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Iowa Utilities Board
1375 E. Court Avenue, Room 69
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To the IUB:

My family has held farmland in northern Iowa for almost 100 years. My great-grandfather Adolphus Heller lived and worked there for much of his life. This land, and more that was added to the original parcel, has been passed down through succeeding generations, and is now closely held in our family partnership, IOTEX Partners, Ltd. We own approximately 120 acres in Hancock County and 80 acres each in Wright and Humboldt Counties.

We have learned that it is the intent of the Rock Island Clean Line Project to deploy electric transmission towers across our land in Hancock County. We are categorically opposed to this activity, strongly believing that it is a gross intrusion of our private property rights. It will have a strongly negative effect on our ability to farm our land, not only by removing some of our land from use, but also by the problems it will cause for tractor/combine movement, as well as the problems of possible destruction of our irrigation tile system, which we maintain at a not insignificant cost.

Finally, it is not clear to us why the Rock Island Clean Line Project is reluctant to use rights-of-way that have already been established. By doing so their own costs might be somewhat greater, but they would avoid their adverse impact on our farm operation.

Thank you for your consideration in this crucially important matter.

Ann F. Letton
General Partner