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0	In the Matter of the Application)
9	of Grain Belt Express Clean Line)
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10	Convenience and Necessity )
	Authorizing it to Construct, )
11	Own, Operate, Control, Manage, )
	and Maintain a High Voltage, ) File No.
12	Direct Current Transmission Line) EA-2014-0207
	and an Associated Converter )
13	Station Providing an )
	Interconnection on the Maywood- )
14	Montgomery 345 kV Transmission )
	Line )
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17	Robert Kenney, Commissioner
18	William Kenney, Commissioner
19	Scott Rupp, Commissioner
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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	(Starting time of hearing is 6:10)
3	JUDGE BUSHMANN: We'll go on the record.
4	Good evening. It's August 12 at six o'clock p.m.,
5	Missouri Public Service Commission has set this time
6	for local public hearing in the case captioned as In
7	the Matter of Application of Grain Belt Express Clean
8	Line LLC for certificate of necessity authorizing it
9	to construct, own, operate, control, and manage and
10	maintain a high voltage, direct current transmission
11	line and associated converter station providing
12	interconnection on the Maywood mono 345 kv
13	transmission, file number EA2014-0207. My name is
14	Michael Bushmann. I'm a regulatory law judge. I will
15	introduce the commissioners with me. They are
16	Commissioner Robert Kenney and Commission Bill Kenney,
17	and Commissioner Scott Rupp. I would ask if any of
18	the Commissioners would like to make any opening
19	remarks.
20	COMMISSIONER R. KENNEY: Just briefly, good
21	evening everybody. Thank you for being here and in a
22	few moments Judge Bushmann will give you more
23	particulars and more details regarding the content of
24	the local public hearing, but I wanted to take a
25	moment to thank you for taking your time and coming

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1	out and offering testimony in the local public
2	hearing. This is the second of eight that we will do.
3	There are five Missouri Public Service commissions,
4	and as you can see three of us are here. The other
5	two are unable to be here, but your testimony will be
6	transcribed by the court reporter, and they will have
7	an opportunity to fully consider the testimony that
8	you offer here today once the hearing of this case is
9	concluded. Thank you for participating. Thank you
10	for being here, and we look forward to hearing your
11	testimony.
12	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Let's have Counsel make
13	their entries of appearance.
14	MR. ZOBRIST: Karl Zobrist, Dentons law
15	firm, 4520 Main Street, Suite 1100, Kansas City,
16	Missouri on behalf of Grain Belt Express.
17	MS. BAKER: Thank you. Christina Baker, P.
18	O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102,
19	appearing on behalf of the Office of Public Counsel.
20	MR. WILLIAMS: Commission staff, Nathan
21	Williams, P. O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri,
22	65102.
23	MR. AGATHEN: My name is Paul Atchison.
24	I'm not appearing on behalf of Sheldon landowners.
25	But their attorney, Terry Jarrett, asked me to let you

1	know that he's come down with a serious case of food
2	poisoning and regrettably will not be here. He also
3	represents Missouri Farm Bureau.
4	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Thank you. Missouri
5	Landowners Alliance? Missouri Division of Energy
6	MR. AGATHEN: Did you say Missouri
7	Alliance? I'm Paul Agathen, 485 Oakfield Court,
8	Washington, Missouri, 63090, and I also represent Mr.
9	McKnight.
10	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Missouri Division of
11	Energy. Matthew and Christina Rikert. Randall and
12	Roseanne Meyer. Rocky's Express Pipeline. Sierra
13	Club. The Witt Coalition, Witt on the wires,
14	Tradewind Energy LLC. IBEW unions. Missouri
15	Industrial Energy consumers. Kansas City Power and
16	Light, and Kansas City Power and Light grid
17	operations. Affinity Wind Power. United for
18	Missouri.
19	MR. LINTON: Thank you, Judge. David
20	Linton appearing on behalf of United for Missouri, 314
21	Main Street, Fenton, Missouri, 63026.
22	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Thank you. Transource
23	Missouri. Before taking any testimony this evening,
24	I'd like to provide you with some information about
25	the Commission and why the Commission is holding this

1	public hearing. Grain Belt Express applied to the
2	Commission for approval of plans to construct a high
3	voltage, direct current transmission line and an
4	associated facility within Cannon, Lincoln, Sheriton,
5	Randolph, and Ralls County, Missouri. As well as an
6	associated diverter station in Ralls County. The
7	Commission may grant permission if it finds that the
8	construction is necessary or convenient for the public
9	service. The Commission cannot decide any questions
10	about eminent domain including whether particular
11	properties could be taken or the amount of
12	compensation that will be paid. Those questions can
13	only be addressed in circuit court. The Commission
14	has already scheduled an evidentiary hearing for
15	November of this year to take evidence regarding grain
16	Belt Express's application, but it has also scheduled
17	hearing in each of the counties affected by the
18	proposed transmission line to give members of the
19	public a chance to say their support or opposition to
20	the project. That is the purpose of this evening's
21	hearing.
22	For those of you who would like to provide
23	testimony this evening, I'm going to call the names
24	listed on the sign-up sheet. When I call your name,
25	please come to the podium located down here in front.

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1	I will put you under oath and ask you to state your
2	name, where you live, and then you can offer your
3	comments to the Commission. There are quite a few
4	people who would like to speak this evening, so try to
5	keep your remarks to under five minutes so everybody
6	has a chance to testify. The Commissioners will not
7	be able to answer any of your questions because they
8	have to remain impartial until after the evidence is
9	presented at the end of the hearings. If you have
10	questions, please address those questions to the
11	representatives Grain Belt Express, the Commission
12	staff, or other parties who are in the lobby and have
13	information that they can give you. My final request
14	is to please be polite and courteous to everyone
15	speaking here this evening, and treat them as you
16	would like to be treated.
17	With that we'll go to the testimony. And
18	first witness on the list is Dean Arthaud. Would you
19	come to the podium please. There is a handheld
20	microphone that should be on. You can use that.
21	Would you please raise yourself right hand? Do you
22	solemnly swear or affirm that the testimony that you
23	are about to give will be the truth?
24	MR. ARTHAUD: I do.
25	JUDGE BUSHMANN: And could you state your

name and then spell your last name for the record? 1 2 MR. ARTHAUD: My name is Dean Arthaud, 3 A-r-t-h-a-u-d. JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you reside? 4 5 MR. ARTHAUD: I reside at 510 Harper Drive, 6 Columbia, Missouri, 65201. 7 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please proceed. 8 MR. ARTHAUD: I own land in Ralls County 9 with my brother Paul, and that's the reason I'm here. I also with my brother Paul sold a property that this 10 11 proposed power line is to go through. So even though 12 we're not actually going to be violated, we feel a 13 little bit guilty selling the land, and find it's going to be cut in half by a huge power line. I'd 14 15 like to thank you, the Public Service Commission for allowing to us express our concerns. I attended the 16 17 earlier meeting in Monroe City. And I would just say that a lot of the things that Representative Hanson 18 said, I think, apply. Different people in life make 19 different decisions. And there are good decision 20 21 makers and bad decision makers. I'm in hopes that the 22 people in the Public Service Commission are good decision makers. To me -- I heard somebody say 23 24 earlier that this was a tough choice. I don't think it's that tough a choice. The overriding concern here 25

1	is should a foreign company from Texas be allowed to
2	build a power line through Missouri, and cut a
3	200-foot wide swath through our pristine farmland. It
4	boils down to property rights of Missouri people
5	versus the for-profit company wanting to use tax
6	write-offs to make a profit. I don't think anybody
7	here is against progress, but I don't think in
8	Missouri this is needed. I don't see the need. And I
9	think from the meeting that I saw earlier or attended
10	earlier in Monroe City, about 90 percent of the people
11	there felt the same way. If it is deemed necessary to
12	have this 640-volt or kilowatt, or thousands volt line
13	built, it seems to me there ought to be a better or
14	some option, US 36, 70. I would hope that there is
15	something other than just cutting up our farmland or
16	our personal property. We don't have any way of
17	knowing what will be the long term consequence of
18	this. And my understanding is they don't have a
19	contract to sell the power yet. And I guess they
20	don't seek that until after there approved, but to me
21	eminent domain, or you giving them public utility
22	status is a big step. I know you realize that. But I
23	hope that it will be carefully considered before it's
24	done. That's really all I have to say. Again, I
25	heard some people comment earlier about the benefit.

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1	I don't see much benefit and the people that said that
2	there was benefit, and they were for it, had selfish
3	motives pretty much. I'm not trying to speak
4	negatively about them, but it seems like that there is
5	selfish motivations to their reasons for being for it.
6	And the people that are actually affected are very
7	much against it. Thank you.
8	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any questions from the
9	attorneys or Commissioners. No. Thank you. Next
10	witness is Louis Meyer. Do you solemnly swear or
11	affirm that the testimony you're about to give will be
12	the truth?
13	MR. MEYER: I do.
14	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Would you please state
15	your name for record and spell your last name?
16	MR. MEYER: My name is Louis Meyer;
17	M-e-y-e-r. My address is 3648 County Road 113, Cattle
18	Creek Road in Carbondale, Colorado.
19	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Go ahead.
20	MR. MEYER: Judge Bushmann and members of
21	the Commission, thanks so much for the opportunity for
22	us to speak today and your leadership in having a
23	conversation. My name is Louis Meyer. I am a sixth
24	generation Ralls County, Marion County resident. I
25	grew up on a dairy farm in Ralls County, 400-acre

1	dairy farm. Highway 61 was routed through our
2	century-old farmhouse and we moved to Hannibal. I
3	grew up playing basketball on this very campus. It
4	will age me, there used to be a par three golf course
5	with sand greens, and I played golf as a young
6	teenager on this course, but what will really date me
7	is I remember watching Commissioner Kenney play
8	footfall for the Kansas City Chiefs. I was a Cardinal
9	fan, so don't hold that against me. We own 300 acres
10	on the bluffs of the Mississippi River. It's got some
11	of the most iconic bluffs between St. Louis and
12	Hannibal. It's really a wildlife preserve. It's
13	immediately adjacent to the Ed Anderson Conservation
14	land, which is adjacent to the Ted Shakes Conservation
15	land, which is adjacent to the DuPont land. It's one
16	of the most pristine wildlife areas left in northeast
17	Missouri. There are what attracted me to the
18	property is there is native oak/hickory forests, well
19	over a hundred years old. Over the last four to five
20	years and by the way, I had a number of exhibits.
21	How would you like me to handle those exhibits?
22	JUDGE BUSHMANN: If you have exhibits, then
23	you can bring them forward. Someone will bring those
24	up to the court reporter.
25	MR. MEYER: For the record, I spent the

1	last three to four years designing an off-the-grid
2	cabin, my own design. That is now done. It will not
3	happen. I have pictures of these bluffs. You can't
4	sit here and understand how beautiful this property
5	is. I have pictures there is one picture of all my
6	nieces and nephews and my two kids on the very bluff
7	that they're proposing to put one of the bigger
8	industrial towers in the state of Missouri. You will
9	never see my kids and my nephews there again. Over
10	the last three to four years I have worked
11	hand-in-hand with the state of Missouri Conservation
12	Department doing a forest stewardship plan to take
13	care of the forest. That won't happen. I am
14	professional engineer. I am not here today to testify
15	as an expert witness. However, I'd like to give a
16	personal story. And I don't want to put the spotlight
17	on me, but my story is the same story as a thousand
18	rural farmers farm families that are impacted by
19	this. I started an engineering company in the early
20	1980s in Colorado. And we've grown that to be the
21	largest engineering firm in the state of western
22	side of the state of Colorado. Our expertise is in
23	water and energy. Just three weeks ago our firm
24	turned in the first ever and I was lead author
25	for the state of Colorado water plan to determine how

1	the state of Colorado will meet its water needs by the
2	year 2050. I turned it in. On March 25th, I received
3	a certified letter from Clean Line Energy. It was the
4	first contact I ever had with Clean Energy notifying
5	me that the line is going right through the part of
6	our property and right on two of the most iconic
7	bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River. There is a
8	lot of terms that were used this morning and used in
9	this legal proceeding; condemnation, eminent domain,
10	fair market value. How I feel is this is theft. This
11	is stealing the land. My first conversation with
12	Clean Line Energy, I called I had called them
13	reached out to them. I talked to young lady who was
14	very nice. She did not know where Ralls County was.
15	So, I ended that conversation and eventually I called
16	a gal name Adair Johnson and I was upset. I was
17	emotional. My conversation went like this. I said,
18	"Ms. Johnson, do you realize this bluff where you're
19	putting this tower, I have seen over 100 bald eagles
20	roosting right in that very spot." Her reply was,
21	"Mr. Meyer, we just want to have a conversation with
22	you." She was well-schooled in talking points of
23	Clean Line Energy. I said, "Did you know that there
24	is tens of thousands of white pelicans who are now
25	migrating on that very spot?" "Mr. Meyer, we just

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want to have a conversation with you." "Do you 1 2 realize that you are going over the most intact Indian 3 grounds in the state of Colorado (sic) that are hidden from view, and the first time I have brought it 4 5 public, right where the line will be?" "Mr. Meyer, we just want to have a conversation with you." "Do you 6 7 realize you're going over the Taylor family cemetery, 8 which goes back to the early 1800s?" "Mr. Meyer, we 9 just want to have a conversation with you." "What 10 about steep slopes, there is one to two slopes that 11 there is no way you're going to replant." "Mr. Meyer, 12 we just want to have a conversation with you." I 13 indicated that I'm not going to live within ten miles of EMF from that line. As an engineer, I'm very well 14 aware of the physics of EMF. And I said, "Ms. 15 Johnson, you wouldn't live under that line as well." 16 17 And, "Mr. Meyer, we just want to have a conversation with you." I'd like to have a conversation with 18 someone. I have been a student of public processes 19 20 for 30 years. I specialize in it. I took two years 21 working with the American Leadership Forum with the best teachers in the world, folks that arbitrated 22 northern Ireland/IRA dispute, Israel/Egypt dispute. 23 So I understand what the public process is. The fact 24 25 that they have a line routed through your property,

1	part of your property and they never contacted you,
2	that's not good public process.
3	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Your five minutes have
4	expired. Can you sum it up please?
5	MR. MARTIN MEYER: I would like to defer my
6	time to Mr. Meyer. My name is Martin Meyer.
7	JUDGE BUSHMANN: All right. You may
8	proceed.
9	MR. MEYER: Thank you, Judge Bushmann. The
10	very first item in the code of conduct of Clean Line
11	Energy is keep the landowners properly informed. That
12	hasn't happened. I would like to paint a human face
13	on the other side. When you put when you subject
14	people to what will probably be the largest land use
15	eminent domain use in the United States history, there
16	should be 100 percent transparency. According to the
17	Clean Line investors, the investors are the Ziff
18	family, SEI Ventures, and National Grid. I'd like to
19	tell you who they are and put a human face on it. You
20	should understand who these folks are. But first I'd
21	like to read you let's see if I can find it here.
22	This is from their application to the Public Service
23	Commission. Grain Belt Express is a limited liability
24	company organized under the laws of the state of
25	Indiana and is qualified to conduct business in state

1	of Missouri. To do business in Missouri, as a foreign
2	chartered limited liability company as attached, Grain
3	Belt Express is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Grain
4	Belt Express Holding LLC, a Delaware limited liability
5	company, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Clean
6	Line Energy Partners LLC, a Delaware limited liability
7	company. A primary owner of Clean Line are American
8	Holdings, Clean Line investors, a subsidiary of Sanyon
9	(phonetic) Ventures, Grid America, a subsidiary of
10	National Grid, which is a subsidiary of National Grid
11	PLC, which is a United Kingdom Company. But who are
12	the folks, there is people behind that. There are
13	people sitting behind a desk making a decision trying
14	to make money. The Ziff brothers and I have
15	exhibits I'll hand out. Ziff brothers, Daniel Ziff is
16	worth \$4.8 billion, Kirk Ziff is worth \$4.8 billion
17	dollars, and Robert Ziff is worth \$4.8 billion
18	dollars. They inherited their money from Ziff Davis
19	Publishing. They have \$40 to \$50 billion in
20	management with just one of their venture capital
21	companies and they have many. They have the largest
22	Wall Street hedge fund, according to the Wall Street
23	Journal. Two weeks ago I went out to visit the Ziffs.
24	They live in Aspen, Colorado is probably 1/10th of
25	one percent of the United States up above Aspen is a

gated community called Starwood. You go through 1 2 Starwood, and way up on top is the Ziff compound. I 3 went up and talked to them. They put on their pants just like I do. I don't care if they are billionaires 4 5 or not. Well, they wouldn't talk to me. But the folks that run their property -- and they have a staff 6 7 of about 30 folks running around. They know who I am. They invited me -- I went around and looked at their 8 9 property. They probably have \$5 to \$10 million in imported trees. They probably spent \$10 million on 10 11 lakes and ponds, and each of those lakes and ponds has 12 aerators that are run from electricity. And you tell 13 me if that is energy efficient. And nobody lives in those houses for -- they might live in those houses 14 15 for one or two weeks out of the year. They wouldn't talk to me. And by the way, are the Ziff brothers 16 17 here this evening? Is Michael Zilta here this evening? I don't think so. At least they would have 18 the courtesy of showing up. I drove 1000 miles. And 19 20 I could go on about Michael Zilta, but I'm going to 21 get to more relevant issues. The Ziff brothers are under criminal investigation by the Securities and 22 Exchange Commission and Department of Justice over 23 bribery charges in Africa. Here's the documentation. 24 Eminent domain for private gain is just not right for 25

these kind of folks. If the one relevant case that I 1 2 am sure you have heard is Kilo versus New London in 3 Connecticut. It was one family that brought this. And a governmental agency took the land and gave it to 4 5 private entity, one family. The supreme court's 5 to 4 decision against Kilo and her neighbors sparked a 6 7 nationwide backlash against eminent domain abuse 8 leading eight supreme courts and 48 state legislatures 9 to strengthen the protection. Moreover, Kilo educated 10 the public about eminent domain abuse and polls consistently show that Americans are overwhelming 11 12 opposed to Kilo, and support to change the law to 13 better protect small business owners and farmers. Moreover, in the five years since the Kilo decision, 14 15 citizen activists have defeated 44 projects sought to abuse eminent domain for private developments. That 16 17 was one family. Imagine if you did this to 1000 Missouri farmers. Imagine the anarchy, the Pandora's 18 box that you are going to open. 19 20 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Your five minutes have 21 expired. MR. SHAUN MEYER: My name is Shaun Meyer. 22 I'm on the list. I would like to allow him to have my 23 five minutes as well. 2.4 25 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Okay, sir.

