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August 5, 2015 Docket No.: E-22125

Michelle Markham Mersch Farms, Inc. 620 Buckwalter Dr Sioux City, IA 51108

Dear Ms. Markham:

Your objection to Rock Island Clean Line's (Clean Line) proposed ±600 kV high voltage direct current electric transmission line, to be located in Palo Alto County, was filed with the Iowa Utilities Board (Board) on May 22, 2015. This project must obtain a franchise from the Board before construction can begin. Clean Line filed their petition for franchise on November 6, 2014. After the petition has been fully reviewed, an evidentiary hearing will be scheduled. Notice of the hearing will be sent to you by ordinary mail. Participation at the hearing is not required for an objection to be considered in the franchise proceeding.

Your objection will become a part of the docket record which is available at <u>http://efs.iowa.gov</u>. Clean Line and the Office of Consumer Advocate, a Division of the lowa Department of Justice, have been notified of your objection. If you have any questions about this process, or any additional concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jim Sundermeyer

Jim Sundermeyer Utilities Regulation Engineer Safety & Engineering Section

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