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### **WIND ENERGY TRANSMISSION LINE FILES PROPOSED ROUTE WITH LINE SITING APPLICATION TO KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION**

**GRAIN BELT EXPRESS CLEAN LINE PROJECT MOVES A STEP CLOSER TO CREATING JOBS, AND ENABLING \$7 BILLION OF NEW, WIND ENERGY PROJECTS IN KANSAS**

HOUSTON (July 15, 2013) – Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC (Grain Belt Express), an affiliate of Clean Line Energy Partners LLC, today filed a proposed route in its application with the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) for permission to site the Kansas portion of a new 750-mile direct current transmission line beginning near the Spearville 345 kilovolt substation in Ford County, Kansas and traversing north and east to the Kansas/Missouri border. The Grain Belt Express Clean Line will deliver low-cost, renewable power from western Kansas to Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, and states farther east.

“Kansas has vast opportunities for wind energy development, and if approved, this filing will take us a step closer to \$7 billion of new, renewable energy projects,” said Michael Skelly, President of Clean Line Energy. “Public involvement is an important part of developing major infrastructure projects like the Grain Belt Express Clean Line, and the route proposed to the KCC is based upon input received from thousands of landowners, local officials, community leaders, conservation organizations, state and federal agencies, and other stakeholders.”

The KCC previously determined the benefits of, and necessity for, the Grain Belt Express transmission project in Kansas, as described in an order issued December 7, 2011, certifying Grain Belt Express Clean Line as a public utility in Kansas. The KCC will now consider the reasonableness of the proposed route, filed for approval today as part of Docket No. 13-GBEE-803-MIS. The KCC has scheduled a series of public hearings in Kansas for landowners and the public to gather more information and provide comments on the proposed route.



Clean Line developed the proposed route in a way that attempts to minimize impacts on natural and cultural resources and existing land use. The routing team gathered a wide range of information through agency coordination, public outreach, existing geographic information sources, and field reconnaissance. The outreach efforts culminated in 14 Public Open House Meetings attended by more than 2,300 Kansans. To date, Grain Belt Express has received more than 400 support letters from Kansans.

Kansas has superb wind energy resources, but development is limited due to a lack of transmission. Kansas' wind resource could generate 950,000 MW, more than 80 times the state's power generation needs. Similar to the trains that carry grain harvested in the Midwest to markets, the Grain Belt Express Clean Line will move renewable energy from its source in the grain belt of the country to markets with a strong demand for low-cost, clean power.

To learn more about the Grain Belt Express Clean Line, visit [www.GrainBeltExpressCleanLine.com](http://www.GrainBeltExpressCleanLine.com).

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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 clean, reliable energy. Clean Line is developing a series of long-distance transmission line projects to move renewable energy to market. For more information, please visit [www.CleanLineEnergy.com](http://www.CleanLineEnergy.com).