

Rock Island "Clean" (?) Line is a private company out of Houston, TX. These venture capitalists have sold a great many of our politicians on a *proposed* transmission line, from a *proposed* wind farm, to a *proposed* market.

This line is an energy pipeline directly from northwest IA to Chicago and to the east coast. 10 east coast Governors have twice written the US Congress stating they do not want Midwest wind. They wish to develop their own and create jobs at home. "Clean" is only a sales tool since the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) ruled that if built, RICL cannot be restricted for wind use only and must also carry traditional, fossil-fueled electricity such as coal generated.

Jobs created by RICL will be temporary and transitory. There will be no way to put energy on or take energy off anywhere along the line and no permanent jobs and no energy (except in NW IA and Channahon, IL at converter stations).

Wind farm investment of \$7billion is all out of state.

Wind power created in IL equals permanent jobs in IL.

Lake Michigan wind right on top of Chicago market. (IL jobs)

12,000 acres of farm and woodland will be negatively impacted.

Counties will get \$7,000 per linear mile for only 20 years.

Farm properties are devalued and will reduce property tax revenue.

Michael Skelly, President RICL, claimed electric prices must go up 50% for this line to be feasible. The IL Commerce Commission states, electric rates for IL consumers are raised when power from IL competes with power being sent to the East Coast.

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