# THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

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Permit for the Construction of a High		)			
Voltage Direct Current Transmission Line in		)	Docket No. 13-C	BEE-	803-MIS
Ford, Hodgeman, Edwards, Pawnee, Barton,		)			
Russell, Osborne, Mitchell, Cloud, Washington,		)			
Marshall, Nemaha, Brown, and Doniphan		)			
Counties Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1,177	7, et seq.	)			

# NOTICE OF FILING OF PUBLIC COMMENT MEMORANDUM AND REPORT

The Office of Advisory Counsel for the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Advisory Counsel and Commission, respectively) files the attached Memorandum and report summarizing the public comments received by the Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection (PACP). This filing is for informational purposes only, and no Commission action is required at this time.

WHEREFORE Advisory Counsel requests the Commission accept this filing for informational purposes and for such further relief as the Commission deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Van Blaricum, #21662

**Advisory Counsel** 

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

#### 13-GBEE-803-MIS

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Notice of Filing of Public Comment Memorandum and Report was served by electronic mail this 17th day of July, 2013, to the following parties who have waived receipt of follow-up hard copies:

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#### MEMORANDUM

To: Kim Christiansen, Executive Director

From: Jesse Borjon, Director

Public Affairs and Consumer Protection

Date July 16, 2013

Re: Public Comments

Docket No. 13-GBEE-803-MIS

Attached is the report summarizing comments received by the Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection (PACP) in the Matter of the Application of Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC for a Siting Permit for the Construction of a High Voltage Direct Current Transmission Line in Ford, Hodgeman, Edwards, Pawnee, Barton, Russell, Osborne, Mitchell, Cloud, Washington, Marshall, Nemaha, Brown, and Doniphan Counties.

There have been 407 comments received either by letter, phone or email prior to the application filing on July 15, 2013. This memo is submitted to inform of the comments received prior to the opening of this docket. Of these comments, 364 were submitted as part of a petition organized by Landowner Coalition.

Copies of the comments received and the summary are attached as "Attachment A." By filing a copy of this memo I am requesting Advisory Counsel file into the docket.

Cc: Jay Van Blaricum

# Attachment A

Comments Received Prior to July 15, 2013

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### **Consumer Protection**

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Docket No	Total Comments	Total Signatures	Total
13-GBEE-803-MIS	139	268	407

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# **Bethany Runyon**

From:

Gerrie Lippert

Sent:

Monday, February 18, 2013 4:16 PM

To:

Steve Boyd; Bethany Runyon

Subject:

FW: transmission line

Gerrie

From: Sharon Dohe [mailto:dohefarm@wtciweb.com]

Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2013 10:16 AM

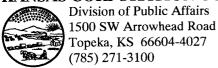
To: public.affairs

Subject: transmission line

I do not want the transmission line anywhere near our ground. We went to a meeting in Lincoln on 1-31-13 put on by Grain Belt Express Clean Line and all they did was lie to us. They told us DC power can not cause a fire, no proof of health problems from it, they will put the ground back the way they found it, not worried about birds or such. Well I know DC power can start a fire and I have a document of a study that proved that it can cause cancer, leukemia, tumors, miscarriages etc. We have wind farms and they also told us the ground would be put back the way they found it and now we have ditches where they drove up and down the hills and that has never been addressed. We have told them but they could care less and this company lies to us so I doubt whether they care about anything but themselves also. As for the birds and such, who cares, after all they can always fly away or run away or die. No biggy, no one cares about the people any more. Most of the people there were against it and they more or less told us it didn't matter if we want it or not it is going thru. We worked hard for what we have and I have an organic garden and have worked hard to keep my family healthy. May God help us because no one else will.

Sharon Dohe 854 N 120th Rd Lincoln KS 67455

# KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION



Complaint ID 95198

Date Filed

02/10/2013

Investigator

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Name

KATHRYN LUPFER-NIELSEN

Work Phone

Cell Phone

Fax #

**Business** 

Street Address

Mailing Address

City DENMARK

State ks Zip Code

Ext

Email Address MNIELSEN@WTCIWEB.COM

**Special Instructions** 

Home Phone (785)277-3424

Contacts

No Contacts Exist

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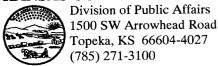
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# KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION



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#### Narrative

02/06/2013

HELLO, MY NAME IS KATHY LUPFER-NIELSEN AND I LIVE IN LINCOLN COUNTY, SPECIFICALLY IN GRANT TOWNSHIP WHERE ONE OF THE PROPOSED ROUTES IS A POSSIBILITY. I WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW A BIT ABOUT OUR FAMILY. OUR CHILDREN, CARL, 29, HANNAH, 25 AND CHRISTENA, 21 ARE THE FIFTH GENERATION OF THE NIELSEN FAMILY WHO HOMESTEADED THIS LAND IN 1871. THE PIONEERS EVENTUALLY BUILT A TWO STORY LIMESTONE HOUSE AS WELL AS LIMESTONE BARN BOTH OF WHICH WERE PLACED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF HISTORICAL PLACES. SEE HTTP://WWW.KSHS.ORG/RESOURCE/NATIONAL\_REGISTER/NOMINATIONSNRDB/LINCOLN NIELSENFARMNR.PDF

IT CONCERNS OUR FAMILY THAT THE PROPOSED LINE WOULD GO THROUGH ON OUR LINE BETWEEN THE HISTORIC HOME AND THE SPILLMAN CREEK HUNTING LODGE HOUSE AND PRESERVE LAND. THESE TWO PROPERTIES ARE BARELY .8 MILE BETWEEN AND COULD BE VISUALLY UNACCEPTABLE TO OUR OUT OF STATE CUSTOMERS WHO LOVE THE OUTDOORS LOCATION. ADDITIONALLY THE FARM GROUND ALONG THIS PROPOSED SITE IS PLANTED TO ALFALFA AND WHEN IT RAINS PRODUCES GREAT ALFALFA. WE ARE HOPING THAT THIS LOCATION WILL BE RECONSIDERED.

WE ARE CONCERNED NOT ONLY FOR OUR LAND IN LINCOLN COUNTY BUT THE REST OF THE ROUTE. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT MANY OF THE SAME CONCERNS WERE MENTIONED AT A PUBLIC MEETING A YEAR AGO AND THEN REPEATED LAST WEEK JANUARY 31ST HERE IN LINCOLN. WHILE WE REALIZE THAT WE ARE A RURAL COMMUNITY WITH A SMALL POPULATION, IT IS DISCONCERTING TO REALIZE THAT NOBODY IS LISTENING. KANSAS WAS SETTLED BY SMALL FARM FAMILIES AND OUR STATE NEEDS TO VALUE THOSE ROOTS.

02/06/2013

WILL LINCOLN COUNTY ACTUALLY GET TAX MONIES FROM THIS PROJECT? WILL THE PAYMENT FOR THE LANDOWNERS BE WORTH THE IRRITATION OF FARMING AND LIVING AROUND THOSE TOWERS? WHAT ABOUT PRESERVATION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE EVEN THOUGH IT'S ONLY FOR ONE FAMILY AND A SMALL COMMUNITY?

I WOULD HOPE THAT SOMEONE AT THE COMMISSION WILL KEEP THEIR FINGER ON THIS PROJECT AND NOT JUST LET A LARGE CORPORATION SELL THE SMALL FOLKS DOWN THE ROAD.

I REALIZE THAT THIS WILL COME DOWN TO EMINENT DOMAIN ISSUES...BUT PLEASE LET THE LANDOWNERS IN ON WHERE THESE TOWERS WILL BE...IT IS THEIR LAND, SOME FAMILIES SUCH AS OURS HAVE LIVED ON THIS LAND FOR GENERATIONS.

THANKS FOR LISTENING. KATHY

02/10/2013

HELLO COMMISSIONERS: I WISH THAT SOMEONE FROM THE COMMISSION WOULD AT LEAST CONTACT US¿785-277-3424 IS OUR HOME PHONE. WE HAVE SOME MAJOR CONCERNS FOR ONE PROPOSED ROUTE THAT WILL GO THROUGH GRANT TOWNSHIP, LINCOLN COUNTY¿NEAR OUR LIMESTONE HOUSE THAT IS ON THE NATIONAL REGISTRY AND ALSO CLOSE TO OUR CHURCH THAT IS ALSO ON THE NATIONAL REGISTRY.

OUR FARM ALSO HAS A FOR-FEE HUNTING OPERATION THAT WE HAVE DONE FOR 20+ YEARS&WHICH PROVIDES JOBS FOR SEVERAL LOCALS AND BRINGS OUT OF STATE VISITORS TO THE STATE. PART OF WHAT THEY COME FOR, BESIDES THE PHEASANTS, IS THE BEAUTIFUL ROLLING PRAIRIE.

I WOULD JUST LIKE TO ASK WHY THE COMMISSION WOULD LET THIS PRIVATE COMPANY HAVE RIGHTS AS A PUBLIC UTILITY. THAT THEY CAN HAVE EMINENT DOMAIN. ALSO DID THE COMMISSION RESEARCH THIS COMPANY WELL? IT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE PEOPLE IN NEW MEXICO ARE VERY PLEASED WITH HOW THERE TOWERS HAVE TURNED OUT. AND IF FOLKS QUESTIONED IT OR GOT A LAWYER THEY WEREN'T COMPENSATED VERY WELL. BOY THAT SURE SOUNDS GREAT FOR KANSAS FARMERS AND RANCHERS. ARE WE JUST TO LET THIS GO BY WITHOUT QUESTIONS? I HAD HOPED OUR KANSAS GOVERNMENT HADN'T COME TO THAT.

KATHRYN LUPFER-NIELSEN
DENMARK KANSAS
RESIDENT OF NIELSEN FAMILY FARM, LISTED ON NATIONAL REGISTRY OF HISTORICAL PLACES IN 2006.

From: Gerrie Lippert

Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 8:30 AM

To: Bethany Runyon

Subject: FW: Clean line transmission line proposed route

I forgot if this was sent to you earlier, however, I believe it was decided that you need to keep this in a file for in the future when we receive comments.

Thanks Gerrie

----Original Message----

From: Kathryn Lupfer Nielsen [mailto:knielsen@k-state.edu]

Sent: Monday, February 04, 2013 1:17 PM

To: public.affairs

Subject: Clean line transmission line proposed route

Hello, my name is Kathy Lupfer-Nielsen and I live in Lincoln County, specifically in Grant township where one of the proposed routes is a possibility. I would like you to know a bit about our family. Our children, Carl, 29, Hannah, 25 and Christena, 21 are the fifth generation of the Nielsen family who homesteaded this land in 1871. The pioneers eventually built a two story limestone house as well as limestone barn both of which were placed on the National Registry of Historical Places. See <a href="http://www.kshs.org/resource/national\_register/nominationsNRDB/Lincoln\_NielsenFarmNR.pdf">http://www.kshs.org/resource/national\_register/nominationsNRDB/Lincoln\_NielsenFarmNR.pdf</a>

It concerns our family that the proposed line would go through on our line between the historic home and the Spillman Creek Hunting Lodge House and Preserve Land. These two properties are barely .8 mile between and could be visually unacceptable to our out of state customers who love the outdoors location. Additionally the farm ground along this proposed site is planted to alfalfa and when it rains produces great alfalfa. We are hoping that this location will be reconsidered.

We are concerned not only for our land in Lincoln County but the rest of the route. And I understand that many of the same concerns were mentioned at a public meeting a year ago and then repeated last week January 31st here in Lincoln. While we realize that we are a rural community with a small population, it is disconcerting to realize that NOBODY is listening. Kansas was settled by small farm families and our state needs to value those roots.

Will Lincoln County actually get tax monies from this project? Will the payment for the landowners be worth the irritation of farming and living around those towers? What about preservation of cultural heritage even though it's only for one family and a small community?

I would hope that someone at the Commission will keep their finger on this project and not just let a large corporation sell the small folks down the road.

I realize that this will come down to eminent domain issues...but please let the landowners in on where these towers will be...it is their land, some families such as ours have lived on this land for generations.

Thanks for listening. Kathy

From:

Gerrie Lippert

Sent:

Monday, February 11, 2013 3:02 PM

To:

Steve Boyd; Bethany Runyon

Subject:

FW: What about Clean line proposed routes?

From: Merrill Nielsen [mailto:mnielsen@wtciweb.com]

Sent: Sunday, February 10, 2013 2:06 PM

To: public.affairs

Subject: What about Clean line proposed routes?

Hello commissioners: I wish that someone from the commission would at least contact us...785-277-3424 is our home phone. We have some major concerns for one proposed route that will go through Grant township, Lincoln County...near our limestone house that is on the National Registry and also close to our church that is also on the National Registry.

Our farm also has a for-fee hunting operation that we have done for 20+ years...which provides jobs for several locals and brings out of state visitors to the state. Part of what they come for, besides the pheasants, is the beautiful rolling prairie.

I would just like to ask why the commission would let this private company have rights as a public utility...so that they can have eminent domain. Also did the commission research this company well? It doesn't sound like people in New Mexico are very pleased with how there towers have turned out...and if folks questioned it or got a lawyer they weren't compensated very well...boy that sure sounds great for Kansas farmers and ranchers...are we just to let this go by without questions? I had hoped our Kansas government hadn't come to that.

Kathryn Lupfer-Nielsen Denmark Kansas

Resident of Nielsen Family Farm, listed on National Registry of Historical Places in 2006.

From:

Steve Boyd

Sent:

Friday, February 15, 2013 9:45 AM

To:

Bob Fox; Michael Wegner; Bethany Runyon

Subject:

FW: Clean Line

Suzanne indicated that both callers sounded credible, but I talked with Michael and he said that there was a slide with the KCC's address shown at the meeting that he attended. We are also receiving comments already, and while we are keeping those comments in a file we are also instructing the people who write to file their comments again once a docket number has been assigned. Thank you.

From: Suzanne Woodruff

Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2013 4:40 PM

To: Steve Boyd Subject: Clean Line

Two calls received thus far regarding information provided at Clean Line Open Houses:

Melinda Balkin
 Ellsworth KS
 Call received 2/13/2013

She attended an open house for Clean Line. She was upset because she was told "no hearing will be held" because the line was only 115kv. She questioned how a "100" pole could be put up near her house without a hearing.

John Broxterman
 1376 27<sup>th</sup> Rd
 Axtell KS 66403
 Call received 2/14/2013

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He attended an open house regarding Grainbelt Express Clean Line. He has questions regarding the transmission lines. Grain Belt is proposing a route that has lines running paralled to existing Westar lines on his property. With these lines, he will not be able to apply aerial fertilizer applications as the company told him they would not apply it with these lines on his property. He called his federal crop insurance company and they told him these aerial applications were required to maintain coverage. He was not told of any public hearing regarding the transmission lines or of any opportunity for public comments.

Suzanne Woodruff Program Consultant

Public Affairs & Consumer Protection Kansas Corporation Commission 1500 SW Arrowhead Road | Topeka, KS | 66604-4027 Phone (785) 271-3192 | Fax (785) 271-3111 Bethany Runyon 952.0

From: sherylm1@juno.com

**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2013 9:46 AM

To: public.affairs

Subject: Clean Line Energy route

#### Greetings.

I was unable to attend (due to medical reasons) the meeting held in my area on the three possible transmission routes through Kansas for this utility. My neighbors north and south of me went and told me afterwards that part of one of the options involves setting a tower where my house is. Obviously, I am very upset about this. Apparently they were not aware the house is located where it is. I am writing to tell you it does exist. The address is 955 2nd Road, and it is just north of Oren Holle's property at 979 2nd Road, and south of Dave Stoh's property at 867 2nd Road.

I built this house myself over six years ago, and sunk everything I had into acquiring the land and building a home for me. There is no other land available, as most of the farms in this area are family-owned and none of the current owners care to parcel out their cropland or pasture for a home. If my property is seen as potential obstacle to this utility route, and they seek to seize it, I will be left with nothing. I've worked long and hard to find a place in this area for me to retire and be productive in my community. The very idea that some out of state company thinks they can take my hard earned home away from me for a transmission tower is unacceptable.

In addition, power transmission lines were run along the county line just one mile west of me a couple of years back, and whenever you pass under those line crossing the road, the interference in radio signals is overwhelming. I have no desire to be situated so close to a line that I can not even get a radio or television signal, especially during inclement weather. A tower any closer than a mile to my home would be detrimental to my quality of life, and may even present health hazards.

Please make sure my home is NOT overlooked during this route planning process. I would appreciate acknowledgment of this missive. Thank you.

