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Subject: Please consider the attached letter for the US Dept of Energy Congestion Study 2014. Thank you, Diane Ragsdale, Moberly, Missouri
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Dear United States Department of Energy,

In regard to the National Electric Transmission Congestion Study, I am strongly opposed to the establishment of National Interest Energy Transmission Corridors.

The easements would place a burden on landowners on and near the transmission lines. The compensation cannot begin to cover the all of the losses, tangible and intangible that landowners would suffer. In addition, many landowners nearby where the lines border their property receive no compensation. I also believe that condemning private property for transmission lines in one state to transport electricity to another is a violation of property rights since it would not significantly benefit the residents of the pass-through states. The eastern states should develop the utility scale wind resources conveniently located just a few miles off-shore near the load centers along the eastern seaboard, thus eliminating hundreds of miles of harmful and costly transmission lines through private, productive farmland and forest. Renewable energy ought to be injected into the grid and used within the regions it is produced. The regional economies will benefit when the money is retained in the local economy rather than exporting it to other regions, eliminating the need for transmission lines.

Please do not establish any National Interest Energy Transmission Corridors. I believe the establishment of National Interest Energy Transmission Corridors to be a gross violation of the state's rights to regulate transmission lines.

Thank you for your time,

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