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## **CLEAN LINE HOSTS UPCOMING PUBLIC EVENTS FOR LANDOWNERS & COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

**PROJECT REPRESENTATIVES AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE GRAIN BELT EXPRESS TRANSMISSION PROJECT**

SPRINGFIELD (April 27, 2015) – Clean Line Energy (Clean Line) announces its first round of informational meetings throughout central Illinois since filing an application for the Grain Belt Express Clean Line with the Illinois Commerce Commission (“ICC”) earlier this month. The Grain Belt Express Clean Line is an approximately 780-mile power line that will deliver low-cost, renewable energy to Illinois. At the company’s upcoming “Office Hours” meetings, representatives will be available to share maps of the proposed route for the Grain Belt Express transmission project and answer questions from the members of the community. The Office Hours meetings are informal and will be conducted in an open house format. Members of the public are welcome to stop by at any time during the event times listed below.

“Clean Line has been open and transparent throughout the process. They’ve been willing to answer my questions and work with me on the placement of the line on my property,” stated Justin Hickman a landowner along the proposed route of the Grain Belt Express.

On April 10, 2015, Clean Line announced the proposed route for the Illinois portion of the project as part of its application to the ICC. Grain Belt Express will create new jobs, pay revenues to local communities, and provide Illinois communities access to low-cost, clean energy. Studies filed with the ICC show the Grain Belt Express will decrease wholesale electricity prices in Illinois by an estimated \$750 million in its first five years of operation.

“More than 3,100 people attended the public meetings we held in recent months, and our proposed route reflects the considerable input we received,” said Mark Lawlor, Director of Development for Clean Line Energy. “Going forward, we’re committed to continuing that productive dialogue with landowners and other stakeholders throughout the project area. The Office Hours Meetings are the next phase of that outreach.”

**OFFICE HOURS MEETINGS SCHEDULE**

**West Union, IL**

**Tuesday, May 5, 2015**

**4:00PM – 7:00PM**

York Township Community Building  
502 E Union St  
West Union, IL 62477

**Pana, IL**

**Tuesday, May 12, 2015**

**4:00PM – 7:00PM**

Pana Eagles Lodge  
186 US Hwy 51  
Pana, IL 62557

**Greenup, IL**

**Wednesday, May 6, 2015**

**10:00AM – 1:00PM**

Greenup Municipal Building  
115 E Cumberland St  
Greenup, IL 62428

**Nokomis, IL**

**Wednesday, May 13, 2015**

**10:00AM – 1:00PM**

American Legion  
215 S Spruce St  
Nokomis, IL 62075

**Strasburg, IL**

**Wednesday, May 6, 2015**

**4:00PM – 7:00PM**

Strasburg Community Building  
105 E Commercial St  
Strasburg, IL 62465

**White Hall, IL**

**Wednesday, May 13, 2015**

**4:00PM – 7:00PM**

White Hall VFW  
343 W Lincoln St  
White Hall, IL 62092

**Viriden, IL**

**Thursday, May 7, 2015**

**10:00AM – 1:00PM**

Viriden Community Center  
105 W Jackson St.  
Viriden, IL 62620

**Barry, IL**

**Thursday, May 14, 2015**

**10:00AM – 1:00PM**

American Legion  
654 Decatur St  
Barry, IL 62321

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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](http://www.CleanLineEnergy.com).