Sheryl Rippe 955 Second Road Bremen, KS 66412



# **Axtell Economic Development Corporation**

Gary Ronnebaum, Chair Housing Sub-Committee - 2924 Granite Rd., - Axtell, KS 66403

March 25, 2013

#### To Whom It May Concern:

Clean Line Energy LLC., a private development company is in the process of determining a route for their power transmission line across Kansas, Missouri and Illinois. The line will be a 600 KVDC line which may require towers 28' x 28' at the base, with concrete pilings poured 30' deep in the ground. The power will be generated primarily with wind power from near Dodge City and sent East to the more populated cities. Kansas will not receive any of the power generated with our natural resources and this company has been granted eminent domain status by Kansas State Commerce Commission which means that they may forcibly take land for easements along their chosen route. Along with the normal concerns about dividing contiguous farm property and depreciating our farmland values, I feel it is irresponsible of KCC to allow private companies to exploit our natural resources with no benefit to the residents of our state,

I would like to ask the promoters of Clean Line Energy and the Kansas Corporation Commission to reconsider the proposed routes for this power transmission line. Rural housing development has increased over the past five years in the Marshall/Nemaha area. Within the past 2 years the Axtell community alone has built 13 new homes with more under construction. Surrounding communities continue to see growth and expansion of business and housing. No one wants to build under or near a transmission line, so potential building sites would be lost and existing homes and property near the line would depreciate in value.

Another concern of mine is that one of the routes passes over St. Michael's Cemetery and runs directly over the original Pony Express Trail including Ash Point Station and Cemetery. Each year riders from The National Pony Express Association from across the United States gather for a re-ride in commemoration of the Pony Express mail services. They would be very disappointed to find the original route was obstructed by power lines and towers. This trail has been left unencumbered since 1861 and it doesn't seem right to desecrate this historic route. Many activities each year center around the History of the Pony Express Trail/Overland Stage Coach Trail. I also am concerned that this piece of history could be destroyed for my family, friends and communities. This historic route needs to be preserved and protected.

While progress is important, it is also important that we need to assess the positive progress that is currently existing and expanding vs. the negative impact this power line would place on Economic Development. KCC needs to give serious consideration to the effects of outside investors coming into the State of Kansas and exploiting our natural resources, without benefit to the residents to the State of Kansas.

Sincerely,

Gary J. Ronnebaum Chair Axtell Economic Development - Housing Sub-Committee

e-mail: ronnebaum1953@yahoo.com ph: 785.736.2704 cell: 785.799.7459

# **Steve Boyd**

From:

Gary Ronnebaum [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Wednesday, May 22, 2013 7:10 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- 1 year ago we

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

1 year ago we moved into the new home that we worked and waited for during the past 38 years, now we face the prospect of having a ugly power transmission in full view from our front window.

Sincerely, Gary Ronnebaum Axtell, Kansas

There are now 96 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

transmission-lines-3?response=5747c7a24455

From: sonya@kee-family.com

**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2013 2:00 PM

To: public.affairs

Subject: Clean Line Grain Belt Express input questions

Attachments: untitled-2.html

I contacted you several weeks ago regarding filing a petition in this matter. Unfortunately in the meantime my email crashed, so I am asking again. I apologize for the inconvenience. At the time you sent me to the KCC code that refers to petitions. It is not our intent to file a petition that would require the KCC to open a new court docket case, rather it is our intent to provide input to the KCC from as many Kansas citizens as possible when the KCC hears the case.

We have a large group of concerned citizens (many of whom have called you) who oppose Clean Line's plan to build a transmission line through Kansas. I understand we cannot give feedback to the KCC until Clean Line has filed their proposed route and the case has been assigned a court docket number. However, Clean Line's plan to file in early summer when Kansas farmers are in the field harvesting creates a hardship for anyone remotely involved in farming to attend to a KCC hearing. This being the case, we would like to collect signatures from farmers, landowners, and other citizens and submit input on their behalf to the KCC.

We want to ensure this type of input will be recognized by the KCC in addition to letters and speaking at the hearings. I hope you can help us answer the following questions:

What needs to be included - signature, printed name, address? Do the signatures need to be dated? And if so, must the signatures be collected only after Clean Line has submitted their route and the case has a docket number? Do the signatures need to be notarized?

We are considering using an online petition tool such as Change.org which will send an email letter to the KCC each time someone signs the petition online. Will these email letters be accepted? Will they be accepted if they are received before Clean Line files their proposed route and gets a court docket number? Does the KCC have any objections to us using an online petition?

Please let me know if there are other things we need to consider.

I would very much appreciate speaking to you about this, but I also need the answers "in writing" to take back to our coalition to ensure we do this right. You can reach me at 785-799-3140.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Sonya Kee

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# **Bethany Runyon**

From:

sonya@kee-family.com

Sent:

Thursday, May 02, 2013 12:02 PM

To: Cc: Sonya Kee home public.affairs

Subject:

Re: Clean Line Grain Belt Express input questions

I received your voice message last Friday that you received my email and would provide a response by Monday, April 29th. I have checked my Spam and Junk email folders, but have not seen a response. Please let me know when I can expect to hear from you.

Thank you.

Sonya Kee

------ Original Message ------

Subject: Clean Line Grain Belt Express input questions

From: sonya@kee-family.com Date: Fri, April 26, 2013 2:57 pm To: public.affairs@kcc.ks.gov

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From:

sonya@kee-family.com

Sent: To: Monday, March 25, 2013 12:44 PM

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public.affairs

Subject:

petition requirements

We plan to submit a petition to the KCC on behalf of landowners and homeowners in many Kansas counties regarding the proposed Clean Line Grain Belt Express transmission lines. Please email me the requirements of the petition. I understand it will not be accepted until after Clean Line has filed their chosen route. What other requirements does the KCC have for accepting petitions? I assume it can it be in both written/physical form as well as have electronic signatures gathered online?

Thank you. Sonya Kee

## **Steve Boyd**

From: Sonya Kee [mail@changemail.org]
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2013 2:41 PM

To: Steve Boyd

Subject: I just signed "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage

transmission lines"

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Sincerely, Sonya Kee Frankfort, Kansas

There are now 2 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

transmission-lines-3?response=5747c7a24455

From: Virginia Nolte [vnolte@bluevalley.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2013 10:02 AM

To: public.affairs

Subject: Clean Line transmission line

### Members of the KCC,

I am writing in protest of the Clean Line transmision line that is proposed through Marshall County- In particular, the one that runs one mile south of Highway 36. We live and own a business along Highway 36 near Beattie. Our son and his family live one half mile south of us. If this route is taken, our grandkids will live less than one mile from this line. We have four grandkids under the age of 7 living here and we are concerned for their health. I have read reports that kids that live within one mile of these lines have a higher incidence of leukemia. Do you understand why this issue is important to me? I know the company says that it is safe but I tend not to believe a big company who is pushing for something that benefits them. Also, we purchased the land south of us which contains a heavily wooded wildlife area. We paid a premium price for it because we wanted to keep the land intact for wildlife and nature for our grandkids' future. We use the area for recreation, fishing, four wheeling and hiking. This land would be dangerously close to the line. So you would be taking away something that we thought we were protecting for our future and our grandkids' future. Why is the desire of a big utility company more important than the rights of the citizens of Kansas who pay all the taxes for the land we own and want to save? Especially when the energy will benefit other states with cheaper energy and we still have to pay the same energy prices? Plus, the utility company won't even have to pay property taxes for 10 years. But it is not a matter of money for me, It is all about my grandkids and their future. We already have one Westar transmission line going through this area. Why do we have to have another one close to it.? Plus, we already have one of the highest rates of cancer in this area for some reason. Do we have to add to it? Running this line will pass close to many towns and residences. Why can't they go about 20 miles south of here where there is mostly pasture ground and less homes?. I guess this is your opportunity to show what matters most in Kansas-families or big business. I think I already know the answer to that. Please do the right thing and make them choose a route that does not affect so many people's lives. We are citizens of this state, pay a lot of taxes, and deserve the right to protect our property for future generations. Don't take that away from us.

Virginia Nolte 1997 Pony Express Hwy. Beattie, Kansas 66406 785-353-2561

# Steve Boyd

From: Sent:

Virginia Nolte [mail@changemail.org] Thursday, May 30, 2013 11:16 AM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- Because we live and

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Because we live and own a business and farmground close to one of the routes and think it will adversely affect every part of our life.

Sincerely, Virginia Nolte Beattie, Kansas

There are now 219 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

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transmission-lines-3?response=5747c7a24455

From:

Marceil Bergman [jm.bergman@att.net]

Sent:

Sunday, April 14, 2013 12:41 PM

To: Subject: public.affairs Clean Line Energy

In regards to the Clean Line Energy Partners transmission line through north east Kansas

Why should Clean Line Energy have a 10 year tax break on property taxes? After the line is built the only money they will spend in northeast Kansas will be when they are passing through for gas and lunch. Our property taxes on the land the line sets on goes up every year. The counties and school districts always need more money. There is nothing positive for our area when we are sending energy out of state tax free. The line should be built from Ford county Kansas to Sullivan, Indiana and stay out of northeast Kansas!

Sincerely, John E. Bergman

## Jesse Borjon

From:

Jesse Borjon

Sent:

Friday, March 01, 2013 1:21 PM

To:

'micah@kee-family.com'

Cc:

Bethany Runyon

Subject:

Grain Belt Express Line

Dear Mr. Kee:

At the request of the Governor's Office, the Kansas Corporation Commission (Commission) is responding to your Grain Belt Express Clean Line project email. It is important to note that Clean Line has not filed a siting application for the Grain Belt Express line with the Commission. Clean Line has been conducting open houses in the impacted areas of the state to gain input from landowners. Once an application is filed, the Commission has 120 days to review and issue a final Order. In the application, Clean Line will propose one route as well as justification, and the Commission will consider and issue a decision on that route. Once the Commission has received the application, public notice will go out to impacted landowners, a public hearing(s) will be held, public comments can be submitted, and a technical hearing will be conducted. These are all opportunities for interested Parties to participate in the process. I strongly encourage you to participate and make your thoughts known to the Commission. I will keep your contact information on file here at the Commission, and we will be sure you receive notice of the proceedings once they are set. Feel free to email or call if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Jesse Borjon

Jesse Borjon, *Director*Public Affairs and Consumer Protection
Kansas Corporation Commission
Phone (785) 271-3269

Below is a message we received via e-mail from Mr. Kee who is expressing concern about the Grain Belt Express Clean Line project.

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Contact information Name: Micah Kee

Address: 1852 Ridge Road Frankfort, KS 66427

Phone: 1.785.799.314

E-mail: micah@kee-family.com

## Jesse Borjon

From: Frantz, Courtney [GO] [Courtney.Frantz@ks.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2013 2:02 PM

To: Jesse Borjon

Subject: Constituent Concern- Kee, Micah

Hi Jesse,

I'm the new constituent services representative in the governor's office. I'll be working with the KCC with constituent concerns.

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Contact information
Name: Micah Kee

Address: 1852 Ridge Road Frankfort, KS 66427

Phone: 1.785.799.314

E-mail: micah@kee-family.com

Can you please forward this onto the correct contact, if you are not it, in order to respond to the constituent's concern?

And can you please confirm with me that you are the appropriate person for me to send these kinds of requests in the future?

Thank you and have a wonderful day!

# Courtney Frantz courtney.frantz@ks.gov

[Confidentiality notice:]

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## **Steve Boyd**

From: Sent:

Micah Kee [mail@changemail.org] Monday, May 20, 2013 2:30 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

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transmission lines"

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Sincerely, Micah Kee Frankfort, Kansas

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Phone: (785) 562-3491 Fax: (785) 562-2971

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March 4, 2013

RE: Grain Belt Express Clean Line - Kansas Project

**Dear Fellow Counties:** 

The Board of Marshall County Commissioners has sent a letter to the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) expressing general concerns about the Grain Belt Express Clean Line project. My commissioners have asked that I send your county a courtesy copy of that letter, which is attached. You may also want to provide a copy to your county counselor.

As you are aware, Grain Belt Express Clean Line plans to build transmission lines through our county, and yours. At this early stage in the process, Marshall County is expressing general concerns to the KCC, including those concerns expressed by members of the public. When we know more about the exact route the company intends to take through Marshall County, we may relay more specific concerns to the KCC. This would be done in conjunction with the hearing the KCC will conduct when Grain Belt Express Clean Line files for a site permit under K.S.A. 66-1,178

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call the Marshall County Commissioners or myself.

Sincerely,

Janu E. Johnson-McNish

Marshall County Attorney

# Marshall County Board of Commissioners

1201 Broadway, P.O. Box 391 Marysville, KS 66508 Ph. 785-562-5361 \*\* Fax 785-562-5262

Robert S. Connell 1<sup>st</sup> District, Chairman

Thomas K. Holle 2<sup>nd</sup> District

Charles R. Loiseau
3rd District

March 4, 2013

Patti Petersen-Klein, Executive Director Kansas Corporation Commission 1500 S.W. Arrowhead Road Topeka, KS 66604-4027 STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS
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RE:

Grain Belt Express Clean Line - Kansas Project

HVDC Transmission Lines through Marshall County, Kansas

Dear Ms. Petersen-Klein:

It is our understanding that Grain Belt Express Clean Line intends to build electric transmission lines in Kansas, including through Marshall County, Kansas. We, the Board of Marshall County Commissioners, realize that Grain Belt Express Clean Line has not yet filed to obtain a siting permit from the KCC, as required by K.S.A. 66-1,178. However, given information we have received from the company during recent public meetings, that action is imminent.

Grain Belt Express Clean Line has presented three (3) proposed routes through Marshall County Kansas. We do not yet know which specific route the company intends to take. We may have more specific concerns pertaining to these exact routes that we wish to relay to the KCC later. However, we have general, yet significant concerns we wish to express to the Kansas Corporation Commission today.

First, in meetings county officials attended last year, Grain Belt Express Clean Line officials stated that the company <u>would</u> make payments in lieu of taxes, since the property in question would likely be exempt for 10 taxable years following construction under K.S.A. 79-259.

However, at the recent public meetings, Grain Belt Express Clean Line officials stated they did <u>not</u> intend to make any payments in lieu of taxes. Nonetheless, Grain Belt Clean Line Express still expects fire, police and ambulance protection, and good roads and bridges. All these services are funded by the local property tax. Grain Belt Clean Line Express apparently expects the Marshall County property owners of taxable property to "pick up the tab" for their share of these services.

We are also concerned about the destructive impact construction and maintenance of the HVDC transmission lines will have on Marshall County roads and bridges. It is anticipated the shipment of heavy parts, large trucks and overall construction will substantially increase the cost of county roads and bridges. We have no reliable assurance that Grain Belt Express Clean Line, LLC, intends to be a good corporate citizen and bear the appropriate responsibility for the cost of its actions.

Furthermore, since the public meetings have been held, we have only received negative feedback from the public, including, but not limited to these concerns:

- 1. The transmission lines will result in the permanent loss of productive farm ground and will ruin wildlife habitats and wetlands around the build sites.
- 2. The electric magnetic fields generated by the transmission line will have a detrimental impact upon the health of surrounding people and wildlife.
- 3. The construction of the transmission lines will have a detrimental impact upon agricultural land due to large construction equipment. There is a concern that the agricultural land may never be restored to its former status after construction is complete.
- 4. The transmission lines will have a detrimental impact on property values, as evidenced by studies across the United States. Any loss in property values not only adversely affects specific landowners, but it also shrinks the local tax base; which in turn, drives up the mill levy for everyone else. The local property tax mill levy is calculated by taking the cost of local services that are funded by the property tax (e.g., police, fire, ambulance, roads, bridges, lights, etc.) divided by the assessed value of taxable property. As the denominator shrinks, the mill levy rises. In addition, schools will receive less funding as the tax base shrinks.

For all these reasons, we, the Board of Marshall County do not support the construction of transmission lines through Marshall County by Grain Belt Express Clean Line, LLC.

Robert S. Connell

1<sup>st</sup> District, Chairman

Thomas K. Holle

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cc: Grain Belt Express Clean Line, LLC, c/o Kathryn Paton, 1001 McKinney, Ste. 700, Houston, TX 77002; Senator Bowers, Senator Pyle, Representative Schwartz, Barton, Brown, Clay, Cloud, Doniphan, Edwards, Ellsworth, Ford, Hodgeman, Lincoln, Mitchell, Nemaha, Osborne, Ottawa, Pawnee, Rush, Russell and Washington Counties; Kansas Association of Counties

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CORPORATION COMMISSION MAR 0 5 2013 PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Commissioners Kansas Corporation Commission 1500 SW Arrowhead Road Topeka, KS 66604

Re: Proposed Grain Belt Transmission Line in Marshall County

Dear Chairman Sievers, Mr. Wright, and Ms. Feist Albrecht,

The northernmost proposed siting in Marshall County for the Grain Belt Express transmission line passes through a small organic farm that belongs to a friend who raises high quality, USDA Certified Organic beef under the name "Bossie's Best" on her small acreage. The property is at 896 15<sup>th</sup> Road, and it is owned by Nancy Vogelsberg-Busch.

