

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

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

NOTICE OF COMMUNICATION

Issue Date: April 10, 2014

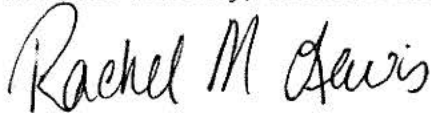
Attached are letters and emails as of this date sent to Commissioner Kenney regarding EA-2014-0207 in the matter of the application of Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC for a certificate of convenience and necessity authorizing it to construct, own, operate, control, manage and maintain a high voltage, direct current transmission line and an associated converter station providing an interconnection on the Maywood-Montgomery 345 kV transmission line.

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

Respectfully submitted,



William P. Kenney, Commissioner



Rachel M. Lewis
Advisor to Commissioner William P. Kenney

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 10th day of April, 2014.

[REDACTED]

From: Ruth Lowenstein [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 1:13 PM
To: Kenney, Bill
Subject: Deny Grain Belt Express Utility Status

Dear Commissioner Kenney,

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

My husband and I moved to the farm 25 years ago from the middle of a major city. We own a 270 acre organic cattle ranch near Cameron, Mo and have been good stewards of the land . We sell directly to customers and restaurants. We have many customers come to the farm to view both the cattle and farm. Several times a year we have a customer appreciation day. Our customers have expressed how they love getting food from a local farm, and love coming and spending time on the farm. We have planned on expanding more in to Agritourism. It is a very sustainable form of farming. We know our customers, they know the source of their food and the dollars stay local. This will all change for us if Grain Belt Express is granted "Utility Status" by the Missouri Public Service Commission. People that drive 30-50 miles to buy organic beef will not want to stand under 150-200', 3500 megawatt high power transmission lines. This would hurt us tremendously economically speaking.

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

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

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

Respectfully,
Ruth Lowenstein
[REDACTED]
Cameron, Mo 64429

[REDACTED]

Ruth Lowenstein

Lowenstein and Associates, PC

[REDACTED]

Cameron, MO 64429

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Chrissy Lowenstein [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 10:01 AM
To: Kenney, Bill
Subject: Re: Concern from a Missouri Nurse

01/09/2014

Dear Commissioner Kenney,

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

Sincerely,
Chrissy Lowenstein, [REDACTED]

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

Dear Commissioner Kenney,

I am reaching out to you to voice my concerns regarding the opposition to the private for profit corporation Grain Belt Express Clean Line, and request that Missouri Public Service Commission DENY approval of their application to become a public utility, allowing them the authority of eminent domain. The proposed high voltage direct current lines have no proven benefit to the residents of the State of Missouri in either transmitting or receiving energy for our state. If constructed, these towers and high voltage transmission lines would significantly decrease property values on potentially thousands of properties; cause a loss of productive farmland; scar the landscape forever; negatively impact hunting, recreation and agritourism; and could cause serious health effects, according to some studies. As a Nurse, I am not only concerned with the health and wellness of my family but also of my community.

This High Voltage Direct Current transmission line, the Grain Belt Express, would carry 3500 megawatts, 640,000 kilovolts. That is 3 times the power generated by the Hoover Dam and it is proposed to be built utilizing 120'-200' high towers on our farm and on the properties of many other Missourians. Missouri would benefit only slim gains from this proposal and it would bring hazards and health risks to the citizens, livestock, farmland and wildlife. Agriculture is important to Missouri and so are the lives and land of the people who call it home.

Governors of 11 eastern states that this Grain Belt Express would provide energy to signed letters to Senate Majority and Minority leaders stating they do not want this proposed Midwest energy because it undermines their abilities to develop superior wind resources they have offshore less expensively to ratepayers. Take pride in Missouri and the advancements that utilize clean renewable energy technologies across the state to protect, preserve and enhance Missouri's natural energy resources and keep profits in our state. The proposed project has no relationship with local electric companies and many landowners have their property owner rights

at risk. Some Missourians will be forced to sell easements or face condemnation through Eminent Domain. Property value would decrease up to 50% causing losses that far outweigh the compensation.

