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I am NOT requesting to intervene in this proceeding. As a PROTESTOR, I understand the following:

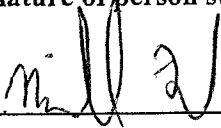
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- ☐ I own property with a habitable structure located near one or more of the utility's proposed routes for a transmission line.
- ☐ One or more of the utility's proposed routes would cross my property.
- ☒ Other. Please describe and provide comments. You may attach a separate page, if necessary. _____

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Signature of person submitting comments:



Michael W. Fike

Date: 8-13-2013

First – A view of the aerial survey of the routing maps indicates that routing segment (link) 141 extends the total length of the route without any real indicated purpose. It crosses, to the extent of 95%, farm land which, to the most part, is owned by the undersigned, along with members of his family or entities in which he is a member.

Second - The land which this link crosses, is devoted to agricultural and will be, for the foreseeable future. There is very little of it which is being used for residential purposes. The owners are second generation farmers and their offspring intend to continue in the same profession. The establishment of the transmission line, using link 141, would be detrimental to the continuation of such work.

Third – There are no commercial establishments along the links' right of way and, because it is primarily of an agricultural nature, there is no anticipation of such development and, thus, no need for the establishment of such line.

Fourth – Although the exact location of the proposed line is not established, it is always the case that the location, wherever it may be, is not commensurate with farming operations. The continuing use of our farm lands for purposes other than agricultural, means that the usable portion of the lands is always decreasing, thus making the pursuit of farming unprofitable.