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DoE Staff,

For years now I and my community have been fighting Clean Line Energy Partners. The idea that it may be allowed is only founded on one concept and that is of wind energy. 5 years ago you tried to start up wind farms on the Great Lakes or offshore in our oceans. People went berserk, filed lawsuits and thwarted your plans. You know that that wind energy is closer to load centers and 3x more efficient than land-based wind turbines. All this line does is preserve "views" of the people that live on the coasts. The US interior already has 48,000 wind turbines and corresponding transmission. As of today, we have NO offshore turbines. We drill for oil offshore- same concept as far as maintenance goes. There would be no landowners to agree or pay which would help with costs.

If you feel the need to use force on large amounts of the population maybe you should force the marring of views over the forcible taking of the private property of thousands *and* marring views *and* endangering the health of people *and* having the people bear the costs that will be associated with some of the longest haul transmission lines ever built.

CLEP proposes that we destroy the environment to save the environment when the energy sector is changing fast and becoming more and more localized.

CLEP are not philanthropists, they are business people looking to turn a profit. They are a good reason why public utility should not be privatized. If it weren't for "wind energy" and CLEP's slick political relations these lines would not even be being considered.

Do not walk on the rights of the citizens of this land at the bidding of a private, for-profit company with a plan that requires an incredibly expensive brand new right of way. You've already reported that our energy needs are decreasing. Renewables are generally close to the need. Long haul transmission is behind the times.

Respectfully but beseechingly,

Janna Swanson