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## **CLEAN LINE ENERGY HOSTS MEETINGS TO PROVIDE UPDATES ABOUT GRAIN BELT EXPRESS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM LANDOWNERS**

SPRINGFIELD (September 14, 2015) – Landowners and other stakeholders in central Illinois are invited to attend a series of meetings in the coming weeks to speak with Clean Line Energy representatives about the Grain Belt Express Clean Line. The Grain Belt Express Clean Line is an overhead power line that will deliver low-cost clean energy to Illinois while modernizing the Illinois electric grid for future generations.

At these meetings, project representatives will be available to speak one-on-one with community members and review maps of the proposed route. The meetings will occur during the weeks of September 21 and September 28. Details including location, date and time of the meetings appear below.

The Grain Belt Express project is a \$700 million infrastructure investment in Illinois that will create about 1,500 Illinois jobs during the three-year construction phase. In addition, landowners and counties who are hosting the line will receive more than \$74 million from Clean Line.

The project will deliver enough low-cost, clean energy to power 1.6 million homes each year and is estimated to reduce wholesale power prices in Illinois by \$750 million in the first five years of its operation.

“I understand the emotions that many people may be feeling about the possibility of the Grain Belt Express Clean Line being on their property, but I believe this power line is needed and will bring big benefits to the state and to our community,” said David Sayers, a seventh generation farmer from Browning, Illinois. Sayers currently has two power lines crossing his farm. “The impact upon our ground was minimal and now we plant our crops around the poles.”

“We are pleased to answer questions and to share information with community members,” said Amy Kurt, the Illinois Manager with Clean Line. “We look forward to continuing to work with landowners to help move this important project forward and bring benefits to Illinois communities.”

In late August, the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) completed a four-day evidentiary hearing on Clean Line’s application to build and operate the Grain Belt Express. Clean Line filed an application with the ICC in April and a decision from the ICC is expected by the end of November.

To reach a Grain Belt Express Clean Line representative, please visit the project website at [grainbeltexpresscleanline.com](http://grainbeltexpresscleanline.com), send an email to [info@grainbeltexpresscleanline.com](mailto:info@grainbeltexpresscleanline.com), or call 855-665-3438.



## OFFICE HOURS MEETINGS SCHEDULE

### **Pike County**

Monday, Sept. 21, 2015  
10 am – 12 pm  
Pittsfield Community Center  
224 W. Washington Ave.  
Pittsfield, IL 62363

### **Macoupin County**

Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2015  
8 am – 10 am  
Modesto Community Center  
201 E. Grand St.  
Modesto, IL 62667

### **Cumberland/Clark Counties**

Monday, Sept. 28, 2015  
4 pm – 6 pm  
Casey Country Club  
203 NE 13th St.  
Casey, IL 62420

### **Christian/Montgomery/Shelby Counties**

Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2015  
1 pm – 3 pm  
American Legion - Post 317  
100 E. North 1st St.  
Oconee, IL 62553

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### **Greene/Scott Counties**

Monday, Sept. 21, 2015  
5 pm – 7 pm  
Grace Center  
112 E. Palm St.  
Roodhouse, IL 62082

### **Montgomery County**

Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2015  
12 pm – 2 pm  
Raymond Knights of Columbus Hall  
510 E. Sparks St.  
Raymond, IL 62560

### **Shelby County**

Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2015  
8 am – 10 am  
Stewardson Community Center  
108 S. Pine St.  
Stewardson, IL 62463

**About Clean Line Energy Partners:** Clean Line's mission is to connect abundant, renewable energy resources to areas that have a high demand for clean, reliable energy. Clean Line is developing a series of transmission projects to move renewable energy to market. For more information, please visit [www.CleanLineEnergy.com](http://www.CleanLineEnergy.com).