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Farm Bureau Opposes Multi-State Transmission Line

(AP) -- The Missouri Farm Bureau has voted to act as an intervener in a case before the state's utility commission involving the Grain Belt Express electric transmission line.

The St. Joseph News-Press reports the organization opposes granting eminent domain to Clean Line Energy Partners for its project, which would carry electricity generated by windmill turbines through about 200 miles of the state.

The Missouri section is part of a \$2.2 billion project to build a 750-mile-long high-voltage overhead transmission line from Kansas, through Missouri and Illinois and to a substation in Indiana.

Clear Line has filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission for utility status and approval of a route for the line.

Opponents say the transmission lines would reduce property values and potentially create a health risk.

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