

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.

**FILED WITH
Executive Secretary**

May 22, 2015

A. Mersch Farms Inc.
(Name of company or utility)

B. August 19, 2013 Emmetsburg, Iowa
(Date and Location, if known, of Informational Meeting)

IOWA UTILITIES BOARD

(Docket Number, if known, of the proceeding)

C. It is the belief of Mersch Farms Inc. that a privately owned company should not be allowed to take privately owned land through eminent domain. There has been no analysis on the effects of this structure on the soil, animals, plants, and people. The farmers are not being asked but being told what will be done with their land and RICL will assume no responsibility for negative affects of these structures on the soil, animals, plants and people. RICL does not propose fair compensation for loss of farm production and does not indicate the process of maintenance, the tear down of structures when obsolete and how this will be paid for. The Iowa farmers are losing their land and being forced to take an unprecedented amount of risk while RICL takes none. There are no benefits to lowans in this situation. Is this truly in everyone's best interest because it is clearly not in the best interest of the Iowa farmers and their families.

(Statement of the nature of the objection(s))

(Use additional sheets, if necessary)

D. Mersch Farms Inc believes that no privately owned party should take land by eminent domain. RICL should do more research on the effects of these structures on the soil, plants, animals, and people. They need to provide fair compensation for production lost due to these structures on a yearly basis. They need to provide all maintenance fees and the tear down of these structures when they are obsolete. There needs to be a benefit to the Iowa farmers and their families – not just unprecedented risk.

(A description of the remedy or relief that you seek. If you are proposing an alternate route, please attach map.)

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G. Sections 33 and 34 Fern Valley Township, Range 35, Palo Alto County
(Description of affected property, including Section, Township, Range and County)

H. Owner
(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? x Yes No