

SUGGESTED FORM FOR FILING OBJECTIONS

The use of this form is not required. If you have interest in several properties, you may wish to attach additional sheets for each affected property. Completed forms may be filed electronically at <http://efs.iowa.gov>. Written forms may be mailed to: Executive Secretary, Iowa Utilities Board, 1375 E Court Ave Rm 69, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0069.

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IOWA UTILITIES BOARD

A. ROCK ISLAND CLEAN UNITS
(Name of company or utility)

B. NOV. 20, 2013, SUPERVISORS CLUB & EVENT CENTER, WATERLOO, IOWA
(Date and Location, if known, of Informational Meeting)

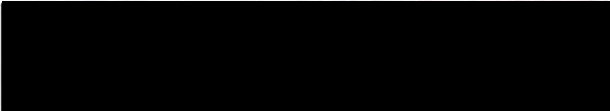
E-22132
(Docket Number, if known, of the proceeding)

C. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SHEET
(Statement of the nature of the objection(s))

(Use additional sheets, if necessary)

D. NO ALTERNATIVE ROUTE SUGGESTED - DENY THE RICL FRANCHISE PETITION
(A description of the remedy or relief that you seek. If you are proposing an alternate route, please attach map.)

E. JAMES PETER OLESEN
(Name -- typed or printed)



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11/11/15
(Date)

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(City & Zip Code)

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F. cbjpo@aol.com
(Email address) CHARLESEN OAKS INC. PROPERTY DESCRIPTION -

G. 8712-14-1451-001, AND 8712-14-276-001 AS RECORDED @ THE BLACK HAWK CO. ASSESSOR'S OFFICE
(Description of affected property, including Section, Township, Range and County)

H. CHARLESEN OAKS, INC. SHAREHOLDER
(Statement of your property interest: such as owner, contract purchaser, mortgagor, lessee-tenant, holder of mineral rights, etc.)

I. Are you the party in possession? Yes No

STATEMENT OF THE NATURE OF THE OBJECTION(S)

I am part-owner of Charlesen Oaks, Inc., a property that lays in the pathway of the proposed RICL transmission lines. Charlesen Oaks is approximately 160 acres in size. Only 30 tillable acres are farmed in order to pay the costs of property taxes and insurance. The remaining 130 acres consist of undeveloped woodlands and part of a body of water that on maps is called Blue Branch Creek – although it is in reality an oxbow lake that, in places, is up to eight feet deep.

Our property has abundant fish and wildlife and is a kind of “wilderness area” that has been primarily owned by two families for nearly 60 years. The real value of Charlesen Oaks is a natural “aesthetic” that will be devastated by the proposed RICL transmission lines. Loss of that “aesthetic” is *not* found under RICL’s formulas for compensation.

A 145-200 foot wide swath will be cut through the trees along the transmission line’s route.

Our only access to Charlesen Oaks, a dirt road, may need to be appropriated and rebuilt to handle construction activities. These alterations in the road may deny us access to our property and possibly impact water levels in the lake and its ecology.

Lattice towers 120-150 feet high will be erected and HDVC lines between towers will dip to as close to 30-35 feet above the lake.

The real value of Charlesen Oaks, its natural aesthetic, will be lost forever.

Ironically, wind energy is said to be a more *environmentally friendly* energy resource because it produces fewer man-made CO₂ emissions *hypothesized* to cause anthropogenic global warming.

Meanwhile, transmission lines associated with wind energy leave a huge footprint on the land and environmental concerns from wind farms include noise, visual impacts, and avian mortality.

Wind energy is less reliable, less efficient and more costly than other energy sources. When all the hidden costs are totaled and government subsidies are excluded, wind generation is 50% more expensive than conventional generation sources such as natural gas, coal, or nuclear.

Wind energy is not profitable and is only sustainable by environmental regulations and government subsidies through tax credits.

Warren Buffet, CEO of Berkshire Hathaway, Inc. with its more than \$9 billion dollars in wind energy investments, told investors last year in Omaha, Nebraska – “I will do anything that is basically covered by the law to reduce Berkshire’s tax rate ... For example, on wind energy, we get a tax credit if we build a lot of wind farms. That’s the only reason to build them. They don’t make sense without the tax credit.”

There is no RICL plan for de-commissioning the transmission lines and their associated towers or restoring the land when the government subsidies run out and the electricity produced by wind energy is no longer “economically feasible.”

Lastly, the proposed transmission lines provide electricity limited to citizens in the Chicago, Illinois area and does not really serve a “public” use. Granting the power of eminent domain is unjustified given the degree of damage to Iowa land owners for transmitting electricity outside the state.