Please take these concerns into consideration and deny approval of their application to become a public utility. The mission statement of the P.S.C. is similar to what it was when my Grandfather, Frank May, held position of Commissioner 50 years ago. It now states to "ensure that Missourians receive safe and reliable utility services" and "provide an efficient regulatory process that is responsive to all parties, and perform our duties ethically and professionally." Please uphold the standards of your mission by denying their application to become a public utility. Thank you for your time and understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,

Chrissy Lowenstein, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Dawn Tvrdy [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2014 6:49 PM
To: Kenney, Bill
Subject: Against Grain Belt Express

Dear Commission ,

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

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

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

Sincerely,
Dawn Tvrdy

Sent from my iPad

[REDACTED]

From: K. [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 19, 2014 9:51 AM
To: Kenney, Bill
Subject: Utility status

Dear Commission ,

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

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

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

Sincerely,
Kim Schulz

[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]

bill.kenney@psc.mo.gov Dear Commission ,

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Dale E. Latta

[REDACTED]
Aztec, NM 87410
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Kathy Mikels [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2014 1:47 PM
To: Kenney, Bill
Subject: Block Grain Belt Express in Clinton County

Dear Commissioner Bill Kenney,

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Kathy Mikels

[REDACTED]

From: Sarah Olson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2014 5:37 PM
To: Kenney, Bill
Subject: Say No to the Grain Belt Express Line

Dear Commission ,

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Sarah Olson

Mr. Eric Lovelace



Lathrop, MO 64465-0425

April 2, 2014

Mr. William P. Kenney
Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street, PO Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

Dear Mr. Kenney:

I am writing to you today in the hope that you assist me, my family and hundreds of concerned citizens across the Northern State of Missouri. The topic is the Grain Belt Express power line project. I am writing you a personal letter to explain the impact this project will have on my family's farm and that of our fellow Missourians. My mother owns a farm in Turney, Missouri that has been in our family for nearly 75 years. We don't value this property as mere real estate, but instead as a large part of our family's heritage. We recently received a certified letter from Clean Line Energy stating that they intend to run power lines and towers directly through the middle of our farm. This notice has caused enormous distress and anger within our family. Our neighbors, many whose farms have also been in their family's possession for generations, are also outraged.

This project, if completed as currently planned, would ruin these properties. Let me explain. It is estimated that the resale values would decrease anywhere between 25-50%, if not more. How much is Clean Energy Partners offering us? A onetime payment of [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] per year going forward. This would be an economic disaster us and for anyone who owns land upon which the line would run.

The power lines and towers would be a permanent scar across the landscape. Pollution comes in many forms, and this would be visual. No one wants to live by, farm around or view these monstrosities running across the landscape. This would be a permanent and detrimental change to the landscape which will impact current and future generations. We wish to maintain the beautiful landscape that exists, not to transform our areas into something that resembles New Jersey.

The economic benefits to the State and local areas have been a big part of the company's selling point to residents and State Officials. These economic benefits are illusionary. The increase in tax receipts to the county and state would be outweighed by the loss in assessed value of the properties it runs across. Any benefits to manufacturing firms would be temporary and most, if not all, of the labor to erect the towers would be from out-of-state construction crews.

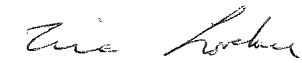
The health of people, livestock and wildlife would be negatively impacted. Would you want your family living near or under these power lines for this very reason?

I am requesting, no, I am begging that the Missouri Public Service Commission DENY approval of Grain Belt Express Clean Energy's application to become a public utility, allowing them the authority of eminent domain. The proposed high voltage direct current lines have no proven benefit to the residents of the State of Missouri in either transmitting or receiving energy for our state. As I have mentioned above, if constructed, these towers and high voltage transmission lines would significantly decrease property values on potentially thousands of properties; cause a loss of productive farmland; scar the landscape

forever; negatively impact hunting, recreation; and could cause serious health effects, according to some studies.

We are not against electricity being transported through the state of Missouri. We would ask that it be done wisely and in a non-damaging manner. The technology exists to run these power lines underground and that is how it should be done! This for-profit company wishes to complete their money making project on the backs of Missourians, by the power of eminent domain, by building these lines above ground to save themselves money. This is an issue that has united Democrats and Republicans in our area like no other has in my lifetime. If those two parties can agree on something, you know it must be correct.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Eric Lovelace".

Eric Lovelace

Memorandum

To: Mr. William P. Kenney
From: Janene M. Robie
Date: 2/17/2014
Re: EA-2014-0207 (Grain Belt Express Clean Line – in MO)

I am writing to communicate to you that my family and I adamantly oppose the Grain Belt Express Clean Line project in Missouri. As a Missouri taxpayer I appreciate the privilege to be able to submit a comment to you and to be heard. Thank you, in advance, for taking the time to read my concerns.

My husband and I own 130 acres in Turney, Missouri that will be ruined if Potential Route 28 on Map 6 between sections 31 and 32 is the selected route for the 'clean line'. Neil and I have family lineages in Missouri that date back to the early 1800's. We are counting on you to hear our concerns and to help **deny** Clean Line Energy Partners a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (thus blocking the construction of this project in Missouri).

