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## **MISSOURI REGULATORS TO DETERMINE FATE OF MAJOR MISSOURI INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT**

JEFFERSON CITY (April 27, 2017) – This week marks the deadline for the final briefs to be filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission regarding the Grain Belt Express Clean Line. The Grain Belt Express Clean Line would be the largest clean energy infrastructure project in Missouri’s history and would save Missouri ratepayers more than \$10 million annually.

Missouri groups in support of building the wind transmission line include ratepayers, manufacturers, energy producers, business groups, organized labor, Fortune 500 companies, environmental interests and retailers.

The groups who participated in the case in support of the project include:

1. Missouri Department of Economic Development
2. Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission
3. Consumers Council of Missouri
4. Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers
5. Missouri Retailers Association
6. Walmart
7. SSM Health
8. Infinity Wind Power
9. Energy for Generations
10. Wind on the Wires and the Wind Coalition
11. International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Locals 2 and 53
12. AFL-CIO
13. Sierra Club, Missouri Chapter
14. Natural Resources Defense Council
15. Renew Missouri

The groups who intervened in the case in opposition include:

1. Missouri Farm Bureau
2. Missouri Landowners Alliance
3. Show Me Concerned Landowners

4. Seven individual landowners

The single largest change from the 2015 Grain Belt Express case is the agreement to deliver low-cost wind power to more than three-dozen municipal utilities in Missouri. At evidentiary hearings last month, representatives from the Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission testified that the project would save their customers more than \$10 million annually, if approved by the Commission. These annual savings would continue for at least 20 years.

“In 2015 we heard loud and clear from the Missouri Public Service Commission that they wanted to see more benefits for Missouri,” said Michael Skelly, President of Clean Line Energy. “As a result, we have shown the benefits of the project to the state through an agreement with the Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission. The broad support that the Grain Belt Express has received is proof that Missouri’s largest-ever clean energy infrastructure project will have benefits to Missourians across the state for generations to come.”

The Grain Belt Express is a privately financed infrastructure project. To learn more about the Grain Belt Express Clean Line, visit [www.GrainBeltExpressCleanLine.com](http://www.GrainBeltExpressCleanLine.com).

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