

*Darlys Bremer*

I would like to wish the commissioner's a good day and explain that, because I have a broken leg, Toni Wiseman has kindly agreed to read my statement.

*Case: EA-2006-0309*

My name is Darlys Bremer. I live at 24305 S. Harper Rd. and have lived here since January 1, 1970 and in the community since 1967.

Before this whole thing started, if anyone had asked me if I wanted an electric facility across the road from me, I would probably have said no. In retrospect, I can think of no better place for it. It immediately abuts relatively few people, and is adjacent to a gas pumping station that was established in the mid 1950's.

I have watched this plant being built, carefully landscaped and maintained. I've seen the efforts Aquila has made to become good neighbors. More than the obvious things, in this neighborhood, pavement and trees, are the things they have done, and are still doing, in and for the surrounding community. I particularly appreciate the fire hydrants which not only made my home safer but lowered my Homeowners' insurance premiums.

The projected growth of Peculiar and the surrounding area will continue to fuel the ever growing demand for electricity. I believe there is a need for this facility, and the future will probably require more like it.

We, people as a whole, tend to say "why me". In this case "Why does it have to be close to me". The fact is, it has to be close to someone. And, while it might not be the view I would prefer, I happen to be addicted to the comforts electricity affords me including central air and heat, television, refrigeration, etc. In 2004, when Osage Valley browned out, I appreciated that Aquila was there to back them up. I listen to people complain and I wonder how many of them would like to do without those comforts. One woman said that she remembered coal oil lamps and wood stoves. I too remember those and it makes me even more grateful for my 'addictions'.

I sincerely hope you, as the Missouri Public Commission, can find a way for Aquila to remain at the South Harper location.

Thank you

Darlys Bremer

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