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This is in addition to my previously filed objection, Docket # E-22131

I am requesting the Iowa Utilities Board deny Rock Island Clean Line's motion for bifurcation of the franchise process for the following reasons:

- 1: Rock Island Clean Line has not made any recent attempt to contact objecting parcel owners and negotiate or in any way change their contract terms.
- 2: Landowners who did not file objections electronically were not notified of this motion to bifurcate.
- 3: Allowing Rock Island Clean Line's motion to bifurcate would put landowners in a position to have to attend and testify at 2 separate hearings for the same project.
- 4: Rock Island Clean Line's project is unnecessary and has it a brick wall, this motion is simply a ploy to weaken the landowner's position and twist their arms into signing easements.
- 5: As objectors, we keep hearing there is a "process" for a franchise request but now because of overwhelming resistance, RICL wants the IUB to change that "process."
- 6: The IUB has previously denied similar motions by RICL and RICL has not demonstrated that anything has changed for this 3rd attempt at bifurcation.

Sincerely,

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