1	MR. MEYER: We've seen what's happened when
2	Wall Street gets involved in energy. Think about
3	Enron and what they did to the state of California.
4	We've seen what happens when Wall Street gets involved
5	in mortgages. Think what happened in 2008.
6	I'd like to talk about the health impact.
7	I'm a professional engineer. I also am on the board
8	of our local hospital in Colorado that just recently
9	built a \$50 million cancer center because of the huge
10	amount of cancer in our area. There is clearly many
11	opinions, usually the opinions from the industry side
12	say there isn't an impact, but they always say I'd
13	like to read you a couple quick statements from the
14	other side. In 1998, an expert working group
15	organized by National Institute of Health, National
16	Institute of Environmental Health Sciences assessed
17	the health impact of exposure to low frequency EMF,
18	the type found in homes near power lines. Based on
19	studies about the incidence of childhood Leukemia
20	involving a large number of households, the institute
21	found that power lines' magnetic fields are a cause of
22	cancer. The working group also concluded that the
23	results of EMF animal cellular and mechanistic process
24	studies do not confirm or refute the finding of the
25	human studies. The International Agency of Research

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1	and Cancer Research reached a similar conclusion. In
2	California they had similar case to one degree or
3	another all three of the scientists hired by the state
4	of California believed that EMF can cause some degree
5	of increased risk of childhood Leukemia, adult brain
6	cancer with Merrick's disease and miscarriage. I will
7	not subject my family to that. What was most
8	astounding to me was the testimony of Wayne Gallagher,
9	their engineering expert. The Exhibit right here, Mr.
10	Gallagher responded electrical charges and fields
11	associated with them are found everywhere. We
12	routinely encounter static electric from rubbing our
13	feet on the carpet on a dry winter day, from brushing
14	our hair, when the humidity is low and weather
15	conditions such as storms, snow, and blowing dust.
16	The friction from walking across the carpet can create
17	a static electricity field at the surface of a body
18	the size 500 kilovolts per meter. He goes on to say
19	that based upon the applicable EMF calculation and
20	similar rated high voltage line, the highest electric
21	field accumulated on right-of-way is expected to be
22	approximately 40 kilovolts per year. Okay. 500 for
23	walking across the room, 40 for being exposed to this
24	line. You need to check the credibility of these
25	witnessed hired by Grain Belt Express.

1	Very quickly, the future of energy, which
2	our company has expertise in energy, it's in
3	decentralization. The Department of Defense has
4	caught on to that. Everybody all over the country,
5	all states are doing their own energy sources, using
6	microgrids. That doesn't benefit Wall Street. It
7	benefits people in Missouri. That's why it hasn't
8	reached more, open channel flow. Our firm has
9	designed a new hydro plant in Rock Island, Illinois
10	because the technology of hydro electric has gotten so
11	good you can put turbines without any head on it,
12	using it for rivers. Why isn't the state of Missouri
13	doing that? This will set back Missouri's efforts for
14	clean, renewable energy many, many years. Because it
15	will prevent Missourians from stepping up and creating
16	their own renewable, clean energy. The United States
17	Department of Interior wrote a letter to the Clean
18	Line folks and said placing a large transmission line
19	within areas containing large numbers of migrating
20	birds especially those with long wing spans, heavy
21	bodies, and poor maneuverability; ducks, geese,
22	pelicans, herons, eagles greatly increases the
23	likelihood and frequency of collisions with power
24	lines. While various measures can be implemented to
25	reduce those impacts and those effective measures to

1	site transmission lines far away from these important
2	bird areas. With each of proposed options bald eagles
3	have the potential to be negatively impacted by the
4	presence of transmission. Eagles as well as other
5	migratory birds collide with transmission lines
6	results in injuries and death. The height of the
7	structure at river crossing will increase this risk
8	given that the probability of bird strikes increases a
9	the height of the structure increases. But what I
10	really want to say is based on these risks, we
11	recommend that Clean Lines select a route other than
12	the route crossing the Mississippi River downstream of
13	the lock and dam near Salemton, Missouri, between
14	Brown's Island and Gene Young island near mile 300.
15	At this location bald eagles deaths are known to occur
16	in high concentration and make live transmission lines
17	even if line markers are employed. That's our bluff
18	and they ignored that.
19	In conclusion, I make all my decisions in
20	my personal life and my business life as if it's the

20 my personal life and my business life as if it's the 21 front headline in the Wall Street Journal, New York 22 Times, and NBC Nightly News. If you can honestly say 23 it's okay for billionaire hedge funds arbitrage 24 whizzes to steal Missouri land, and you can say that 25 on NBC Nightly News, then I guess you should make that

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1	decision. The values of Ralls County far exceeds the
2	return on investment and money. It's about family
3	community, history, and farming. It's something that
4	Wall Street doesn't understand. Thank you very much.
5	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Are there any questions?
6	Could you come back. Go ahead.
7	COMMISSIONER W. KENNEY: Mr. Meyer, I
8	understood you were reading you referenced our Indian
9	mounds, and I believe you said those were in Colorado.
10	Did you mean to say that those were on your property
11	here in Missouri?
12	MR. MEYER: Yes, sir. They are directly
13	under the line that is shown right across the heart of
14	our property. People don't know they are there
15	because there is 10,000 years of trees that have grown
16	up around. And I asked them I said, "Have you
17	checked this out?" "Well, no. Mr. Meyer, we sent a
18	helicopter up in the air. We didn't see them.
19	COMMISSIONER W. KENNEY: I have no further
20	questions. I was asking.
21	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any other questions.
22	COMMISSIONER R. KENNEY: Mr. Meyer, thank
23	you for what was obviously well-researched testimony
24	and for taking a significant amount of time to drive
25	here from Colorado. I appreciate the time that you

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have taken. Do you have any opinion about the 1 2 propriety of locating a line along an existing 3 right-of-way such as Highway 36 or 70? MR. MEYER: Yes, Commission Kenney. First, 4 5 I'd like to say that I routinely put high voltage 6 electric lines underground. The technology is there. 7 It's done all over the country. Admittedly, it's more 8 expensive, but it can be done. And I would say the 9 first thing that I would look at is putting it on existing right-of-ways that already exist instead of 10 across and ruining a thousand rural farmers' land. 11 12 COMMISSIONER R. KENNEY: Were you able to 13 have a discussion with anyone from Clean Line about alternative routes or about underground transmission 14 15 lines. 16 MR. MEYER: No. After my conversation with 17 Adair Johnson where every question I asked was "we just want to have a conversation with you", I stopped 18 the conversation. Just this evening Mark Lawler of 19 Clean Line Energy approached me, and said he wanted to 20 21 have a conversation. COMMISSIONER R. KENNEY: Thanks for your 22 testimony, Mr. Meyer? 23 JUDGE BUSHMANN: And your exhibits will be 2.4 admitted subject to objection from attorneys. 25 The

attorneys will have five business days to object. 1 2 MR. MEYER: Thank you very much. 3 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Next witness is Debbie Edmonds. 4 5 MS. EDMUNDS: Hello. 6 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Do you solemnly swear or 7 affirm the testimony you're about to give will be the 8 truth. 9 MS. EDMUNDS: I do. 10 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Would you please state your name and spell --11 12 MS. EDMUNDS: My name is Debbie E-d-m-u-n-d-s. 13 14 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you reside? MS. EDMUNDS: I live at 1108 Sloan Avenue, 15 Palmyra, Missouri, 63461. 16 17 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please go ahead. MS. EDMUNDS: Okay. I'm not going to be as 18 fancy as the speaker before me because obviously he 19 did a lot of research. I do want to say that my 20 21 parents, Darryl and Virginia Caswell own 195 acres on the scenic byway Highway 79. They run a black Angus 22 cattle farm business. The proposed line cuts right 23 down the center of their farm. It will be in their 24 corrals, and 600 feet from the front door of their 25

1	have that they worked their artive lines to build a
1	home that they worked their entire lives to build a
2	life of privacy out in the country on the most
3	beautiful farm. And what most people don't understand
4	that are from the city is that country people love the
5	land like they love their children. It's part of us.
6	This land is this land is important to us. This
7	land has been in our family for 100 years passed down
8	from generation to generation. We love this land.
9	It's beautiful. And we don't want to see the line go
10	right through the farmland. Highway 79 and
11	Mississippi River running alongside of it and it being
12	a scenic byway, I think will ruin the beauty of that.
13	Erosion is another factor to consider. My mom and
14	dad's land has valleys and hills and steep inclines.
15	And they have worked hard over the years to prevent
16	any erosion from continuing to destroy the land. And
17	I feel like bringing power lines in will harm that as
18	well. Someday this land will be left to me and my
19	brother and someday my children and their children.
20	And it's very important to our family. In conclusion,
21	I don't think that this is going to benefit us in any
22	way. I do believe that the Grain Belt has been sneaky
23	and a little conniving. And I don't mean that I'm
24	not trying to sling mud or anything, but I don't like
25	the tactics of where they have been coming from on

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1	most of the issues. And I hope and I also wanted	
2	to thank you the Public Service Commissioners for	
3	being here this evening and allowing us to speak. And	
4	we appreciate that. And I hope that you vote no on	
5	this issue. Thank you.	
6	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any questions for from	
7	anyone? No. Thank you very much. Austin Parham. Do	
8	you solemnly swear or affirm that the testimony you're	
9	about to give will be the truth.	
10	MR. PARHAM: Absolutely.	
11	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Could you please state	
12	your name and spell your last name?	
13	MR. PARHAM: Austin P-a-r-h-a-m.	
14	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you reside?	
15	MR. PARHAM: Arlington, Virginia.	
16	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please go ahead.	
17	MR. PARHAM: All right. I'd like to thank	
18	you, the Commission, for allowing me to speak as well	
19	as the college for providing the facility. I traveled	
20	900 miles because of two main important negative	
21	aspect of the proposed power lines. The power lines	
22	will negatively impact businesses and they will	
23	negatively impact the environment. Perusal of clean	
24	lines proposed routes shows that they explicitedly did	
25	not choose to cross federal lands. Instead, private	

1	lands were limitedly targeted. This is a business
2	versus business issue. What we're seeing here is a
3	land grab by one private business trying to usurp the
4	private property of another business. And that's
5	ludicrous. That's just absurd if you think about it.
6	There is no effort on Clean Line's part to contact me
7	on how they wish to change how I operate my business.
8	My business is farming. It's been in my family and we
9	do not want to change it. Instead, the power lines
10	will transit my farm at its widest point, over a mile
11	long. And it's Clean Line what they tried to do is
12	they said okay, we're going to help minimize the
13	amount of land to traverse. Instead they hit me at
14	the widest point over a mile wide. That's not how you
15	minimize impact. It is the most productive area of my
16	business and Clean Line thinks that they can better
17	use my property than what I have planned for it. For
18	a green project, their environmental aspects, negative
19	aspects that come with these proposed power lines,
20	construction will not only deforest and render wild
21	life habitat uninhabitable, but these power lines also
22	intersect land where my family has been doing
23	extensive conservation, where we have been working to
24	restore native habitat. This is a savannah habitat
25	where the woodlands of the east meet grasslands of the

1	west. Less than one percent of this habitat remains
2	in Missouri, and we've been working the last 20 years
3	to revitalize it. We have had great success with it,
4	working with the Department of Agriculture as well as
5	natural resource conservation and local
6	conservationists. But these power lines will
7	intersect that, and they will also negatively affect
8	the land where we have a rare species of butternut
9	trees growing. The butternut tree there is a
10	generation, there is a current generation in Missouri
11	foresters have not seen butternut trees. We have been
12	able it get them back on the land. This, I just hope
13	that the Commission keeps in mine that for, you know,
14	the business aspect, environmental aspect that they
15	vote against this measure of Clean Line trying to come
16	in and tell the farmers behind me that Clean Line can
17	operate their business better than the people behind
18	me. Thank you.
19	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any questions by the
20	Commissioners? All right. Thank you. Robert Parham.
21	Do you solemnly swear or affirm the testimony you're
22	about to give will be the truth?
23	MR. PARHAM: Yes.
24	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Could you state your name
25	and spell your last name?

1	MR. PARHAM: Robert Parham; P-a-r-h-a-m. I
2	reside at 4014 Meadowview Drive, Columbia, Missouri.
3	My brother just spoke. And, obviously, we share a lot
4	of the same concerns. But I'd like to touch on what
5	he started with. This project cuts through a mile of
6	farm land. And it's the most profitable farm land
7	that we have. It's 400 acres, and it's a mile wide,
8	and you could not physically find more ground to
9	disturb than what they have done. And when this
10	when I first found out about the proposal, it was in
11	April of this year. And it upset me. I thought well
12	how in the world is this company think they want to
13	take part of our land for their business, disrupt our
14	business for their own business without even
15	contacting us. So I felt like maybe I'm being, you
16	know, uncooperative. How difficult is it to find out
17	who owns this ground? And all it took was a plat book
18	from Ralls count, I found on there my name, you google
19	it, and you can find my address and I'm still waiting
20	on notification that they're going to come across my
21	ground. So, I ask the Commission, please deny their
22	certificate. In Ralls County, most of us are pretty
23	neighborly. And if you want access to somebody's
24	ground, you ask for it. You ask permission. That's
25	the neighborly thing to do. And this company has not

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been neighborly at all. 1 2 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any questions from 3 attorneys or Commission? Thank you, sir. David Desmond. Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the 4 testimony you're about to give will be the truth? 5 6 MR. DESMOND: I do. 7 JUDGE BUSHMANN: State your name and spell 8 your --9 MR. DESMOND: David Desmond; D-e-s-m-o-n-d. 10 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you live. 11 MR. DESMOND: 113 Shaun Court, Washington, 12 Missouri. 13 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please proceed. 14 MR. DESMOND: I know a lot of people here 15 wonder why I'm up here speaking because I don't live here, and I don't have any property up here and I 16 17 sympathize with everybody that does. The reason I'm here is because I represent the International 18 Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Linemen, and 19 Construction. I have a lot of members that live in 20 21 this area and are on the road at this point in time because there is no work in the area to be able to 22 work. If this project would go through, whether it 23 goes through whoever's place it is, it would be 24 beneficial for my members because they would be on the 25

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1	project. Right now I get phone calls weekly from my	
2	members asking when this project is going to start so	
3	they can come home and go to work and be with their	
4	families for a while. Right now there is a lot of	
5	work throughout the country, but there is not much	
6	here back home where they live. So I and my members	
7	are in support of this project.	
8	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any questions from	
9	attorneys or the Commission. Thank you. Kenneth	
10	McCarthy. Raise your right hand please. Do you	
11	solemnly swear or affirm that the testimony you're	
12	about to give will be the truth.	
13	MR. MCCARTHY: I do.	
14	JUDGE BUSHMANN: State your name and spell	
15	your last name.	
16	MR. MCCARTHY: Kenneth McCarthy;	
17	M-c-C-a-r-t-h-y.	
18	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you reside?	
19	MR. MCCARTHY: 10251 Pike 49, Frankford,	
20	Missouri. It's in Pike County.	
21	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please proceed.	
22	MR. MCCARTHY: Okay. I'm a concerned	
23	landowner. I have been opposed to Clean Line LLC	
24	gaining public utility status in our state for the	
25	reasons that first I learned of Grain Belt Express by	

1	attending an opposition meeting back in March of this
2	year. There was plenty of information and concerns
3	about how and where the routes would possibly cross
4	our state. And I was amazed and actually pretty
5	overwhelmed to have heard that our County Commission
6	at that time had already sent a letter of interest to
7	the Public Service Commission in Jeff City.
8	Apparently, Clean Line had already sugarcoated their
9	intentions for wanting to land grab a 200-foot
10	easement through several counties promising jobs and
11	tax revenues. This, by the way, lead me to the
12	Internet. And I spent about four hours in one
13	afternoon and pulled up things like newspaper, news
14	items in Jeff City where Clean Line had already
15	proposed new jobs coming to the state of Missouri on
16	March 6th, a small group of 12 concerned landowners,
17	myself included. We met with the Pike County
18	Commission at that time. To our surprise, the
19	commissioners had invited a lady representing Clean
20	Line. I believe her name was Adair Johnson I'm
21	sorry if I didn't pronounce it right to speak with
22	us and answer our questions. Well, to the surprise of
23	the Commissioners, when we brought up the question of
24	eminent domain, our commissioners acted surprised and
25	said they were absolutely opposed to eminent domain.