Recently, a University of Nebraska study of bird diversity on conventional and organic farms found that Nancy's farm had the highest species diversity of any of the farms studied. The prize habitat includes her pastures, the creek, and a stand of 200-year-old oak timber.

Nancy's farm is a big economic asset to Marshall County and to north central Kansas. Every year or two we travel to Frankfort to pick up our organic beef from the locker plant, and, while we are there, we spend the night and tour the area, including her farm. Her unique farm is generating Agri-tourism, and it would be such a shame for this to be spoiled by big transmission towers running through it.

There is no reason why this transmission line cannot the located immediately adjacent to the right of way of US 36 or even I-70 where it will have the least incremental impact. I urge you to convene a committee of county commissioners in the affected counties to help devise a route that avoids Nancy's farm and minimizes the damage to the land. The routing decision should not be left entirely up to a big profit-making corporation.

Sincerely,

Craig Volland 609 N. 72nd St

Kansas City, Ks. 66112

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1651 N 260 Rd Clyde, KS 66938 February 26, 2013

The Commissioners
Kansas Corporation Commission
1500 Arrowhead Road
Topeka, KS 66604

Re: Proposed Transmission Line in Marshall County, northern route

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Nancy is carrying on an organic farming legacy started by her father John Vogelsberg, one of the rare farmers who chose not to adopt chemical farming techniques after WWII. He outsmarted bugs and built fertility by natural means, generating a net income per acre comparable to his neighbors.

Nancy and her Bossie's Best beef, the biological diversity of her place, and this heritage of organic farming are cultural assets. The proposed northern line disrupts this, slicing through her small farm. Aside from any impact the lines may have on the cattle, habitat is destroyed and the very essence of the organic farm – to farm with nature – is disrupted.

We know you have many people asking that you by-pass their places. We are asking on behalf of someone else because her small tract of land produces a unique, quality product and preserves outstanding biological diversity.

We hope you will be able to act favorably on this request.

Sincerely,
Ed & Mai Detaxle

Ed and Mari Detrixhe

# **Steve Boyd**

From: Sent:

Mari Detrixhe [mail@changemail.org] Thursday, May 30, 2013 10:30 AM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- Bury the lines to

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Bury the lines to preserve the beauty of the Kansas landscape and to respect the value of private property to our citizens.

Sincerely, Mari Detrixhe Clyde, Kansas

There are now 215 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

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transmission-lines-3?response=5747c7a24455

March 4, 2013

Kansas Corporation Commission 1500 SW Arrowhead Road Topeka, KS 66604-4027 Attention: Mr. Mark Sievers, Chairman CONSUMER PROTECTION

Dear Mr. Sievers,

The materials contained in this communication are copies of information presented to Clean Line Energy Partners pertaining to the regulatory approval of the GRAIN BELT EXPRESS, high voltage direct current transmission line by the name GRAIN BELT EXPRESS CLEAN LINE.

The purpose is to make the COMMISSION aware of concerns resulting from the proposed route through Cloud county designated B20 which as indicated on the maps would pass through or directly adjacent to residences and in one instance across a privately maintained airstrip.

The material herein presented is a copy for your information of the material sent to GRAIN BELT EXPRESS LLC.

Please give consideration to our requests.

THANK YOU.

Sincerely,

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# **ENCLOSURES:**

**General Statement of Concern** 

Petition

Individual personal comments

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# STATEMENT OF CONCERN

In general we are not opposed to the establishment of a high voltage direct current transmission line but we oppose the location of the line in route B20 as it is presently indicated on the maps from Grain Belt Express Clean Line.

Our concerns are that, as route B20 is now proposed, its close proximity to homes and associated structures will pose a threat of damage to property and hazard to personal safety in the event of natural destructive forces, mechanical failure, and human error. Also, such proximity will result in a reduction of property values as well as having a negative effect on aesthetics.

Another concern pertains to the property at SE1/4, Section 8, Township 8, Range 4 on which an airstrip exists. This facility is often used by visitors as well as serving as an emergency landing site for other small airplanes. It is well maintained by the land owner for these purposes.

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## **Petition**

To: Grain Belt Express Clean Line

Kansas Corporation Commission

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Re: Residence at 460 N 60<sup>th</sup> Rd, 7-8-4, Cloud County, KS

My concern is the line B20 route near the farm and farmhouse at 460 N 60<sup>th</sup> Rd, Section 7 Twnshp 8 Range 4, Lyon Township, Cloud County, Glasco, KS. My husband's parents lived there from 1958 until their deaths (2 years ago). This place is a large part of my husbands and my two children's heritage—we love this place and location! It is a unique and beautiful old house with oak woodwork, open oak staircase, oak floors, sliding oak doors, and prism windows which are irreplaceable. My daughter and her husband are doing extensive remodeling to the house and at the same time keeping all the original beautiful features of the house intact. This is a lifelong dream of their grandparents, who had always hoped that one of their grandchildren would live there some day. They have already put a huge sum of money into this project and will have it ready to move into this summer (2013).

You can imagine what the proposed HVDC power line going 150ft in the front view of this house would do to their renovation project—literally ruin it! How heartbreaking to think this is a possibility, especially when there are other routes where there are NO houses that would be that affected in this manner.

There are numerous reasons why this route is unacceptable. This proposed route would come very close to several homes near H24, plus interfere with an existing airstrip owned and operated by a retired gentleman. Safety is definitely an issue. The most obvious safety issue is that studies have not positively ruled out health hazards to children living near high voltage transmission lines. There will be three small children who live at 460 N 60<sup>th</sup> Road! Another safety issue is that if this HVDC power line is near a house, and a tornado hits, can you imagine the danger? Tornados are no respecter of anything—including high voltage transmission lines!

This family with young children at 460 N 60<sup>th</sup> Rd wish to make it their life home. If this particular proposed route is followed (B20), they would be looking out their front window or sitting on their front deck or porch and their view would be that power line! As it is, they have a beautiful view of the Solomon River Valley which is definitely a part of the nostalgia and attractiveness of the place.

They have already spent a considerable amount of money on renovations and improvements. How sickening and heart-breaking to put a power line in that close to the front of the house.

With respect, we ask that you choose a route where there are NO homes affected, which is very possible, and probably more cost effective to your company in the long run!

Comments submitted online on 02/27/13 by Irma Ethridge, wife of Gale Ethridge, Trustee.

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Allison Smith Clean Line Energy Partners 1001 McKinney, Suite 700 Houston, TX 7702

Dear Ms. Smith:

I am writing this letter to express my strong opposition to the proposed route of the Grain Belt Express transmission line through section 7-T8-R4W of southern Cloud County, Kansas. This opposition mainly concerns the proximity of this line to the residence of 460 N 60<sup>th</sup> Rd where my family (wife and three young children) and I soon plan to reside.

This home was constructed over a hundred years ago, and has been in my wife's family since the 1950's. The opportunity to live here was presented to my wife and I, and we have ventured into a very substantial renovation of the place to make it our home for the rest of our lives and a home to pass on to future generations. I have personally put great effort into this project, and my family is also steeply financially committed to it. I have only recently been informed that one of the proposed routes for the transmission line will practically travel over our front yard. A yard, that I must say, has a beautiful view of the Solomon River Valley; a site which I have grown quite fond of. I'm sure you can imagine my disappointment upon learning of this proposed route.

My primary concern in living this close to a transmission line is the possible detriment to my family's health. I have done some research on this, and I have found that there has been no conclusive proof of high voltage transmission lines causing adverse health problems. However, there are many studies that do link electrical EMF and health problems, especially in young children. Consequently, I am very concerned with this issue. Would you like a high voltage transmission line next to your home? This is a risk that I am unwilling to subject my family to.

This route also passes very close to two other homes and a small aircraft runway in this community. After reading the website for the transmission line project, I understand that routing the line next to homes is a concern. Then I ask how can this route even be considered when the other two routes through this region do not affect residences? Therefore, I would appreciate great consideration to choosing an alternate route for this line.

Sincerely,

Justin A. Rice

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Cathy R. Rice

107 E 2<sup>nd</sup> Glasco, KS 67445

(785)-568-2489 - (785)-738-8721

CC: Kansas Corporation Commission Kansas Electric Transmission Line Siting Act March 2, 2013

Allison Smith Clean Line Energy Partners 1001 McKinney, Suite 700 Houston, TX 77002

Dear Ms. Smith:

I am writing to express my opposition about a potential route for the Grain Belt Express line in Cloud County, KS. The specific route with which I have a vested interest and am in strong opposition to is the line that passes west to east through section 7-T8-R4W.

This route passes less than a few hundred feet from the residence at 460 N. 60<sup>th</sup> Rd, Glasco, KS. I am a trustee of this house and the property surrounding it. This is a third generation farmhouse that, in the last year, has undergone more than \$50,000 of remodeling in order for a young family to reside in it. Along with two young adults, there will be three children under the age of 8 living in the home. For obvious reasons, such as nostalgia and an inheritance over a span of nearly a century, it is priceless to our family. Placing a high voltage power line here would cause potential and probable health concerns, damage the property and property values considerably, and also pose huge risks to the home and those residing in it.

We strongly oppose placing high voltage power lines this close to this residence. Moving the line to run approximately one-quarter mile north of this residence or selecting another route will result in avoidable problems for your company. We have been seeking legal representation in the event the route that runs directly south of this house is selected. This route also passes in front of another residence on the same section and we have been informed the residents of that property are also in strong opposition to this route.

We understand the need for improved energy infrastructure. We would like to assume there is a sense of moral compass to recognize the severity of this issue since your number one concern, per your website, is residences.

Please be aware if this route is indeed selected as is, which passes this closely to our residence, we will continue with any and all means necessary to oppose and fight this decision. There are few things more sacred to residents in this area than our inheritance because it represents our heritage.

We appreciate your cooperation in this manner and are hopeful this letter is taken seriously as to avoid larger issues and unnecessary delays in the establishment of this line.

Sincerely,

Kris R. Ethridge

4589 Sunflower Slope Drive Manhattan, KS 66502 (316) 841-2894 - (316) 841-2587

CC: Kansas Corporation Commission Kansas Electric Transmission Line Siting Act March 3, 2013

To whom it may concern:

Glasco is a small rural farming community rich with heritage and pride and became a town in 1871. Glasco is located in Cloud County Kansas, with a population of about 500 people, where most of the families are farmers and grew up in this humble close knit community. We pride ourselves in the wide open beautiful waving fields of golden grain and rolling pastures, and are passionate about our responsibility to feed America. From tops of many hills you can see the lights of Concordia, Beloit, Minneapolis, Simpson, Ada, Delphos, Asherville, and many farm houses in between. Summers and autumns are filled with harvest combines and trucks, and Spring with the promise of new life during the calving season. We are rich in wildlife and scenery that God has provided for us to look after in our daily chores.

The farm house that I and my mother grew up in and land that we farm has been in the family since 1869 when my great, great, grandparents moved to from Norway. My mother's parents purchased this farm in 1942. My mom and her brother were raised on this farm, and my dad worked on the farm before he married my mom. When grandpa retired, mom and dad moved to this house to raise myself and my two older sisters. They have lived on the farm since 1978. I have always helped on the farm and 5 years ago my husband Jason and I moved back to Glasco to help mom and dad farm and ranch fulltime. We all enjoy the outdoors from farming to hunting and marvel at Gods open country.

We are very saddened at the thought of hundreds of huge power poles being proposed that tear across our vast wide open spaces, not only obstructing views, but not guaranteeing the safety of our wildlife, livestock and people. One of your proposed routes B20, although states would stay within 150 feet of any houses, goes across our land and many neighbors. We received your notice of meetings through your postcard just one day before the meeting, and frankly without much information provided. Had we not further looked on your website, we would have never realized the proposed route B26, goes apparently close to our 1880's farm house, and just as close to several neighbors' homes. Another Proposed route B18 takes a diagonal across our southern fields near the Kinder Morgan station following the existing pipeline. We realize these are just proposed routes but we are disappointed that no representative has personally talked with us with more information about health risks and safety. Although some compensation may be given to landowners, it may seriously adversely affect the value of our property. No one wants to look out their kitchen window and see power lines in their view. Living on the Plains, there are risks of tornadoes. I would hate to think of the dangers of having downed high voltage lines near our house.

We are opposed to these lines crossing our land.

Sincerely,

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Kansas Corporation Commission 1500 SW Arrowhead Rd Topeka, KS 66604 CONSUMER PROTECTION

Dear Kansas Corporation Commission,

I buy Certified Organic Beef raised on the certified organic farm run by Nancy Vogelsberg-Busch. I have shared meat from her farm with many others, and I plan to do so more this mear than last, and more next year than this. I have this year interested several more people in buying whole or sides of her beef, and in my circle of acquaintences interest in her Certified Organic Beef is enthusiastically growing.

Her farm must be protected and preserved because, in addition to all the usual reasons, she is the only one in the state to produce and make available Certified Organic Beef from the ground up to and including the finished packaged product --- all the way through, I's dotted, T's crossed. If you allow the 'Clean Line' bullies of the world in any way to encroach on and defile her Certified Organic land the loss to her and to us all will be irreparable.

Please honor her and respect her for her law-abiding industry and fidelity to a noble and precious goal --- uncompromised rutritious food. Please save and protect her farm in its uniqueness for all our sakes.

Sincerely,

Helen Moritz 826 Alabama St

Lawrence, KS 66044

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## Dear Ms Petersen-Klein

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I am enclosing a copy of a letter I sent to Clean Line concerning the proposed transmission line through our area. I am concerned about the infringement on trails, future restrictions on my choices of how to use my property, and the general uncertain future of wind energy in light of its need of heavy subsidies to survive from a government nearing bankruptcy itself. I chose to live in this beautiful area of the state so I didn't have to look at the clutter of power lines and tall buildings. Thank you for addressing my concerns.

Don Musil, DVM

745 Highway 9

Blue Rapids, KS 66411

#### March 7, 2013

Clean Line Energy

1001 McKinney St

Houston, TX 77002

Dear Sir or Madam,

My wife and I own the west 80 of the southeast quarter of section 23 in Waterville Township, Marshall County, KS. One of the proposed routes of the overhead power line running from southwest Kansas to Illinois and Indiana crosses this property. I would like to make two points.

First of all, there are at least 9 historic trails that cross Marshall County including the Pony Express Trail, Oregon-California Trail and Mormon Trail. There is no county in the state that has that many trails. Most of these would be crossed by any of the proposed routes you have put forward. I am strongly opposed to any further infringement on these trails. I would think you could find another route that caused less damage aesthetically to such historic places.

At some point in the not too distant future we are planning to put an irrigation pivot on the property referenced above. Any infringement on the ability to do so will not be acceptable. There is also the potential for gravel production from this farm and any infringement on the potential mining of gravel is also not acceptable.

I also have a few questions. How much is the easement payment for crossing a piece of property and how much per tower? Who decides compensation for damages incurred during construction including long term soil compaction and loss of production? When the federal subsidies for wind energy are no longer available due to budget cutting, will the power line still be viable? Wind energy can in no way stand on its own at this time and we seem to be swimming in natural gas and coal. I honestly don't see much of a future for the so-called alternative energy sources for some time to come. If the company or companies involved become bankrupted who will disassemble the power line and when? Who will pay for any damages or liabilities involved during the razing

of the line at that time or any time in the future? Is it true that your power line is exempt from property taxes for the first 10 years of its existence?

I would appreciate replies to the questions posed here as soon as possible. Thank you.

Respectfully yours,

Donald Musil, DVM

745 Highway 9

Blue Rapids, KS 66411

Cc: Marshall County Commissioners

Representative Sharon Schwartz

Sen. Mark Taddiken

Sen. Jerry Moran

Cong. Lynn Jenkins

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS
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Re: Proposed Grain Belt Transmission Line in Northeast Kansas

Dear Chairman Sievers, Mr. Wright, and Ms. Feist Albrecht,

I am a land owner in Brown County Kansas, a graduate of Kansas State University, and a sixth-generation Kansas farmer. I take great pride in our state. I am currently employed in raising the seventh generation to take a similar pride in my vocation and the wonderful opportunities our state provides. I was away on business when our local informational meeting was held (regarding placement of the line) and thus unable to attend. I do not have a lot of faith in external corporate interests or their responsivity to my and my neighbors concerns. Thus, I will relay my concerns to you. Your board is charged with duly representing the interests of the citizens of this state.

