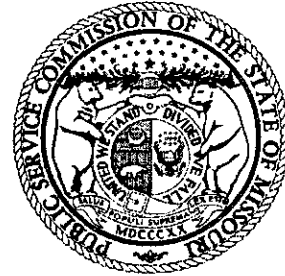


Notice of *Ex Parte* Contact

TO: Data Center:
All Parties in Case No. **EO-2002-351**
PSC Commissioners

FROM: Chairman Kelvin Simmons *KLS*
Commissioner Connie Murray *cm*
Commissioner Steve Gaw *SG*
Commissioner Bryan Forbis *BF*
Commissioner Robert Clayton *RC*



DATE: June 17, 2003

On June 17, 2003, we received the attached letter from Mrs. Claire Kramer regarding AmerenUE. The Commission is currently considering the issues discussed in this document in Case No. **EO-2002-351**. **EO-2002-351** is a contested case. The Commission is bound by the same *ex parte* rule as a court of law.

Although communications from members of the public and members of the legislature are always welcome, those communications must be made known to all parties to a contested case so that those parties have the opportunity to respond. According to the Commission's rules (4 CSR 240-4), when a communication (either oral or written) occurs outside the hearing process, any member of the Commission or Regulatory Law Judge who received the communication shall prepare a written report concerning the communication and submit it each member of the Commission and the parties to the case. The report shall identify the person(s) who participated in the *ex parte* communication, the circumstances which resulted in the communication, the substance of the communication, and the relationship of the communication to a particular matter at issue before the Commission.

Therefore, we submit this report pursuant to the rules cited above. This will ensure that any party to this case will have notice of the attached information and a full and fair opportunity to respond to the comments contained therein.

cc: Executive Director
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
General Counsel

Dear Commissioner,

Today I am writing to you about the proposed 345kv power line Ameren UE wants to build in mid Missouri. The line if built will come through my farm quite intrusively. I understand the need for power in our state. What I don't understand is why a power line that will be used mainly to export power out of our state is even a decision anyone should be making at all. To me what I see is a 54-mile long transmission line that is just a step in a whole series of new lines to be built for a much larger project to benefit our power companies. But shhh.... its all a secret. If it weren't a secret then many more than the 200 landowners who belong to Concerned Citizens for Family Farms And Heritage would be very upset about this. So many people are already upset about this but to me this is personal. My farm is at stake here. My farm isn't even a big farm, but it is my families and mine. My Dad worked his whole life to buy this 100 acres in Dixon Missouri. His whole life he wanted to have a peaceful place in the country for his family to be together. Both of my parents wanted a place to call their own where their four children could play, explore and grow. As fate would have it our mother passed away and never got to see our farm in Dixon, Missouri. Losing our Mom just drove our Dad to work even harder to purchase a farm for his family to enjoy. To this day we are able to enjoy our farm. Our Dad is gone now but my siblings and I have kept our farm and will continue to keep it. Our farm is our Fathers legacy. It is our inheritance. On a daily basis it isn't easy to keep the farm. It creates an extra burden on all of us financially and the up keep on the house and surrounding land is time consuming. On many occasions we have asked each other if it is worth it. The answer is always YES. Our memories are there. Our children's memories are there. Our children are still building their memories there. I can stand on the back porch and look out at tall grasses waving in the breeze. I can see tall trees that have been growing for longer than we are old. Just recently my nephew and his buddies saw a black bear in the woods behind the house. I have grapevine growing in my back yard. Every year I plan on making jelly in the fall and every year the deer eat all the grapes. I don't even care because it is their home too. I have a pair of Canadian geese that have taken up residence at our farm. They soar gracefully from pond to pond and if you stand very quiet they will come almost to your hand to eat. These days I can stand on my back porch and visualize a series of H structures that carry 345kv of power to another state at my cost. I can stand there and visualize my seven-year-old daughter petting her horse Annie underneath this massive power line that will not benefit anyone she loves or even knows. The woods that I remember as a child will be nothing but a right of way sprayed with chemicals to keep new growth from becoming harmful to the power line forget if it is harmful to human or animal life. What does all of this mean to me? It means that every time I gaze out upon the farm that my Dad worked so hard for I literally feel

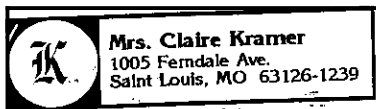
sick. And I am not the only one who feels this way. I have talked to almost all of the landowners along this line and no one is in favor of it. I have had rough and tough men cry when they talk about this power line crossing their farms. Some of these people have lived on their farms for generations. These people are the core of our society. They have produced food for our families for generations. Only to be thanked by a power company's need for greed. If we don't believe that, then we are only fools in the hands of our players.

I have had the opportunity to be very involved in this from the very beginning. I have testified before the PSC, the House of Representatives in favor of HB 447 and the Senate in favor of SB 505. I have met legislators, lawyers and common people from all across this state and I can tell you behind closed doors no one is for this power line. Ameren UE is very powerful as well as our electric cooperatives. Their lobbyists are well paid and beyond closed doors there they stand with a handful of political cards. I have seen it with my own eyes and I couldn't do what they do because I like to sleep at night with a clear conscience. When I was growing up my Dad used to tell me that when you are right stand up. That is what I have done. I have stood up to an energy giant in belief that this power line is nothing but a stepping-stone in the greater scheme of things. To Ameren UE and our electric cooperatives I am nothing. But my 100 acres in Dixon Missouri is everything to me. The landowners I have met in this past year have farms that are worth fighting for as well.

Our grid system in Missouri is the largest in the Midwest. If the Bland-Franks transmission line is so over loaded then that line ought to be required to be up graded. But the Bland-Franks line is not the real problem here. The problem is that Ameren UE and our electric cooperatives want to export power and so what if a few farmers stand in their way. The people of this state matter not to the power companies. My hope is that we do matter to you. Without the PSC this group of farmers would not have had a prayer. We sincerely thank you for taking the time to examine this closely. As you know our fate is in your hands. As a group Concerned Citizens for Family Farms and Heritage have done all we can to prove this line not to be viable. As a group we will continue to work for landowner rights in this state. We had a choice here and we chose to stand up and say we have had enough. I personally thank you for your time in this matter

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