1	So the representative for Clean Line answered that
2	they would not use eminent domain only as a last
3	resort. Again, nothing in writing. I asked several
4	landowners living on and near the proposed sites. One
5	of the sites was two miles from my house, the other
6	one was three miles south of my house. So I knew all
7	the property owners, contacted them, and was just
8	appalled with the fact that out of a dozen or so
9	landowners that I talked to, there were only four that
10	said they had received notice from Clean Line. And
11	actually only one of those actually went to a Clean
12	Line meeting in Bowling Green, Missouri a year ago.
13	It's not to my surprise that I became aware that our
14	meetings, at opposition meetings that we started in
15	the area were held during normal working hours to
16	accommodate or were held not during working hours,
17	I'm sorry. And Clean Line's open houses were always
18	during working hours. I actually went to one in New
19	London in Ralls County here, and it was a very low
20	turnout. I'm retired. I have time now so I can
21	relate to why when people work they can't go to
22	meetings. Well, this response had me to the point of
23	getting the word out even more as quickly as possible.
24	So some of my neighbors and I we got on board with
25	opposition trying to get the word out to other people.

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And I do get nervous so I wrote this down. After all, 1 2 you know, it really doesn't take a rocket scientist to 3 realize that Clean Line's main purpose here was really gaining the support of all the County Commissions 4 5 across our state of Missouri behind the backs of all the landowners as much as they could. They were more 6 7 anxious to get approval for public utility status than 8 they were at the time gaining support of the 9 landowners. So, I think when they got called on it that's when they started saying, wait a minute, we're 10 11 going to pay for this; we're going to give you guys 12 money for the towers and the easements. I often 13 thought, in fact, I sat in bed last night thinking gosh, why couldn't they offer money like they do in 14 15 Alaska. The oil companies pay these people even the kids of the family an income, a revenue, for oil 16 17 passing through their property. And it's a lifetime thing as long as they own the property. Clean Line 18 19 offers a minimal amount for short term and then we're 20 stuck with the transmission line in our yards, our 21 valleys, our pristine land. Well, when I asked Clean 22 Line representative at the Commission's office that 23 day if there would be a transmission power plant built 24 to convert direct current to alternating current and 25 the response was no. Only a possible booster station

1	at this time either in Pike County or Ralls County.
2	Well, they said they wouldn't build transmission
3	plants due to the millions of dollars it would take to
4	build the plant. So at that point I realized Clean
5	Line is only concerned about building the 750-mile
6	transmission line across three states. And I feel
7	really in my heart that really this is probably only a
8	gain of easements, and if Clean Line was to be granted
9	access to sell the easements to the highest bidder and
10	leaving the landowners with all these promises behind.
11	Where would that leave the landowner, not to mention
12	all the land depreciation that goes along with it.
13	And I'll end with something I thought of last night
14	when I sat up in bed. If Henry Ford, when he built
15	the first automobile, if he just threw together an
16	automobile and didn't put a motor in it, well, maybe
17	someday you would hope that somebody would put a motor
18	together so he could power his car just like Clean
19	Line thinks if they put a transmission line up,
20	somebody might build a wind farm in Dodge City,
21	Kansas, and somebody might actually buy power. But as
22	far as the state of Missouri goes, there is very
23	little to gain here, but they sure are asking for a
24	lot. And I thank you for your time.
25	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any question from the
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Page 37 attorneys and Commissioner. Thank you, sir. Stewart 1 2 McIntyre. Do you solemnly swear or affirm the 3 testimony you're about to give will be the truth? MR. MCINTYRE: Yes, I do. 4 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and 5 spell your last name. 6 7 MR. MCINTYRE: Stewart McIntyre; M-c-I-n-t-y-r-e. 8 9 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you reside? 10 MR. MCINTYRE: 11 San Remo, Hannibal, 11 Missouri, 63401. 12 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Go ahead. MR. MCINTYRE: First of all, thank you for 13 your time tonight. I appreciate you guys being here 14 15 for this important issue. I'm here tonight to offer a little bit of a different angle. I personally don't 16 17 have any property at stake. However, our family business was listed on a support letter for the 18 project. Our business is in Ralls County, located in 19 Ralls County. A little over a year ago, a 20 21 representative of our company attended what was 22 thought to be an informational meeting, signed in to 23 the meeting. It was never explained that this letter 24 he was signing would be sent to the Missouri Public 25 Service Commission as a support letter. In fact, our

1	company has had to find out about this project through
2	local newspapers and speaking to members of the
3	community. What we thought we were doing is being put
4	on a potential bid list for a project, that we really
5	didn't know about at the time. I know ignorance is
6	not an excuse. However, the tactics being used and
7	I don't think I need to say too much more. I think
8	you heard quite a bit tonight. The recurrent theme of
9	the tactics being used have not been appreciated. I
10	live and work and go to church, my kids go to school
11	with these fine people in the community. So for me
12	personally, I think if this had happened to them, it
13	could happen to me. And as our family business was
14	listed as support of this project, I take that
15	personal. So the only thing I'd like to say tonight
16	in conclusion is when you're making your decision, I
17	want you to think hard on this; your property, your
18	farm, your business listed on a support letter, how
19	would you cast that vote and how would you make that
20	decision. Thank you.
21	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any question from the
22	Commission or the attorneys.
23	COMMISSIONER W. KENNEY: The only question
24	I have is what is your family business that your
25	reference has to be shown?

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1	MR. MCINTYRE: I work for Big River Oil	
2	Company, and we're also in the propane industry. My	
3	father-in-law is president of the company. I'm	
4	vice-president of the company. We're a small local	
5	distributorship; farm fuels, gas, diesel propane.	
6	COMMISSIONER W. KENNEY: Thank you.	
7	COMMISSIONER R. KENNEY: Thank you for	
8	coming. Did you contact anybody from the company	
9	about your company being listed anybody at Clean	
10	Line?	
11	MR. MCINTYRE: I did not.	
12	COMMISSIONER R. KENNEY: Is your company's	
13	name still listed?	
14	MR. MCINTYRE: I sent a series of letters.	
15	A school acquaintance a friend of mine that is	
16	going to be impacted, I contacted him and asked him	
17	what can I do to help. And he said you can send some	
18	letters. And I did receive a copy of that, that it	
19	was retracted, but I don't know. Basically, I'm here	
20	tonight to explain our side of the issue. I had not	
21	reached out to anyone at Clean Line.	
22	COMMISSIONER R. KENNEY: Thank you, Mr.	
23	McIntyre. Can you explain a little more detail how	
24	you got on that list? You went to the meeting and did	
25	you sign up for something?	

1	MR. MCINTYRE: I did not go to the meeting
2	personally. In fact, we sent a fuel dispatcher. We
3	had two dispatchers in our office at the time. We
4	sent one. In fact, he asked my permission if he could
5	go. I don't know how he found out by e-mail
6	exactly, but this project potential project, they
7	wanted to give information for potential vendors. Any
8	time you have, whether it be a highway project or any
9	kind of project where we could sell diesel fuel or
10	gasoline or whatever to the project coming through, we
11	want to know about it and be put on the bid list if
12	that project is going to go through. So that was our
13	intent was to be on the bid list. At the time we knew
14	nothing about what it would entail. I have learned as
15	I have gone along more about the project. So, at the
16	time we really didn't have much information.
17	COMMISSIONER R. KENNEY: Was there a
18	financial impact for the business with such a small
19	community?
20	MR. MCINTYRE: I don't know if I understand
21	your question. Financial impact?
22	COMMISSIONER R. KENNEY: Because when you
23	got that list and you said a high percentage of your
24	community is opposing this. Do you think that your
25	business suffered any because of that.

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1	MR. MCINTYRE: No. No. Our business has	
2	not suffered for being on the list. It's the fact	
3	that it was brought to our attention that we were on	
4	the list and ask why we supported it. And I didn't	
5	know anything about the project.	
6	COMMISSIONER R. KENNEY: Thank You.	
7	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Next witness is Mason	
8	Rodenbaugh. Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the	
9	testimony you're about to give will be the truth?	
10	MR. RODENBAUGH: Yes, I do.	
11	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name.	
12	MR. RODENBAUGH: Mason Rodenbaugh;	
13	R-o-d-e-n-b-a-u-g-h.	
14	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you reside?	
15	MR. RODENBAUGH: 14734 Mallory Road, New	
16	London, Missouri, 63409.	
17	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Go ahead.	
18	MR. RODENBAUGH: Thank you for taking the	
19	time to come out and listen to us folks impacted by	
20	this is process. It is very important that you are	
21	doing this as I believe that Green Belt's public	
22	involvement is lacking in my opinion. First, I want	
23	to address the public involvement on this project done	
24	by Green Belt. Supposedly everyone got mailed a post	
25	card about the project, which they may have, but	

1	publicity on this project was lacking severely
2	lacking on their part in my opinion. And I can
3	understand why because once people get the details of
4	this project, especially the affected landowners or
5	basically people next to the line, they are not for
6	the project. Clean Line did have a few open houses
7	locally for affected landowners and communities, but I
8	question why they did not hold these meetings a couple
9	years ago when other meetings were held for other
10	groups of people in the same areas such as businesses
11	and County Commissioners and/or civic leaders. Why
12	not make this project a little more public at this
13	time back in 2012 and 2013. In my opinion, I say it's
14	because people would have had time to organize against
15	this project more effectively. A substantial amount
16	of people on the proposed line did not even know about
17	this until February of 2014. At a so-called
18	informational meeting, Green Line did have they
19	handed out letters to sign that were addressed to
20	Missouri Public Service Commission. This is what the
21	gentleman before me was referring to. Most of the
22	people in these informational meetings signed these
23	forms and did not read the letters, and were not in
24	support of the project. They came to hear about the
25	project and gain information about it and be put on a

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1	potential bid list of possible work. I have a copy of	
2	the letter here. I'm sure you have many copies of it	
3	in your files. Why would this letter at that time for	
4	that type of audience be addressed to Missouri Public	
5	Service Commission? Why did they push this letter in	
6	front of me as some form of sign-in sheet in my	
7	opinion. I have personally contacted many local	
8	businesses on their support list and some businesses	
9	across the state. And majority of them did not know	
10	they were signing something that would be used by	
11	Clean Line Grain Belt before the Missouri Public	
12	Service Commission as in support of the project. I	
13	think this was an underhanded and shady way of saying	
14	the project is supported to the Commission. Now, as	
15	you know, the word has gotten out in the past six	
16	months and there is unprecedented opposition to this	
17	project. That is why five, I believe, maybe six	
18	counties of the eight affected have basically	
19	rescinded their support for the project. As well as	
20	other counties that it was going to pass through such	
21	as Marion, Pike, and Audrain. The majority of people	
22	do not want the project, in my opinion, because there	
23	is no need for it. And a private company wants to	
24	make a profit by using eminent domain to build. If it	
25	is such a great project, do it without eminent domain,	

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1	selling your project to the people it will affect and
2	do not try to go back door and get political support
3	from eminent domain power from in through having
4	public utility status. If this idea stands on its own
5	two feet, it should be easy to get support by those
6	affected. In this case Clean Line cannot get support
7	by impacted people it will not. So Clean Line is here
8	trying to get the Public Service Commission to give
9	them legal right to take people's land. In the grand
10	scheme of things, the power this project will provide
11	Missouri is negligible. There is no benefit to
12	Missouri. Missouri has power, to my knowledge, is not
13	necessary for more. This project destroys farm land,
14	wild life, and devalues property, costs Missouri and
15	Missourians money not to mention peace of mind and
16	quality of life issues this project will destroy for
17	countless generations. What about the health effect ?
18	Well, I say no one knows for sure, but no one should
19	be negligent on this topic. There are studies that
20	say there are effects and others say there are not
21	any. So if there is any doubt in this, I ask the
22	Commission to err on the conservative side and look at
23	all negative impacts this project will have. This is
24	no not really benefits; why allow this project. Why
25	put Missouri citizens at risk, and why let a private

1	company take people's livelihoods away from them.
2	This job this line the jobs this line will
3	create are a drop in the bucket as well to the many it
4	impacts. The money the counties receive do not
5	outweight the negative impact of citizens, in my
6	opinion. And that is why five or six of the County
7	Commissions across the affected counties have actually
8	resigned their support. Because they know how it's
9	going to affect their friends, neighbors, and
10	constituents. In my opinion, the majority of
11	landowner citizens are not for the project, and hope
12	this Commission can stand up for the citizens of this
13	state and deny this company public utility status. I
14	am a landowner that is now near the line, within 400
15	feet. It is next to my home. Now, this project comes
16	along I built my house in 2009, in a place I
17	thought nothing would affect it. Now, this project
18	comes along, dreamed up by investment banker and
19	out-of-state business. And if this happens will ruin
20	my family's quality of life. I would be considered an
21	adjacent landowner since it's not on my property, and
22	I have to look at and virtually be under these lines
23	for the rest of my life. I would get no compensation,
24	and the value of my home would be severely diminished.
25	No one, in my opinion, is going to pay good price for

1	a home next to a line of this nature. It will affect
2	the rural landscape for generations. And in my
3	opinion, line the pockets of only a few. There is
4	only one proposed drop station in Missouri as the
5	company wants to pacify this Commission and not serve
6	Missouri with cheap power. There is no need for this
7	project, no benefit, and a whole slew of negative
8	impacts too long to really discuss here. Also, wind
9	energy has survived with the help of federal tax
10	credits and subsidies. When these subsidies run out,
11	what happens. If these lines are built maybe they
12	will sit idle. I don't know. Also this company could
13	and probably will sell these lines and easements to
14	others. What will happen then? There are just too
15	many unknowns with this project, too much speculation
16	to risk allowing construction of this line. I think
17	it is ironic that Grain Belt in testimony of their
18	testimony they say the route was selected so not to
19	have any unreasonable construction costs. What is the
20	cost to the citizens of Missouri. What is the cost to
21	the landowner. Why would Missouri landowners or
22	Missouri care about the cost to Grain Belt. This is a
23	private company trying to do a project and speculate
24	on the benefits and not helping Missouri. Why do I
25	care if they miss my home, if they have to bury the

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1	line that costs a little extra. They should not be
2	allowed to do this project because it is the simplest
3	because they are totally focused on the bottom line
4	and their bank account; not worried or remotely
5	concerned about the people here affected. These
6	people have the right to veto the Grain Belt plan and
7	they have the rights to it forever. This is just
8	unbelievable that as a citizen and landowner, that a
9	private company can take your land. But this can only
10	happen if they are given the power of public utility.
11	So, please, this Commission deny public utility
12	status. This project is unfounded and has no benefit
13	to Missouri, and impacts just too many people and
14	affects too many lives in a negative way. It just
15	simply does not need to be done, and definitely not
16	approved by state Commission and given the private
17	form of that company and power of the government to
18	take people's land for unnecessary reasons. Again,
19	please deny public utility status and thank you for
20	your time.
21	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any questions from the
22	attorneys or the Commission? Thank you, sir. Maddy
23	Meyer. Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the
24	testimony you're about to give will be the truth?
25	MS. MEYER: I do.

