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SUPPORT GROWS FOR WIND ENERGY POWER LINE

BUSINESS, CONSUMER, LABOR AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS INTERVENE TO SUPPORT THE GRAIN BELT EXPRESS TRANSMISSION LINE

JEFFERSON CITY, MO (September 15, 2016) – A historically diverse set of Missouri business, labor, environmental, and consumer groups announced their support for the Grain Belt Express Clean Line in the wind energy power line project’s case before the Missouri Public Service Commission. Yesterday marked the deadline for formal interventions in the case. The Grain Belt Express is an overhead power line that will deliver enough low-cost wind energy to Missouri to power approximately 200,000 homes each year.

Dozens of groups have announced their support for the Grain Belt Express, including:

- **Utilities:** *Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission**
- **State Agencies:** *Missouri Department of Economic Development**
- **Consumer Groups:** *AARP, Missouri Municipal League, Center for Rural Affairs*
- **Business Associations:** *Missouri Retailers Association,* Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers,* Wind Coalition,* Wind on the Wires**
- **Labor Unions:** *Missouri AFL-CIO,* International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers,* Missouri Valley Line Constructors, Missouri State Conference of Electrical Workers*
- **Elected Officials:** *Governor Jay Nixon, St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay, Carroll County Commissioners*
- **Companies with Retail and Manufacturing Facilities Across Missouri:** *General Motors, Kellogg’s, Nestlé, Procter & Gamble, Target, Unilever, Owens Corning, General Cable, Hubbell Power Systems, Par Electrical Contractors*
- **Environmental Groups:** *Natural Resources Defense Council,* Renew Missouri,* Missouri Sierra Club**

**denotes groups that have intervened in the case at the Public Service Commission*

“We are very pleased with the tremendous amount of support the Grain Belt Express Clean Line has received over the past few months,” said Mark Lawlor, Director of Development for Clean Line Energy. “A wide range of Missourians have come together to support the Grain Belt Express because they realize this free-market transmission line project presents a rare chance to save Missouri ratepayers millions of dollars, while significantly upgrading our electric grid.”

This summer, the Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission, a public power agency that serves 67 municipalities throughout Missouri, announced that a group of their municipal utility members will buy transmission service on the Grain Belt Express saving their customers more than \$10 million annually.

Missouri is the last of four states where regulatory approval is needed for the project.

To learn more about the Grain Belt Express Clean Line, please visit www.GrainBeltExpressCleanLine.com.