If a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity is awarded to the Grain Belt Express Clean Line project, both the residential value and the agricultural value of our land will be devastated. My husband and I will not be able to build our planned dream house. On our property, there will not be a building site available that is out of eye-shot of the unsightly and unhealthy power lines. Agriculturally, the right of way required to maintain the gigantic transmission lines will require the elimination of longstanding, mature Missouri timber. It will go directly over a recently rebuilt spring-fed pond. It will disrupt land that is currently under contract for the purpose of conservation (CRP/DCCP)! The company advertises that they plan to 'exercise' these power lines on the edges of landowner property so as to disturb as little valuable land as possible. For our property, this is not the case! Our 130 acres will be split in half by the potential line, if approved. The company also totes that it considers residences (and potential residences), agricultural land, water resources, sensitive habitats, conservation areas and community feedback. All of my communication with Clean Energy Partners thus far regarding this proposed route through Turney has fallen on deaf ears in the company. They are not considering the advertised list of 'factors' or the heartache and negative physical impact that this project will have across Missouri.

Please consider this correspondence when reviewing the application for Clean Line Energy Partners and decline the Grain Belt Express Clean Line Project a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity. This **for-profit** project is not appropriate in Missouri.

Please do not hesitate to contact me via email if I may have the opportunity to discuss this important matter further with you and your team. [REDACTED]

Respectfully,

Janene Robie



Proposed route 28 →

property line

Grain Belt Express Clean Line Potential Route 28, Map 6, between section 31 and 32
Landowners: Janene and Neil Robie

March 23, 2014

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

Mr. Kenney:

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

There are many concerns regarding this project:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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

Jan Moore

Dear Commissioners,

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

Respectfully

Jeff Wright

[REDACTED]

Turney, MO 64493

[REDACTED]

RECEIVED

MAR 31 2014

Dear Commissioner,

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

Respectfully,



Kevin Imhof

*filed public comments
3/17/14*

Questions for Co. Commissioners & Chairmans

Dear County Board Member,

The express purpose of these questions is to challenge each of you to research the issues with regard to Clean Line's Grain Belt Express (GBE) high pressured sell-job that their high voltage transmission lines will bring jobs and money to the County.

How many of these questions can you answer in good faith without looking to outside resources? Please carefully consider the following questions before you make decisions that affect privately owned property in the County.

1. How much will the county receive each year in tax revenue from the GBE?
2. Exactly how was that figure calculated?
3. Where did the formula come from?
4. Is it even **legal or ethical** for the county to make an agreement with a **PRIVATE** company impacting privately owned land?
5. Is there a real need for this power?
6. Will the county really benefit directly?
7. What will your obligations to CL be if you agree to their proposal?
8. Why is there unprecedented opposition to Clean Line's 5 transmission projects?
9. Has the County's Attorney read any proposal and determined the county's legal commitments to CL's project?
10. Is the monetary proposal the best offer that CL has to offer? How far will the proposed annual revenues cover the ravages created by CL? What is CL offering other states and for how long? Shouldn't this be a negotiation starting point for the county given this is a billion dollar company?
11. Are you aware that the Monroe County Board formally rescinded their support for the GBE and wrote a letter of opposition to the PSC?
12. Have you factored in the 10-30% property value loss and the resultant loss of property tax of the properties? Do you understand that this loss will be affected **in perpetuity**?
13. Have you considered the devaluation of homes within one mile on either side of the proposed transmission line, cause of which is the "view" of the proposed 200 foot high lattice towers?
14. Don't you see something really wrong with causing major impact **in perpetuity** on the income and investment values of some county landowners/taxpayers for the short-term benefit of the other persons in the county?
15. Have you spoken with any of the local residents that will be impacted by this project?
16. Don't the landowners impacted at least deserve a chance to question CL representatives in a public hearing and in a manner that is legally binding? They can make all the promises they want, but they'll be long gone by the time it's clear that those "promises" aren't going to be upheld.
17. Do you know the actual cost to the governments and entities (decreased tax base, land devaluation, less money for local schools, libraries, fire protection districts, less or no money for the townships roads and bridges that will suffer the most from construction)?
18. What are the local environmental impacts, (e.g., wildlife, timber, soil erosion, etc.)?
19. Has CL provided any **CURRENT** health or environmental studies to you proving this really is safe for the public and the environment?
20. Are you aware that recent hearings at the ICC revealed that Clean Line's equity investors have only committed to funding the development costs that are approximately only 1-2 percent of the total project costs and that no person has committed to finance the entire project?
21. What protection is there to the county if Clean Line goes bankrupt?

filed public
Comments
3/14/14

3/10/14

Commissioner William Kenney,

Please do what you can to stop

the Grain Belt Express from

going through Missouri. I

have enclosed some questions

for you to review. Thank

you for your time & effort

to stop the Grain Belt Express

going through Missouri.