1	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
2	spell your last name.
3	MS. MEYER: My name is Maddy Meyer;
4	M-e-y-e-r. I'm the niece of Louis Meyer, who you
5	heard speak. And I will keep this short and sweet,
6	but I'd just like to stand here as another face,
7	another personal testament to what could happen if
8	this company is given eminent domain. You heard my
9	uncle speak about his nieces and nephews will never
10	been able to set foot on the bluff if this would
11	happen. I'm one of them. I would never be able to go
12	to this bluff with my family and enjoy our time there
13	as well as beautiful property. When the property was
14	first purchased, it was not only exciting for me
15	because I would be able to experience the beautiful
16	land, but also because I have my own opportunity to
17	create a legacy for my family who has been living in
18	the area for six generations. As a bright-eyed and
19	bushy-tailed recent graduate of University of
20	Missouri, I am still filled with optimism for the
21	future. And it's disheartening to learn that monetary
22	gain of a company could be placed above the welfare of
23	landowners and citizens of Missouri when there are
24	valid solutions that have already been suggested here
25	this evening. I would hope that the Commission would

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1	keep this in mind as well as how this decision could	
2	affect future generations like myself. Thank you.	
3	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any questions at this	
4	time? Thank you. Gary Brinker. Do you solemnly	
5	swear or affirm that the testimony you're about to	
6	give will be the truth?	
7	MR. BRINKER: Yes, I do.	
8	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and	
9	spell your last name.	
10	MR. BRINKER: Gary Brinker; B-r-i-n-k-e-r.	
11	56503 Bottom Creek Lane, New London.	
12	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Go ahead.	
13	MR. BRINKER: As you see, I did not come	
14	prepared to speak tonight. I did not realize I get a	
15	chance. I'm a lifelong resident of Ralls County. I	
16	own a farm that this line is going to pass through. I	
17	would ask you do they have the right for eminent	
18	domain to take private use. This land was ours. We	
19	worked hard for it. Most of the farmers that I know	
20	in Ralls count are very honest people. I'm not saying	
21	that the company is not honest, forthcoming, but they	
22	were very slow to come be upfront and talk to the	
23	farmers. I want you to know that this land and you	
24	probably see the power line, each power line is about	
25	this big around. I have asked what happens if the	

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1	power line happens to break during a storm or problem.
2	They tell me that the power will be shut off by a
3	computer before it hits the ground. Computers don't
4	always work. If this power line is live on the
5	ground, what happens, who repairs it? I have not got
6	an answer for that. So I want you to just remember
7	and consider if this power line was close to you,
8	close to your home, what effect does it have on it?
9	Does it have an effect on the phone system, GPS
10	systems. As farmers, we all use them now. What
11	effect will it have on livestock? What effect will it
12	have on the community? What effect will it have on
13	me, my home? I just want each one of you to consider
14	the effect and personal solace of the individual that
15	this line will pass through. Thank you.
16	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any questions? Thank you,
17	sir. Steve I hope I pronounce Matyas. I apologize
18	if I didn't. Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the
19	testimony you're about to give will be the truth?
20	MR. MATYAS: I do.
21	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
22	spell your last name.
23	MR. MATYAS: Steve M-a-t-y-a-s.
24	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you reside?
25	MR. MATYAS: I reside in Ralls County at

1	15584 Old 79, New London, Missouri.
2	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please go ahead.
3	THE WITNESS: Thank you. First I want you
4	to know that I am for jobs and I am for renewable
5	energy. I think those two things are extremely
6	important. And I know you have a business decision to
7	make. And I'm going to address my concerns about jobs
8	and renewable energy we're hearing so much about. But
9	first let me tell you where I'm coming from. My wife
10	and I recently retired. We came back to Ralls County
11	because we love the area. It's beautiful out there.
12	We have built a home using equity from previous homes,
13	using retirement. And our biggest asset in the world
14	is our home. And that is going to be negatively
15	impacted by about a mile of transmission lines,
16	potentially 200-foot towers running right besides or
17	right behind my house. So, when you hear about jobs,
18	when people come to you and say we need these jobs,
19	you need to flip that coin over and think about
20	people's wealth that's going to impact by giving those
21	other people jobs. Because it is going to devalue my
22	house. People will say well, only upfront, but it
23	will get better. Well, if you have a choice between
24	living by this 200-foot tower with more DC voltage
25	known to man running through it or you have a choice

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1	of moving somewhere else, would you buy my house from
2	me? I'm going to have to sell it for less; there is
3	no doubt about it. The other concern I have is with
4	the transmission of wind power. That's all I have
5	heard of transmission of wind power. Well, I don't
6	see any lines that are just running wind power. I
7	believe in New Mexico and Arizona have proposed clean
8	lines going through them. And I think they set the
9	bar at 20 percent renewable energy running through
10	those lines. So what are we expecting in Missouri?
11	Are we truly expecting there is going to be 100
12	percent or is it going to be more like ten percent or
13	20 percent clean, renewable energy going through those
14	lines. And here we allow it to be built to hurt
15	Missourians in their pocketbook, hurt farm families,
16	hurt individual landowners like myself homeowners.
17	I just hope you will put a face on it when people talk
18	to you about jobs and about this great renewable
19	energy. Put our face on it and how you're impacting
20	us, and that's what I came to say. Thank you.
21	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any questions? Thank you.
22	Jim Hansen. Do you solemnly swear that the testimony
23	you're about to give will be the truth?
24	MR. HANSEN: Yes.
25	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Thank you. Could you

1	state your name and spell your last name?
2	MR. HANSEN: Jim Hanson; H-a-n-s-e-n. 5877
3	Highway C, Frankford, Missouri, 63441.
4	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please go ahead, sir.
5	MR. HANSEN: Thank you. Well, it's a
6	privilege to get to speak again after getting to speak
7	earlier this morning. And I want to thank you, the
8	Public Service Commission, for their long day and
9	coming out and taking time to hear the people of
10	Monroe County and Ralls County. As I stated earlier,
11	I'm a state representative for those two counties
12	along with all of Pike County and little bit of
13	Lincoln County. And it's through these two hearings
14	and six other hearings that you have scheduled that
15	you are going to give the citizens of Missouri a
16	chance to express their opposition or support for
17	Grain Belt Express. Every day every day in the
18	news it seems that we hear of new regulations or laws
19	that restrict our freedoms. And if the people of this
20	great state don't take a stand for their individual
21	liberties, there will be no liberty. Today I come to
22	speak out for myself and my constituents who oppose
23	this project because I do not see enough value and
24	benefits for the 40th District and the citizens of
25	Missouri. I feel our state has the resources and the

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knowledge and the engineering to come up with 1 2 solutions to implement renewable energy. These 3 solutions should originate in our state and be designed to benefit the citizens of our state. When 4 5 we have a major project that crosses eight counties, it does not make sense to give up property rights for 6 7 a project that originates in Kansas and ends with providing electricity for people on the East Coast 8 9 without any benefit to Missourians. It's hard for me to rationalize why it should be granted the power of 10 11 eminent domain. There are many reasons you will hear 12 today in opposition to this high voltage transmission line, but my biggest opposition is the taking of 13 private property through eminent domain. This is just 14 15 another attempt by private companies and government to limit our personal liberty. We should have the 16 17 freedom to determine how our property is used, not Grain Belt Express, a private company. And don't get 18 me wrong, I'm not opposed to renewable energy, but I'm 19 20 opposed to giving up our liberty and private property 21 rights to benefit any project that favors a private 22 company over our citizens. There are many options 23 that we could explore that benefit Missouri. Wind energy projects that start in Missouri. I know the 24 25 wind blows in Missouri probably as much as it does in

Kansas at times. So if we need a windmill, let's 1 2 start a windmill in Missouri, and let it end in 3 Missouri where it benefits the citizens of Missouri. We can also have clean power -- the nuclear power 4 5 plant in Callaway provides a tremendous amount of electricity. That's another option that we can 6 7 explore for clean energy. Small hydro reactors are 8 being reviewed and studied right now that will provide 9 a tremendous amount of clean energy. And Missouri is right in the middle of all that exploration. We have 10 11 Cannon Dam right in the middle of my district 12 providing hydro power. My district borders the 13 Mississippi River in two counties. We have Saberton Dam, we have the Clarksville Dam. I know if we put a 14 15 man on the moon, we're smart enough to come up with how to put a turbine in those dams to emit clean 16 17 energy for Missouri citizens. These options -- all of these options will bring jobs to Missouri and would 18 be a greater benefit to our citizens for meeting our 19 electricity needs. I'm all about jobs and economic 20 21 growth -- trust me. I attended my first opposition 22 meeting in Madison on January 15th, 2014, and all 23 meetings that were scheduled throughout Monroe, Ralls, and Pike County. And as a result, I'm in opposition 24 to the Public Service Commission on March 19, 2014. I 25

1	was also copied on letters from attorneys representing
2	landowners in my district sent to the Grain Belt
3	Express in opposition to this project. I also
4	received a copy of the letter from Monroe County Farm
5	Bureau in opposition due to the negative impact on our
6	land values and on the number one industry in the
7	state of Missouri, which is agriculture. I am also
8	aware that the Commissioner of Ralls and Monroe
9	counties stands in opposition to this project. Thanks
10	again for coming and holding these hearings. And it's
11	my hope and desire that you stand with the citizens of
12	40th District and citizens of the state of Missouri
13	and residents of Ralls County. Thank you very much.
14	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any questions for
15	Representative Hansen? Wiley Hibbard. Do you
16	solemnly swear or affirm that the testimony you're
17	about to give will be the truth?
18	MR. HIBBARD: I do.
19	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
20	spell your last name.
21	MR. HIBBARD: My name is Wiley Hibbard;
22	H-i-b-b-a-r-d.
23	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you reside?
24	MR. HIBBARD: 4376 Fort Adams Trail, Perry,
25	Missouri, in Ralls County.

1	JUDGE BUSHMANN: You may proceed.
2	MR. HIBBARD: Jim, it's bad enough
3	following you, you turned the mike off, too. Do I
4	need to repeat any of that, Judge?
5	JUDGE BUSHMANN: No, we heard it.
6	MR. HIBBARD: Thank you. I had a whole
7	speech planned out here and practiced it a little bit,
8	but since I have been hearing people talk today, I
9	think I'm going to not bother you with that. I lived
10	in Ralls County my whole life. I have had the same
11	phone number my whole life, and I enjoy telling people
12	that a lot. My wife gets tired of me telling people
13	that. I'm proud of Ralls County. And I'm not
14	affected by the towers and they are not particularly
15	close to my land or my home. But I'm here to support
16	my community and my neighbors and my friends, people I
17	went to school with, high school and known all my
18	life. I have to ask myself a question, you know, why
19	are we here? Why are we here at all? There is
20	somebody with a billion dollars that lives in Texas
21	who knows people on Wall Street and Great Britain
22	that's dangled some money in front of some folks and
23	all of sudden we're out here fighting to save our own
24	land. That is I mean if somebody from communist
25	China, the middle east, or anybody else, can anybody

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1	do this to us? Why are we all here? I mean these
2	people have never owned or operated, much less
3	constructed, a power line. But here we all set. The
4	wind mills to make the power haven't even been built,
5	but here we are defending our property rights. How
6	can this be the case? I was eating breakfast at the
7	VFW in Perry. They have breakfast on Sunday morning,
8	and a Veteran who wasn't quite up to speed on this
9	says, "You have been working on this, what is your
10	take on it?" And I said, "Well, you had some people
11	that emigrated into Texas, got some Wall Street money,
12	and now they want the power to take our land." And he
13	looked at me in disbelieve. I just it just why
14	we are here? I know that you all probably have laws
15	that you have to follow, but there has to be some kind
16	of responsibility to the landowners who pay taxes. I
17	have never seen these people around when corn was a
18	\$1.80 and interest rates were 12 percent. I never
19	seen them praying with us in church during times of
20	drought or fixing sand bags and helping our neighbors
21	in times of flood. We put a lot of effort and time
22	into making the community that we can be proud of.
23	And I can see absolutely no benefit to the state of
24	Missouri except a few tax dollars that will be
25	evaporated when the other property is devalued. For

1	the life of me, I just don't know why we're all here.
2	If they want to make wind, there is Topeka, Kansas
3	City, Kansas, Overland Park, Savannah, all those
4	places in Kansas, I'm sure are not running a hundred
5	percent on wind energy. If they want to sell it, they
6	should sell it there. And they say they are going to
7	sell I heard a young man talking from Clean Line
8	talking to one of the media. We built this line and
9	bring power into Missouri and he stopped. If we
10	wanted, if they were interested in selling power to
11	Missouri, then why did they not put this drop station
12	in Kansas City. It went right by it, 465,000 people.
13	And instead they put it in Ralls County, and we got
14	10,300 plus. It just one thing after another.
15	This is our land. And I have to say I wrote a letter
16	to the editor in paper the other day, and I came up
17	with this. If you're not if you think about doing
18	this, ask yourself this question. If somebody with
19	lots of money decided that they were going to build
20	buy the property next to your house, build a
21	150-foot tower, and transmit 600,000 volts of
22	electromagnetic pulse field into the backyard where
23	your children or grandchildren play, would you take
24	that as a threat? And I'm asking you all the same
25	question. Would you take that as a threat? I just

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1	want you to know that if they do. People behind me	
2	will be there to support you like we're asking you to	
3	support us. Thank you.	
4	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any questions. Denise	
5	Power? Jody Dikens. Raise your right hand please.	
6	Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the testimony	
7	you're about to give will the truth?	
8	MS. DIKENS: Yes, I do.	
9	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Could you please state	
10	your name and spell your last name?	
11	MS. HIGGINS: Jody Dikens; D-i-k-e-n-s.	
12	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you live.	
13	MS. DIKENS: 16365 Highway U, Louisiana,	
14	Missouri, 63353.	
15	JUDGE BUSHMANN: You may proceed.	
16	MS. DIKENS: Thank you. Everyone has been	
17	very eloquent and spoken very well. I'm more of a	
18	visual kind of person, so I would like to show you my	
19	understanding of what we're talking about. A gift	
20	isn't always a gift. A gift isn't always a gift. You	
21	get something you may not want it, and you can't take	
22	it back. This is what we're talking about. A	
23	gigantic extension cord. This end is to be laying in	
24	western Kansas waiting for the Kansas people to build	
25	transmission lines, wind turbines. This is running	

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1	across Kansas. A third of it is going to be going
2	across Missouri, and a third of it is going to be
3	going across Illinois. And then this end here is
4	going to be in Indiana waiting for the East Coast
5	people. So this is what we're getting. And this is
6	this is my interpretation of the promise that they
7	have for Ralls County.
8	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Would you like to explain?
9	MS. DIKENS: It's a night light. It's a
10	night light which is
11	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Anything further.
12	MS. DIKENS: No, sir.
13	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any questions? Thank you.
14	Would you like to have your night light back?
15	MS. DIKENS: No. Perhaps you can keep it
16	as a reminder.
17	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Okay. Next witness says
18	Tom Ruhl. Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the
19	testimony you're about to give will be the truth?
20	MR. RUHL: I do.
21	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
22	spell your last name.
23	MR. RUHL: I'm Tom Ruhl; R-u-h-l.
24	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you reside?
25	MR. RUHL: 51741 Big Creek Lane, Hannibal,

1 Missouri.

2	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please proceed.
3	MR. RUHL: I too have been a lifelong
4	resident of Ralls County and I'm a landowner along
5	with my brother and my sister-in-law. We own 275
6	acres in northern Ralls County. There is a lot of
7	issues that have been talked about here so far this
8	evening and some of it is just pure speculation. And
9	sometimes that concerns me because every time I have
10	tried to make a decision in my life, I tried to keep
11	an open mind and look at everything that's involved.
12	And then try to figure out what's the best decision
13	that will affect the majority and benefit of the
14	people our my family as far as that goes. My father
15	died in 2010. He made us promise on his death bed
16	that we would keep the farm in the family until at
17	least all four of us are gone and grandchildren and
18	great-grandchildren can take it over. I understand
19	the emotion of the folks back up in here, the ones
20	that own farmland. I understand that wholeheartedly,
21	and I sympathize with that end of it. But, folks, we
22	have to look at more than just farming. In Ralls
23	County there are little over 10,000 residents in Ralls
24	County. And less than ten percent of them are
25	involved in farming or even ag-related business. Most

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1	of the rest of them don't even work in Ralls County.
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2	Ralls County is kind of known as a bedroom community,
3	a lot of people sleep there, but they work elsewhere.
4	A lot of these statistics I know personally because
5	I'm also the assessor in Ralls County. There's been a
6	lot of reference to if this line goes through it would
7	drop the property values. There is absolutely no
8	proof that that's the situation. I have talked to
9	other assessors in other counties where there are high
10	voltage lines that run through parts of their counties
11	just like this line and some towers involved in some
12	of them. And there has never been any conclusive
13	evidence that I can find that's lowered any of the
14	property values in those counties nor can I guarantee
15	that it won't drop the values. We just don't know.
16	We don't know. I'll tell you little bit more about my
17	background. I worked in heavy industry for a good
18	number of years. I was always involved in organized
19	labor heavily during that period of time. I have been
20	around the country, and traveled around a lot,
21	organized work with the union, so I'm all about jobs.
22	And I know that if this line goes through, there would
23	be a lot of jobs that would be provided in this
24	community. Some of them for short term that will be
25	construction jobs, just like the gentleman eluded to a

