

December 11, 2015

IOWA UTILITIES BOARD

E-22136

To: Executive Director, Iowa Utilities Board

A. Rock Island Clean Line

B. Docket Number: E-22136

C. OBJECTION:

1. This is the third time Rock Island Clean Line (RICL) has submitted a motion to bifurcate the process to gain advantage over the landowners during the land acquisition process. By deciding the merits of the project before deciding eminent domain authority, RICL will gain unfair and undue leverage and advantage over the individual landowners during easement and right-of-way negotiations. This is patent effort to alter the Iowa process by fiat, abridging the aggrieved landowners' constitutional rights.
2. RICL claims this two level process will add clarity to the process when in fact many if not most involved will likely be confused by the partitioning of the proceedings as provided under the statutes.
3. The proposal while not supported by the affected landowners as RICL claims, will be required to attend two separate proceedings causing further time commitment and hardship to hard working farm operators.
4. Bifurcation only benefits the applicant by allowing them to avoid the expenses associated with preparing the necessary documents, surveys and mapping for easement acquisition.
5. These reasons should be sufficient to deny, for a third time, RICL's attempts to create an unfair advantage in Iowa, while they have had unquestioned difficulty to proving need or public benefit in several nearby states for the same intent. Illinois Commerce Commission had to contrive a "future need" to justify their decision to approve.

D. We humbly request the Iowa Utilities Board stand their ground and deny this motion for the third time.

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H. Owner

I. In possession