supposed
7 to help -- directly help the people who give up
8 their -- give up the rights to their land to help them
9 directly? And I hear the people who own the land say
10 "We don't want the help." That's number six.

11 Number seven. And this is to the people
12 who work here as well as the Commissioners. If you
13 really want to kill the Clean Line -- Clean Line
14 Express -- and I'm serious about this -- all you have
15 to say is, "This is supported by Barack Obama," and
16 it's dead on rival.

17 Number eight --

18 (Applause.)

19 Number eight. And the last point, if you
20 don't already know, all you have to do is follow the
21 money, follow the money, follow the money, and you'll
22 find out what this is all about.

23 Thank you very much.

24 (Applause.)

25 JUDGE BUSHMANN: I didn't see any other

1 hands. So --

2 Did you want to testify?

3 AUDIENCE: I do.

4 ISIS ANTHONY,

5 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole

6 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as

7 follows:

8 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and

9 spell your last name.

10 MS. ANTHONY: [Inaudible].

11 JUDGE BUSHMANN: You might have to hold

12 that down.

13 MS. ANTHONY: Isis Anthony, A-n-t-h-o-n-y.

14 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you live.

15 MS. ANTHONY: Leavenworth, Kansas.

16 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please go ahead.

17 MS. ANTHONY: Missouri is ranked -- ranked

18 seventh in the nation -- in the nation for wind energy

19 potential. We all have -- we all have had to make

20 sacrifices to be where we are today as a country.

21 We have the ability to produce electricity

22 without harmful emissions. We've talked about the

23 problems. Can't we talk about solutions? This is our

24 environment. This is our future. We all have made

25 sacrifices to live in this country.

1 That's -- that's all I have.

2 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Thank you.

3 (Applause.)

4 JAQUELINE MCKNIGHT,

5 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole

6 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as

7 follows:

8 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and

9 spell your last name.

10 MS. MCKNIGHT: Jaqueline McKnight,

11 M-c-K-n-i-g-h-t. I live in St. Joe Missouri. We have

12 a farm.

13 The record has it as 1921 is the when my

14 grandfather-in-law was born in the farmhouses that we

15 have the property on now. So you talk about century

16 farms, and there's not a lot of people that can say

17 that anymore. They talk about, "nobody has a

18 permanent job." But that's farmers, because that's a

19 permanent job, and we've had them for centuries --

20 (Applause.)

21 So then you're going to interrupt our

22 permanent jobs that we had for a lifetime? And along

23 with another person saying their airstrip? We fly

24 ultralight planes right south of our property, and

25 they typically fly 50 to 300 feet, so they take off

1 and come right over our property, and you're going to
2 build a line that's going to cross our property. So
3 you're going to hurt that, and you're going --
4 [inaudible].

5 We've had the pipelines, and we have to
6 deal with them and the erosion for those pipelines and
7 the equipment they bring in to fix them to fix them,
8 but yet it still destroys our grass. We just started
9 a cattle business, and how is that going to help that
10 happen? We just put in water lines all across our
11 property. What are you going to do when it's the way
12 of your tower? It's just not fair. My husband is not
13 here, but I asked him if he wanted me to say anything
14 in his absence, and he said, "Our land is not for
15 sale. What are you going to do? Steal it?"

16 JARED FORD,
17 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole
18 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as
19 follows:

20 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
21 spell your last name.

22 MR. FORD: I'm Jared Ford, F-o-r-d, just
23 like the truck. I have a three beautiful kids and a
24 wife. I live up north, up by Iowa, and my family --
25 my grandfather has been farming for years. He had

1 hogs back when the hog market was good, and everybody
2 knows what happened to that. The big companies came
3 in and took that. It's been this way for generations.
4 Progression costs people things that's dear to them.

5 I understand -- and I'm not saying that
6 everyone of these people out here that's against it,
7 I'm not saying they're right; I'm not saying their
8 wrong. I think we all need to come to a common
9 ground, and we need to find it, because I know that --
10 to be honest, I'm going to school for a wind tech
11 program, an 11-month program where I can walk out and
12 I can provide for my family.

13 I come from a town that there's two jobs
14 that give good money, and you fight for those jobs.
15 And so whenever you go to apply for those jobs, you
16 don't get it unless you have six years of college and
17 you have a specific guidelines that you meet in the
18 that area. This program that I have, I can still stay
19 in the country. I can stand on top of a 300-foot
20 windmill, and I can see the country anywhere I'm at.
21 I don't care if I'm in Oklahoma. I don't care if I'm
22 in Kansas. I don't care if I'm in Missouri. I may be
23 traveling. I may be stationary, but this job is going
24 to slow way down, and they're not going to hire people
25 if we don't have power grids to disburse this power

1 around our company, power that we need. And I
2 understand that, and I think everybody here
3 understands that.

4 I think we all just need to come to an
5 agreement of what we can do, and I understand -- I
6 know it's not in my backyard. I don't think I'd like
7 it in my back yard. I know that I've -- I've heard
8 people talk about land management and stuff like that.
9 I work for a farmer right now. He can't give me the
10 money that I need to provide for my family. Both --
11 my wife and I both have to work. I know it's kind of
12 a sob story, but that's besides the case.