1	while ago. A lot of those construction workers live
2	in Ralls County and they are working someplace else
3	right now because there are no jobs around here close.
4	So I see that as a benefit. We know that there is a
5	lot of pressure worldwide and also by the EPA in the
6	United States on coal burning of any type and
7	emissions that comes from those facility. And I
8	worked in two of them, and I also saw the years some
9	of my friends suffered and died from cancer,
10	emphysema. And I know that we are polluting the
11	environment with some of the fossil fuels we're using
12	today and there is big push to get away from that. My
13	concern is what's going to happen to our
14	grandchildren, my great-grandchildren; what's going to
15	happen to them in the future if all these coal burning
16	power plants are all shut down. We will run out of
17	electricity. Is there going to be enough coal supply
18	to last for the next 50 years? I don't know. I'm not
19	an expert in that field, but I'm certain about that I
20	am for renewable energy and I would like to see more
21	hydro energy plants around. A lot of people eluded
22	what's out at Mark Twain Lake. There is two
23	generators out there operating at that place. You got
24	the Mississippi River out here, but I'm 65 years old.
25	I have lived there. I have never seen anybody step

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1	forward that wanted to invest any money in the
2	Mississippi and do that. There's been some talk, but
3	it never happens. I think that the wind energy would
4	be a really great renewable source that would help
5	clean up the atmosphere and damage that it's doing to
6	our world. And this pressure that comes from this
7	stuff is not just in the United States, but it's
8	worldwide. I do know with discussions I had with
9	Clean Line and some of the questions that I have asked
10	looking at the value of the property, it's going to
11	run somewhere between the taxes that would come
12	off of that would run between \$150,000 to \$2 million,
13	\$1.2 million weighing heavier on the side of converter
14	stations there instead of just a line. We've been
15	assured that the converter station is going to be
16	there located somewhere out along Highway 19 because
17	they have got a line running north and south that
18	would come off of a converter station and supply other
19	areas with electricity. So, it looks like if the line
20	goes through that that converter station would be
21	built. And we'll be more close to the \$1.2 million.
22	If that's the case, then the taxes derived off of that
23	would be somewhere between \$650,000 and \$912,000 going
24	directly to the R-II school district, my school
25	district. And there would have to be an awful lot of

1	building going on in Ralls County for them to be able
2	to have that many tax dollars coming to that school
3	district. There is a benefit there. The only part
4	that I'm really, really struggling with is the eminent
5	domain thing. I don't think I would like it much for
6	somebody to come in and take my property, or have an
7	easement across my property for pennies on the dollar.
8	I don't think that anybody should be given the eminent
9	domain status. I think that they should negotiate
10	with each one of those landowners one at a time and
11	come to a negotiated value that both sides can live
12	with and purchase that as they go across; not just
13	take that away from them for pennies on the dollar.
14	You have a lot of things to work with, a lot of things
15	you got to make a decision on. And I'm all for the
16	Clean Line energy line as far as renewable source of
17	energy, but I'm not for the eminent domain and law
18	going into effect and just taking people's property
19	away from them. Thank you.
20	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any questions. Henry
21	Robertson. Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the
22	testimony you're about to give will be the truth?
23	MR. ROBERTSON: I do.
24	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
25	spell your last name.

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1	MR. ROBERTSON: Henry Robertson;	
2	R-o-b-e-r-t-s-o-n. I live at 1927 Mitchell Place in	
3	St. Louis, Missouri.	
4	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Just to inquire, Mr.	
5	Robertson, are you speaking on behalf of yourself or a	
6	client?	
7	MR. ROBERTSON: I did not enter an	
8	appearance tonight, but I'm here in my volunteer	
9	capacity as energy chair for Missouri Sierra Club.	
10	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please proceed.	
11	MR. ROBERTSON: Sierra Club has over 8600	
12	members across the state, and although as a population	
13	in general we are concentrated in urban area, we do	
14	have members in rural areas as well. Sierra Club	
15	supports the application for Clean Line as being	
16	necessary and convenient for the public service. We	
17	need wind energy. I wish more of it would stay in	
18	Missouri, but if it goes to PJM, that's a benefit for	
19	the climate and that's a benefit for the people of	
20	Missouri because it's a worldwide phenomenon. We are	
21	satisfied that Clean Line conducted an exhaustive	
22	routing study, attempted to follow existing	
23	rights-of-way to the extent possible avoiding	
24	proximity to residences and also avoiding	
25	environmentally sensitive lands. There will be no	

1	cost to this project to the rate payers unless Ameren
2	decides to buy the 500 megawatts of wind energy that's
3	being offered to them. And if they do that, they are
4	likely to find that it is their least cost supply side
5	resource and benefit to rate payers. 500 megawatts
6	would also go a long way towards offsetting the
7	retirement of the Meramec plant. And with that, do so
8	without any negative effect on the reliability of
9	Ameren's system. There are economic benefits to the
10	project in the form of supplier agreements with
11	Missouri firms to supply things like transformers and
12	insulators and wire. There are environment benefits,
13	of course, in reduction of pollution. The public
14	interest, public service are paramount here and this
15	project easily passes the tests for certificate.
16	Thank you.
17	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any questions.
18	MR. WILLIAMS: It's not often that I have
19	an opportunity to cross examine an attorney that I
20	often see representing a different party in a case,
21	but I'll pass at this time.
22	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any questions? Thanks,
23	Mr. Robertson. John Hickey. Do you solemnly swear or
24	affirm that the testimony you're about to give will be
25	the truth?

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1	MR. HICKEY: I do.	
2	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and	
3	spell your last name.	
4	MR. HICKEY: My name is John Hickey;	
5	h-i-c-k-e-y. I live at 532 Mason in St. Louis. And I	
6	have been very gratified to hear all the testimony	
7	tone from people who also care about preserving the	
8	land in Missouri, because as Sierra Club, that's what	
9	we fight for every day. And actually in most cases	
10	Sierra Club, as all in the Public Service Commission	
11	know, we're fighting transmission lines. We've	
12	actually been fighting the proposed transmission line	
13	bringing oil across the Mississippi there by the Lewis	
14	and Marion County line and crossing state of Missouri	
15	to go down to Houston, Texas, to be sent to China. So	
16	I appreciate the grass roots opposition to these sorts	
17	of transmission lines. But in this case, Sierra Club	
18	feels the benefit to the state of Missouri is such	
19	that we do support Clean Line.	
20	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Hold on, Mr. Hickey.	
21	Could you hold on? I want to clarify are you	
22	representing Sierra Club or are you speaking on your	
23	own behalf? Because Sierra Club is a party to this	
24	action.	
25	MR. HICKEY: I'm speaking as an individual.	

1 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Okay. Then you may 2 proceed. 3 MR. HICKEY: Let me follow up on that benefit question. I have heard several people say 4 there is not a benefit to this proposal, but right now 5 Missouri gets over 80 percent its electricity from 6 7 burning coal and that has a price. In St. Louis City, 8 the rate of emergency room visits for asthma is two 9 and a half times the rate of emergency room visits for asthma for the state as a whole. Right now the 10 11 children of St. Louis are paying the price for our 12 reliance on burning coal. The lights above us right 13 now are running on electricity from coal burned in St. Louis. And the children and old people who are going 14 to the emergency rooms in St. Louis because of asthma 15 are going there because of the sulfur dioxide that is 16 17 emitted from the coal plants. If you look at the Department of Natural Resources statistics, by far the 18 major source of sulphur dioxide in metro St. Louis as 19 well as in Kansas City as well as in Thomas Hill or 20 21 anyplace where you have coal plants is these coal 22 plants. As Missourians, we are paying a heavy public 23 health price. Our alternative is to go with a clean source of energy like wind. And I'm glad that so many 24 people have spoken in favor of wind and solar and 25

1	hydro. We think that's the way to go as well. We
2	think that having 500 megawatts of clean energy from
3	wind to be delivered here into eastern Missouri will
4	go along way to retiring existing dirty coal plants
5	that are impacting our health. Those coal plants are
6	also impacting other families in other rural areas. I
7	can see 20 coal trains go by my house every day
8	because I live by the railroad tracks. Those coal
9	trains that are full of coal that has been strip mined
10	in Wyoming. People love their land, too. Why are we
11	strip mining in Wyoming to burn coal in St. Louis to
12	poison the air. We get calls from people in Ste.
13	Genevieve County who are concerned about mining for
14	frack sand in Ste. Genevieve to develop natural gas in
15	Illinois. Those families here care about their land
16	and care about their families. So I think we have to
17	look at the overall view and figure out how can we
18	address the public health crisis of the coal and get
19	clean energy to scale here in Missouri. And we feel
20	and I feel this project gets us to that at 500
21	megawatts is a significant benefit for Missouri. And
22	I also agree if we can develop more within in
23	Missouri, I'm all for it. And I agree with
24	Representative Hansen. The Missouri legislature
25	should be fighting hard to develop more wind here, but

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1	we need these 500 megawatts. We need to take action.
2	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any questions?
3	MR. HICKEY: If I can make one final point.
4	One of our impacts of coal burning is climate change
5	because of greenhouse gas emission. The national
6	climate assessment was just published that looks at
7	impact on the Midwest from climate change. One impact
8	is increased heat waves. My mother my grandmother
9	lived in the city of St. Louis and she was impacted by
10	one of the earliest heat waves in the 1980s. She got
11	of heat stroke and she never walked again. In Chicago
12	in 1995, the heat wave killed 700 people. We are
13	going to see increasing heat waves, increasing
14	severity of these heat waves. And anything the Public
15	Service Commission can do to reduce that impact will
16	save lives here in Missouri and across the country.
17	Thank you.
18	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Thank you. We've been
19	going about two hours. Why why don't we take a short
20	break. We'll be in recess until ten minutes after
21	eight.
22	(Whereupon, a short break was taken.)
23	JUDGE BUSHMANN: The next witness that I
24	have is Jim Rhodes. Mr. Rhodes, come forward please.
25	Please raise your right hand. Do you solemnly swear
Page 73 or affirm that your testimony you're about to give 1 2 will be the truth? 3 MR. RHODES: I do. JUDGE BUSHMANN: State your name and spell 4 5 your last name. MR. RHODES: My name is Jim Rhodes, 6 7 R-h-o-d-e-s. 8 JUDGE BUSHMANN: And where do you reside, 9 sir? 10 MR. RHODES: I live at 815 Brookside Drive, which is in Glendale, Missouri. That's a city in St. 11 12 Louis County. 13 JUDGE BUSHMANN: You may proceed. 14 MR. RHODES: I'm here mainly because I feel 15 fairly strongly about renewable energy and climate change. And I am a member of Sierra Club, but I'm 16 17 really here because this is issue I'm concerned about, and a lot of people have talked about climate change, 18 and I'm going to do that hopefully a little bit 19 because I think it's the biggest problem the world is 20 21 facing right now. And it's a very serious problem and we have to deal with it. It's interesting that just 22 23 the past year -- and this year there have been four 24 major reports that have come out, the first one in late 2013 was by the National Academy of Sciences, and 25

1	it strongly said we were one of the most prestigious
2	scientific bodies in the country and it says we have a
3	serious problem with climate change. The next is
4	statement issued by American Association for
5	Advancement of Science. That was early this year.
6	This is an organization of 200,000 scientists in the
7	country. And they said without a doubt there is a
8	problem with climate change. Next was John Hickey
9	included National Climate Assessment which says we're
10	already experiencing climate change, and it's just
11	going to get worse. This is something done by
12	multiple government agencies, not just the EPA, but
13	various agencies that look at this and said this is a
14	problem. And the final report was by the IPCC,
15	Intergovernment panel on Climate Change, which is a UN
16	body. I don't want to really throw I am a
17	professional engineer myself. I have a Ph.D. in
18	mechanical engineering and also master's degree in
19	environmental engineering. And am a retired engineer
20	so I'm no longer working. So basically every
21	scientific organization in the world has come out with
22	saying climate change is a problem. If you don't
23	believe anyone doesn't go to the Internet and
24	goggle "scientific consensus on climate change" and
25	you will see a lot of information on just exactly what

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1	the scientific community and scientific societies are
2	saying. We've got to do something about this, and we
3	know energy is very important. We have to get away
4	from fossil fuels because it's probably going to get
5	worse and worse and worse. And we don't really know
6	how bad things are going to get. If I was a farmer
7	I live in the city. I'm not a farmer, and I can
8	certainly appreciate people's concern about having
9	tall transmission towers in their backyard, and I
10	wouldn't want that either, but if I was a farmer I
11	would be very concerned about this issue because in
12	2012, which was only two years ago, this state was in
13	the middle of a horrible drought, one of the worse
14	droughts on record. Many farmers lost a lot of money.
15	And this is just not one time thing; this something to
16	go happen again. This is bad news. This is not some
17	one time deal and we'll get back to good times. This
18	is going to happen again and again and again and get
19	more and more frequent. If I was a farmer, I would be
20	very, very concerned about this also. If I was a
21	parent and I'm not a parent. I do have concern
22	about kids. If I was a parent I would be concerned
23	about this because I would be concerned about the kids
24	and the world they are going to have. So we have to
25	do and this project even though it's transmission line

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1	across the state, it's part of the solution. And I
2	understand people don't like private companies doing
3	this, but Ameren is a private company. It's a
4	regulated utility and it's in Missouri, but it is
5	basically a company that's traded. It's a publicly
6	traded company. This line will help reduce our
7	dependency on fossil fuel. And that is truthfully a
8	thing that will benefit the entire country. Not just,
9	you know, Indiana. All of us including all of us here
10	in Missouri. So I think that's something to just keep
11	in mind that we have we really need to deal with
12	facilitate and electrical grid generation system we
13	have right now is not set up for the sort of
14	generation system we're going to have in the future.
15	And we will have that at some point we have new
16	wind energy and solar energy, and a new distribution
17	system, which is based upon you have a power plan ere
18	and power plant that and it is not designed for this
19	new sort of distribution energy where you would have
20	wind and power. So we need to really be and I
21	think Texas is even doing this the state of Texas
22	is starting to ramp up their transmission and
23	distribution systems for renewable energy. Missouri
24	is way behind on this. So, I think also again, I
25	understand the fact that I wouldn't want a tall tower

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1	behind my house, but I do live in the city where I	
2	have highways around me and I have, you know, railroad	
3	lines not too far from where I live. And right behind	
4	my house is a car place and I hear them going all the	
5	time. I'm subjected to a lot of noise and I don't	
6	like that. But we always can't have things exactly	
7	the way, you know, things there is change. So,	
8	that's all I really want to say. We're all in this	
9	together. I want to thank you guys for being here. I	
10	really appreciate it. This is something that I think	
11	is in the national interest and in Missouri's	
12	interest. Thank you again.	
13	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Thank you. Julie Viel.	
14	Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the testimony	
15	you're about to give will be the truth?	
16	MS. VIEL: Yes.	
17	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and	
18	spell your last name.	
19	MS. VIEL: Julie Viel; V-i-e-l.	
20	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you reside?	
21	MS. VIEL: 8 Daytona Court, O'Fallon,	
22	Missouri.	
23	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please go ahead.	
24	MS. VIEL: So, I'd like to thank you guys	
25	for being here and having this hearing. It's an	

important part of your process for government. And 1 2 I'm glad to be here as a citizen, and I'm glad I take 3 my responsibility as a citizen very seriously. It's part of what makes government work. I'll tell you 4 5 little bit -- I'm here also -- I'm concerned about climate change. I'm concerned about my kids' future. 6 7 And I'm concerned that really not everybody knows 8 enough about it, but I do. I'm a mom of three kids. 9 The oldest is 32, 20, and the youngest is 15. I'm a 10 grandma of four. I'm seventh generation Missourian 11 from Cole County, and my ancestors are from Callaway 12 County. We have a long history of survival and there is stories that are with me and those same stories are 13 with my kids. I'm from a farm family. And when I was 14 15 ten or so we knew our farmhouse was going to be taken by the Highway Department, and it finally did when I 16 17 was age 20. And we, you know, knew it was supposed to be fair market value that you received. Of course, it 18 was low-balled at first and did eventually -- my mom 19 and dad took it without having to go to court. And 20 21 they talk about it. My mom, just about ten years ago, in the back of her farm is this transmission line from 22 Ameren and she -- it's a beautiful spot, this 23 24 hillside. It's got maple leaves and there is a trail 25 that goes up to the log cabin. It's just one of the

1	beautiful spots on Earth. And right in the middle of
2	those trees comes the power line. Well, you know she
3	got compensated for it, but it's not the same. And so
4	I understand that it's hard, and that's just the maple
5	trees. In my walkway I think people should be
6	compensated for, if they are influenced. So climate
7	change is happening. I have this here maybe you
8	can't see it, but it's how tough to act on climate
9	change, we've already gone up 1.6 degrees Farenheit
10	in the last 50 years. We're projected to go up 16
11	degrees Farenheit by the end of the years if we keep
12	it up as business as usual. That means my
13	granddaughter, who is three years old, if we continue
14	business as usual, she is not going to be able to live
15	at 16 degrees average global temperatures increasing.
16	The best case scenario is like an extra, you know,
17	four or five degrees Farenheit going up. You got to
18	look at that report from National Climate Assessment
19	report. I don't even see how they are going to make
20	it at all. You know, the Missouri that we all know
21	and love is not going to be here at 20 $$ at 2050 and
22	definitely not at 2100 no matter what. Even if we act
23	very fast, it's not going to be the same we knew. If
24	we'll make it, I don't know. Will we try at some
25	point? We're all going to try because we all love our

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1	kids. So I'm just saying let's try now while we have
2	a fighting chance. And, you know, with Sierra Club
3	and town out about climate two years, I joined and do
4	everything I can. Every day, I wake up in the morning
5	and I worry about it. How are my kids going to make
6	it. I go to sleep and I think, too. I pass by the
7	high school my daughter goes to school at and I cry
8	because I see all those kids that we're betraying.
9	This wind energy does not take carbon. It doesn't
10	emit carbon dioxide. That's biggest priority of
11	climate change. That's a big blanket that's over in
12	our atmosphere. Carbon dioxide also goes into the
13	ocean causing ocean acidification. It's 30 percent
14	more acidic now than it was, say, even 40 years ago.
15	It's going to continue to be more. The Artic has
16	melted by 75 percent by volume from the 1970s to 2012.
17	We got a report this summer that says the west
18	Antartic ice shelf is almost certain to melt and cause
19	like a meter don't quote me on that sea level
20	rise by the end of the century. That will impact
21	billions of people. Even if our temperature is not
22	too high that we can't even grow corn or anything
23	because protein denatures at a certain temperature,
24	guys. I don't know where we'll live. You know it's
25	not like we'll take the U-Haul and go anywhere. It's

1	all going to affect it. The warmer it is, more
2	moisture accumulates in the atmosphere. That moisture
3	comes down as rain. The deluges I've already seen
4	that. I have it's changed since I was a younger
5	woman. So, we've gots we can't live with deluges
6	and evaporation and heat. I just and then our jet
7	stream change because the Artic has received most of
8	the warming so far. This is from the National Climate
9	Assessment report. You know what, I only know where
10	it's from. It's from NASA that's right. So we've
11	got to do something.
12	JUDGE BUSHMANN: You're at five minutes.
13	Can you start to wrap it up.
14	MS. VIEL: I will. So the Constitution,
15	the Bill of Rights says the last sentence says that
16	the government is instituted solely for the good of
17	the whole, and section two of the Bill of Rights says
18	just go quick to begin. I think it's important that
19	when government does not confer the security, it fails
20	in its chief design. So please don't fail. Thank
21	you.
22	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any questions? Thank you.
23	Randy Highfill. Would you raise your right hand? Do
24	you solemnly swear or affirm the testimony you're
25	about to give will be the truth?

