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MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF

ROSEANNE MEYER

ON BEHALF OF

RANDALL AND ROSEANNE MEYER

January 24, 2017

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- 1 **Q: What is your name?**
- 2 A: Roseanne Marie Meyer.
- 3 **Q: What is your occupation?**
- 4 A: Grain Merchandiser for AGRIServices of Brunswick.
- 5 **Q: What is your home address?**
- 6 A: 26647 Highway Y, Brunswick, Missouri, 65236.
- 7 **Q: What is your spouse's name?**
- 8 A: Randall Leon Meyer.
- 9 **Q: How long have you lived at this address?**
- 10 A: Randy and I moved here in May 1980.
- 11 **Q: Did you or Randy's family own this property prior to your occupancy?**
- 12 A: No
- 13 **Q: Why did you and Randy purchase this property?**
- 14 A: We were friends with our neighbor and they gave us first option on the 80 acre farm.
- 15 Randy and I felt it was a good investment to use for row crop farming or to graze cattle. It had a
- 16 lot of work to be done to the property to remove the old barn and house on it and all of the fences
- 17 and ponds had to be rebuilt.
- 18 **Q: Are you for or opposed to the application for a Certificate of Convenience by**
- 19 **Grain Belt Express Clean Line (GBE)?**
- 20 A: Randy and I are very much opposed to the Grain Belt Express Clean Line transmission
- 21 line and ask that you please Deny the Certificate of Convenience and Necessity.
- 22 **Q: Why do you oppose GBE's transmission line?**

1 A: As a Fourth generation cattle farmer, we believe that it would violate our right to farm,
2 reduce property values far more than compensation, spoil our rural landscape, create obstacles
3 for raising our cattle herd, limit future land use and cause potential health risks to our family and
4 our livestock. The line creates obstacles and reduces the pasture productivity.

5 **Q: What is the main reason for opposing this high voltage direct current (HVDC)**
6 **transmission line?**

7 A: We are strongly opposed to this project is because the piece of land this HDVC
8 transmission line will go across has been the location for my daughter and her family to build a
9 house on. Tiffany and her husband Matt live in New Jersey and wanted to move back to Missouri
10 someday. The proposed line would sit right where the existing utilities were from the old
11 homestead that was originally built. There is not any other suitable placement for a home with
12 this line running through this piece of property.

13 **Q: Where is the planned location for their future home?**

14 A: The home would be located in the Southeast corner of the parcel outlined in yellow in
15 Schedule RM-1.

16 **Q: Who provided this Preliminary Easement Sketch in Schedule RM-1?**

17 A: This document was provided by Grain Belt to our attorney in the 2014 case.

18 **Q: For how long have Tiffany and Matt been planning on moving back to Missouri?**

19 A: It has been part of their plan before they got married in 2006.

20 **Q: Did they have a planned date when they were going to move back to Missouri?**

21 A: No.

1 **Q: Will you be able to use that section of the parcel for some other purpose if GBE**
2 **locates the transmission line on your property as planned?**

3 A: No.

4 **Q: How will the transmission line affect the value of the property where the new**
5 **home would have been located?**

6 A: The land will be greatly discounted because no one would want to buy a parcel for
7 building a home when there is a transmission line in the back yard.

8 **Q: What will be the dollar amount of the reduction?**

9 A: I don't know how you would put a price on an undesirable piece of land.

10 **Q: What is the next reason for opposing the transmission line?**

11 A: We are also opposed to Clean Line's HVDC transmission line because it threatens all
12 Missouri landowners' private property rights with the threat of eminent domain. Private
13 landowners should not have to spend time and money to protect their own property from a
14 private company.

15 **Q: What do you think will happen if GBE is granted the Certificate of Necessity**
16 **and Convenience?**

17 A: If Clean Line is granted public utility status and they obtain the power of eminent
18 domain, you will open the door for other private companies to do the same. The precedence
19 of a private company using the eminent domain authority from the state government sends the
20 wrong signal to the private investment community that private property rights are for sale to
21 private corporations by our government. Right is right and wrong is wrong and this project is
22 just wrong.

1 **Q: What should government do about the use of private companies using**
2 **eminent domain to assist them in making a profit for their investors?**

3 A: There needs to be laws to protect landowners in cases of eminent domain or regulatory
4 abuse.

5 **Q: How will the transmission line affect your cattle operations?**

6 A: Our home is 400 yards south of the proposed route. This is where we do all of our
7 business for our farming operation. We are concerned about the ability to utilize modern
8 technology such as aerial application, reliable cell service, Internet service, and GPS
9 coordinates. These are all services we currently have and are part of our operation and
10 livelihood.

11 **Q: Are there any other reasons why you oppose the transmission line?**

12 A: Our scenic landscape would be visually denigrated forever. We would lose our quality of
13 lifestyle and lose the options for use of the land in the easement and farm.

14 **Q: When were you contacted by a GBE representative regarding the possibility**
15 **of their transmission line crossing your property?**

16 A: April 2014.

17 **Q: What did you discuss with the GBE representative?**

18 A: I believe that we discussed the project timing, easement agreement, and compensation
19 for the towers. I do not believe that we talked about crop loss.

20 **Q: Do you recall any discussion by the GBE representative why he or she was**
21 **not discussing compensation for crop loss?**

22 A: No.

1 **Q: Do you have any issues with GBE's process in determining the route for the**
2 **transmission line?**

3 A: We don't understand why the proposed line is bypassing a small private airport that is
4 no longer in use by a private individual that no longer flies.

5 **Q: What is the name of the airport?**

6 A: The farm where the airport is located goes by Shilo Farms or Blue Skies.

7 **Q: Do you know if the public can use this airport?**

8 A: The airport was used by a private individual (farmer and land owner) who landed and
9 took off on a grass runway. This was a hobby for him and not part of his livelihood

10 **Q: What is the name of the individual?**

11 A: Robert Untemaehrer.

12 **Q: Does this conclude your testimony?**

13 A: Yes.

Exhibit "B": Preliminary Easement Sketch

Chariton County, MO

S25-R20W-T54N



Right-of-Way Length: 1590 Ft. +/- Date: 4/7/2014

Measurements pending final survey and engineering, for an easement not to exceed 200 feet in width.

For discussion purposes only. All measurements and distances are approximations and pending final survey and engineering.



1 in = 900 ft

0 225 450 900 1,350 1,800

Feet

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Legend

- Property Boundaries
- Section Boundaries
- Easement Consideration Area
- Adjacent Tracts

RAIN BEL EXPR
CLEAN USE

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Schedule RM-1
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Tract No. :MO-CH-031.514

Date Revised: 4/7/2014.

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) Case No. EA-2016-0358
Current Transmission Line and an Associated Converter)
Station Providing an interconnection on the Maywood -)
Montgomery 345 kV Transmission Line)

AFFIDAVIT OF ROSEANNE MEYER

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss.
COUNTY OF CHARITON)

Roseanne Meyer, being duly sworn under oath, states the following:

1. My name is Roseanne Meyer.
2. My Rebuttal Testimony is attached to this Affidavit and made a part of this Affidavit for all purposes.
3. My Rebuttal Testimony consists of 20 pages including cover sheet and Affidavit and has been prepared in written form for introduction as evidence in Case No. EA-2014-0207.
4. I swear and affirm that my answers contained in the Rebuttal Testimony in response to those questions in the Testimony are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.
5. I swear and affirm that any attachments to the Rebuttal Testimony are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