13 I'm in the process of fixing that. But
14 I -- I enjoy the power line that's going across the
15 Faucett place [phonetic]. I mean, them big bucks,
16 they come right down, and I get to pop them eery year.
17 I enjoy it. I like to deer hunt. I don't --

18 I guess I just want to say this power grid
19 that's going to go through -- I talked to some people.
20 I'm very ill-prepared. I apologize for that. I just
21 found out about this yesterday, but the windmills
22 they're going to build if this power line goes in is
23 going to produce a lot of jobs. It may not be in our
24 state, but does that mean I can't go to Kansas and
25 work for them, or does that mean I can't go to Iowa

1 and work for them? Absolutely not.

2 But does it mean that I can provide for my
3 family and get food on my table and give my kids a
4 chance to go to college and give them a college
5 education by putting money back? You bet. You know,
6 there's a lot of farmers around here, and I understand
7 that life is hard. I get it. I grew up on a farm. I
8 work -- you know, I work right besides my dad and my
9 grandma and my uncle. You don't want to give up
10 nothing. I do understand that, but I also know that I
11 can't afford to go by a 500 cows and a tractor
12 400 acres of a property to go start farming on my own.
13 I can't do it, so I have to go out and find another
14 job. I'm just saying that this line is going to
15 produce measure more jobs. It's a job that I'm
16 passionate about, and I'm going to school for it.

17 I'm not saying that you're wrong. I just
18 encourage you guys to look at that and think -- I
19 don't know about me, but about my kids, my future, and
20 everybody else out there that's going into the energy
21 industry. Maybe we can all come to a common ground.

22 Thank you.

23 FRED BERNARD,
24 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole
25 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as

1 follows:

2 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
3 spell your last name, for the record.

4 MR. BERNARD: Fred [phonetic] Bernard,
5 B-e-r-n-a-r-d. I live in Faucett, Missouri.

6 I'm very proud that married into a
7 fifth-generation farming family 29 years ago. My wife
8 and I, we have dedicated our lives the last 12 years
9 to mission work in the Dominican Republic where we've
10 seen the government come in and do what they want.
11 They come in, and they take land. They take rights.
12 They take companies, factories. They do anything they
13 want for profit, for what's going to benefit that
14 company.

15 What I've seen and what I've heard, that's
16 what this company is all about. Some of the things
17 that we've heard and discussed and have looked into --
18 you know, why don't -- why don't they put it
19 underground? Well, because it's too expensive.
20 Because there's not enough profit in that. This is
21 all about the profit. You know, would I agree to it
22 if it was underground? No, I wouldn't agree to it.
23 It's not going to benefit Missouri -- a very small
24 part of Missouri.

25 I recently heard about a lady that was woke

1 up earlier one morning, a heard huge ruckus outside
2 and went out. She was wondering what it was, and
3 there's the company out there cutting trees and
4 cutting through. Didn't they have an easement? Yeah,
5 but they didn't even so much as come in and say, "Hey,
6 we're going to be in on and your property." No. They
7 just go in there in the morning and just start cutting
8 trees back with -- and, you know, left a complete
9 mess, because -- [inaudible] -- to this day best of my
10 knowledge, they cut trees, and it's just a whole mess
11 there, and that's the way it's going to be all the way
12 from one end of Missouri to another.

13 Another thing that I heard talk about was
14 some -- [inaudible] -- jobs or maybe 65. I would be
15 embarrassed by that number. We could go back to
16 sharecropping and create a hundred jobs [phonetic].
17 That'd be better than 65 jobs that you've said --
18 [inaudible] -- that perhaps we'll have.

19 The other thing there's been a lot of talk
20 about is health risks. [Inaudible] -- it has not been
21 proved. You can get and story about whether it's
22 going to happen or not going to happen. The bottom
23 line is, it is a perceived risk because, and because
24 it's a perceived risk, that immediately and forever
25 and forever cuts your farm value. Your farm will not

1 be worth so much if you have these towers running
2 through there, because everybody -- [inaudible] -- it
3 might. They haven't proved it, but everybody thinks
4 it might, and then, "Well, I'm not going to move
5 there."

6 So I want to close by saying, you know,
7 I -- we still do a lot of mission work. We spend a
8 lot of time there. We do a lot of work there. We see
9 what they do there. It's a third-world country, and
10 do I think we'll ever be there? No. I pray to God
11 we're not, but there's a lot of corruption going on.
12 There's a lot of people doing what they want to do,
13 and there's a lot of people getting paid to let things
14 go through.

15 And so I want to encourage you to please
16 weigh the risks of what this does to our farms. Also,
17 let me say one more thing. This year I bought a farm.
18 I bought a farm, because I've seen the advantages of
19 my family -- my family I married into have. Now my
20 farm, even though it's not directly being impacted,
21 it's being impacted, because, as farmers across
22 America, we are united, and we will all be impacted by
23 this.

24 So thank you for your time.

25 (Applause.)

1 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN KENNEY: Thanks everybody for
3 coming. Good night.

4 (Proceedings ended at 8:48 p.m.)

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