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CLEAN LINE ENERGY ANNOUNCES AGREEMENT WITH LEADING MISSOURI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY AT SHOW-ME-JOBS PRESS CONFERENCE IN KANSAS CITY

MISSOURI-BASED COMPANY STANDS READY TO PUT MISSOURIANS TO WORK BUILDING NEW INFRASTRUCTURE

Kansas City, MO (June 25, 2015) –Today, Missouri State Representative T.J. Berry joined Clean Line Energy (Clean Line) President Michael Skelly and PAR Electrical Contractors Inc. (PAR) President Steve Adams at a Show-Me-Jobs press conference and signing ceremony in Kansas City to announce an agreement between PAR and Clean Line for its Grain Belt Express Clean Line project. PAR, a leading construction company owned by Quanta Services, is based in Kansas City, Missouri and employs more than 600 professionals across the state. The agreement announced today positions PAR to manage more than 1,300 Missouri construction jobs each year during the construction of the Grain Belt Express Clean Line. PAR will work to ensure that the many of these construction jobs will be filled by local workers.

“I applaud Clean Line Energy for their selection of PAR Electric as the construction contractor for the Grain Belt Express Clean Line,” said House Utilities Chairman T.J. Berry. “The agreement with PAR Electric will ensure that Missourians are put work to build this important infrastructure project. As a long-time champion of renewable energy in the State House, I see the Grain Belt Express as an essential part of our state’s energy future. The project will bring low-cost power to the state and demonstrate to businesses across the United States that Show-Me-State is open for business.”

PAR is one of the largest and most respected EPC contractor companies in North America. More than 3,000 PAR employees deliver the technical skill and physical capacity to respond safely, quickly and cost effectively to any project. Based in Kansas City, Missouri, PAR has permanent offices across the nation as well as temporary offices near its work sites. PAR’s engineering and construction managers are based in the Kansas City and St. Louis offices with 400 employees based in Kansas City at PAR’s headquarters and 200 employees based at PAR’s office in St. Louis.



“PAR Electric is proud to partner with Clean Line Energy to build the Grain Belt Express project,” said PAR Electric President Steve Adams. “We engineer and build high-voltage power lines across the United States, but the opportunity is rare to build new, long-haul transmission lines for renewable energy right in our back yard. The Grain Belt Express Clean Line is of great importance to Missouri and to our country and PAR Electric is proud to take part in bringing this project to fruition.”

The Grain Belt Express Clean Line is an approximately 750-mile overhead, direct current transmission line that will deliver low-cost, clean energy to Missouri to power 200,000 homes each year. The project represents an approximately \$500 million investment in Missouri, and Clean Line is committed to sourcing products and services from contractors and manufacturers in the state. The project will create over a thousand of construction and manufacturing jobs in Missouri and substantially boost property tax revenue for local taxing districts like schools, fire districts and ambulance services. Currently, the project is under review by the Missouri Public Service Commission.

“Clean Line is pleased to announce our agreement with PAR Electric, a Kansas City-based company,” said Clean Line Energy President Michael Skelly. “More than 80 years ago, then presiding Jackson County Judge Harry Truman had the foresight to build more than 300 miles of roads to support a thriving and growing economy in Kansas City. It is our hope that Missouri will choose to continue in Truman’s legacy by building the critical electric transmission infrastructure that will support communities, create new jobs, and help Missouri and America lead in renewable energy generation for decades to come.”

Clean Line designated ABB in 2013 as the preferred supplier to manufacture alternating current transformers for the Grain Belt Express transmission collector system, where new wind farms will connect to the project in Kansas. ABB plans to manufacture the transformers at its St. Louis, Missouri facility. General Cable will manufacture the steel core for the transmission line conductor and manage ongoing inventory and logistics at its Sedalia, Missouri facility. General Cable supports Clean Line’s goal of developing a local supply chain and will purchase aluminum rod, made in Missouri, for the Grain Belt Express conductor by partnering with Noranda Aluminum. This partnership will support a capacity expansion of Noranda’s smelter near New Madrid, Missouri.

Hubbell Power Systems, Inc. (HPS) has been designated as the preferred supplier of insulators and hardware for the Grain Belt Express transmission line. HPS will manufacture the hardware and the core of the polymer insulators at its Centralia, Missouri facility where the company employs more than 700 people. The order will help Hubbell establish a supplier base within the project area to source raw material from local businesses, including companies in Illinois and Indiana. The Grain Belt Express partnership will create an estimated 65 jobs at the Centralia facility for two to three years.



“We are pleased that Clean Line decided to work with Hubbell Power Systems to manufacture the conductor hardware assemblies and polymer insulators for the Grain Belt Express transmission project. New energy infrastructure projects like the Grain Belt Express are critical to our investment decision making,” said William Tolley, Senior Vice President at Hubbell Incorporated.

The agreements with PAR, ABB, Hubbell, and General Cable will put Missourians to work across the state to build the Grain Belt Express Clean Line, new electric infrastructure that will benefit the “Show Me State” for decades to come.

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 high-voltage transmission projects to move renewable energy to market. For more information please visit www.CleanLineEnergy.com.