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Dear Commissioner's,

Missouri Public
Service Commission

I am a long resident of Cass county & live 1 1/2 miles north of the Aquila power plant on Harper Rd.

I have heard alot of people say this is the country they have taken that away from us but that's simply not true & for those of us who really were raised in the country on farms know that. My grandparents bought 80 acres fifty years ago, my parents have lived here on that acreage for forty four years. When my siblings & I were growing up if we seen five cars a day go down our gravel road that was alot & we walked up & down our road unafraid of traffic. My parents were the only house between 227th & 235th for four years before they got a neighbor closer than a mile. We grew up with cistern water, which was delivered once a week & when that ran out you waited until the next delivery. We also had ten party phone line's so you had to wait to use the phone.

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Reporter

We were three miles from Peculiar city limits & a few years ago we are now only $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile. We now have chip & seal roads that at least ten cars an hour go by most of them exceeding the 35 m.p.h. speed limit, so we don't even walk on our road. I grew up riding horses on our country roads to Freeman & on property which are now subdivisions. I also grew up hunting where there are now subdivisions. When I was in high school, Casey's came to town & that was a big deal. This community started changing twenty years ago & more progressively the past five years. We have approximately fifteen new housing additions going on in town & numerous subdivisions popping up in the county. We have new businesses in town like a cabinet shop, furniture warehouse, Sioux chief doubled in size & more businesses looking at our community.

For those of us who were born & raised here we did not want

Miller's Point, Harris Place or any other subdivisions but that is progress & you accept it or move. They say they are in the country & show a picture of a field in thier backyard, when all we are now is a suburb of Kansas City, an urban area with houses on 3-5 acre lots instead of 80 plus acre farms. These people moved out here & built by a natural gas plant, that has been there for over fifty years, & are mad about a power plant that is providing thier homes with electricity. They say it is so loud & even sounding like a jet engine & that is simply not true even Mrs. McCord said the noise really didn't bother her. I have talked to people in our area that say the four wheelers are much louder & more annoying than the power plant. We can hear the constant hum of 71 HWY. but are they going to rip that road up? To tear this plant down would be ludicrous especially when we need the power.

I enjoy the rural water & private phone lines. I also enjoy air conditioning in the summer & heat in the winter.

There are many silent supporters of Aguila & we welcome them to our urban community.

Please think about your decision when you turn out your lights tonight & get into bed.

Thank You,
Toni Mulch
Charles Mohr
Carol Jeanne Mohr