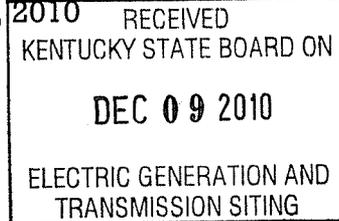


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Kentucky Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 615
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RE: Application of Southern Indiana
Gas & Electric Co. D/B/A Vectren
Energy Delivery of Indiana, Inc. For A
Certificate to Construct an Electric
Transmission Line from Its A.B. Brown
Plant to the Big Rivers Reid EHV Station
CASE NO. 2010-00223

To: Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting

Please be advised that I have been asked to forward to the Board the studied concerns of the principals of Willie McLaren, LLC, which owns a tract of land affected by the proposed Brown-Reid 345KV Transmission Line. The property is located in Henderson County, Kentucky and has been identified as Parcel 18 on several maps. The concerns regarding economic and visual impact are as follows:

- The proposed easement for the Vectren line is 150' wide and lies adjacent to an existing 100' wide transmission line easement on a 200+ acre farm that lies within the city limits of Robards, Kentucky. A strip of land 250' wide is basically condemned for use by a for-profit corporation to the expense and detriment of the land owner. The loss of crop ground is extensive and continues in perpetuity, all to the economic damage of landowners and the profits of the owners of the newly proposed transmission line. The damage is not measured by a loss of acreage, but lost economic opportunities for farming and for future use that may not yet be contemplated.
- The proposed easement not only removes land from crop production or future use, but makes it more expensive to sow, harvest crops and control Johnson grass. Modern technology, which has been a tremendous aid to farming, is rendered useless by the breadth of the proposed easement, and older, more expensive methods must be

proposed easement, and older, more expensive methods must be employed to make the ground productive and harvestable. This economic burden falls on the landowner only.

- The proposed easement lying next to the existing easement creates a visual nightmare of technology running roughshod through the middle of the farm and over the gently rolling terrain of western Kentucky. It is akin to placing an intrusive commercial development in a residential neighborhood. It is unsightly and offensive.
- The existing easement could and should be used. The proposed easement envisions "H" type transmission line supports. The existing easement can accommodate the proposed line if the easement uses monopole transmission lines that accommodate the current user, the proposed user, and future users. The visual impact is diminished, the loss of crop land lessened, and future expenses become avoidable using monopole equipment and engineering.
- The equities of visual impact and economic impact favor the landowners and the purported users of the proposed easement should be requested to minimize these impacts on the landowner.
- Providing electrical power is important but the integrity of keeping farms intact, providing commodities, income, agricultural commerce, and a pleasant view is as important. The loss of farmland is forever. These interests can co-exist if municipalities, governments and businesses work together using existing easements, proven technology and a healthy appreciation of all the needs of the people.

I am also enclosing a compact disk and pictures provided by Cynthia McLaren Hartsig, which illustrate the use of monopole transmission line supports and their economy of land use. The Willie McLaren, LLC's members are direct descendants of Willie McLaren. This land has been in this family for generations preceding Willie McLaren. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kenneth S. Kasacavage', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kenneth S. Kasacavage

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Enc.

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