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CLEAN LINE ENERGY INVITES COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIRD ROUND OF PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR THE GRAIN BELT EXPRESS CLEAN LINE

February 23, 2015 - Clean Line Energy (Clean Line) invites community members to attend its third round of public meetings about the Grain Belt Express Clean Line (Grain Belt Express), an electric transmission line that will bring low-cost wind energy to Illinois. Clean Line is holding public meetings on the Grain Belt Express to provide information and seek feedback from landowners and community members on the project.

The Grain Belt Express is an approximately 750-mile overhead, direct current power line that will deliver low-cost wind power from western Kansas to Illinois and surrounding states. The project is designed to benefit Illinois by adding a new source of cost-competitive renewable energy, reducing wholesale electricity prices, creating hundreds of construction and manufacturing jobs, and providing revenue to local communities.

Clean Line is committed to using local and regional contractors when possible to assist in the development, construction, and maintenance of the transmission line in order to create local jobs and local economic benefits. In January, Clean Line announced a preferred supplier agreement under which Southwire Company's facility in Flora will manufacture a portion of the conductor for the transmission line – an estimated \$35 million order.

Clean Line understands that it is especially important to minimize impacts to cropland and has signed an Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement with the Illinois Department of Agriculture. This agreement details the extensive efforts Clean Line will make to mitigate impacts to agriculture such as: decompacting soil, repairing damaged drainage tile, and using single-foundation monopole structures along straight, non-turning sections of the line in areas without specific engineering or environmental challenges.

Clean Line held the first round of public meetings on the Grain Belt Express in December 2014 and the second round of public meetings Feb. 2 to 6, 2015. Potential routes for the power line have since been revised, taking into account feedback received at those meetings. The proposed and alternate routes currently under review by Clean Line will be posted to the project's website, www.grainbeltexpresscleanline.com, on Wednesday, Feb. 25, and also will be available at the upcoming public meetings.

Ultimately, Clean Line is seeking approval from the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) to build the Grain Belt Express on a single route with a 150 to 200 foot wide right-of-way.

Who: Clean Line – Grain Belt Express
What: Third Round of Public Meetings on the Grain Belt Express project
When: March 2 – 6, 2015
Where: Detailed Schedule Below

PUBLIC MEETINGS SCHEDULE

West Union (Clark Co.)
Monday, Mar. 2 2015
8am – 11am
York Township Community Center
502 East Union Street
West Union, IL 62477

Strasburg (Shelby Co.)
Tuesday, Mar. 3
8am – 11am
Strasburg Community Building
105 East Commercial Street
Strasburg, IL 62465

Pana (Christian Co.)
Wednesday, Mar. 4 2015
8am – 11am
Fraternal Order of Eagles #4109
186 U.S. HWY 51
Pana, IL 62557

Winchester (Scott Co.)
Thursday, Mar. 5 2015
8am – 11am
Nimrod Funk Building
401 North Walnut Street
Scott County Fairgrounds
Winchester, IL 62694

Pittsfield (Pike Co.)
Friday, Mar. 6 2015
8am – 11am
American Legion Post 152
1302 West Washington Street
Pittsfield, IL 62363

Greenup (Cumberland Co.)
Monday, Mar. 2 2015
4pm – 7pm
Greenup Municipal Building
115 East Cumberland Street
Greenup, IL 62428

Raymond (Montgomery Co.)
Tuesday, Mar. 3 2015
4pm – 7pm
Raymond Knights of Columbus Hall
510 East Sparks Street
Raymond, IL 62560

Viriden (Macoupin Co.)
Wednesday, Mar. 4 2015
4pm – 7pm
Viriden Knights of Columbus Hall
1320 North Dye Street
Viriden, IL 62690

Carrollton (Greene Co.)
Thursday, Mar. 5 2015
4pm – 7pm
Carrollton Knights of Columbus Hall
1 Mile South of Carrollton
U.S. HWY 67
Carrollton, IL 62016

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About Clean Line Energy Partners:

Clean Line's mission is to connect abundant, renewable energy resources to areas that have a high demand for low-cost, clean energy. Clean Line is developing a series of transmission projects to move renewable energy to market. For more information please visit

www.CleanLineEnergy.com.