In God We Trust,
Linda Liebausch

Marceline, MO 64658

rec 2/18/2014

Forwarded to PSC Info
+ Cheryl Vorn
for filing in public
Comments.



Monroe County, MO Farm Bureau letter opposing Grain Belt Express

Clean Line Energy Partners, LLC have proposed a massive project called the Grain Belt Express (GBE) that will transport wind energy from Kansas to Indiana where electricity will connect to the Eastern US power grid. GBE has received much hype because of its promise for local job growth and tax revenue. But studying the facts of GBE confirms there is only one logical conclusion: GBE is not right for Monroe County or the state of Missouri.

To begin, GBE would be the largest direct current transmission line ever built in the US in terms of voltage, mileage (750 miles), and size of support structures (up to 200 feet, between 16 and 20 stories tall). All this will supposedly be completed by a company with no experience building or operating a direct current transmission line. In a meeting with Farm Bureau representatives, Mark Lawlor, Project Manager for Clean Line, admitted the thousands of wind turbines that will be needed to supply this project have not even been built yet. Lawlor also stated no agreement exists with electricity providers to supply electricity anywhere in the four states through which the GBE will run. With so many unknowns associated with this project, what is Clean Line's first priority? Gaining eminent domain authority and beginning to acquire hundreds of miles of easements in Missouri.

As far as local electricity needs are concerned, Mike Fuller, General Manager of Consolidated Electric in Mexico, MO, has stated publicly that the local cooperative has excess capacity even at peak usage. The co-op does not need to purchase electricity from Clean Line, nor would they because it would be priced higher than the power currently being purchased from other sources. Clean Line claims their electricity will be available to local power suppliers here in Missouri, but what is the benefit Clean Line brings to Monroe County and Missouri citizens when the power isn't purchased or used locally?

An even more important reason to oppose GBE is the desire to achieve public utility status, thus gaining the power to use Eminent Domain to purchase easements from landowners unwilling to sell. Clean Line has put together a compensation package for landowners, but company representatives have stated that they intend to force landowners into selling if they will not accept the company's offer. Also, no negotiations will be allowed; the offers are "take it or leave it." Clean Line representatives have stated they intend to purchase this land before the wind turbines supplying GBE are built, and before there is any agreement to sell its energy. A project of this magnitude will affect hundreds of farmers and occupy thousands of acres in Missouri alone. Project Manager Lawlor has stated each deviation from the project's desired route will cost an additional \$250,000. This massive cost indicates there will be little if any recourse for a landowner opposed to the transmission line; it will be too costly to move the line away from those that do not want it on their land. And if the benefits of GBE were so great for the state and its citizens, why would Clean Line need Eminent Domain to convince people to allow it?

These are only a few of the many reasons to oppose GBE and its passage through Missouri. Clean Line has not shown the ability to complete a project of this size. The electricity that may eventually be transmitted on GBE is not needed or wanted in Missouri. It will be neither purchased nor used by Missouri citizens. Landowners will be forced to sell easements with no real negotiating power on price or placement of structures. The effect on GPS equipment in farm machinery, irrigation systems, cell phone reliability, and health issues for humans, livestock, and wildlife cannot be known. And at up to 200 feet tall, the structures along GBE will forever scar our most precious natural resource, our fertile and productive farmland. No amount of money will ever be able to repay our children and grandchildren for allowing this project to go through, not when this land is one of the greatest things we leave for the next generation. Because of these reasons, countless Missouri residents have joined forces to oppose GBE. And because of these reasons, the Monroe County Farm Bureau strenuously opposes allowing this project to continue, and urges you to join us in our opposition.

Sincerely,

Monroe County Farm Bureau Board of Directors 25976 Buss HWY 24 Paris, MO 65275/Ph660-327-4501

March 20, 2014

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

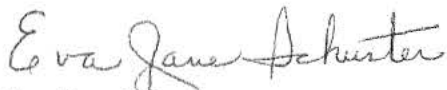
Dear Mr. Kenney:

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

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

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

Sincerely yours,



Eva Jane Schuster

██████████
Gower, MO 64454

Dear Commissioner William P. Kenney,

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

Respectfully,

Carl W. Sloan

Carl W. Sloan

■■■■ ■■■■ ■■■■

Plattsburg, MO 64477

Case # EA 2014-0207

Dear Commissioner William P. Kenney,

I am a resident of Clinton County. I am adamantly OPPOSED to the Grain Belt Express transmission line and ask that you please DENY them Public Utility status. Missourians do not need the electricity and would not benefit from it. It would violate our property right, reduce our property value far more than compensation, spoil our rural landscape, cause hundreds of acres of deforestation, and create obstacles to farming. None of the electricity transported though the lines would be produced in Missouri and very little supplied to any Missourians, if any, so there is no public use, benefit or necessity to justify the use of Eminent Domain. Land improvements within the easement would be destroyed. Clean Line Energy is a new company and has never built a transmission line. Negative impacts on hunting and agriculture would be ongoing. I urge you again to DENY them Public Utility status!

