

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Grain Belt Express)
Clean Line LLC for a Certificate of Convenience and)
Necessity Authorizing it to Construct, Own, Operate,)
Control, Manage, and Maintain a High Voltage, Direct) Case No. EA-2014-0207
Current Transmission Line and an Associated Converter)
Station Providing an interconnection on the Maywood-)
Montgomery 345 kV Transmission Line)

Motion to Intervene on Behalf of David McKnight

Pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075, David McKnight hereby asks the Commission for permission to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding. In support of this Motion, movant states as follows:

1. Movant asks that communications to him regarding this case be directed to his attorney, whose contact information is provided below.

2. Movant, and his wife Jackie McKnight, are joint owners of a farm of approximately 252 acres, located in Buchanan county, Missouri, approximately 3 miles from St. Joseph. Under the route proposed by Grain Belt in its Application to the Commission, the proposed transmission line would pass directly over my farm, with a span of approximately 3300 feet.

How close to residence? 1400 feet

How close to any farm buildings? 1100 feet

Can you very briefly describe how you think the line might impact your operations on the farm?

My farm is being taken over by utilities. I have 3 oil pipelines running across my farm with a 150 feet wide easement. Utility easements place restrictions on my property that interfere with normal improvements and maintenance (i.e. water lines, fencing, dirt work).

My property is hilly and highly erodible. Previous pipeline projects have caused large amounts of erosion, mixing of top soil with unfertile subsoil, loss of soil health, and blocked access to half of my farm.

I am concerned about potential health risk of life long exposure of my family and livestock to the high voltage lines. These lines can be buried to eliminate any possible risk. There is potential hazard of these lines touching the ground in the event of severe weather that would place my family at further risk when completing clean up after a storm.

My primary concern is our greedy elected county commissioners agreeing to the potential loss of private property through eminent domain. This project provides no benefit to Buchanan county or Missouri.

Do you oppose the line for aesthetic reasons? Absolutely, my farm enjoys beautiful uncluttered views for miles in many directions. There is no amount of money that can replace this view.

Potential to decrease property value? Any reasonable person that would agree that these unwanted towers and power lines will decrease the property value. How is fair market value of land determined, if the land is not for sale?

3. If the Commission grants Grain Belt's Application to build the line, movant understands that Grain Belt could condemn a right-of-way easement for the line over his property regardless of any objections he may have.

4. For the reasons stated above, movant has an interest in the outcome of the Commission decision in this case which is different from that of the general public, and his interest would be adversely affected if Grain Belt's Application were to be approved by the Commission.

5. Based on the information filed thus far by Grain Belt, Movant expects he will oppose Grain Belt's Application to build the transmission line.

Wherefore, Movant respectfully asks the Commission to approve this Motion to Intervene.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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