I am tired of my state being prostituted by external corporate interests. I apologize for the pejorative term; however, no other term adequately expresses my extreme frustration. The wind energy and general energy model represented by the current proposal is not in the best interests of our state. Currently, we are undertaking an expansion of a coal fired generation station in western Kansas, in order to "sell" electricity to the eastern slope of Colorado. To do so, we ship coal from Wyoming and "buy" petroleum from the tar sands of Canada to power this transit. And now, we learn there is a plan to "harness the wind" from the Dodge City area and sell it to urban interests three states away. NONE OF THESE ENDEAVORS BENEFIT OUR STATE IN THE LONG TERM. They are short term expedients with major structural long-term consequences (pollution, destruction of habitat, disruption of local citizens, the export of wealth from our state, and a furtherance of external economic imperialism). You represent the corporate interests of our state. From my perspective, your primary goal should be to promote INTERNAL corporate interests as opposed to external interests.

I am a strong advocate of wind energy and other renewable energy. However, I strongly believe that the regional models (for production/consumption of wind energy) adopted by our neighboring states (Nebraska, Iowa, and Missouri) have a far greater potential to address the concerns I have expressed and be "sustainable" in the long term. Recently, we have learned of new energy production avenues within our own state (oil and natural gas). We have also seen our neighboring states installing wind generation facilities for local consumption and enhanced local economic development. I would propose that your Commission support these ventures.

In the event that you decide to advocate for the current proposed transmission line; I would support the use of a pre-existing right of way such as the I-70 corridor. I recently

drove across I-90 in southern Minnesota and observed such a transmission line directly adjacent to the interstate highway.

Every year, I submit a registration fee (DOT Unified Carrier Registration) to your commission. This registration allows me to ship my Kansas grain to mills in Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, and Colorado. At the end of the day, the profits from these ventures come back to our state and enhance our local economy. This year our wheat crop was sold to a mill within our state for local processing. On a small scale, these are the corporate interests your commission should be advocating.

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Jack Geiger

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RE: The Proposed Northern Transmission Route in NE Kansas

Dear Chairman Sievers, Mr. Wright and Ms. Feist Albrecht,

When a proposed transmission line would pass through land that has a highly noted heritage of species diversity, prized habitat and a long organic farming legacy, something very fragile will be disrupted, destroyed and lost forever to Kansans. There is no reasonableness and necessity to this destructive route.

If Kansans are bound to let projects like the Clean Line Energy project tramp thru, take energy from the SW and send it off to the East then they deserve the negative "What's Wrong with Kansas "label.

When is clean affordable local wind energy for Kansans happening???? Not in the corporate board rooms in Houston.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Geiger Robinson, Kansas

MARILYN GEIGER 2015 RACCOON RD ROBINSON, KS 66532-9781 STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION 3521 SW Oakley Ave. Topeka, KS 66614 March 13, 2013

Chairman Mark Sievers, Commissioner Thomas E. Wright, and Commissioner Shari Feist Albrecht
Kansas Corporation Commission
1500 SW Arrowhead Road
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

RE: Siting of Transmission Lines for Grain Belt Express Clean Line, LLC

Dear Chairman Sievers, Commissioner Wright, and Commissioner Albrecht:

I am a lifelong Kansas resident, and I support Kansas wind power for Kansans. I'm not sure I am in favor of an out-of-state company exporting Kansas wind power to other states without so much as a kilowatt for Kansas.

But be that as it may, I am writing to join the Marshall County Commission in opposing the siting of Grain Belt Express Clean Line, LLC, transmission lines through prime farm land in Marshall County.

One of the farms likely to be affected by the transmission lines, according to published proposals, is the farm at 896 15th Road, Home, Kansas, from which I have for many years been buying pastured-raised, USDA certified-organic beef. So far as I know, this is the only farm in Kansas from which such beef is available. If the transmission lines go through this farm, the enterprise will essentially be crippled and probably will be shut down.

You will have heard from other Kansans about the loss of prime farm land, irreplaceable wildlife habitat, and hundreds-of-years-old oak forest that will result from the proposed sitings. I am selfishly concerned about the beef I eat and will no longer be able to buy in Kansas.

I suppose I will be able to obtain certified-organic, pasture-raised beef from Texas or Iowa, and I will if I have to. But I would much prefer to buy this high-value product from a Kansas producer.

Is there any good reason these transmission lines cannot go along already-existing right-of-way, such as highways? Perhaps this Texas company does not realize the value to our state of the family farms they would be disrupting, if not completely destroying, by going through the middle of farms in Marshall County and other counties.

If they do not know, or do not care, it is your responsibility as Kansas officials to educate them and to stop this destruction. Please, do not issue to Grain Belt Express a siting permit that takes out so much precious farm land and habitat. It isn't good for our state! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Marjorie J. Van Buren

CC: Patti Peterson-Klein, Executive Director

**Don Wagner** 

424 N. Lincoln St. Bennington, Kansas 67422 Ddwagner424@gmail.com

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Re: Proposed Grain Belt Transmission Line in Marshall County

Dear Chairman Sievers, Mr. Wright, and Ms. Albrecht:

I have spent much of my life supporting renewable energy projects, but the proposed wind farm in the Dodge City area creates some problems and conflicts for the residents of Kansas. For one, the Grain Belt Express transmission line passes through a family owned century farm, 896 15<sup>th</sup> Road, where Nancy Vogelsberg-Busch raises organic crops and cattle. I met Nancy through our involvement in OCIA, an organic certifying agency, and respect her role in the agricultural alternative to corporate farms and agribusiness food production. A transmission line on her land would have devastating effects on her organic operation.

Although I support the general idea of renewable energy production, I am also against the business model that pillages Kansas resources for the insatiable energy appetite exhibited by many American states and cities. Kansas resources should be used for Kansans first, then for the rest of the country as available. I know that this is a rather provincial view, but it is not in our best interests as a region to exploit our resources without a fair and profitable return. Sacrificing the dreams and interests of our local people for the distinct advantage of corporate America goes against my beliefs and principles, and many of my neighbors feel the same. We Americans already did this to the native peoples of this land; now we Kansans, like the natives we displaced, are also finding we are susceptible to the greed of corporate businesses whose bottom line is profit, not altruistic sharing. This is not right. Land is sacred, a non-renewable resource; we Kansans should treat it as such and take care of it, not exploit it for greedy corporate consumers.

My family has been on our land since the 1860's, and my family and I hold ourselves accountable to it as a sacred trust, just as Ms. Vogelsberg-Busch's family does. To have her land violated by the transmission line against her wishes is tantamount to land rape, a crime that is against the very essence of humanity and enlightened culture. I understand the idea of the common good, but where is the good in destroying fields, trees, and pastures that have been nurtured and protected for generations by responsible stewards of the land? Our government should be responsive to the people it governs, and a corporate owned utility which pays very little in local taxes and exports its products out of state is not an entity which our local government should endorse. How does this business model help our people?

I am against the idea of corporate policies taking precedent over regional interests and local people. I am against the proposed Dodge City wind farm and the "dirty" line that would transmit its energy to eastern consumers without any benefit to Kansas. This is a complex issue; however, we need to find a better way farm and disperse energy before we commit to that which destroys local environments and the people who live on them.

Sincerely,

Don Wagner

#### **Dear Kansas Corporation Commission:**

We have many problems in this country that are caused by shortsighted thinking the almighty dollar and people not standing together against something that is just obviously wrong. Yes we do need to develop alternative energy and I do believe we should harness Kansas wind but for Kansans not the East coast, the cost is just too high. I could go into the facts about our most precious resources, our farms, ranches, and the rural people that work them. That transmission lines don't affect the people and livestock living underneath them is a myth. And that these lines don't take land out of production is another myth. Measures that reduce consumption and locally produced and <u>used</u> energy like natural gas or nuclear makes so much more sense.

I like Nancy Vogelsberg-Busch have spent my life farming a piece of land, raising a family on it and battling the odds to eek out a living on the place I call home. That, in the name of alternative energy, progress or whatever you want to call it, an organic farm like hers or mine with 200 year old oak trees a diversity of wildlife and peaceful cattle grazing nearby has to be cut in two by a transmission line is criminal. The strength of our country is in our young people ones like Nancy, I and other farms have produced. These young people have a sense of place, a love of the land and an appreciation for nature and yet have been taught to work hard smart and with a purpose. They are the problem solvers of tomorrow. Let's support the continuation of the family farm by voting for food like Nancy produces not big corporations and big business.

So I write you the members of the Kansas Corporation Commission and plead with you to say no to the Grain Belt Express Clean Line proposed by the Clean Line Energy Partners.

Sincerely, Darrell Parks 1001 E. Zoth Ave Manhattan, KS U0502

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TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

April 4, 2013

Dear fellow Kansans,

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It is my understanding that the Kansas government is going to be allowing a private company to harvest the wind energy generated here in Kansas and erect HVDC lines to carry this energy to the East coast. I am in support of harvesting alternative energy sources for our use but I cannot support placing HVDC lines through our Kansas landscape. It sounds like there is a possibility that these HVDC lines will be crossing through Marshall County Kansas where I reside.

We, as fellow Kansans, need to protect the soils and the general landscape of Kansas. Putting these lines through Kansas would create an ugly eyesore for our population. The company in charge of this project also intends to rip out stands of trees and to pass right through family owned farms. When did we lose our rights to our own property? This is not a government project this is a private industry trying to make a profit off of us!

Not only would these lines be destroying our soils, our trees, our views but they would be noisy and possibly cause a health risk. Do we really know that these lines are safe? Do we want our native grasses and trees to be ripped out? We are already experiencing loss of soils through natural causes. We should be caretakers of our prime land not aid the companies trying to destroy our Kansas prairie ecosystem.

These lines should be allowed to go through but make the company bury the lines and put them through already condemned soil such as along the Hwy 70 corridor. Harvesting the wind energy for a usable energy source is a good idea. We all need to be protective of the prairie ecosystem and not intentionally cause damage to it by allowing the lines to be placed above ground and run across private farms. Let's try to spare as many trees, native grass, and soil as possible. I'd love to see the KCC support the least invasive pathway for these lines.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter, and I do hope that the company putting in the HVDC lines is held to the high standards that all of us Kansans deserve.

Sincerely,

Kim Houtz

1128 Juniper Road

Marysville KS 66508

Biology Instructor at Marysville High School

### Steve Boyd

From: Sent:

Kim Houtz [mail@changemail.org] Saturday, May 25, 2013 3:33 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- Generating wind energy for

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

### Here's why I signed:

Generating wind energy for the needs of a local area is a good idea. Running HVDC lines across the country destroying the KS scenery and the farming economy we have here is NOT a good idea. This will be very detrimental to the Kansas ecosystem. Please do not let Clean Line place their energy lines through the pristine areas of KS. If the line must go through KS, then bury the lines along land that is already contaminated.

Sincerely, Kim Houtz Marysville, Kansas

There are now 130 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

<u>transmission-lines-3?response=5747c7a24455</u>

4/3/2013

Linda Swim 830 Frontier Rd Marysville, KS 66508 APR 0 8 2013

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Kansas Corporation Commission 1500 SW Arrowhead Rd Topeka, KS 66604

Fellow Kansans,

In regard to new transmission lines for wind-generated electricity: The recent work and deals with Grain Belt Express and Clean Line seem to be unwise and not in the best interest of the people of our state. I agree that wind energy should be developed but deals that do not benefit our state in the long run are short sighted. I believe that selling our land resources should take into account the future. Obviously the wind is free but its development is NOT. Please do not be tantalized by easy fixes, easy money or big money dazzlers. Please seriously research the deals and the implications to our children's future.

Sincerely,

Linda Swim

509 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Street Marysville, Kansas 66508 April 4, 2013

Patti Peterson-Klein, Executive Director Kansas Corporation Commission 1500 S.W. Arrowhead Road Topeka, KS 66604-4027 CORPORATION
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Ms. Peterson-Klein:

This letter is to protest any path for the Clean Line Energy Partners Grain Belt Express transmission line across cropland in northern Kansas.

Land in the five easternmost counties of the northern tier of Kansas counties is some of the best farm land in Kansas. Easements across cropland for overhead transmission lines would cause unnecessary damage and loss of productivity, This damage would also mean loss of income to both the property owners and local governments.

At the time Clean Line Energy Partners convinced the Kansas Corporation Commission to grant Grain Belt "public utility" status and the right of eminent domain for their planned transmission line, Grain Belt's path was sketched as a curved arrow from southwest Kansas through southern Kansas and then slanting north about where Interstate 35 lies to the Missouri line.

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#### Attachment A

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## The business of Clean Line is getting dirty.

January 18, 2013 by Rachel Torbert



Philip Nelson, President, Illinois Farm Bureau

Recently, northern Illinois has become the frontline in the battleground of Midwestern wind energy. But, for the residents of northern Illinois, the argument isn't with wind energy production itself. Instead, the controversy lies with how to get that wind energy from point A to point B.

Rock Island Clean Line, a subsidiary of Clean Line Energy, LLC, is a proposed 500-mile overhead high-voltage direct current line that will transmit wind energy produced at point A, in Iowa and further west, to point B, a conversion station in Grundy County, Illinois. While it's easy to see the benefits of renewable energy projects, the issue with Rock Island Clean Line is more complicated. As Clean Line Energy continues to pursue their 500-mile transmission line, they also are seeking "public utility" status from the Illinois Commerce Commission, which would be the first step toward the company receiving eminent domain authority.

This power to use eminent domain is what concerns many farmers in Rock Island, Whiteside, Henry, Bureau, LaSalle and Grundy counties where the line is slated to be constructed. Obviously, if land owners in the area want to participate by granting an easement to Rock Island Clean Line, they have that option, but Illinois Farm Bureau sees problems if the company were to receive public utility status.

Along some areas of the route, Rock Island Clean Line plans to cut through open farmland diagonally, in the shortest possible distance, rather than following the Interstate 80 right-of-way, property lines or field lines. If granted public utility status, and the authority to use eminent domain, Rock Island Clean Line will have the ability to

#### Attachment B

Excerpts from the Current Technology section of Electrical Contractor Magazine, February 2013 pages 48-50. Emphasis added.

...In fact, DC power is becoming a player again, in settings ranging from high-voltage transmission down to commercial-building and data-center distribution systems...But what we likely will see moving forward will be both/and, rather than either/or, as electrical designers explore the benefits both technologies have to offer.

...DC lines can be more efficient in carrying especially large volumes of electricity across particularly long hauls. In these applications, AC wires face challenges because of the need to introduce reactive power into the line to enable the transmission of "real" power.

"With very long transmission lines, you need more reactive power, and that leaves less room for real power," said Wayne Galli, transmission and technical services vice president for Houston-based Clean Line Energy Partners, adding that this means you need multiple conductors to carry the same amount of electricity that could be transported in a single DC line. "With DC lines, there's no reactive power component."

...Europe now depends on undersea and underground DC cables to connect offshore wind farms to onshore demand centers. European planners envision the possibility of a continent-wide grid fed, perhaps by North African wind farms...

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DC cable also has been used in several underground or undersea transmission projects. The 25-mile Cross Sound cable was installed in 2003 to connect Long Island, N.Y., to New Haven, Conn., and the 65-mile Neptune Project, completed in 2007, links Long Island to Sayreville, N.J.

Currently under development is the Champlain-Hudson Power Express, a 333-mile line intended to carry 1,000 MW of Canadian hydropower-generated electricity down to New York City. As proposed, the line would run under Lake Champlain and the Hudson River, with a land portion buried under highway or railroad rights-of-way... (As an additional benefit, DC lines generate static electric and magnetic fields similar to the levels produced by the Earth itself.)

#### Attachment C

Published on EC Mag (http://www.ecmag.com/) May 2010 excerpts, emphasis added ...Utility providers, project planners, engineers, developers and communities are more open to considering underground segments of projects because of this newer cable that can effectively and dependably carry high voltages underground, a narrowing gap between underground costs compared to overhead construction, and a growing list of successful underground transmission installations.

Many factors influence consideration of underground transmission lines, said Brian Dorwart, Brierley Associates, Bedford, N.H. As an engineer, Dorwart has experience designing trenchless projects that include underground transmission segments, and he currently is designing shore landings for cable runs crossing the Hudson River between New Jersey and New York and directional drilling river crossings for power transmission installations in Jacksonville, Fla., and Malden, Mass.

