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Service Quality Division

State of Michigan
Public Service Commission
Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth
6545 Mercantile Way, Suite 7
P.O. Box 30221
Lansing, MI 48909

Re: Stoutenburg Farms

Dear Sir/Madam:

We represent the owner of Stoutenburg Farms.

The Stoutenberg Farm consists of a major farming operation located in Sandusky, Michigan. We have noted a proposal in which the proposed electric line physically bisects the Farm to the extent that it may destroy a multimillion dollar operation.

Sincerely,



Alan T. Ackerman

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cc: Mr. Clint Stoutenburg

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Dear Sir/Madam:

We understand your organization approved the proposed Thumb Transmission Corridor in Sanilac County, Michigan.

This office represents Stoutenburg Farms. Stoutenburg Farms consists of jointly-held property in excess of 10,0000 acres. One of the proposals for the project contemplates utilizing a dramatic portion of the Stoutenburg Farms in order to necessitate fewer condemnees.

The number of affected owners is not the relevant issue. What is relevant is that there is an overall operation used by the same owner/tenant for the facilitation of a profitable enterprise. The interference with the parcels, especially as now contemplated, is nothing less than devastating.

It is urged that you look to lands other than the Stoutenburg Farms or consider exactly what you are taking and its effects on the farming opportunities in this state.

Clearly, there is a public policy that "clean energy" be expanded and utilized. At the same time, a major policy in this state is for the protection of farming enterprises. This electric line will simply destroy one of the major farm enterprises in this state.

Sincerely,



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