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The proposed RICL line is infringing on landowners rights. When the landowner says "no" to RICL, that is exactly what they mean. I am totally against the use of eminent domain by a private company for their private benefit. It is my understanding that eminent domain is for the benefit of the WHOLE country. In this case even the land owners whose land this will be crossing will not benefit. In addition, landowners would be have to allow their private property to be crossed to reach the easement land. That would mean additional hardship for the landowners as the supposed compensation for that is inadequate as stated at this point. If eminent domain is granted the least the Utility Board could do would be to state legally that RICL would have to construct its own access to the easement. I have a concern that in relation to the fast growing technology that this transmission line would be outdated and no longer usable in a relatively short time. At that point, what could happen on that easement could be additionally damaging to the landowners.

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