"The security and reliability of underground infrastructure, along with regulatory issues and public demand, are factors," Dorwart said. ...it is generally accepted that underground cable is more secure than overhead cable.

"Acts of nature can cause outages, and these days, [there's] the possibility ... a terrorist strike can cause grid failure," Dorwart said. "Aerial lines are exposed to hurricanes, ice and snow, wind and other natural disasters and overhead cables can be easily accessed for sabotage. Underground infrastructure is far less vulnerable to such risks and, thus, may be considered more reliable. For infrastructure serving military bases and other institutions of national importance, underground lines are more secure."

There also are instances in which going underground simply is perceived as the right thing to do, Dorwart said. Regulators are providing feedback from the public to power companies regarding overhead issues, such as electromagnetic impact as a cause of cancer as well as improved aesthetics of landscapes without overhead cables.

Regardless of why a segment of transmission cable is being installed underground, a primary reason that option is available is development and evolution of high-voltage power cable using plastic for insulation.

... High-voltage cable and components for underground applications are produced to rigid standards to ensure even distribution of voltage stresses.

Today XLPE cable is the dominating cable for high-voltage (HV) and extra-high-voltage (EHV) underground power cable.

To date, more than 4 million feet of Southwire HV XLPE cable has been installed in underground transmission systems in the United States, Susach said. For underground infrastructure, XLPE cable is nonobtrusive; immune to weather; highly reliable with high energy efficiency and high emergency rating; and has low electromagnetic field (EMF), inductance and impedance.

"The underground cable industry has seen the amount of high-voltage underground transmission lines increase as cable technology has advanced and reliability improved," said John Rector, Black & Veatch associate vice president and project manager. Black & Veatch works in engineering, construction management and constructing power infrastructure containing underground transmission lines. The global engineering, consulting and construction company is based in Overland Park, Kan.

"In the late 1980s, we were installing 115-kV underground transmission lines," Rector said. "In the early '90s, Black & Veatch installed the first commercial 230-kV underground transmission project in Orlando, Fla. ...

"Every time we increase the voltage level of these cable systems, we prove the reliability of this technology," Rector said. "Europe and Asia for some time have been installing 400-kV and 500-kV systems. ... Very soon we will see 500-kV underground transmission lines in the United States, probably in California or the East Coast."

... The Quanta Services organization includes electrical contractors with core competencies in underground transmission engineering and construction, said John Wilson, president of the electric power division of Quanta Services, Houston. Wilson said Quanta companies currently have several projects containing underground transmission lines under construction.

The trend for placing more power transmission lines underground is generally positive, said Steve Burks, president of EHV Power, Gormley, Ontario, a Quanta Services company specializing in underground power transmission.

"However, the landscape of contractors is changing," he said. "Cable improvements are reducing the degree of specialization required."

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slice up swaths of farm ground without further consideration.

The willingness gobble up farmland simply because it's the cheapest possible option is one of the reasons the Illinois Farm Bureau decided to file to intervene in Clean Line Energy's case with the Illinois Commerce Commission.

While Illinois Farm Bureau supports wind energy generation as a component of the energy portfolio of the U.S., it's important to remember that building the wind energy industry in the state must be done in a way that is mutually beneficial to both the consumers buying the energy, and the farmers and landowners who have to live with the structures on their land.

In this case, it may not be beneficial for either party. The Rock Island Clean Line is a merchant line, much like an interstate with no exits. In fact, even though it will pass through Illinois, it will not provide energy benefits to Illinois consumers along its route. We believe it is in our members' best interests to oppose Clean Line's desire to be granted public utility status and, therefore, be granted eminent domain authority. Furthermore, we believe the company should be required to use mono-pole support structures, which have a smaller footprint, are easier to farm around and require less farmland. Finally, we oppose their proposal to cut diagonally across farm land. The transmission line should be built along the Interstate 80 right-of-way, rather than following a route that cuts across open farmland currently used to help produce the nation's food.

Renewable fuels like biodiesel, ethanol and wind energy are necessary for our continued growth and energy independence. However, these must be considered with care and thought.

It does not make sense to carve out thousands of acres of farm land to serve the purpose of private investors. We know energy policies will continue to change and there will be more transmission lines like these in the future. However, as we construct these lines, we need to use common sense in planning and constructing them, so as not to disturb agriculture, one of the bright spots in an otherwise dismal economy. In the meantime, Illinois Farm Bureau urges the Illinois Commerce Commission to deny public utility status.

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## Steve Boyd

From:

Vernita Peeks [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Monday, May 20, 2013 3:49 PM

To: Subject:

Steve Boyd Why I signed -- Clean Line HVDC transmission

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Clean Line HVDC transmission line through the area would have a negative impact on the county in terms of property values, loss of productivity, loss of farm income, loss of tourist revenue.

Sincerely, Vernita Peeks Marysville, Kansas

There are now 3 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

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The Oregon-California Trail Association is dedicated to the preservation of the migrant trails. Preservation includes not just artifacts, but the viewshed. Alcove Spring park and the pioneer trails that followed US Highway 36 are endangered in both regards by the proposed electrical transmission lines that would cross Marshall County. Alcove Spring is a Certified Historic Site on the Oregon Trail. As such, it is held in high regard by the National Park Service, historians and heritage tourists. Many thousand people visit annually. Having large power lines and accompanying towers over the beautiful roads that take the visitor to our historic sites are an evesore.

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I have included a newsletter with an editorial I wrote as president of the Oregon-California Trails Association on page three. Thank you for the courtesy of reading this and the newsletter. You will also notice the significance attached to the area by the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review and the National Park Service who are deeply involved with Alcove Spring.

Respectfully yours,

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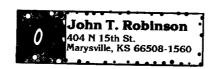
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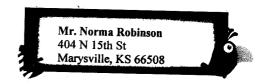
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The Commissioners Kansas Corporation Commission 1500 SW Arrowhead Road Topeka, KS 66604

Re: Proposed Grain Belt Transmission Line in Marshall County

Dear Chairman Sievers, Mr. Wright, and Ms. Feist Albrecht,

The northernmost proposed siting in Marshall County for the Grain Belt Express transmission line passes thru an organic farm (certified since 1990) located at 896 15<sup>th</sup> Road near Home, KS owned and operated by Nancy Vogelsberg-Busch. Nancy is part of a family that homesteaded in Kansas in 1878 and has farmed organically for 135 years. Today, Nancy's crops, cattle and the locker plant, where she has her beef processed, are all certified organic thru O.C.I.A. International to be compliant with USDA's National Organic Program (NOP). Her beef is the only Kansas USDA Organic beef in the state.

Nancy sells her beef directly to over 200 family members and wholesale to stores in Marysville, Manhattan, Salina, Topeka and Lawrence, and also sells her organic beef hotdogs to the above retailers, at local events and her local farmers market. She has built her business by having customers visit her farm to see first hand how the cattle are raised and how the land needs to be farmed in order for her to maintain the very strict USDA/NOP standards. Nancy has gone great lengths to preserve glacial soils, 200-plus-year-old oak trees, wildlife and to produce healthy food and has even built walking trails for families to enjoy the entirety of her very unique 160 acre certified organic farm.

Never before has a High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) line run thru Kansas. Furthermore, the energy produced by Clean Line Energy Partners would not stay in Kansas to directly benefit the local economy, nor will the company pay taxes or payments in lieu of taxes. Road and bridge repair associated with the construction and maintenance of the (at least) 200 foot tall towers could cause considerable financial drain to Marshall County. Kansas has been used as a prostitute enough for the gain of other states!

Alternatively, the transmission line could run adjacent to the right of way of US 36 or I-70, or be buried underground. I urge you to stand up to Clean Line and demand they find a way to utilize property that is already condemned rather than destroying more farm ground, pastures, beneficial trees, wildlife and farmer's livelihoods, including Nancy's.

Sincerely,

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April 23, 2013

Re: Proposed Grain Belt Transmission Line in Marshall County

Dear Chairmen Seivers, Mr. Wright, and Ms. Albrecht:

I am writing to express serious concern about the High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) line proposed to be built through Marshall County. This line will not provide energy to be used in Kansas and in no way will directly benefit the local economy. Construction and maintenance of the (at least) 200 foot tall towers could cause considerable financial drain to Marshall County.

Beyond the obvious economy-related issues that should be a concern, there are other reasons to modify this project. Nancy Vogelsburg-Busch is a resident of Marshall County and is owner of Bossie's Best, a local source for USDA certified organic beef. The land she works has been a part of her family's history for 135 years. She has cared for this land and has preserved it's glacial soils, 200-plus-year-old oak trees, and wildlife like her ancestors did and would have wanted. Nancy's beef is sold in stores and at farmers markets, and to those that come and visit her farm. She is truly dedicated in her practice of providing local, healthy food to Kansans.

There are also alternative options for the line. Burying the line and running it along I70 would seem to be a logical choice.

Please take these issues into consideration.

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Sincerely,

Rachael Savage

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Kansas Corporation Commission Attn: Shari Feist Albrecht, Commissioner 1500 SW Arrowhead Road Topeka, KS 66604-4027

Shari Feist Albrecht

Re: Opposition to proposed Grain Belt Express northern route through Brown County, KS

Dear Commissioner Albrecht:

My name is Marc Wilson, and I am a former Kansas Securities Commissioner and currently an attorney in private practice. I am writing today not only on behalf of my clients, but as an heir to a proud tradition of agriculture in Brown County, Kansas.

Had I followed my father, I would have been the sixth generation of my family to farm in Brown County. The family of my wife, Dr. Rebecca Gernon, has been in Brown County even longer. Her ancestors were Mayflower descendants who settled in northern Brown County for agricultural purposes prior to the Civil War.

As far as Kansas resources go, wind energy is not only "late to the party," it will also never come close to agriculture as a Kansas natural resource, economic force or source of revenue generation. With the development of the Clean Line Grain Belt Express, and for the reasons stated in the attached letter, our clients feel that Kansas leaders are forgetting entirely our clients' current and historical agricultural contribution to Kansas in favor of a project that will only benefit non-Kansans and may be economically viable only for a short time.

Our clients believe it is unacceptable that Clean Line is pitting Kansas's proven, time-tested economic engine of agriculture against a newcomer with much less economic potential. This seems to be an economic case of "robbing Peter to pay Paul." We hope our clients' voices and others in the agricultural community will be heard and respected by the Kansas Corporation Commission ("KCC"), and that the KCC will give farmers and ranchers their due and proper consideration and protect the land they have worked for generations.

Please see attached your copy of the letter of opposition our clients sent to Clean Line Energy Partners. We hope that you agree with our position that the Grain Belt Express should be built, if at all, along the routes of existing power lines and on land that has already been impaired for that purpose.

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We very much appreciate your service to the state and the thoughtful consideration of our position. Thank you, and please do not hesitate to call or write with questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,
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Marc S. Wilson

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> Re: Opposition to proposed Grain Belt Express northern route through Brown County, KS

Dear Mr. Fine:

Our law firm represents four landowners farming the land they own along the proposed northern route of Clean Line Energy Partners' ("Clean Line") Grain Belt Express Clean Line ("GBE") through rural Brown County, Kansas. The route in question is the one on Maps 82-85 and 88 as set forth on the GBE website (the "Northern Route"). These client landowners together own and farm approximately 15,000 acres of some of the best farmland in Kansas near the proposed Northern Route on both sides of U.S. Highway 73.

We are writing on the landowner's behalf to urge you to select another route for the GBE besides the Northern Route, and to let Clean Line know that we will vigorously oppose the line should Clean Line choose the Northern Route. We believe that Clean Line's taking is unconstitutional and that utilizing the Northern Route will result in the waste of extremely valuable Kansas agricultural land -- land recently selling for over \$11,000 / acre -- wholly for the benefit of a private party and power consumers who are not Kansas residents. Running a power line through land on the Northern Route would prevent the highest and best use for the agricultural land affected by the Northern Route and irreparably damage our clients.

Agricultural Land Value. The fact that our clients' land is amongst the best agricultural land in Brown County and the State of Kansas is supported by the recent \$11,188.81 / acre sales price paid for similar agricultural land. This particular land was northeast of Hiawatha and less than a mile south of the proposed Northern Route. Other private sales of non-irrigated agricultural land support this value, as do the figures for cash rent. According to National Agricultural Statistical Service ("NASS"), the 2012 market rate cash rent for non-irrigated Brown County land was a statewide high of \$160 / acre, compared to a state average of \$52.50 / acre.

The \$11,000-plus / acre land was not irrigated, but much of our clients' land is either irrigated or may be easily irrigated via assemblage or by drilling wells and installation of

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equipment. There are no comparable sales of irrigated land, as it is far too valuable to sell for those actively engaged in agriculture or who are leasing on a cash rent basis. When appraising irrigated land, area appraisers typically add a 30-40% premium over non-irrigated land; therefore, our clients' agricultural land is likely worth over \$15,000 / acre if auctioned today. As Clean Line proposes to impair the use of the rest of the land, these are not the only damages for which Clean Line would be liable should it choose the Northern Route.

Agricultural Production Value. Northern Brown County, Kansas is one of the prime agricultural regions of Kansas, especially for cultivation of corn and soybeans. Brown County averages around 35-40 inches per year in precipitation, nearly double the state average. According to NASS, in the last six reported years of corn yields, Brown County averaged yields of 145 bushels / acre, compared to a Kansas average of 92 bushels / acre. Similarly, Brown County soybean production averaged 47 bushels / acre, while the rest of the state averaged 23 bushels / acre. Our clients reported recent and approximate average yields from the land affected by the Northern Route of 190 bushels / acre for corn and 60 bushels / acre for soybeans on non-irrigated land.

This shows that, within Brown County, yields are higher in northern Brown County than in the southern part of the county. Brown County is significantly pushing up the state average yields, and within Brown County, northern Brown County -- including the land along the Northern Route -- is pushing up Brown County yields. With corn prices at a recent average of \$6.75 / bushel and soybeans at \$14 / bushel, this translates to approximately \$1,282.50 / acre in lost income for corn and \$840 / acre in lost income for soybeans should Clean Line take or impair the land. Unlike most "lost profits" damages, damages caused by the GBE would run in perpetuity and are discernible enough so as to not be speculative.

Soil Type, Irrigation, Water and Other Improvements. Other reasons the land along the Northern Route is so valuable and the yields so extraordinary include the soil types and prevalence of irrigation. The soil north of Hiawatha has a high presence of rich, highly-sloped (leading to better drainage) Aksarben silty clay loam and Shelby clay loam soils, distinguishing northern Brown County soil from the less rich and sloped soil south of Hiawatha. When ability to irrigate is added to these productive soil types, the price of the land, the rate of cash rent for the land and the yields from the land are particularly high.

Irrigation is more prevalent in northern Brown County than in the rest of the county. Depending upon its length and the difficulty of the terrain, the typical irrigation pivot costs \$160,000 to purchase and install, the cost of which do not include drilling for water and legal and other costs associated with securing water rights. All of our clients have incurred such costs, and some for multiple parcels of land affected by the proposed GBE, including one client with three (3) pivots that operate on his land and his neighbors' land. One client reports that making an investment in irrigation on one forty (40) acre parcel increased their income from that land by approximately \$40,000 over the previous year, or \$1,000 / acre. Further, all of our clients have improved their land

in some way, including installation of terracing, drainage tile and/or waterways, which can often come in at \$1,000 / acre or more.

Our clients' land is proximate to water supplies that can be economically accessed and deployed on the land of multiple owners. Some of our clients have so assembled their land, and their irrigation pivots cross the proposed Northern Route at multiple locations. Other of our clients would have use of their irrigation pivots reduced from their current capacity by the GBE. Yet other clients have recently contracted to drill for water and/or install irrigation pivots. Should it choose the Northern Route, Clean Line would be responsible for losses related to the disassembling of multiple parcels of land, 100% of the value of the irrigation equipment in some cases, and in all cases the impairment of full use of irrigation pivots over the entire Northern Route.

Land and Crop Maintenance. Farming involves the application of multiple, expensive inputs (specially-engineered seed, fertilizer, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, etc.) by machinery costing millions of dollars (combines, tractors, planters / seed drills, etc.). In the case of combine harvesters, the machinery can be up to eighteen (18) feet high and forty (40) feet wide, and in the case of high-clearance sprayers, up to 120 feet wide. Our clients apply the inputs not only with their own machinery but, especially when rainfall will not permit, via air by airplane or helicopter. The GBE would severely restrict or eliminate the air application option.