1 MR. HIGHFILL: I do. 2 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and 3 spell your last name. 4 MR. HIGHFILL: Randy Highfill; 5 H-i-q-h-f-i-l-l. 6 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you reside? 7 MR. HIGHFILL: Hannibal, Missouri. JUDGE BUSHMANN: Okay. You may proceed. 8 MR. HIGHFILL: I for one am thankful for 9 climate change because we're enjoying one of the 10 coolest summers we've ever had in Missouri. And even 11 12 if there was credible evidence to support climate 13 change, I don't think it would have anything to do with this project. And I don't have to get out the 14 15 calculator to determine a huge power line going through my property will decrease the value of it. 16 17 Clearly, I am against this proposed project. Clean Line is not investing in Missouri. There will be no 18 power produced in Missouri. There will be little to 19 20 no power produced for Missouri. And due to the 21 specific technology involved, the power line may result in some very specialized jobs. Most of them 22 will be from out-of-state contractors. The jobs that 23 24 it does create will be transient and temporary. There will be little, if any, economic benefit for Missouri. 25

1	And farmers being bought off is not an investment in
2	Missouri. If there is no benefit to Missouri, then
3	there can be no greater good for Missouri. This sets
4	a dangerous precedent to allow a private company to
5	take Missouri land with no benefit for Missouri. This
6	project is not necessary. The East Coast does not
7	need the power. And if they did, they can produce it
8	easier and more cheaply offshore with wind tecnology
9	that does not destroy Missouri. This project is not
10	convenient for Missouri. It scars the landscape of
11	northeast Missouri. It aesthetically ruins the scenic
12	appeal for tourism, hunting, and farming. I am a land
13	owner. We don't need the proposed line. I did not
14	hear about the line through Clean Line. I did go to
15	one of meetings. My impression of their marketing
16	strategy has been sneaky, evasive, condescending,
17	tricky, and slick. They seem like a big company
18	trying to pull one over on those farmers in a fly-over
19	state Missouri. People love Missouri's beautiful
20	scenery and landscape. Please don't allow a private
21	company to ruin it when there is when it is not
22	necessary and it is not convenient for Missouri.
23	Please vote "no" on this proposal and deny Clean
24	Line's application.
25	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any questions? Thank you,

Page 84 sir. Jeanne Shuck. Do you solemnly swear or affirm 1 2 that the testimony you're about to give will be the 3 truth? 4 MS. SHUCK: Yes. 5 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and spell your last name. 6 7 MS. SHUCK: Jeanne Shuck; S-h-u-c-k. 8 JUDGE BUSHMANN: And where do you reside? MS. SHUCK: 29627 Mexico Road, Perry, 9 10 Missouri. 11 JUDGE BUSHMANN: You may proceed. 12 MS. SHUCK: Okay. We've had the facts and 13 things with the climate change. Yeah, it's real. We got to do something different, but taking a line 14 15 through our territory when we're getting no basic benefit, jobs. There is going to -- like he said, 16 17 they are going to be very specialized. They going to higher a crew there that's going to go all the way 18 through. The best they are going to do is supply 19 20 Perry with a little more beer sales and grocery store 21 sales. We may have little more sales tax for little while and that's it. They will move on. There is 22 23 nothing else for us. This will not be going on my 24 property per se. It's going on my brother-in-law's, which means I can throw a rock and hit the tower. I 25

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do not want this by my house, neither does anybody 1 2 else. This is -- you know, my kids were not 3 understanding what I was saying and I had to talk that way. I'm a big believer in freedom, one of my great, 4 great, great whatevers fought in American Revolution. 5 I have had my mom's documents all of them in civil 6 7 wars and my dad was in the Korean War. This is one of 8 our freedoms is don't make me put something where I 9 don't want it put. That's our property. We don't want it. So, that's part of it. And another thing 10 11 is, we live in a rural area because we want to. We're 12 not uneducated. There is many out here that's got big 13 degrees, but we choose to live here. And why do we choose to live here, we choose to live here because it 14 15 is the best place in the world to raise kids. If you put this tower besides us, I don't want my kids, and 16 17 my grandson who is four and the one I'm getting in December to come out to my house that close to it. 18 What can that do to them? We don't know. That's the 19 20 biggest problem; we don't know. But I do know this. 21 You cause a huge humming, I don't want my kids out 22 there besides it. We live out there for a good 23 reason; it's a good place to live. It's more 24 expensive for us to live in rural areas. We have less 25 opportunities. There is no good places for -- job are

1	so limited, it is really bad because of that. But
2	that's why we live there to raise good kids. And I
3	have known now I have not I have been blessed.
4	God has given me two wonderful kids, and if you know
5	them you would appreciate it. But another one of the
6	things is, if I'm not mistaken doesn't electricity
7	lose as it goes through lines. The longer it goes
8	through a cord or whatever it loses its umpf; is that
9	not right? Anyway, so why take it all the way from
10	west Kansas all the way to Indianapolis. Stop it in
11	Kansas City, stop it in Topeka. Stop at those other
12	places. That only makes sense. That's being
13	inefficient with energy when you're taking it that far
14	because you're losing the stuff. Okay. What else?
15	Oh, and dropping my property value. Get real. Now,
16	are you all going to want my house that close to the
17	tower if you can throw a rock and hit; no. No.
18	We've got people a lot of people that live in our
19	they come and retire. They lived in St. Louis.
20	They may be coming home, but they have lived in St.
21	Louis, gone and made their money, but where do they
22	come home to? They come to Perry, Monroe County,
23	Ralls County because they like it there. Because it's
24	a good community to live in. By putting these things
25	up there it's not going to good community live in and

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1	they are not going to live because we don't know the	
2	effect it's going to have. Is my cell phone going to	
3	work, is my Internet going to work, we don't know.	
4	But the whole point I have to say is I don't want it	
5	there, guys. Please don't let them put it there.	
6	It's the only home I have got. It is not much. I	
7	have worked all my life to get what I have. And even	
8	though it ain't much, it is mine. And I don't want it	
9	to be nothing. Thank you.	
10	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any questions? Thank you.	
11	Robber Sergent. Do you solemnly swear or affirm that	
12	the testimony you're about to give will be the truth?	
13	MR. SERGENT: I do.	
14	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Would you please state	
15	your name and spell your last name?	
16	MR. SERGENT: Robert S-e-r-g-e-n-t.	
17	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you reside?	
18	MR. SERGENT: 13817 Old 79, New London,	
19	Missouri.	
20	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please go ahead.	
21	MR. SERGENT: The last time I held my right	
22	hand up they sent us all to Vietnam. I'd take off my	
23	hat, but the glare would blind you. The way I see it	
24	the situation is eminent domain for public gain or	
25	eminent domain for private gain. That's how I see the	

1	situation. I don't think when eminent domain ever was
2	proposed, that they ever thought this situation would
3	occur that you gentlemen have to deal with. I went to
4	several of the Grain Belt Clean Line meetings. The
5	people were very courteous. I said what does Missouri
6	get out of this. Well, Ralls County gets a power
7	substation. Well, that's great. Why didn't you put
8	it in Kansas City? Well, we felt the rural Ralls
9	County needed more power. Well, I didn't really get
10	much out of that. After thinking about it a long
11	time, I decided that what they were trying to tell me
12	is they proposed a power substation in Kansas City and
13	they didn't put it in after they got eminent domain or
14	they did this in Ralls County where there is 10,000
15	households there would be a lot less complaints.
16	What's to stop Grain Belt Clean Line from changing
17	their consideration of a power substation when they
18	get eminent domain. Then they don't have to put one
19	in. So we may get no benefit from it at all. Nothing
20	except knowing we are an extension cord for power.
21	Thank you for your time.
22	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any questions. Thank you,
23	sir. Judith Preston. Do you solemnly swear or affirm
24	that the testimony you're about to give will be the
25	truth?

Page 89 1 MS. PRESTON: Yes. 2 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and 3 spell your last name. MS. PRESTON: Judith Preston; 4 5 P-r-e-s-t-o-n. 6 JUDGE BUSHMANN: And where do you reside. 7 MS. PRESTON: I live at 33617 Route U, Stoutsville, Missouri. 8 9 JUDGE BUSHMANN: You may proceed. 10 MS. PRESTON: I am opposed to the Grain 11 Belt Express. I have nothing to add because I agree 12 with the previous testimonies of Louis Meyer, Casey Rodenbaugh, and Jim Hansen and many others. Thank 13 14 you. 15 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Erica Baker. Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the testimony you're 16 17 about to give will be the truth? MS. BAKER: I do. 18 19 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and 20 spell your last name. 21 MS. BAKER: Erica Baker. B-a-k-e-r. 22 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you reside? 23 MS. BAKER: Atlanta, Missouri. 2.4 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please go ahead. 25 MS. BAKER: I am Erica Baker and I'm a

1	preschool teacher in a small town. I'd like to tell
2	you about some concerns that I have with rural
3	schools. Macon County R4, which is in New Cambria,
4	has zero kindergartners this year. Many other area
5	kindergartens are half the size of what they were ten
6	years ago. According to DESI, communities like
7	Salsbury, which could be on this line have half the
8	students they had a decade ago. The University of
9	Missouri extension predicts that Sheriton County will
10	be 30 percent less populated in the next 20 years.
11	With these declines how are we going to pay for the
12	current services our schools are providing. In the
13	last 25 years, special needs student population has
14	risen over 37 percent. We're going to have to raise
15	taxes if the population keeps decreasing, but who's
16	going to pay the taxes if there aren't any jobs or any
17	competitive salaries to stick around for. If there
18	has to be a transmission line to upgrade the nation's
19	grids, why not rural Missouri. Let's give our
20	children a chance at the best education and best
21	experience. We only have one chance to educate our
22	children. Thank you.
23	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any questions? Thank you.
24	Seth Rector. Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the
25	testimony you're about to give will be the truth?

Page 91 1 MR. RECTOR: I do. 2 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your full 3 name and spell your last name. MR. RECTOR: Seth Rector; R-e-c-t-o-r. 4 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you reside? 5 MR. RECTOR: Macon, Missouri. 6 7 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please go ahead. 8 MR. RECTOR: I grew up here in north 9 Missouri. I'm 28 years old, and I returned back here to get married and start my life and my family. I 10 11 previously built power lines in other states and I 12 found that since I moved back, it's hard to find 13 living wage type of job here in north Missouri. The jobs that you find here will be a good shot in the arm 14 15 for local economy. It's new territory or area that we haven't seen before. It also, in answer to a question 16 17 asked earlier, I heard somebody ask, since I built lines before, I know that with the direct current 18 lines you do lose a little power as it goes, but 19 that's why they have step up and step down stations 20 21 for to get voltage back to the lines. JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any questions. Thank you. 22 23 Kyla Wilcox. Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the 24 testimony you're about to give will be the truth? 25 MS. WILCOX: It is.

JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and 1 2 spell your last name. 3 MS. WILCOX: Kyla Wilcox; W-i-l-c-o-x. JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you reside? 4 5 MS. WILCOX: Atlanta, Missouri. 6 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please go ahead. 7 MS. WILCOX: I appreciate the opportunity 8 to come and voice -- everyone in the room to voice 9 their opinion as that is what our country was built 10 on; right? That we all get to have that opinion. I 11 do support the Grain Belt Express and any 12 infrastructure project that can come to north 13 Missouri. My husband was a member of the laborers' union for many years. We raised three beautiful 14 15 children on that income. However, over the years that income has depleted excessively. And I can say that 16 17 over the last three years, his union courier, we went six to eight consecutive months without any income 18 coming in to our family other than sucking on 19 20 unemployment from Missouri. So, we would greatly 21 appreciate the opportunity for labor for the union or 22 any kind of competitive wage to come into north Missouri. We are greatly in need of that in our 23 communities. I am also a financial educator for 24 25 middle income families. And I can tell you that the

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1	greatest struggles that middle income families have in	
2	rural Missouri is their income and their living	
3	expenses. If this project can help the family with	
4	both of those things, that would be a great asset. A	
5	middle income family's greatest asset is their ability	
6	to create income. And this project would bring that	
7	to our community. It would bring it to the counties	
8	that goes through this, and bring it to our state as a	
9	whole. So we would greatly appreciate any	
10	opportunities that our community has to increase our	
11	income. Thank you.	
12	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any questions? Thank you.	
13	May Graham. Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the	
14	testimony you're about to give will be the truth?	
15	MS. GRAHAM: Yes.	
16	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and	
17	spell your last name?	
18	MS. GRAHAM: May G-r-a-h-a-m.	
19	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you reside?	
20	MS. GRAHAM: 801 Ranch Lane, Macon,	
21	Missouri.	
22	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please go ahead.	
23	MS. GRAHAM: I live in Macon, and so it	
24	missed our county. However, I really, really wish it	
25	had hit our county. We have a farm, a family farm,	

1	which I have there is five of us kids, and if it
2	has to go through there, I would appreciate it going
3	through there just so that we can have the jobs and
4	the income for our county. The county state up in our
5	area are really, really in bad need of financial
6	assistance. And this would really help them as far as
7	being able to help with bridges and roads. And I
8	would say that if there is another way of going
9	without having to go through farm land, it would be
10	the best way, but if there is not, then I really think
11	we need it in this state as much as we can get it.
12	And I also think that maybe there will be some way we
13	can say that if they are going to go through our state
14	that our workers will be the ones putting it on
15	not from other states. Thank you.
16	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Questions? Thank you.
17	Barbara Brinker. Do you solemnly swear or affirm that
18	the testimony you're about to give will be the truth?
19	MS. BRINKER: Yes.
20	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
21	spell your last name.
22	MS. BRINKER: My name is Barbara Brinker,
23	B-r-i-n-k-e-r.
24	JUDGE BUSHMAN: Where do you reside?
25	MS. BRINKER: I reside on Rural Route A
20	MS. DAIMAER. I LESIGE ON RULAI ROULE A

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1	outside of New London, Missouri.	-
2	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please go ahead.	
3	MS. BRINKER: I thought I knew what I was	
4	going to say tonight, but I have changed my mind as I	
5	have listened. What I have heard are pros and cons.	
6	And I think there is validity to all that was said	
7	tonight in one respect or another. But I think the	
8	word that perhaps it all comes down is speculation.	
9	I'm against eminent domain. I'm for renewable energy.	
10	I have a farming background. My husband has a farming	
11	background. We are landowners and it will cross us,	
12	but even if it didn't, I'm concerned not just for	
13	myself not just for my family, but I'm concerned about	
14	all the people in the community and what future effect	
15	this might have us on us. When I use the word	
16	speculation, here's what I have heard tonight. We	
17	don't know. We don't know. This project is an	
18	unknown quantity. It's not been pursued before.	
19	There are no known effects or perhaps known effects.	
20	It is a perhaps a concept. It's a wonderful idea,	
21	renewable energy; the most good for the most people.	
22	But I don't see it putting forth a proposal that is	
23	based on speculation, based on unknowns that will last	
24	a eternity. Once the program is put into place, once	
25	eminent domain is given, there will be no going back.	