Respectfully,

Shirley M. Evans

Shirley M. Evans

██████████
Plattsburg, MO 64477

Case # EA-2014-0207


Dear Commissioner William P. Kenney,

I am a resident of Clinton County. I am adamantly OPPOSED to the Grain Belt Express transmission line and ask that you please DENY them Public Utility status. Missourians do not need the electricity and would not benefit from it. It would violate our property right, reduce our property value far more than compensation, spoil our rural landscape, cause hundreds of acres of deforestation, and create obstacles to farming. None of the electricity transported though the lines would be produced in Missouri and very little supplied to any Missourians, if any, so there is no public use, benefit or necessity to justify the use of Eminent Domain. Land improvements within the easement would be destroyed. Clean Line Energy is a new company and has never built a transmission line. Negative impacts on hunting and agriculture would be ongoing. I urge you again to DENY them Public Utility status!

Respectfully,

Charles E. Sloan

Charles E. Sloan


Plattsburg, MO 64477


Dear Commissioner William P. Kenney,

I am a resident of Clinton County. I am adamantly OPPOSED to the Grain Belt Express transmission line and ask that you please DENY them Public Utility status. Missourians do not need the electricity and would not benefit from it. It would violate our property right, reduce our property value far more than compensation, spoil our rural landscape, cause hundreds of acres of deforestation, and create obstacles to farming. None of the electricity transported though the lines would be produced in Missouri and very little supplied to any Missourians, if any, so there is no public use, benefit or necessity to justify the use of Eminent Domain. Land improvements within the easement would be destroyed. Clean Line Energy is a new company and has never built a transmission line. Negative impacts on hunting and agriculture would be ongoing. I urge you again to DENY them Public Utility status!

Respectfully,



Mary Jo Sloan


Plattsburg, MO 64477

Case # EA-2014-0207

rec 4/3/2014

Dear Commissioner Kenney,

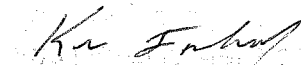
This letter is in regards to the Grain Belt Express and I know by now that numerous letters have come across your desk. I would like for you to pause for a moment , take a deep breath and really concentrate on what I'm about to convey. Pretend you are me and try to see things from my perspective. Three years ago my son and I purchased a small farm in Ralls county about 20 miles south of Hannibal, Missouri on hwy. 79. We didn't buy this to raise cattle or grow crops, this was not a business venture of any kind. We were seeking a place of solitude and beauty where my son could live and raise a family. A place where we could enjoy the wonders of nature and take care of the land so wonderfully created. This two hundred acre plot of land is our heaven on earth!

There now appears on the horizon a threat that is looming larger every day. A private company based in Houston, Texas believe they have the right to carve a 200 foot swath through my woods and fields, build huge obnoxious steel towers on my property and run high voltage wires across my skyline. The enclosed photographs are showing views of our farm looking toward a small gravel road named Patton Trail. In each photo just beyond the foreground and in front of the background is the proposed route for the Grain Belt Express. Imagine these beautiful settings with large steel towers stringing heavy wires across the sky. Reflect on how it will be to look at that every day for the rest of our lives.

At times like this, one cannot help but feel like a lone wolf struggling to fight a large company that has great resources to combat you. You feel helpless! I can assure you that there are many more people in our state who feel the same way, and many lives will be affected adversely by this project. As commissioners of the Missouri Public Service Commission you have immense power and responsibility. Is the small tax revenue really worth the impact this is going to have on hundreds of land owners? The jobs the company brags about producing are extremely temporary, however the scars they leave behind will be forever. Why can they not just tap the electricity they produce into the current National Grid that already exist? Do we really have to construct more high tension lines than there already are? There are high tension lines running east to west just south of Bowling Green, Missouri, can they not utilize towers already existing or are those towers owned by a competitor that will not grant access?

I sincerely hope you study this project long and hard and truly put yourself in my position. What if this was your land, your heaven on earth! There are hundreds of us with the same story, who is going to stand up for our rights? There must be a better alternative.

Sincerely,



Kevin Imhof



