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CLEAN LINE ENERGY ISSUES NOTICE OF OPEN SOLICITATION FOR GRAIN BELT EXPRESS PROCESS BEGINS TO ALLOCATE TRANSMISSION LINE CAPACITY TO CUSTOMERS

HOUSTON (January 21, 2015) – Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC (Clean Line) commenced an open solicitation process today to allocate capacity on its Grain Belt Express Clean Line transmission project. Clean Line intends to allocate up to 100% of the project’s capacity to customers through a capacity allocation process that will be conducted pursuant to the FERC Policy Statement issued on January 17, 2013: *Allocation of Capacity on New Merchant Transmission Projects and New Cost-Based, Participant-Funded Transmission Projects*. On May 8, 2014, FERC issued an order granting Clean Line negotiated rate authority for the Grain Belt Express Clean Line under this Policy Statement.

The Grain Belt Express Clean Line is a 750-mile direct current transmission line that will have the capacity to deliver power from western Kansas to Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, and states farther east. The Grain Belt Express Clean Line will have a delivery converter station located near the Maywood 345 kV substation in Missouri, where the project will have the capacity to deliver up to 500 MW of power. The project will also have a delivery converter station located in Clark County, Illinois, allowing the project to deliver approximately 3,500 MW at the Sullivan Substation near the Illinois-Indiana border. The project is currently under development and, based on current estimates, is expected to be energized in 2019.

“We are excited to begin the open solicitation process to allocate capacity to customers. This marks an important milestone towards building transmission infrastructure in Kansas, Missouri, Illinois and Indiana,” said Michael Skelly, President of Clean Line Energy. “We were encouraged by the strong participation in our Plains & Eastern Clean Line open solicitation process last year, and we hope to see strong commercial interest in the Grain Belt Express Clean Line project as well.”

Clean Line has engaged landowners, community leaders, environmental organizations and other stakeholder groups throughout the development process. The Grain Belt Express Clean Line project development team has met with approximately 6,000 stakeholders since the inception of the project to provide project information, answer questions and gather data on routing options. Clean Line is a public utility in Kansas and Indiana and obtained a line siting certificate in 2013 from the Kansas Corporation Commission for the 370-mile Kansas section of the line. Clean Line has an application pending with the Missouri Public Service Commission for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity and expects to file for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity with the Illinois Commerce Commission this year.

Interested parties can learn more about the Grain Belt Express Clean Line open solicitation process and how to participate by visiting www.GrainBeltExpressCleanLine.com.

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.