Further, most of this equipment uses global positioning systems ("GPS") to accurately measure both input application and yields. Use of GPS in agriculture is one of the most important technologies introduced in agriculture in our clients' lifetimes and, since deployed in agriculture, has saved farmers billions of dollars in unnecessary over-application of inputs and prevented untold environmental damage. GPS also provides information about where more inputs are necessary and what portion of the land would benefit from drainage tile or terracing. Numerous publications indicate that power lines may cause interference and multipath error with GPS signals and, interestingly, some of Clean Line's own publicly-available studies do not rule it out. To the extent that the GBE will inhibit access to the land for agricultural purposes or to improve the land, destroy or make useless our clients' improvements both above and beneath the surface, or that it will interfere with GPS signals and reduce our clients' ability to gather data about their land and efficiently use expensive inputs, the presence of the GBE would further degrade the ability of our clients to fully utilize and realize the value of their land.

Value for Energy Production. Our clients' land, and Brown County generally, sits at the heart of the Forest City Basin Province, a well-known emerging play by developers of coal bed methane resources. Technologies like hydraulic fracking are opening to significant production previously untapped resources like those below Brown County, and some of our clients have entertained inquires as to oil and gas rights on their property. Should these rights be impaired, we will work with the oil and gas companies to fight implementation of the Northern Route.

Further, our clients, and Brown County generally, have exploitable wind energy resources that would be impaired by the presence of the GBE. Our clients are very concerned that the presence of the GBE on their property will impede their ability to develop and sell these energy resources, especially if the removal of subsurface oil and gas leads to surface subsidence for which they could be liable to Clean Line, or if optimal wind generation locations are taken by the GBE. Our clients' right to develop the energy resources that run with their land should not be taken or impaired.

Presence of Historic Trails. As others in northeast Kansas have pointed out, Clean Line proposes to build this line along two historic trails that are part of the National Parks Service's National Scenic and Historic Trail System. In the case of the Northern Route, it appears that those who want to traverse the California Trail in Brown County could do so only with the GBE in sight during half the journey. It also appears that the Northern Route is more likely to disrupt the National Heritage Trail interpretive features at points west of Brown County. Therefore, selection of the Northern Route would unduly interfere with enjoyment of one of the nation's historical treasures. Conversely, a southern Brown County route would likely follow existing transmission, and to the extent a southern route would interfere with the enjoyment of national trails, it would do so only to the extent that existing transmission does not already interfere.

Other Factors. For many of our clients, the land that would be taken or impaired by the GBE has been in and worked by their families for multiple generations. The taking or impairment of the land would destroy hundreds of years of family heritage and tradition and have devastating psychological effects on our clients. This is especially true of clients whose homes will be lost to Clean Line. Some clients also fear the health impairments the GBE might cause or exacerbate when they are exposed to the GBE for hundreds of hours a year in working their land (or near-constant exposure in the case of those living in direct proximity to the GBE), and the effects on pacemakers, cochlear implants and other medical machinery and devices. If, for example, one of our clients were forced to forego use of medical devices that, for example, would make safer their operation of heavy machinery, GBE's presence could pose a substantial and imminent threat to the health and safety of our clients for which, we believe, Clean Line would be responsible.

Finally, your own maps indicate that along the Northern Route, from Washington County west, there is a very high incidence of irrigated land, none of which has been affected by existing power lines. Our clients believe it foolish for both the land owners and the State of Kansas to take any portion this bountiful and undisturbed agricultural land out of production, especially when power lines already exist -- and the land has already been impaired along -- the southern route. There is simply no need to go north.

In summary, as Clean Line is likely aware, companies like Clean Line which utilize the power of eminent domain in Kansas are required to pay landowners for the highest and best economic use of the land, not the value of the land as used for the purpose for which it is acquired. For the reasons stated above, the price difference per mile in selecting the Northern Route could be hundreds of thousands of dollars per mile more expensive than selection of a southern Brown

County route. As there are literally dozens of similarly-situated landowners along the Northern Route who must be compensated by Clean Line, and because the value of agricultural land south of Hiawatha is less than north of Hiawatha, selection of a southern route could save Clean Line millions of dollars in total and avoid the wonton waste of perhaps the most valuable agricultural land in Kansas.

Should Clean Line select the Northern Route and attempt to exercise the power of eminent domain, our clients stand ready to make these and any other legal arguments necessary to ensure Clean Line be treated under the law like any other private developer of real property in Kansas taking land for the benefit of a private party.

Thank you, and please feel free to contact us with questions or concerns.

Vort truly yours,
Wilson

Marc S. Wilson

Attorney

cc: Mark Sievers, Chairman, Kansas Corporation Commission
Thomas E. Wright, Commissioner, Kansas Corporation Commission
Shari Feist Albrecht, Commissioner, Kansas Corporation Commission
Jonathan B. Jarvis, Director, National Park Service

From: Sent:

David Korte [mail@changemail.org] Monday, May 20, 2013 4:20 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- DO NOT want to

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

DO NOT want to trade my scenery for private, foreign, profit that does not benefit my community.

Sincerely, David Korte Seneca, Kansas

There are now 4 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

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transmission-lines-3?response=5747c7a24455

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From:

Richard Strathman [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Monday, May 20, 2013 5:37 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- Stray voltage has a

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Stray voltage has a negative impact on my family, our farming operation, our dairy heifer operation, and how the line will affect our land values.

Sincerely, Richard Strathman Baileyville, Kansas

There are now 5 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

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From:

Dana Kohake [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Monday, May 20, 2013 6:56 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- Not safe for cattle

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Not safe for cattle and kids playing around the area. Too close to residential area.

Sincerely, Dana Kohake Manhattan, Kansas

There are now 8 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From: Sent:

Matt Deters [mail@changemail.org]

To:

Monday, May 20, 2013 9:11 PM

10: Subjects Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- Don't want to live

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Don't want to live anywhere near that many volts and drive under it all the time. I am afraid for my kids health and the health of all the livestock in this area. I own and run a dairy like many near this proposed line. Stray voltage of any kind can destroy a dairy operation. These lines will pass within a mile or two, many closer, to over half the dairies in Nemaha county. There is no reason this can't pass through the flint hills or follow I70 where there is less people or livestock facilities in rural areas.

Sincerely, Matt Deters Baileyville, Kansas

There are now 11 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

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From:

Bonnie Rasmussen [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Tuesday, May 21, 2013 9:31 AM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- I retired to Kansas

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

I retired to Kansas from Atlanta to enjoy the wide open spaces, beautiful scenery, and my grandchildren. This lifestyle will be destroyed by the transmission lines, not to mention the negative impact on my property value and health! This is not good for me and it does not payout for Marshall County or any other county. A true cost/benefit analysis that takes into account the tax \$ to be paid by Clean Line (after the abatement ends in 10 years) compared to the \$ lost in tax revenue caused by a 10-30% reduction in land values + the costs of maintaining all the new rock roads + the lost wealth in property values shows that the ROI is so low we would make more money in T-bills!

Sincerely, Bonnie Rasmussen Frankfort, Kansas

There are now 29 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

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From:

Dana Emmert [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Tuesday, May 21, 2013 9:59 AM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- This will cross the

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

This will cross the land of many friends. It is unsightly. and dangerous.

Sincerely, Dana Emmert Seneca, Kansas

There are now 31 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

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From: Sent:

Kelly Kruse [mail@changemail.org] Tuesday, May 21, 2013 10:06 AM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- This would have a

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

This would have a big negative effect our economy in this farming rural community. We as a community and as families depend on the crops and livestock that are raised on these lands. We use these lands for hunting and fishing and other people pay to hunt and fish as well. Families work their bodies and minds on a daily basis to earn a living from this ground. Clean Line would ruin the established ways of life for the economy and the HEALTH of the people in these areas if this proposal is approved.

Sincerely, Kelly Kruse Frankfort, Kansas

There are now 31 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

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From: Sent:

Marilyn Sweet [mail@changemail.org] Tuesday, May 21, 2013 10:50 AM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- Clean Line is not

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Clean Line is not a utility company serving Kansas residents. It intends to use the public trust for corporate gain, and appears to be proceeding in an underhanded way. This is not in the best interest of Kansas.

Sincerely, Marilyn Sweet Oketo, Kansas

There are now 32 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

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From:

Brian Gudenkauf [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Tuesday, May 21, 2013 10:45 AM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- I live about a

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

I live about a mile away of the proposed path of this line. My family has enough health concerns and we don't need something like this to raise the rick of getting sick. I have relatives that have a dairy directly on the path. I think these people need to find a way to do things like this without risking other peoples health to get what they want.

Sincerely, Brian Gudenkauf Seneca, Kansas

There are now 32 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

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From:

Janet Connell [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Tuesday, May 21, 2013 1:22 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- I live near Marysville

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

# Here's why I signed:

I live near Marysville KS. This is an awful idea. It affects so many when there are many other options for the eastern part of the US to generate power. We have family very educated in the power industry and not one of them sees this as a viable plan. It is greedy people taking advantage of grant \$ to line their pockets and trying to implement a plan that has not been thought out for all involved.

Sincerely, Janet Connell Marysville, Kansas

There are now 39 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

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From: Sent:

Holly Brandt [mail@changemail.org] Tuesday, May 21, 2013 11:47 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- This will affect the

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

# Here's why I signed:

This will affect the health of myself and those I love dearly, family and friends alike as well as our livestock and wildlife. The land is another big concern...numerous negative affects on the land/soil surrounding these towers including productivity loss for those that own the land. Not only due to non farmable land where and around where the lines are placed but the way in which the land must be farmed after then as well. Lastly, lowered land worth. All these reasons given for why I oppose the "clean air" building of above ground high voltage wires are based on mine, my families, my friends, our livestock and wildlife and our lands healthy living not only on a physical level but financially as well and is not right to be imposed.

Sincerely, Holly Brandt Frankfort, Kansas

There are now 71 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

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From: Sent:

Paul Laramore [mail@changemail.org] Tuesday, May 21, 2013 11:37 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- I purchased 141 acres

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

I purchased 141 acres of farm land in Troy, KS in 2009. The main reason for this purchase was for hunting ground for myself and my family. Based on one of the proposed routes this transmission line would destroy over 33% of my mature hardwood timber and devaluate my property to the point where it could finacially set back my retirement plans and more importantly the quality time I currently have with my family. I heard about this proposed project from my neighbors and have yet to recieve notice from the power company. I have not been invited to any townhall meetings or had any response to my email inquires. Paul Laramore

Sincerely, Paul Laramore Overland Park, Kansas

There are now 71 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

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From: Sent: Tami Stowell [mail@changemail.org] Tuesday, May 21, 2013 11:30 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- This line is proved

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

This line is proved to cross several acres of our land and run within 400 yards of our new home. This line will interfere with our farming operation and potentially destroy our hunting grounds.. We DONT want it anywhere around us!!!

Sincerely, Tami Stowell Vermillion, Kansas

There are now 71 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

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From:

Roger Strathman [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Tuesday, May 21, 2013 11:26 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- It will affect my

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

It will affect my farming operation and maybe my health.

Sincerely, Roger Strathman Baileyville, Kansas

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From:

Dawn Osterhaus [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Tuesday, May 21, 2013 11:03 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- I doesn't look safe

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

I doesn't look safe and it makes our area look junky

Sincerely, Dawn Osterhaus Centralia, Kansas

There are now 69 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

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From: Sent:

Pat Breeding [mail@changemail.org] Tuesday, May 21, 2013 8:15 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- Our natural resources are

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Our natural resources are what makes this state beautiful. None of this proposal sounds like it will be good for our environment.

Sincerely, Pat Breeding Marysville, Kansas

There are now 59 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

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sandy koelzer [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Tuesday, May 21, 2013 8:09 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject: Why I signed -- No

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

No

Sincerely, sandy koelzer Baileyville, Kansas

There are now 58 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

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From: Sent: James Schell [mail@changemail.org] Wednesday, May 22, 2013 11:10 AM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- I do not want

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

I do not want a private entity to profit AT MY EXPENSE. Why would I support the transmission lines that do nothing positive for me or my community?

Sincerely, James Schell Frankfort, Kansas

There are now 84 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

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transmission-lines-3?response=5747c7a24455

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From:

Joseph C. Parthemer [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Wednesday, May 22, 2013 10:48 AM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- Hurt hunting and

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Hurt hunting and fishing ,ruin the landscape, effect human and animal life, and the so called green company will burn coal or other means when not enough wind or when the wind generators out live there life all to get the government to pay for it

Sincerely, Joseph C. Parthemer Frankfort, Kansas

There are now 83 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

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From: Sent: Martha Brady [mail@changemail.org] Wednesday, May 22, 2013 8:38 AM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- We live in the

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

We live in the rural area for a reason -- not to have it cluttered up and we like the clean, safe land and air.

Sincerely, Martha Brady Vermillion, Kansas

There are now 79 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

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From: Sent:

Bev Atkinson [mail@changemail.org] Wednesday, May 22, 2013 8:27 AM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- It is important to

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

It is important to me for the lines to be underground because you cannot produce more land!

Sincerely, Bev Atkinson Waterville, Kansas

There are now 78 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

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<u>transmission-lines-3?response=5747c7a24455</u>

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From:

Susan Beeman [mail@changemail.org] Wednesday, May 22, 2013 8:20 AM

Sent: To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- Don't want to have

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Don't want to have this on my property or near it!

Sincerely, Susan Beeman Frankfort, Kansas

There are now 76 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From: Sent:

Alice King [mail@changemail.org]

To:

Wednesday, May 22, 2013 8:17 AM Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- It's important to everyone

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

It's important to everyone because it gains Kansas nothing but possible harm.

Sincerely, Alice King Blue Rapids, Kansas

There are now 75 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From: Sent:

Ryan Bagby [mail@changemail.org] Wednesday, May 22, 2013 12:10 AM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- I vacation to a

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

I vacation to a farm that is affected by this.

Sincerely, Ryan Bagby Clinton, Michigan

There are now 72 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From: Sent:

Mary Johnson [mail@changemail.org] Wednesday, May 22, 2013 2:37 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- I do not want

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

# Here's why I signed:

I do not want this eyesore to be near me and my family. We need to keep this out of our county. I am a lifetime resident of this community and to have this destroy our land will not make me a happy camper. Keep Marshall co clean -we have hunters that come and really enjoy our land and we don't need to have concerns about our health and livestock because you want this. Forget it. I am very against this happening in our community.

Sincerely, Mary Johnson Frankfort, Kansas

There are now 85 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

 $\underline{transmission\text{-}lines\text{-}3?response\text{=}5747c7a24455}$ 

From: Sent:

Melody Bagby [mail@changemail.org] Wednesday, May 22, 2013 3:19 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- Frequent Visitor to Area

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Frequent Visitor to Area

Sincerely, Melody Bagby Clinton, Michigan

There are now 86 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From: Sent:

Laurie Osterhaus [mail@changemail.org] Wednesday, May 22, 2013 10:03 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- Thinking about the safety

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Thinking about the safety and well being of my children.

Sincerely, Laurie Osterhaus Seneca, Kansas

There are now 99 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From: Sent:

Kevin Feldkamp [mail@changemail.org] Wednesday, May 22, 2013 11:07 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- There are multiple reasons

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

There are multiple reasons why I feel this organization should not be allowed to build transmission lines in our state. Allowing these transmission lines will have a significant negative impact on our wildlife and agricultural industries. Most of all, these transmission lines will jeopardize our future generations health! Not to mention, the unsightly view it will leave on our landscape.

Sincerely, Kevin Feldkamp Seneca, Kansas

There are now 103 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From:

Madra Fischer [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Thursday, May 23, 2013 5:25 AM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- Rock Island Clean Line

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Rock Island Clean Line is attempting to come near. Since wind power is so inefficient and, in this case, unwanted by the east coast states, it should not be allowed to ruin our countries farm land. Use the power where it is generated, not thousands of miles away. No private company should be given eminent domain.

Sincerely, Madra Fischer Sublette, Illinois

There are now 106 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

<u>transmission-lines-3?response=5747c7a24455</u>

From:

Kenneth Hodson [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Thursday, May 23, 2013 9:57 AM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- The lines should be

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

The lines should be buried along hwy right of ways. They would be safer and less apt to have problems later. The initial cost would be higher, but the long term cost would be lower. Also they would not be destroying prime ecological & farm land. These power lines do not serve the area they transverse.

