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My apologies for accidentally sending a draft of this unfinished e-mail. Margie Anglen at [weanglen@socket.net](mailto:weanglen@socket.net) Here is the intended letter.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am opposed to the establishment of National Interest Energy Transmisson Corridors (NIETC's) because:

**These easements place an undo burden on the affected landowners.**

There is no way to compensate landowners for the intangible cost associated with these lines. These intangibles are health risks to families, especially children, who live and work around and under these lines; no one knows just exactly how big the radius of the electrical field is for the proposed high voltage DC current; cannot use irrigation equipment where these lines are; risk to livestock

under these lines -- will the meat be healthy or compromised? We farm organically.

The companies refuse to compensate landowners for the going rate of their prime farm land. This rate is appoximately

\$6,000/acre at this time. Clean Line has offered our neighbors the assessed value of this land which is \$2,500-\$3,000 per acre.

Would you sell for that lower price? In other areas, prime farm land is going for \$13,000/acre. A high voltage power line running through my land, reduces the value of my land by half.

**Condemning private property for:**

A private company to reap the benefits of that property is illegal. This is not what eminent domain was established for.

Transmission lines in one state to transport electricity to another state is a violation of property rights. This pass-through does not significantly benefit the residents of the pass-through state.

**I believe the eastern states should develop their own utility scale wind resources which can be conveniently located just a few miles off-shore and much much closer to the load centers along the eastern seaboard. This eliminates the need for hundreds of miles of harmful and costly transmission lines through private property, prime farmland, productive forest, state and federal parks.**

**Renewable energy should be injected into the grid and used within the regions it is produced. Only then will the regional economies benefit from the money retained within the local economy rather than exporting it to other regions.**

**NIETC's are a gross violation of private property and state's right to decide what should and should not be built within their jurisdiction.**

However, I do not believe in denouncing something without having an alternative solution. So here is my alternative solution.

#### **ALTERNATE PLAN:**

I propose an alternate plan for the State of Missouri, since that is where I live. I propose that Clean Line/Grain Belt work with the State of Missouri to build their transmission lines in the median of the Highway 36 corridor.

- 1) This is an underutilized four-lane highway.
- 2) It is a direct route from where Clean Line/Grain Belt comes into Missouri and leaves Missouri. To go their proposed route is approximately fifty-miles south of the entry and exit points in Missouri.
- 3) This proposed alternate route would be through rolling hills and very little prime farm land. The hilltops, I would think, would be better for these transmission lines.
- 3) The State of Missouri has the deep pockets to deal with a private company when they do not do what they promised.  
Whereas private landowners have no recourse.
- 4) It would be income for the State of Missouri, thus benefiting all citizens of the State.

Thank you in advance for taking into consideration my comments.

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