

April 12, 2017

Mr. Ken Blodgett
Surface Transportation Board
Docket #FD35952
395 E Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Mr. Blodgett:

Rhule Spring comes up in our front yard and is 54 degrees all the time. It has been studied and documented since 2010 by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. We are officially the "coldest fresh water spring in Illinois".

I cannot "sugar-coat" any of the following information to you regarding the proposed Great Lakes Basin Railroad:

A spill would contaminate our aquifer for miles around, as well as put us completely out of business as farmers.

The noise alone will discourage all wildlife from coming back, especially in the winter for shelter since the water never freezes.

Our 5-year old field tiles in the bean field take care of all the standing water and marsh areas. This would be totally ruined. ^A

You would also leave us over 20 acres in a land-locked situation.

Thank you for considering our farm information in your decision.

Sincerely,


William H. Hoople, Owner

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GLBR New Preferred Route Sep-2016



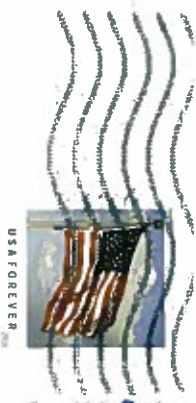




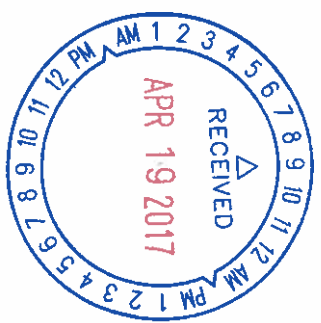
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