Sincerely, Kenneth Hodson Manhattan, Kansas

There are now 109 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From:

BRETT RONNEBAUM [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Thursday, May 23, 2013 10:04 AM

To: Subject:

Steve Boyd Why I signed -- FARMERS AND KIDS

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

**FARMERS AND KIDS** 

Sincerely, BRETT RONNEBAUM AXTELL, Kansas

There are now 109 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From:

Mary Ann Fincham [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Thursday, May 23, 2013 1:16 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- The major benefit of

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

# Here's why I signed:

The major benefit of harnessing the power of wind energy is to reduce negative impacts to our environment. That is not what is happening with the proposed route in Kansas. We do need clean, renewable energy--but not at the expense of our wildlife habitat, our agriculture economy, our beautiful Kansas landscape and the health of our Kansas residents. I urge Governor Brownback, our elected officials and the KCC to put a stop to the current proposed routes of Clean Line Energy's Grain Belt Express. This is a privately owned out of state company which will pay no Kansas taxes for at least ten years. And in return they will destroy over 700 miles of our wildlife habitat and our land. Many of us make our living on this very land. If fact, Kansas farmers bring in over 17 billion to the state's economy each year. Who wants to look at these ugly towers?? We need to work together to bury the transmission line along 1-70. This will minimize the negative impacts to the environment, and that, after all, is the whole point of renewable energy.

Sincerely, Mary Ann Fincham Frankfort, Kansas

There are now 114 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

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 $\underline{transmission\text{-}lines\text{-}3?response\text{=}5747c7a24455}$ 

# **Bethany Runyon**

From:

Chester C Fincham [mail@changemail.org] Wednesday, June 05, 2013 11:40 PM

Sent: To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- To the KCC, Gov.

Follow Up Flag: Flag Status:

Follow up Completed

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

## Here's why I signed:

To the KCC, Gov. Brownback and other elected officials: I have lived in rural Kansas all my 84 years. I served our country in the Korean War. I have seen many changes over the years. But this change that you are proposing really upsets me. How can you take ground from hard working farmers (who pay taxes and help support Kansas) and give this out of state company the right to just come into our state and decide what is best for them and not our own Kansans? I am asking you to think long and hard about what you are proposing to do to our great state. Where are our elected officials that care about Kansas and their people?

Sincerely, Chester C Fincham Frankfort, Kansas

There are now 303 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From: Sent:

Karen Kee [mail@changemail.org] Friday, May 24, 2013 8:07 AM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- We have family living

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

We have family living in northeast Kansas who will be negatively affected by above ground high voltage transmission lines!

Sincerely, Karen Kee Marietta, Georgia

There are now 117 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From:

Keryn Newman [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Friday, May 24, 2013 8:15 AM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- Not only is destroying

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Not only is destroying productive farmland to build long haul transmission lines not a sustainable practice, the intended beneficiaries of all this electricity DO NOT WANT IT! We would much rather develop our own renewables in our own communities where they provide economic benefit to us, instead of to a handful of Texas billionaires. Stop this travesty. Clean Line is a Dirty Lie!

Sincerely, Keryn Newman Shepherdstown, West Virginia

There are now 118 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

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 $\underline{transmission\text{-}lines\text{-}3?response\text{=}5747c7a24455}$ 

From:

Margaret Obermeyer [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Friday, May 24, 2013 9:27 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- I think it is

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

I think it is wrong to take land away from farms just so people in the east can have power. Run these lines along major highways where ground is already taken. One day there will be nothing left for farm ground.

Sincerely, Margaret Obermeyer Marysville, Kansas

There are now 125 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

<u>transmission-lines-3?response=5747c7a24455</u>

From:

Chad Bilderback [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Friday, May 24, 2013 12:23 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- It will a negative

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

It will a negative impact on the people who live in that area especially the farmers and ranchers whose land will be taken over, some of which are friends. This project will also have a negative impact on the local wildlife. This would only benefit the owners of this privately owned company with little regard for the lasting affects of local communities along the 700 mile path. This would be similar to the state coming in to someone's home and saying they were going to allow some stranger come in and take over one room. How can Eminent Domain Authority be granted to a project going through Kansas, but will be benefitting Kansas in the future such as a roadway system would?

Sincerely, Chad Bilderback Atchison, Kansas

There are now 119 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From:

Helen Kee [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Friday, May 24, 2013 2:59 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- Our son and his

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Our son and his family live near this proposed transmission line. He and his family's well-being will be incontrovertibly diminished in every area of their lives.

Sincerely, Helen Kee Greenville, South Carolina

There are now 122 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

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From:

Kevin Ronnebaum [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Saturday, May 25, 2013 7:00 AM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- The power line will

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

The power line will run right through my dad's farm ground. I do not want the eyesore or the inconvience for him or the rest or the farmers in the area.

Sincerely, Kevin Ronnebaum Axtell, Kansas

There are now 127 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From:

Deborah Koelzer [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Saturday, May 25, 2013 2:38 PM

To: Subject:

Steve Boyd Why I signed -- This line will ruin

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

This line will ruin the look of the countryside and even worse be a health hazard for those of us living near it. We will not receive any benefits from it. It will also decrease property values, our elected officials should be protecting us from this.

Sincerely, Deborah Koelzer St. Benedict, Kansas

There are now 128 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From:

Tom Matthews [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Sunday, May 26, 2013 1:07 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- Having been informed of

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Having been informed of the issues repeatedly and thoroughly, I believe this version of the wind energy project is more for the corporate profits than the interests of Kansans. On a personal note I buy from an organic farm in the path that would be damaged, denying me access to the products they provide across the region.

Sincerely, Tom Matthews Topeka, Kansas

There are now 141 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From:

Bobbi McGrath [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Sunday, May 26, 2013 1:30 PM Steve Boyd

To: Subject:

Why I signed -- I was raised on

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

## Here's why I signed:

I was raised on a family farm in Washington Co and my parents still live and own farm ground. The potential negative impact to our northern county farms could be financial devastating. Prime farming property is not a disposable commodity it's a limited resource that should be protected as a Jewel in KS. I don't believe this outsourcing of energy is worth the risk to our precious

Sincerely, Bobbi McGrath Holton, Kansas

There are now 143 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

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 $\underline{transmission\text{-}lines\text{-}3?response\text{=}5747c7a24455}$ 

From:

Bob Carney [mail@changemail.org] Sunday, May 26, 2013 9:25 PM

Sent:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- Would you want these

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Would you want these lines, and other possible future lines across your property? When underground lines are much more dependable, is this company just taking the fast, cheap way out, not interested in the long term?

Sincerely, Bob Carney Lees Summit, Missouri

There are now 146 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From:

Bob Connell [mail@changemail.org] Monday, May 27, 2013 10:48 AM

Sent: To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- I live in Marshall

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

I live in Marshall county

Sincerely, Bob Connell Marysville, Kansas

There are now 157 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

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transmission-lines-3?response=5747c7a24455

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From:

Roy and Shari Frey [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Monday, May 27, 2013 11:27 AM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- Health reasons.....safety reasons....curb appeal....resell

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Health reasons.....safety reasons....curb appeal....resell value....

Sincerely, Roy and Shari Frey Sabetha, Kansas

There are now 159 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From: Sent:

Dean Menold [mail@changemail.org] Monday, May 27, 2013 11:38 AM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- health concerns, taking land

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

health concerns, taking land out of production and lowering property values.

Sincerely, Dean Menold Hiawatha, Kansas

There are now 160 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From:

Thomas Seel [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Monday, May 27, 2013 7:14 PM

To: Subject:

Steve Boyd Why I signed -- this is not good

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

this is not good for kansas, and not good if its by my farm.

Sincerely, Thomas Seel Axtell, Kansas

There are now 169 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From: Sent:

John Keller [mail@changemail.org] Monday, May 27, 2013 12:07 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- We like spending time

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

We like spending time in this part of the state and enjoy spending time in nature. We're worried that the lines will disrupt the natural habitat of the animals in the area and adversely affect the vegetation. The farmers will have so many more problems if these lines go up.

Sincerely, John Keller Lawrence, Kansas

There are now 161 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From:

Andrew Smith [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Monday, May 27, 2013 3:42 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- I have property in

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

I have property in Pottawatomie county and feel that this line would cause harm to wildlife, especially migrating birds. These lines if proposed should be buried if at all possible.

Sincerely, Andrew Smith Topeka, Kansas

There are now 164 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From:

Matthew Ekstrum [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Monday, May 27, 2013 4:37 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- Shouldn't make a new

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Shouldn't make a new line in a new area when you can just go next to or upgrade a current one.

Sincerely, Matthew Ekstrum Vermillion, Kansas

There are now 165 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From:

Roxanne Wegner [mail@changemail.org]

Sent: To: Tuesday, May 28, 2013 8:29 PM Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- This would cause organic

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

This would cause organic farmers in the area to lose their license as organic. It takes numerous years to qualify as a licensed organic farmer.

Sincerely, Roxanne Wegner Grand Island, Nebraska

There are now 178 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From:

Nancy Ricklefs [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Tuesday, May 28, 2013 8:39 AM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- I was raised near

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

I was raised near Frankfort, Kansas and have many family members and friends in that area. It has been proven that these lines are very dangerous to humans and animals and are not necessary as there is plenty of wind power on the east coast.

Sincerely, Nancy Ricklefs Kansas City, Missouri

There are now 173 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From:

Brenda Meyer [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Tuesday, May 28, 2013 4:25 PM

To: Subject:

Steve Boyd Why I signed --

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

I also live next to one of the proposed routes. Health concerns such as: cancer caused by close proximity to the lines are a concern. An I-70 route would have less impact on crops and livestock.

Sincerely, Brenda Meyer Hiawatha, Kansas

There are now 177 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From:

Melissa McDonald [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Tuesday, May 28, 2013 1:30 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- I am from this

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

I am from this area and have family in the area.

Sincerely, Melissa McDonald Shawnee, Kansas

There are now 176 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From:

Jim and Judy Glynn [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Tuesday, May 28, 2013 9:06 AM

To: Subject:

Steve Boyd Why I signed -- Kansas receives no benefit

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Kansas receives no benefit and one of the proposed routes passes right behind our barn. Bury the line or deny it!

Sincerely, Jim and Judy Glynn Axtell, Kansas

There are now 174 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From:

Connie Broxterman [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Wednesday, May 29, 2013 9:12 AM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- We live very close

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

We live very close to a proposed tower site and even though it wouldn't be on our property, the location of a tower and the lines would bring the value of our property down. Not to mention our view which is what we bought the property for in the first place.

Sincerely, Connie Broxterman Vermillion, Kansas

There are now 184 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From: Sent:

Judy Kotapish [mail@changemail.org] Wednesday, May 29, 2013 9:46 AM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- Destruction of farm ground

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Destruction of farm ground owned by my son-in-law's family

Sincerely, Judy Kotapish Blue Rapids, Kansas

There are now 185 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

transmission-lines-3?response=5747c7a24455

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From:

Anthony Fincham [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Wednesday, May 29, 2013 10:49 AM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- I will inherit many,

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

I will inherit many, many acres of farming and hunting land within 1/4 of a mile from one of the proposed locations of this line in Marshall Co. My family lives there at this time and would adversely effect their live (job, land, hobbies, health...everything).

Sincerely, Anthony Fincham Amherst, New York

There are now 187 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From: Sent:

Justin Ricklefs [mail@changemail.org] Wednesday, May 29, 2013 7:39 AM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- This is where our

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

This is where our family is from and where we go for holidays each year. Would hate to see this line disrupt such a great piece of America.

Sincerely, Justin Ricklefs Palm City, Florida

There are now 181 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From: Sent: Michelle Fincham [mail@changemail.org] Wednesday, May 29, 2013 11:21 AM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- My in-laws live adjacent

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

My in-laws live adjacent to one of the proposed lines in Marshall Co. My husband and I will be moving back to this land in a few years so he can farm and enjoy the land for his hobbies. We do not want to move back to area with powerlines and high voltage that is causing a negative effect on the livelihood in that area.

Sincerely, Michelle Fincham Amherst, New York

There are now 187 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

transmission-lines-3?response=5747c7a24455

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From: Sent: brad ricklefs [mail@changemail.org] Wednesday, May 29, 2013 5:33 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- We spend a good

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

We spend a good amount of time on the land around the proposed transmission lines and know this would have a large, negative impact on my family and their health issues. We use this land for vacation purposes, to hunt and fish, and to assist other family members who use the land as their primary source of income. This is a bad idea and should not be allowed in our area.

Sincerely, brad ricklefs kansas city, Missouri

There are now 193 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From: Sent: Connie Ricklefs [mail@changemail.org] Wednesday, May 29, 2013 5:58 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- This would impact my

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

This would impact my vacationing in this area and buying products farmed here

Sincerely, Connie Ricklefs Kansas City, Missouri

There are now 193 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From:

Heather McNece [mail@changemail.org]

Sent: To: Wednesday, May 29, 2013 6:34 PM Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- This will impact me

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

This will impact me vacationing in this area

Sincerely, Heather McNece Smithville, Missouri

There are now 193 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From:

Kristi Haverkamp [mail@changemail.org] Wednesday, May 29, 2013 8:27 PM

Sent: To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- To save a friend's

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

To save a friend's farm.

Sincerely, Kristi Haverkamp Sedgwick, Kansas

There are now 195 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From:

Joe Kroeger [mail@changemail.org] Wednesday, May 29, 2013 8:46 PM

Sent: To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- Would compromise our farmland

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Would compromise our farmland and would run right through our homestead.

Sincerely, Joe Kroeger Marysville, Ks, Kansas

There are now 195 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From: Sent:

Jeff Strathman [mail@changemail.org] Wednesday, May 29, 2013 9:24 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- I believe that this

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

I believe that this line will negatively effect the cattle as well as adversely effect the health of myself and my family. I believe that if the true health effects were known everyone would be against the so called (clean line).

Sincerely, Jeff Strathman Baileyville, Kansas

There are now 198 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

transmission-lines-3?response=5747c7a24455

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From: Sent:

Cindy Hemman [mail@changemail.org] Wednesday, May 29, 2013 9:25 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- We do not want

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

We do not want these high voltage lines running near us.

Sincerely, Cindy Hemman Seneca, Kansas

There are now 199 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From:

Ali Busch [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Wednesday, May 29, 2013 10:10 PM

To: Subject:

Steve Boyd Why I signed -- My family farm lies

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

My family farm lies in the direct proposed route

Sincerely, Ali Busch Home, Kansas

There are now 202 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From: Sent:

Andrew Deters [mail@changemail.org] Wednesday, May 29, 2013 11:59 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- I have cattle that

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

I have cattle that need to reproduce for me to make a living and I am starting a family. I do no want this voltage to harm them. These people have no guarantee harm will not come to my children or animals!!

Sincerely, Andrew Deters Vermillion, Kansas

There are now 204 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From: Sent:

Jodi Stulak [mail@changemail.org] Thursday, May 30, 2013 6:53 AM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- Because to the extent

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Because to the extent these help they hurt others. not good choice

Sincerely, Jodi Stulak Woodstock, Georgia

There are now 206 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From:

Marcy Holthaus [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Thursday, May 30, 2013 8:52 AM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- It would go right

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

It would go right through the land where my parents house stands.

Sincerely, Marcy Holthaus Gardner, Kansas

There are now 209 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From: Sent:

Sue Spielman [mail@changemail.org] Thursday, May 30, 2013 10:34 AM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- It affects the health

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

It affects the health and livelihood of fellow farmers & stockmen in our area. Better options need to be explored.

Sincerely, Sue Spielman Seneca, Kansas

There are now 215 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From:

makenzie kroeger [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Thursday, May 30, 2013 12:38 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- close to my house

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

close to my house and families farm land

Sincerely, makenzie kroeger axtell, Kansas

There are now 228 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From: Sent:

Renee Freund [mail@changemail.org]

Tai

Thursday, May 30, 2013 12:42 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- Tough to farm around

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Tough to farm around little poles sticking out of the ground-wastes time, energy, and fuel to farm around obstructions in the field.

Sincerely, Renee Freund Lebo, Kansas

There are now 228 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From:

Taylor Wilson [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Thursday, May 30, 2013 12:47 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- This goes right through

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

This goes right through one of the only certified organic farms in Kansas which is also my family farm!