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1	It's sort of like the government health care plan. No
2	one knows what's in the package for certain. No one
3	knows what the results are going to be. Whether it's
4	harmful, whether it's good, until probably 20 or 30
5	years if that. This proposal has the same outlook.
6	If we are going to go with a program that benefits us,
7	Missouri, even nationally, then we should have some
8	idea of what to expect, what will be brought to us,
9	how it will be brought to us, what are the long term
10	elements to that, what our children are going to be
11	left with. These towers aren't going to go away. So
12	we need to know, we need to know if it's going to
13	really benefit us. There is too many questions out
14	there that don't have any answers. And we're supposed
15	to put faith in something that we know nothing about.
16	And not even themselves can answer. So I'm opposed to
17	this proposal. I want as a citizen, as a
18	responsible citizen, I want good for all. I'm not
19	thinking of myself. Obviously, I don't want the
20	towers crossing us, but there is compromise in
21	everything. And, again, what's good for the whole
22	community. I don't see the benefits here. I'm afraid
23	of the questions that aren't answered. And until I'm
24	shown something in definitive manner, something that I
25	can base a really good decision on, I don't want to

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1	take that chance. I want something again, I'm	
2	sorry. I want something that has a more substantial	
3	basis that gives you the opportunity to weight and	
4	make your decision based upon the knowledge. Thank	
5	you.	
6	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any questions? Thank You.	
7	Linda Epperson. Do you solemnly swear or affirm that	
8	the testimony you're about to give will be the truth.	
9	MS. EPPERSON: I do.	
10	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and	
11	spell your last name.	
12	MS. EPPERSON: Linda E-p-p-e-r-s-o-n. I	
13	reside at 20185 Brush Creek Road, New London,	
14	Missouri.	
15	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please proceed.	
16	MS. EPPERSON: I had no intentions of	
17	speaking tonight. I have no note cards. This is just	
18	from my heart. I have a farm, 254 acres. It's just	
19	off of Highway 19. The line will be less than a	
20	quarter of a mile from my house. If I look out my	
21	back windows to the southwest it will be there. I	
22	have not only concerns for me, but mostly for my one	
23	daughter, future grandchildren, great-grandchildren.	
24	It hasn't been in our family for we just bought it	
25	in 1988, but I can assure you that if I had gone there	

1	and seen that tower in 1988, or more than tower pole,
2	I would have likely turned around and left and not
3	bought it. So it will make your property go down. I
4	have no doubt. So, as far as me selling, I'm not
5	concerned, but my daughter and whoever grandchildren
6	that inherit it, the health risk. My husband passed
7	away with cancer. We've had cancer how many years?
8	They have no idea what causes that. You have no idea
9	what these lines are going to cause, not only to
10	humans, but to animals to everything. We have
11	pasture. We have cattle, horses, part of it is in CRP
12	and we have woods that our family hunts in. It will
13	go through there. I don't want it there. And I mean
14	this respectfully, but the gentlemen that brought up
15	that St. Louis people are having health problems from
16	coal they choose to live there. I choose to live
17	here. I'm sorry for their health problems. And the
18	jobs, the unions, I realize that if you choose to be a
19	union worker you're not going to have work in your
20	little rural town forever. You will have to move or
21	travel. And this would have jobs for a short time
22	while they build this line. We don't live in an area
23	where it's going to bring jobs for the next 50 years.
24	They will tear up the property. I mean how do you
25	build a 30 to 40-foot the sorry, I went blank

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1	the footings and concrete trucks and everything else
2	that has to come in and out. And, yes, they are going
3	to give awe small amount for that. How long will it
4	take for that to be like it used to be? It won't ever
5	be. Once those are there, you can pay about \$18,000 a
6	pole if you want to, it's not worth ten times that
7	much to me. So as far as I know, if it bring in jobs
8	for short time, it could be dangerous for my and my
9	family's health, I choose to live there, I want to
10	live in a rural area. I don't want those power lines.
11	I don't want any of that. And especially not not
12	just for the beauty, but the health, but just because
13	we both worked to pay for it. I don't want it through
14	there. And it's not going to give us cheaper energy
15	or free engineer. And the money they are offering to
16	me is like a slap in the face because if you're a
17	rural land owner, that much money doesn't mean
18	anything. Thank you.
19	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any questions? Thank you.
20	Gary Fifer. Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the
21	testimony you're about to give will be the truth?
22	MR. FIFER: I do.
23	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and
24	spell your last name.
25	MR. FIFER: Gary F-i-f-e-r.

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1	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you reside?	
2	MR. FIFER: Shelbina, Missouri.	
3	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Go ahead.	
4	MR. FIFER: This will be real short. I	
5	support Grain Line Express because I feel that there	
6	will be an opportunity for incoming jobs for my county	
7	and the counties surrounding there. Thank you.	
8	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any questions? Thank you.	
9	Nick Broughton. Do you solemnly swear or affirm that	
10	the testimony you're about to give will be the truth?	
11	MR. BROUGHTON: I do.	
12	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and	
13	spell your last name.	
14	MR. BROUGHTON: Nick B-r-o-u-g-h-t-o-n.	
15	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you reside?	
16	MR. BROUGHTON: Shelbina, Missouri.	
17	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please go ahead.	
18	MR. BROUGHTON: When I first heard about	
19	this project it kind of got me excited because as a	
20	young person I feel it does bring opportunities for	
21	people of our generation. And I feel it can create	
22	more jobs not only for people out of the county to	
23	come in and stay and work here, but it might also	
24	create more consistent work for all the companies that	
25	are already established in and around where this line	

will go through. And overall, I support the project. 1 2 Thank you. 3 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Questions? Thank you. 4 Marilyn Parham. Do you solemnly swear or affirm that 5 the testimony you're about to give will be the truth. 6 MS. PARHAM: I do. 7 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and 8 spell your last name. 9 MS. PARHAM: Marilyn Parham; P-a-r-h-a-m. 10 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you reside? 11 MS. PARHAM: Hannibal, Missouri. 12 JUDGE BUSHMANN: All right. You may 13 proceed. 14 MS. PARHAM: Thank you for the opportunity to testify for Grain Line Express. I hate to have to 15 be here to defend my property against the possibility 16 17 of taking over by a private company for their business through eminent domain. I opposed this project and 18 I'm trustee of my late husband's trust, holding some 19 20 of the most productive farmland in Ralls County. And 21 it will be directly negatively impacted by the high voltage power lines. It made me sick when I saw the 22 line go right through my property. The towers are 23 24 proposed to be built directly through the salt river bottom ground, my business. My farming business will 25

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1       be negatively impacted by their business. I ask you         2       to deny the request for eminent domain.         3       JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any questions? Thank you,         4       ma'am. John Blinden. Do you solemnly swear or affirm         5       that the testimony you're about to give will be the         6       truth?         7       MR. BLINDEN: Yes.         8       JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and         9       spell your last name.         10       MR. BLINDEN John B-l-i-n-d-e-n.         11       JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you reside?         12       MR. BLINDEN: Columbia, Missouri.         13       JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please go ahead.         14       MR. BLINDEN: First, I'd like to thank you         15       for the opportunity to speak this evening. And I'd         16       also like to thank you, everyone who spoke before me         17       this evening. This evening I have learned a great         18       deal about all the aspects of what's going on here.         19       I'm here as an employee of Hubble Power Systems. I'm         20       currently the business representative of Hubble. I         21       want to put a little different spin on it because we         22       heard a lot about jobs tonight. My company is			Page 102
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telecommunication products used by the electrical and 1 2 broadband utilities. I have done this all over the 3 world. The facility currently employs over 600 exceptional workers. We make great products. We will 4 5 be supplying power packs for this project, insulators, logistics, transmission assemblies. The work should 6 7 create over 65 new jobs over the life, which will also 8 positively impact our suppliers who are located not 9 only here in Missouri, but also in Illinois, Iowa, and 10 Indiana. Nearly 80 percent of these jobs are going to be located right here in Missouri. These are good 11 12 jobs, manufacturing, customer service, engineering, 13 operations, and logistics. New energy infrastructure projects like the one proposed also brought 14 15 opportunities to reinvest in our people and in our facility. In support of this and support of Missouri 16 17 and partnership that we established with Clean Line, we are welcomed to a project that we're investing over 18 \$9 million in our facility in Centralia, in our 19 research center, in our mechanical laboratories, 20 21 electrical laboratories, our testing facility, and our 22 brand new customer service center. New partnerships, new jobs in the community. That's what we're talking 23 24 about. That's what we want to be a part of. Thank 25 you very much for the time this evening. And we're

interested in work. 1 2 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any questions? 3 COMMISSIONER R. KENNEY: Just a quick one, Mr. Blinden. Thank you you said Public Power? 4 5 MR. BLINDEN: Hubble Power System. 6 COMMISSIONER R. KENNEY: Would your 7 analysis of the economic impact on your business and jobs that -- would your analysis still be the same if 8 9 the route were different along Highway 36 or along 70? Would your analysis change at all? 10 MR. BLINDEN: I don't believe so. 11 12 COMMISSIONER R. KENNEY: Okay. That's all 13 I have. Thank you. 14 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Thank you, sir. Larry Wolverton. Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the 15 testimony you're about to give will be the truth? 16 17 MR. WOLVERTON: I do. 18 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and spell your last name. 19 20 MR. WOLVERTON: Larry Wolverton; 21 W-o-l-v-e-r-t-o-n. 22 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you reside? 23 MR. WOLVERTON: Pike 49, Frankford. 2.4 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please proceed. 25 MR. WOLVERTON: I moved here two years ago

1	from central Illinois after working 44 years for a
2	Fortune 500 company. One of the main reasons why we
3	moved here is the landscaping and beautiful land we
4	have and people. And once we heard about this this
5	year, we definitely jumped on the bandwagon and said
6	hey, we got to research this and find out what really
7	is going on. And that's the problem we're having.
8	Grain Belt is not up front with any of us. Matter of
9	fact, my wife was in Center this weekend passing out
10	some information brochures for this particular
11	meeting. And some of the people haven't even heard
12	about this. That is poor communication. And this has
13	been the whole thing since this project has started.
14	And if you want to invest in having a company like
15	that in Missouri, that is definitely no. I have one
16	other question, and don't take offense to this $$ I'm
17	not from but the County Commission of the counties
18	have first of all, they agreed to this. Then after
19	they found out some more information and after
20	research they rescinded, five out of the eight, I
21	believe rescinded that. My question is to you
22	gentlemen, why are we here tonight? Doesn't the
23	County Commissioners have the right to say no. That's
24	all I have.
25	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any questions? Next

Page 106 witness is Ann Hizar. Do you solemnly swear or affirm 1 2 that the testimony you're about to give will be the 3 truth? MS. HIZAR: I do. 4 5 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and spell your last name? 6 7 MS. HIZAR: Ann H-i-z-a-r. 8 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you reside? MS. HIZAR: 9 Huntleigh Downs, St. Louis, 9 Missouri. 10 11 JUDGE BUSHMANN: You may proceed. 12 MS. HIZAR: My concern is there seems to be 13 so few benefits and so much down side, so much that's unknown and we're making the decision that -- or you 14 all are making the decision that is going to affect 15 people for the rest of their lives. All of these 16 17 people sitting up here, there is a huge deal to them, it could change their life. It could make, certainly 18 I can tell you from experience the property values 19 20 will go down. I sell real estate. And I can tell you 21 that none of my clients want to live in what we call 22 erector sets. The value goes down. It's a health hazard. And you know, I think there are too many 23 unknowns, and you need to take a very hard look to 24 make sure that the decision you make doesn't impact 25

all the people in Missouri in a negative way. Thanks 1 2 very much. 3 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any questions? Thank you. Rodney Rodenbaugh. Do you solemnly swear or affirm 4 5 that the testimony you're about to give will be the truth? 6 7 MR. RODENBAUGH: I do. 8 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and 9 spell your last name. 10 MR. RODENBAUGH: Rodney 11 R-o-d-e-n-b-a-u-g-h. I live at 15292 Mallory Road in 12 New London. 13 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Thank you. Go ahead. 14 MR. RODENBAUGH: As I mentioned, I live in 15 New London or outside of New London, and I live in Ralls County near Mr. Meyer's property, near Mr. and 16 17 Mrs. Caswell's home, Mr. Parham, Mr. and Mrs. Parham's farm, and just for the record, I concur in their 18 testimony tonight. And I guess to keep the peace in 19 the family, I concur with my brother's testimony as 20 21 well. And I realize I have heard people mention real estate angle. I do work with realtors on a daily 22 basis and they are telling me that consumers in this 23 24 area are asking if particular homes are in the corridor of this project. They are not asking that 25

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1	question to buy the piece in question. They are	
2	asking that question to avoid buying that piece of	
3	property. So I believe the property values will	
4	decrease. So I voice my opposition to this project	
5	and appreciate this forum, and appreciate being here	
6	today. If there is future meetings, I respectfully	
7	ask that meetings that impact Ralls County be held in	
8	Ralls County. Thank you very much.	
9	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any questions? Thank you.	
10	Gerald Nonand. Do you solemnly swear or affirm that	
11	the testimony you're about to give will be the truth?	
12	MR. NONAND: I do.	
13	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and	
14	spell your last name.	
15	MR. NONAND: Jerry N-o-n-a-n-d.	
16	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you live?	
17	MR. NONAND: 61542 Highway N, New London,	
18	Missouri.	
19	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Thank you. Please go	
20	ahead.	
21	MR. NONAND: Gentlemen, I want to start out	
22	by thanking you for spending long days for the	
23	community and citizens of Missouri. I appreciate your	
24	time. I'm not here to debate climate change or wind	
25	power versus electric power or proper funding for my	
1	children's education. I want to talk about the use of	
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2	eminent domain. I firmly believe the use of eminent	
3	domain should only be utilized within the state of	
4	Missouri to benefit the citizens of Missouri period.	
5	My grandfather located his family from northwest Iowa	
6	to Ralls County over 50 years ago. He was a simple	
7	man, wanted to come down, and he purchased a small,	
8	modest dairy farm. A simple man wanted to earn a	
9	simple, honest living. Prior to his arrival, route 61	
10	ran through the city of New London. Two years after	
11	his arrival, the Highway Department upgraded route 61	
12	with four lane highway and relocated to the west side	
13	of New London and separated the farm in two. This	
14	basically eliminated possibility of performing as a	
15	dairy farm. So he had to modify his dreams and switch	
16	over to a beef farm. It was still a farm but modified	
17	his whole dream of being a dairy farmer. And it	
18	but looking back on that that project which is from	
19	St. Louis to corridor benefits the citizens of	
20	Missouri. This project from Clean Line is coming	
21	across Missouri, utilizing possible eminent domain	
22	does not benefit the citizens of Missouri. It is a	
23	simply for-profit for a private business. And I've	
24	heard other testimony that basically looking at	
25	profits based on property taxes for the county,	

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1	that's not what eminent domain is supposed to be	
2	utilized for. It's supposed to be utilized to benefit	
3	the citizens of Missouri. Thank you.	
4	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any questions? Thank you.	
5	Gary Hodges. Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the	
6	testimony you're about to give will be the truth.	
7	MR. HODGES: I do.	
8	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and	
9	spell your last name.	
10	MR. HODGES: Gary H-o-d-g-e-s, 42110	
11	Highway D, Perry. I heard a lot of pros and cons.	
12	Most of the pros are in it for the dollar. It's for a	
13	job, it's not for long term. And I'm a fourth	
14	generation farmer. I have a bulldozer. If we needed	
15	more farm ground and I came and told those people I'm	
16	going to go doze your house down and farm it because	
17	it's better for the good of all, they would be	
18	opposed. We don't want to sell our farms at any	
19	price. That's all I have to say.	
20	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Michael Bateman. Mr.	
21	Bateman. It looks like Mike Harley or Hanley. If	
22	you'd like to testify, you're welcome to. Do you	
23	solemnly swear or affirm that the testimony you're	
24	about to give will be the truth.	
25	MR. HARDY: I do.	

