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CLEAN LINE ENERGY STATEMENT ON MISSOURI SUPREME COURT'S UNANIMOUS DECISION ON THE GRAIN BELT EXPRESS PROJECT

July 17, 2018 - Following is a statement from Clean Line Energy President Michael Skelly concerning the Grain Belt Express Clean Line's recent victory at the Missouri Supreme Court:

Today's unanimous ruling means Missourians are closer than ever to benefiting from the clean, affordable energy and economic boost this transformational infrastructure project will deliver to the Show-Me-State. The Missouri Public Service Commission previously determined that the Grain Belt Express is in the State's best interest because it would save Missourians more than \$10 million annually on their electric bills, create thousands of jobs, and provide millions in taxes to local communities into perpetuity. We are now turning our efforts to expediting approval from the Missouri Public Service Commission of this critical infrastructure project so that Missouri can realize these benefits as soon as possible.

The Missouri Supreme Court provided clear and helpful guidance in its decision as to the differing roles of the Missouri Public Service Commission and the counties, finding that the relevant statute under which Grain Belt Express had applied "does not purport to give counties the authority to stand in the shoes of the Commission in determining whether a proposed utility project is in the public interest of the state or whether a utility should be granted a CCN." The role of determining the public interest of a project under the relevant section of the statute thus rests with the Commission. The Court also affirmed that county assents will be required prior to construction. Clean Line looks forward to obtaining the required assents and acknowledges and respects both roles.

We want to thank the tremendous broad-based support we've received from across Missouri, including local communities that have signed up for the power, the business community, organized labor, as well as energy consumers of all sizes. We look forward to working with other utilities and consumers to facilitate access to some of our country's lowest cost wind resources.

States that have embraced clean, affordable energy like that which will be delivered by the Grain Belt Express are already seeing a tremendous advantage in new local investments and lower electricity prices for their businesses and residents. Clean Line Energy is excited to make this a reality for Missourians.

About Clean Line Energy Partners: Clean Line is developing new infrastructure projects that will connect the best renewable energy resources in North America to communities and cities that lack access to new, low-cost renewable power. For more information, please visit www.CleanLineEnergy.com.

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