Sincerely, Taylor Wilson Beattie, Kansas

There are now 229 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From:

Steve Boyd

Sent:

Thursday, May 30, 2013 4:46 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

FW: Why I signed -- I have family in

**From:** Kevin Rasmussen [mailto:mail@changemail.org]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 30, 2013 4:27 PM

To: Steve Boyd

**Subject:** Why I signed -- I have family in

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

## Here's why I signed:

I have family in northeast KS whose livelihood, health, and property value will be negatively impacted. To add insult to injury, the residents of KS, and eventually residents of other states along the proposed route, will not benefit from the proposed lines. In my opinion Clean Line is fleecing the American taxpayers, using underhanded tactics to obtain "green" grant dollars to provide power to the northeast – power the northeast doesn't even want (they'd prefer to build offshore wind farms)! For example, before information regarding their plan became public knowledge, Clean Line hired many of the local lawyers along the proposed routes for small jobs, making it a conflict of interest for these lawyers to help the residents fight their plans once they did become public knowledge. Additionally, Clean Lines was able to influence the Kansas Corporation Commission, a 3 member body, to grant Clean Line utility status even though they own no poles or transmission lines. Utility status gives Clean Line the power of eminent domain, allowing them to force permanent easements upon the residents of KS. In closing, this proposed project is designed to maximize profits for Clean Line by maximizing the loss to KS residents – otherwise, the lines would utilize existing KDOT easements along interstates rather than following the cheapest route.

Sincerely,			
Kevin Rasmussen			
Piney Flats, Tennessee			
There are now 234 signatures on this petition	. Read reasons w	by people are signing, and res	spond to Landowner
Coalition by clicking here:			
http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corp	oration-commissi	<u>on-deny-clean-line-s-above-s</u>	ground-high-voltage-
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From:

Travis Fincham [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Thursday, May 30, 2013 5:28 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- I grew up on

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

I grew up on a farm that will be directly affected by the building of these lines. I find it hard to believe that Kansas would give imminent domain to a private company for something that gives no benefit to Kansans while having such a huge negative impact on farmers, land, and wildlife habitat. The landowners themselves weren't even made aware of the plans until after it was too late to stop imminent domain.

Sincerely, Travis Fincham Altus, Oklahoma

There are now 235 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From:

Paula Kuhlman [mail@changemail.org]

Sent: To:

Thursday, May 30, 2013 8:59 PM

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- Family in NE Kansas.

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Family in NE Kansas, concerned this will have a negative impact on them.

Sincerely, Paula Kuhlman Santa Clarita, California

There are now 238 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From:

chris kuhlman [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Thursday, May 30, 2013 9:10 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- Family in NE Kansas

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Family in NE Kansas

Sincerely, chris kuhlman valencia, California

There are now 239 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From:

Josh Ingels [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Friday, May 31, 2013 6:09 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- I work and drive

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

# Here's why I signed:

I work and drive in Kansas City almost every day. I drive by the Iatan power plant almost every day. I go to places like Home and Bushton to escape the city skyline. I'm saddened every time I pop the hill on I70 west of Salina and see the eye soar that is the Smoky Hills Wind Farm. It's not only the aesthetics or lack there of, it's equally the thought of the inefficiencies of wind energy. Do we need alternatives to fossil fuel energy? Absolutely! Is wind energy the long term solution? Absolutely NOT! So why do long term damage to our lands? It's too late for the Smoky Hills near Ellsworth but not for the hundreds of miles of beautiful Kansas lands potentially affected by "Clean Lines".

Sincerely, Josh Ingels Atchison, Kansas

There are now 243 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

 $\underline{transmission\text{-}lines\text{-}3?response\text{=}5747c7a24455}$ 

From:

Darcie Putnam [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Friday, May 31, 2013 6:34 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- My family is all

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

My family is all born and raised in this section of northern Kansas. My immediate family vacations in this section of Kansas every summer. We play in the streams and creeks located here. We find it highly dangerous to our farmers' land to allow this invasion.

Sincerely, Darcie Putnam Columbia, Missouri

There are now 244 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From:

Josh Powgnas [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Friday, May 31, 2013 9:59 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- Affects many of the

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Affects many of the local farmers and studies have shown these lines can cause cancer.

Sincerely, Josh Powgnas Iowa ave, Kansas

There are now 245 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

transmission-lines-3?response=5747c7a24455

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From:

Carla Strathman [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Saturday, June 01, 2013 12:06 AM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- This line will be

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

This line will be going through my future homestead and don't want my children playing around an area with high voltage as these lines carry.

Sincerely, Carla Strathman Axtell, Kansas

There are now 247 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From:

Travis Eubanks [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Saturday, June 01, 2013 3:07 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- Though I don't live

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Though I don't live in the area that these power lines will go through, my family does and I know this is something they don't want to see happen. Less than 2 miles from my grandparent's house these lines will tower above the land, but at no benefit to the people living near them.

Sincerely, Travis Eubanks Beatrice, Nebraska

There are now 264 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

 $\underline{transmission\text{-}lines\text{-}3?response\text{=}5747c7a24455}$ 

From:

Peggy Hasenkamp [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Saturday, June 01, 2013 5:15 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- Kansas Corporation Commission

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Kansas Corporation Commission If these lines are too dangerous to bury, then deny Clean Line any access to our rural communities. The effects of this one line will ruin some properties, but the effects of a national energy corridor could ruin whole farms. Please dont sell us out to the highest bidder. Use our resources to build Kansas. It's your responsibility.

Sincerely, Peggy Hasenkamp Axtell, Kansas

There are now 265 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From:

Gregg Fresonke [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Monday, June 03, 2013 10:55 AM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- Clean Lines is not

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Clean Lines is not much different than Southern California Edison in bullying their way toward getting what they want. Hope For The Hills has made an impact and I hope you Kansans can too

Sincerely, Gregg Fresonke Chino Hills, California

There are now 273 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From:

Kevin McMurry [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Monday, June 03, 2013 9:05 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- Fort Larned National Historic

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Fort Larned National Historic Site, a unit of the U.S. Department of Interior, National Park System AND other significant historic sites will be negatively impacted by this huge above ground powerline. Options to reroute and/or bury the line are not being seriously considered by those decisionmakers, none of whom are located in or even from Kansas. All efforts to bring the U.S. Government into the process on behalf of Fort Larned and the other historical sites will be pursued.

Sincerely, Kevin McMurry Larned, Kansas

There are now 275 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

From: Sent:

William Henry [mail@changemail.org]

To:

Monday, June 03, 2013 10:10 PM Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- I am petitioning to

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

I am petitioning to deny the routing application of this transmission line for two reasons. 1) It will not provide any benefit to either this local area of North East Kansas nor to any resident of Kansas as it has been explained via public debate. 2) It will permanently degrade the value of both occupying and adjacent land in terms of use for agricultural purposes.

Sincerely, William Henry Seneca, Kansas

There are now 276 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/kansas-corporation-commission-deny-clean-line-s-above-ground-high-voltage-

<u>transmission-lines-3?response=5747c7a24455</u>

From:

Rex Abrahams [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Tuesday, June 04, 2013 6:52 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- As Chairman of the

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

# Here's why I signed:

As Chairman of the Fort Larned Old Guard, a 501c3 organization formed for the benefit of Fort Larned National Historic Site, I would respectfully request that these lines be buried and not pass within 5 miles of Fort Larned National Historic Site. We have worked long and hard to preserve our national heritage at the fort. All it takes is a project like this to destroy the scenic interpretation we have worked so hard to maintain. Once destroyed, we can no longer go back and attain that which was lost. Kansas owes the pioneers who helped settle this land the courtesy of keeping a small portion of this state free from scenic and obtrusive obstructions. Our children and grandchildren need to know what it was like for a settler to travel the prairie. They need to be able to picture themselves in this environment to understand our heritage. 197' tall towers and power lines absolutely destroy this interpretation. Please think long and hard about this decision. Hopefully you will come to the conclusion that this is NOT in the best interests of the State of Kansas. Sincerely, Rex Abrahams Chairman of the Board Fort Larned Old Guard

Sincerely, Rex Abrahams Canton, Kansas

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From:

Richard Berry [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Tuesday, June 04, 2013 7:30 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- Cutting up the Kansas

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

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Cutting up the Kansas landscape to transmit Kansas wind energy elsewhere is simply wrong. It should not be allowed to happen.

Sincerely, Richard Berry Canton, Kansas

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From:

david linck [mail@changemail.org] Tuesday, June 04, 2013 11:27 PM

Sent: To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- I believe the better

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

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I believe the better route would be along the I 70 corridor where the state already have the easments instead of forging a new route where the line is not wanted.

Sincerely, david linck atchison, Kansas

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From: Sent:

Eleanoria Brake [mail@changemail.org] Wednesday, June 05, 2013 6:56 AM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- This will be the

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This will be the third (3rd) power line crossing all of my farmland. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH! By the time all the eminent domain action take place I will own nothing. I will be farming on someone else's land. Who wants to buy a 5 acre parcel left in the corner after going diagonal across farm parcels?

Sincerely, Eleanoria Brake Laurel, Maryland

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Morgan Rettele [mail@changemail.org] Wednesday, June 05, 2013 8:09 AM

Sent: To:

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Jeff Holthaus [mail@changemail.org] Thursday, June 06, 2013 7:14 AM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- Bury it and I

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Here's why I signed:

Bury it and I don't have a problem. I grew up in northeast Kansas. Friends and family still live there. All it will do is trash the place up and kill property values for the ones effected. Have you ever tried to sell property with power lines running through it above ground?

Sincerely, Jeff Holthaus Doughlas, Kansas

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From: Sent: Linda Hyland [mail@changemail.org] Thursday, June 06, 2013 7:29 AM

To:

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Subject:

Why I signed -- all of my family

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Here's why I signed:

all of my family is from the Nemaha County area

Sincerely, Linda Hyland Bixby, Oklahoma

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From:

Chester Jr Fincham [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Thursday, May 23, 2013 4:36 PM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- As an area farmer

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

As an area farmer affected by Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines, I strongly oppose the KCC allowing Clean Line to destroy our farmland and pasture land. I worry about the effects of destroying natural habitat, our terraces, creek banks and our waterways. This will lead to erosion, something farmers and the NRCS and FSA offices have been trying to stop. I oppose above ground transmission lines and can only support underground transmission lines along 1-70.

Sincerely, Chester Jr Fincham Frankfort, Kansas

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#### Change.org Petition

To:

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State Rep. Sharon Schwartz, Kansas-106

State Sen. Dennis Pyle, Kansas-001

State Rep. Randy Garber, Kansas-062

State Rep. Gerald Henry, Kansas-063

State Sen. Elaine Bowers, Kansas-036

Sen. Jerry Moran, Kansas

Sen. Pat Roberts, Kansas

Rep. Tim Huelskamp, Kansas-01

KCC, Mr. Boyd

Clean and Local Coalition

Kansas Corporation Commission, Mr. Sievers, Ms. Albrecht, and Mr. Wright

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We support wind energy development in Kansas, but not at the cost of the livelihoods of so many Kansans. And Clean Line has told us if wind cannot supply their lines at full capacity, they will transmit nonrenewable power as well. So these are not necessarily "green" wind energy transmission lines. A more sustainable clean energy future would be for Kansas to keep its wind in state and invite energy intensive industry (like manufacturing, or gigantic computer server farms) to relocate to Kansas where wind-generated electricity is cheap (because there's no need to build infrastructure to export it). Does Kansas want a one-time pay-off, or a sustainable economic future?

If the state of Kansas is certain these transmission lines are a benefit to Kansas then the route should follow KDOT easements along interstates, and the KCC should REQUIRE THE LINES TO BE BURIED. Burying the transmission lines would alleviate many of the above-mentioned issues.

We do not think Clean Line's proposed plan fulfills the vision for wind energy in the state of Kansas. This is our state, and these are our communities, our farms, our livelihoods, our homes, and our legacies. We ask you to deny Clean Line's Grain Belt Express proposed above ground transmission line routes.

Sincerely,

# Change.org Petition

Adam Kramer	Baileyville, KS	Claire Serati	Fenton, MO
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Mary Mauch	Lemont, IL	Sharmon Polson	Vermillion, KS
Mary Neumann	Wauwatsa, WI	Shellli Wimberly	Vermillion, KS
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Mathew Strathman	Prairie Village, KS	Stacey Steinlage	Seneca, KS
Matthew Waring	Norwalk, CN	Stephanie Rasmussen	Piney Flats, TN
Maurice Bergman	Vermillion, KS	Stephanie Rumbo	Baileyville, KS
Merrill Nielsen	Denmark	Stephen Bright	Fenton, MO
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After seeing the aftermath of the oil wells that are essentially "unregulated" in their operations, I can't believe that KCC would make any better decisions with the regulation of the transmission lines. We get complaints from the neighboring properties about the mess left behind from the oil well companies. It would make more sense to be building something that would benefit the residents of Kansas directly instead of a negative impact on the states occupants. After this is built, there will be no ongoing benefit to Kansas whatsoever. The majority of the contractors end up being from out of state and again do not benefit Kansas as far as a taxable income but maybe for a very short term with some sales tax since people have to eat. You can bet that the material is not being manufactured or supplied from anywhere in Kansas either. We need to make decisions for the benefit if the residents. If burying the lines will appease everyone, then so be it but lease the easement to them for an ongoing income for our state or maybe allow the property owners a share in the proceeds that pass through their property like oil production.

Sincerely, Patrick Wempe Lawrence, Kansas

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Paul Wempe [mail@changemail.org] Wednesday, June 05, 2013 10:43 AM

To:

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Subject:

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The installation of this power line will reduce property values in the area of the line.

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Sincerely, Leon osterhaus Olathe, Kansas

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Sincerely, Judy Brake Shawnee, Kansas

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From: Sent:

Jeff Holthaus [mail@changemail.org] Thursday, June 06, 2013 7:14 AM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- Bury it and I

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Bury it and I don't have a problem. I grew up in northeast Kansas. Friends and family still live there. All it will do is trash the place up and kill property values for the ones effected. Have you ever tried to sell property with power lines running through it above ground?

Sincerely, Jeff Holthaus Doughlas, Kansas

There are now 371 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

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From: Sent:

Linda Hyland [mail@changemail.org] Thursday, June 06, 2013 7:29 AM

To:

Steve Boyd

Subject:

Why I signed -- all of my family

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

all of my family is from the Nemaha County area

Sincerely, Linda Hyland Bixby, Oklahoma

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From:

Chester Jr Fincham [mail@changemail.org]

Sent:

Thursday, May 23, 2013 4:36 PM

To: Subject: Steve Boyd Why I signed -- As an area farmer

Dear KCC (Mr. Boyd),

I just signed Landowner Coalition's petition "Kansas Corporation Commission: Deny Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

As an area farmer affected by Clean Line's above ground high voltage transmission lines, I strongly oppose the KCC allowing Clean Line to destroy our farmland and pasture land. I worry about the effects of destroying natural habitat, our terraces, creek banks and our waterways. This will lead to erosion, something farmers and the NRCS and FSA offices have been trying to stop. I oppose above ground transmission lines and can only support underground transmission lines along 1-70.

Sincerely, Chester Jr Fincham Frankfort, Kansas

There are now 115 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Landowner Coalition by clicking here:

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To:

Gov. Sam Brownback, Kansas

State Rep. Sharon Schwartz, Kansas-106

State Sen. Dennis Pyle, Kansas-001

State Rep. Randy Garber, Kansas-062

State Rep. Gerald Henry, Kansas-063

State Sen. Elaine Bowers, Kansas-036

Sen. Jerry Moran, Kansas

Sen. Pat Roberts, Kansas

Rep. Tim Huelskamp, Kansas-01

KCC, Mr. Boyd

Clean and Local Coalition

Kansas Corporation Commission, Mr. Sievers, Ms. Albrecht, and Mr. Wright

We oppose Clean Line Energy's proposed above ground Grain Belt Express transmission line through northern Kansas. These proposed routes cross the most productive and expensive soil in the state. Our land fuels our economy - our crops, our livestock, our hunting and fishing opportunities, and our panoramic views. The transmission lines and towers will hamper our ability to farm – through compaction...

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We support wind energy development in Kansas, but not at the cost of the livelihoods of so many Kansans. And Clean Line has told us if wind cannot supply their lines at full capacity, they will transmit nonrenewable power as well. So these are not necessarily "green" wind energy transmission lines. A more sustainable clean energy future would be for Kansas to keep its wind in state and invite energy intensive industry (like manufacturing, or gigantic computer server farms) to relocate to Kansas where wind-generated electricity is cheap (because there's no need to build infrastructure to export it). Does Kansas want a one-time pay-off, or a sustainable economic future?

If the state of Kansas is certain these transmission lines are a benefit to Kansas then the route should follow KDOT easements along interstates, and the KCC should REQUIRE THE LINES TO BE BURIED. Burying the transmission lines would alleviate many of the above-mentioned issues.

We do not think Clean Line's proposed plan fulfills the vision for wind energy in the state of Kansas. This is our state, and these are our communities, our farms, our livelihoods, our homes, and our legacies. We ask you to deny Clean Line's Grain Belt Express proposed above ground transmission line routes.

Sincerely,

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