

RE: Rock Island Clean Line Petition
Illinois Commerce Commission Docket Number 12-0560

To: _____

As our representative, we are seeking and requesting your help in blocking the petition to become a regulated utility filed by Rock Island Clean Line pursuant to Illinois Commerce Commission Docket Number 12-0560 (recently changed from Docket Number 10-0579), and subsequent re-filed petitions. If Rock Island Clean Line becomes a regulated utility and procedurally obtains eminent domain, they are seeking to take out of production in perpetuity over twelve thousand (12, 000) acres of some of the best farmland in the world. There are better route alternatives other than the cheapest, easiest path through prime farmland that is nonrenewable and needed to feed the world.

We ask for your help in blocking this private company from obtaining public utility status and, therefore, procedurally the right of eminent domain. This proposal is to bring energy (per the FERC not restricted to "clean" energy) produced outside of Illinois to the PJM grid in Morris, Illinois to be then used primarily outside of Illinois. Ten East Coast Governors have written Congress twice stating that they do not want Midwest power- they do not need it and it undermines the development of renewable energy in their own states and undermines IN-state permanent jobs.

We also request that you urge the ICC to evaluate all the high voltage transmission line projects proposed in Illinois, as Iowa is currently doing. Rock Island "Clean" Line is NOT part of a comprehensive or coordinated transmission expansion plan. It is one company's (and the wind industry's) idea of what we "need" in order for them to make massive profits at the consumer and taxpayer's expense.

There are better alternatives, including Energy Efficiency programs and supporting IN-state distributed generation, for our taxing bodies and our jobs for Illinois other than allowing this project to proceed. Taxpayer dollars, therefore, would stay not only in-state but also in-country as many of the industrial size wind farm developers are not U.S. companies.

Illinois farmland is nonrenewable and should not be taken out of production by a private company for private gain. There is currently adequate public utility service for the residents of the State of Illinois and Rock Island Clean Line LLC's proposed project does not serve a public purpose. Rock Island "Clean" Line LLC's project has no legal justification to authorize the taking of private land for private gain.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