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1	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please state your name and	
2	spell your last name and use the microphone.	
3	MR. HARDY: Mike Hardy, H-a-r-d-y.	
4	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you reside, sir?	
5	MR. HARDY: New London, Missouri.	
6	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please go ahead.	
7	MR. HARDY: My dad is a 60-year member of	
8	IBEW. His father was also IBEW union electrician. My	
9	brother is here tonight is also one. My business	
10	agent is here. My dad's brother, my dad's brother's	
11	son and daughter and one of their sons is also an	
12	electrician. I have worked on a lot of jobs that's	
13	brought work for me and without unions, without the	
14	jobs created, the opportunities I wouldn't be where	
15	I'm at today. My dad is 81. And this proposed line	
16	goes just about a mile south of New London 61 and 19.	
17	My mother passed away of cancer. She had brain	
18	cancer. And she worked at REC Electric. And the year	
19	she passed away was 2000 it's a blank sorry.	
20	But my dad wrote a letter to her because they took a	
21	biopsy of the cancer is what I'm after because we	
22	don't know effects of this. And once they found it	
23	what it was, my dad gave the letter to mom because he	
24	cold bear to tell her that it was there was no	
25	cure. It was regrowing, one that keeps coming back.	

1	So, I don't want to have the power line my brother
2	built a beautiful log home about a mile south of 61
3	and 19 just for him, and my dad who is 81 and still
4	alive. He went through a stroke, I saw him pass out
5	at our union hall and that man right there, Bill Tass
6	saved his life. Because three days before that he had
7	arteries cleaned out, and he is still with us. And he
8	lives with a pacemaker and a heart valve. And he
9	wouldn't be here tonight. And you'd hear a lot more
10	from him than you're going to hear from me. I'm
11	getting ready to marry that lady right up there that I
12	knew 37 years ago that went to this Christian college.
13	My brother-in-law is a farmer in Center. And we're
14	going to build a place just south of my dad's place.
15	It's going to be our home and I don't want to see that
16	there. This line is going to be 200 feet from my
17	brother's house supposedly. I hunt on his property,
18	some of the nicest bucks one of the biggest bucks
19	I got was there. And I want to continue to hunt. I
20	worked on the Clarence Cannon dam, Mark Twain Lake. I
21	worked Saberton, Canton, Clarksville, rework on the
22	lock and dams, northeast tower, Palmyra substation.
23	Just recently and I know what electric does. I work
24	for the linemen's local and one of the gentlemen that
25	spoke here the BA from St. Louis and I don't

1	give all the money in the world for his opinion to
2	change because he was for it. It's about the land,
3	just like most of these people talk about. It's what
4	you when you live there and brought up there, you
5	don't want to see something change. I worked at
6	Callaway nuclear powerhouse on shutdowns in the
7	reactor at the very bottom of it. Maybe this doesn't
8	interest you. Thomas Hill powerhouse, Vandalia peaker
9	plant, Bowling Green peaker plant. I know how
10	electricity works. I have put my life on the line to
11	do the things that my family has done and I will
12	continue to do, but I don't want this to go through
13	here. And I agree with one of the people that I
14	didn't realize before when they said in Florida or
15	Indiana, where it's going to end up, they should
16	produce it there. You know, if it's in Kansas City,
17	but you're taking all these people's farm ground or
18	wanting to Ms. Epperson, I know her. Jim Hansen,
19	Wally Haber. And I'm opposed to this. I do want more
20	information. I don't have an address yet, so maybe
21	there is a reason why I don't have something because I
22	live actually in town right now. But I'm available to
23	hear all the options. The money, you know, I know
24	it's not well publicized. I looked it up on my phone
25	everybody does that. So, when I'm on the road to

1	last all winter long, working out of town, I work 12
2	hours days all the time. So I'm not the one farming,
3	but I'm thankful for this. And I hope that everybody
4	can pray about this more, search your hearts, and if
5	you had property there, you won't want this to go by
6	you. I guarantee it. Thank you.
7	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Thank you, sir. Lori
8	Osbourn. Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the
9	testimony you're about to give will be the truth?
10	MS. OSBOURN: I do. And my name Lori
11	Osbourn, O-s-b-o-u-r-n, 7305 County Road 1048,
12	Auxvasse, Missouri, 65231. And I think she is really
13	a saint, all of you, but she is a good listener. I
14	think I'm the last one on the list. Maybe I shouldn't
15	say that, but I normally come to meetings early.
16	Thank you for your time. I wanted to state that I
17	grew up in Ralls County and Monroe County, but I don't
18	live there. The Clean Line would affect my Monroe
19	County farm, but I'm not there. The money, you know
20	they are offering the money and I understand that, I'm
21	recently widowed, so the money is always nice, but you
22	know I had to ask myself and I realize the Public
23	Service Commission, you got to consider the greater
24	good of everyone, and I hope when you leave these
25	meetings, and I'm sure you do get to leave the

meetings, but when you leave the meetings, that it 1 2 doesn't come across landowners versus other people, 3 because I think the landowners are not selfish people, and I hear the people from St. Louis with the health 4 concerns, and I hear how decimated your counties are 5 in the rural areas, and I agree with all that. But 6 7 what I don't agree with or maybe I should say I don't 8 think we have enough proof that this is the answer to 9 some or any of it. The asthma, the jobs, I don't see 10 too many unknowns. Also if you put that down on the 11 record for me. And I guess I just wanted to say as 12 far as the big picture, I hope it's not a matter of numbers, small people or not very many people in rural 13 Missouri against the greater good. Because I don't 14 15 think that's the issue. I look at it as too many unknowns, and what is the intents of eminent domain. 16 17 And I have a concern for everyone in Missouri on eminent domain because I feel like this can set a 18 precedent. And I quess maybe that's the main thing I 19 20 want to say. It can set a precedent to erode -- you 21 know, the gentleman from St. Louis, what if their 22 management system, but what if there were management 23 systems that we could rid all of the out state Missouri and run them through big tubes in some of the 24 huge boulevard in St. Louis, I think that would seem 25

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1	ludicrous to most people. So I hope we don't just	
2	look at fact that is rural area that's it not an	
3	important area, and that eminent domain is such a	
4	dangerous thing to erode away. I hope we always use	
5	it in the way in the people that founded eminent	
6	domain intended it to be used. Thank you for your	
7	time.	
8	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Questions. Thank you.	
9	That's all the names that I have that are signed up to	
10	testify. Is there anybody who has not had an	
11	opportunity to testify who would like to? Please come	
12	forward. Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the	
13	testimony you're about to give will be the truth.	
14	MR. HARD: I do.	
15	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Will you please state your	
16	name and spell your last name?	
17	MR. HARD: Steve H-a-r-d. 18561 Westside	
18	Lane, New London, Missouri.	
19	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Please go ahead.	
20	MR. HARD: I have debated speaking all	
21	night. I didn't sign up because I didn't really know	
22	if it would be worthwhile to speak or not. I feel	
23	like Mr. Meyer pretty much ended it for me with his	
24	research. It was awesome, but anyway I wanted to	
25	share some things, totally different than what I	

1	thought I would talk about when I got up here. As my
2	brother said, I did build a house six years ago. We
3	started preparing the land eight years ago. Going
4	down weekends clearing trees and dreaming and
5	planning. I have been married 35 years to the same
6	woman. Because of her and five children, four
7	grandchildren and counting. This is our dream home we
8	started building six years ago this November. It's a
9	log home. It's a very nice home. And we share it
10	my wife has done child care for 33 years 28 years
11	of that in our home, so the last six years it's been
12	in this new home. It's tucked into the woods on a
13	hillside. I build it there because it's in the woods.
14	I know the neighbors to the north are big farmers,
15	it's been cattle cow pasture and farm fields since
16	I was we moved out there when I was five across the
17	highway. When my dad was there he owns 200 acres.
18	We're not actually in the route because we're south of
19	the fence line, but my house is 250 feet from the
20	fence line. I'm outdoorsman. I love to be outdoors
21	hunting, so this is a dream home for many reasons for
22	me being in the woods, enjoying trees and wildlife.
23	It's a big enough home, I have three children in their
24	20s still there in college. One is them just needs
25	help getting going with a grandchild. My wife's

1	mother lives in an apartment in the basement. So, we
2	share our home. My wife has had over 300 children in
3	daycare in our home. In the last six years probably
4	65 children have got to enjoy our property because we
5	coached sports teams, we have been involved in
6	churches. Children are a big part of our life. I
7	have heard different people talk about children
8	tonight. My first concern is safety of children. I
9	am an electrician and I appreciate the work that could
10	be brought from this. I think it would be minimal,
11	but it's not all about the dollar. To me it's all
12	about what's right and what's wrong. I think it's a
13	unsafe deal to have high voltage power lines 250 feet
14	or less because our backyard where the children play
15	would be closer to that from children playing. Our
16	porch out the back, when we walk out in the evenings
17	there is a hedge row. It's pretty hard to come by,
18	it's half mile long hedge row that comes on the west
19	the sun sets over that hedge row. If this line goes
20	through in that place, we will not be looking at a sun
21	set, we'll be looking at a power line because you see
22	it towering above the trees for half a mile. So that
23	was one of the things I wanted to share with before I
24	came and listened to other people talk. But I started
25	taking notes when you opened the meeting and a lot has

1	been said about eminent domain. And if I heard you
2	correctly, you said that the decision on eminent
3	domain is not made by you, it's made by the circuit
4	court. But yet the circuit court will make that
5	decision if you give them the certificate of
6	convenience and necessity, which I find kind of ironic
7	that that's how it worded. To me, if I was in the
8	position of making a decision and I read those words
9	"seeking a certificate of convenience and necessity" I
10	see nothing convenient or nothing necessary about this
11	power line, nothing at all. It's definitely not
12	convenient. So that's one point I wanted to make.
13	And I already discussed the work. The work is
14	minimal. If you people brought up taxes and that's
15	fine, but also because I jotted down notes, I kind of
16	kept score. I'm the 42nd person to speak tonight and
17	I am the 29th person from Ralls County. Everybody
18	from Ralls County, since it's a Ralls County hearing,
19	has been opposed to granting the certificate. All of
20	the other people were from St. Louis or Atlanta or
21	Macon or Shelbina, and I'm not saying that they don't
22	have their opinions and there is some validity to some
23	of the things. They said everybody has a right to
24	their opinion and the facts should be discussed and
25	talked about. I'm all for that. One gentleman was

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1	he wasn't really neutral, but he was objective and I
2	appreciate that. You should be objective. One of the
3	things that Mr. Meyer talked about as far as without
4	getting in personal lives of these individuals, but
5	just the fact that they live on a mountain, they
6	couldn't care less about Ralls County. And I feel
7	like in my own mind that Ralls County is part of that
8	map because Ralls County is one of the poorest
9	counties in the state. And if you have got all these
10	people that have spoke from Ralls County and every
11	single one of them is against it because it's
12	affecting their farm or business or their view or just
13	their way of life, I think I hope that you take
14	that into special consideration. And on that topic of
15	business, my wife, as I already mentioned, runs a day
16	care or has, and she's got seven children in the home
17	this summer. She is doing mentoring program to learn
18	how to read or sew and cook, and doing Bible studies.
19	She is preparing these young girls to grow into young
20	women. She does that, she'll be affected with a
21	business and also professional photographer. This
22	hedge row that runs west of our house, I have cleared
23	it out with by hand with saw and brush hog. I keep it
24	mowed. You can drive a four wheeler or tractor, walk
25	through there. She takes picture in it. It's

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1	beautiful. She takes picture all over the farm. And
2	that's going to be affected. We've invited people to
3	our home just to come sit on our porch. One lady was
4	98 years old, grandmother of the family she took a
5	picture of, and just fell in love with this lady. She
6	is from Quincy and lives in a nursing home. She
7	doesn't do a lot, but she is fell in love with our
8	porch. And I keep trying to get her to come over. We
9	share our place, we share that. And I'm not opposed
10	to technology. I'm not opposed to new transmission
11	lines, I understand that we need to upgrade our power
12	grid. I'm opposed to the way this is happening. I
13	don't think it's right and I don't think it's fair.
14	Another thing I want to bring up on point of fairness
15	is I'll tell you a little story. I have had asthma
16	for the last forty years and I controlled it . When I
17	was in 5th grade I developed asthma and had some
18	really close calls, but I used Primatine mist. Most
19	of you are probably aware that two years ago after I
20	returned from elk hunting in Colorado in the high
21	country all by myself with my medicine I was fine. I
22	have been able to control my asthma. December two
23	months later the EPA banned Primatine Mist because
24	somehow it was destroying the ozone, which gets back
25	to global warming. I don't know how we inhale

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something in our lungs can affect the ozone, but 1 2 that's the EPA. The whole reason I bring that up is it makes no sense something I'm inhaling to my lungs 3 is affecting the ozone. And EPA had the power to ban 4 5 that. It affected my life for a year, I went from having a normal life running and playing sports and 6 7 hunting not being able to breathe for a year. It 8 affected my sleep. I have always been good sleeper I 9 hit the pillow and go out for a year. I was mad. Ι was miserable. I wasn't feeling well. Finally got on 10 11 new medication. It took a year to find a medication 12 that works for me. Anyway, what I'm saying is now I'm 13 losing sleep because of this, because this is log home. Most of the work I have done myself with my own 14 two hands. And I will be affected, children will be 15 affected. Our whole family and future will be 16 17 affected. I can't -- I won't be able to sell it for what it's worth if I ever decide to sell it because of 18 the lines there. I appreciate that there are children 19 in St. Louis suffering, anybody that knows me and my 20 21 family knows we do a lot for children we run foster parents. We've had children, we've adopted children. 22 Like I said, our whole life has been about children. 23 So I don't want any children to suffer, but when the 24 25 only people that are for this come from St. Louis and

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1	other communities besides Ralls County, that means
2	something, but it doesn't mean what it should to Ralls
3	County. This here is for Ralls County. I know just
4	about everybody in Ralls County. I have worked on
5	farms, and I know of these 29 people that have now
6	spoken. That's just a drop in the bucket. There is a
7	lot of people I talk to that didn't come up here
8	because it's already been said. But I did come up
9	here because I wanted to say something maybe a little
10	bit differently and another voice to let you know that
11	there are a lot of people to go by statistics, it's
12	100 percent Ralls County is against it. So, thank you
13	very much for listening. I appreciate you being here.
14	That's all I have got to say.
15	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Thank you. Does anybody
16	else have any comments? Do you solemnly swear or
17	affirm that the testimony you're about to give will be
18	truth?
19	MR. POWER: I do.
20	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Could you please state
21	your name and spell your last name?
22	MR. POWER: My name is Greg Power,
23	P-o-w-e-r.
24	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Where do you reside?
25	MR. POWER: Perry, Missouri, Ralls County.

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1	29946 Mexico Road, 63462. I don't know what I want to
2	say, but I know what I want to ask, and I hope God is
3	in all your decisions. I'm against this deal. Nobody
4	seems to care about anything until it touches them.
5	This is Ralls County. It's going to touch us. It's
6	going to touch the people around us. And I don't
7	really know what your job consists of, and I don't
8	know I don't have the answers. And I hope you can
9	find them, but the question I have that I would like
10	before you make a decision to see you do your best to
11	your ability to figure out is I don't know how
12	legitimate a company this is that wants to put this
13	power line through here. I am against eminent domain.
14	I'm against the fact that people may be forced to sell
15	their property when they don't want to just to give a
16	private individual the opportunity to end up with it
17	to sell at a profit at his price to whoever he wants.
18	That's been stated here before. But the thing that
19	bothers me is if we're cutting a path 200-foot wide
20	through the width of the United States and this power
21	line gets sold to some foreign company, I'm lead to
22	believe that we're developing these extra fuels is so
23	we take our dependency off of foreign countries and we
24	make fuels that are cleaner. I'm all for that. I'm
25	all for progress, but what I'm asking is if this

1	person is a US citizen sells it to a foreign country,
2	then we buy power from them, we're still buying from a
3	foreign country. The other thing is when you give
4	eminent domain, do you all regulate what that land is
5	used for? If this company gets this through here and
6	you give them eminent domain, and they haven't set a
7	power pole or and they have no intention to do it, all
8	they want it piece of ground that they couldn't pay
9	for, and they decided they want to build the great
10	wall of China between my property and what's on the
11	other side, our government is going to say I know
12	this is far-fetched, but these are all things that I'm
13	worried about. I don't know how honest these people
14	are we're dealing with. Nobody does. I just hope
15	that God gives you all the guidance to make the right
16	choice that is the best for our future, our kids. My
17	piece of property don't amount to much. I got a
18	ten-year-old daughter that says she is going to live
19	there someday. And if there is anything in my power
20	she will, but I want it to be safe for her. The power
21	line is not going on me, like Steve, it's going to be
22	200 foot from my home, but I hope God gives you all
23	the wisdom to make the right decision. Thank you.
24	JUDGE BUSHMANN: Thank you, sir. Anybody
25	else want to testify?

1	COMMISSIONER R. KENNEY: Thank you,
2	everybody for coming tonight. This is the second of
3	eight of these that we will do. We're very committed
4	to providing ample opportunities for the citizens of
5	the affected counts to be able to voice their opinions
6	and concerns. So we will continue with these local
7	public hearings into the first week of September, and
8	all this information will be taken into account after
9	the evidentiary hearing, which will take place in
10	November in Jefferson City. So, again, thanks to all
11	of that you stuck it out to the bitter end. And we
12	appreciate your testimony. Thank you. Good night.
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