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The Amish People of my area, Somerton Township, Belmont County,

Most of the mainline populations have little understanding of the Amish. We view them as a people that cling to old ways of doing things. In fact they are a collective religious order. Each parish has a bishop, whose word is the final say in all situations concerning the parish.

The Amish do not use computers or deal with the outside world; they wish to be left alone to practice their beliefs and their way of life. The Amish are exempt from many laws, their children do not go to public schools, and they are not subject to the draft and can drive buggies on roads that are 55 miles an hour. The last time I was behind an Amish buggy it was going about 8 miles an hour, thus impeding traffic, but it is legal for them to do so.

When I am told that the Amish have the same rights to file with FERC, these people do not understand what the Amish people are about. First there letters to FERC would most likely be in some form of German, but most likely they would do nothing because their Religious Laws and Tenants forbid them from interacting with the government and many things that we take for granted in our world.

If FERC wishes to do some thing to accommodate the Amish, FERC would send some one to talk to these people directly and one on one, without the REX people present.

The United States was based upon the ideals of Religious Freedoms and non interference from the government in the ways that people wish to practice their religion. If this were not true, we would all be Anglicans with no tolerances for other religions, as well as the government directly able to order, as well as take orders from the church that would be the mandated as a national religion. Because of our fore fathers and their far reaching wisdom we enjoy the constitutional "Separation of Church and State." The Amish deserve no less the rights than any of the other American peoples in the United States and the government has to accommodate the ways of the Amish to stay within the constitutional rights boundaries of these people.

Sincerely,

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