

August 30, 2016

Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison St.
Jefferson City, MO 65101

RE: Docket EA-2016-0358, Clean Line Express Transmission Project

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of our over 760,000 members, AARP advocates for fair and affordable utility rates. We take this role seriously as many of our members struggle to pay their utility bills and other expenses while living on a fixed income.

AARP is pleased to join with many other groups throughout the state in supporting the proposed Clean Line Energy high voltage transmission project which will run through northern Missouri. As the Commission is aware, the proposed transmission line will run from Kansas to Indiana.

It is our understanding that unlike other utility high voltage transmission projects, there is NO COST to Missouri electric utility ratepayers in terms of rate impact, and landowners who are directly impacted will be compensated for the use of their land.

It is also our understanding that the project will actually reduce electric costs for Missouri municipal electric customers who are participants in the interstate transmission project.

In summary, we urge the Missouri PSC to support construction of the interstate transmission line and expeditiously issue regulatory approvals or waivers for the project—especially since we understand the project has already been approved by the other states having jurisdiction along the route.

We appreciate this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



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