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## **CLEAN LINE ENERGY ANNOUNCES AGREEMENTS THAT WILL BENEFIT FOUR MISSOURI MANUFACTURING COMPANIES**

**CLEAN LINE ENERGY AGREEMENTS WITH ABB INC., GENERAL CABLE AND HUBBELL POWER SYSTEMS WILL CREATE JOBS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH IN MISSOURI**

Jefferson City, MO (January 30, 2014) – Missouri Department of Economic Development Director, Mike Downing, announced agreements today between Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC (Grain Belt Express), a subsidiary of Clean Line Energy Partners LLC (Clean Line) and Missouri-based manufacturers ABB Inc., General Cable, and Hubbell Power Systems, Inc. (HPS). Top executives from ABB, General Cable, and Hubbell Power Systems joined Clean Line and Mike Downing at a morning news conference hosted by ABB Inc. in Jefferson City. These three businesses employ nearly 1,000 Missourians in St. Louis, Sedalia, and Centralia, respectively.

The Grain Belt Express Clean Line transmission line project is an approximately 750-mile overhead, direct current transmission line that will deliver up to 3,500 megawatts of renewable power from Kansas to communities and businesses in Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and states farther east. The project represents an approximately \$500 million investment in Missouri, and Clean Line is committed to sourcing products and services from manufacturers and contractors in the state.

“Missouri is positioned to be a leader in the renewable energy manufacturing sector, and agreements like these help make Missouri even more competitive,” said Mike Downing, Director of the Missouri Department of Economic Development. “Cutting-edge projects like the Grain Belt Express Clean Line will help sustain Missouri’s manufacturing sector and create good paying jobs right here in Missouri. We appreciate Clean Line’s efforts to use local businesses and suppliers for the Grain Belt Express Clean Line transmission project.”

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.

“ABB is the world’s top provider of power grid equipment and services, and more than 70 percent of all the high-voltage transformers on the North American power grid were built by ABB or its legacy companies. We strongly support alternative sources of energy like wind and solar, though these renewables must have new power lines to transmit their power to the grid,” said Jeffrey Weingarten Vice President and General Manager - Distribution Transformers of ABB, Inc. “ABB, led by our transformer businesses in St. Louis and Jefferson City, is pleased to partner with Clean Line Energy as the preferred provider of medium power transformers for the Grain Belt Express Clean Line initiative.”

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 an expansion of

Noranda's redraw rod production capacity at its aluminum smelter near New Madrid, Missouri.

"General Cable and our 185 associates at our Sedalia, Missouri manufacturing facility are very pleased to be part of the Grain Belt Express Clean Line project. Not only will it provide an additional stream of steady work to our plant for two years, but it will also offer a source of lower-cost power to our facility and other manufacturers in Missouri, and create construction jobs in the state," said Roger Roundhouse, General Cable Senior Vice President and General Manager, Electric Utility Products. This infrastructure investment in renewable energy creates opportunities for many in Missouri, and General Cable is proud to play an important role in the project."

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 and establish a supplier base within the project area to source raw material from local businesses, including companies in Illinois and Indiana. To support Grain Belt Express, HPS will invest over \$9 million in its Centralia, Missouri plant, where the company employs approximately 600 people. The Grain Belt Express partnership will create an estimated 52 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, President of Hubbell Power Systems, Inc.

In addition to supporting Missouri's manufacturing base, the Grain Belt Express will create hundreds of construction jobs in Missouri. The project will spur demand for roughly 2,000 new wind turbines and will also create jobs for Missouri's wind energy companies. According to the U.S. Wind Industry Annual Market Report 2011, there are 12 manufacturing companies in Missouri that are involved in the wind energy supply chain. ABB Inc. in Jefferson City, where the announcement took place, manufactures transformers for the wind energy industry and is just one example of a Missouri business that could benefit from the wind industry's growth.

Clean Line President Michael Skelly said, "Clean Line Energy is committed to sourcing as many of the needed materials as possible from local companies in the Grain Belt Express project area. We are excited to work with ABB, General Cable, Hubbell Power Systems, and their suppliers, on a project that will power Missouri homes and businesses with clean energy. We believe it is increasingly important to invest in energy infrastructure that will contribute to local economies and create new jobs in communities across Missouri and the region." He added, "We look forward to continuing to work with Missouri authorities, state leaders and communities as our project progresses."

The Grain Belt Express Clean Line will deliver up to 500 megawatts of low-cost, clean power to consumers and businesses in Missouri and provide enough energy to the surrounding region to power more than 1.4 million homes. Clean Line estimates that property taxes on the transmission line will generate millions of dollars annually in Missouri and will be distributed to counties where the line and converter station are located. Clean Line is committed to compensating landowners fairly and expects to pay landowners 100% or more of the fair market value of the easement area. Landowners will have the option to elect either one-time or annual payments for each transmission structure on their property, with annual payments escalating 2% per year as long as the structures are on the property.

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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 high-voltage transmission projects to move renewable energy to market. For more information please visit [www.CleanLineEnergy.com](http://www.CleanLineEnergy.com).

**About ABB:** ABB ([www.abb.com](http://www.abb.com)) is a leader in power and automation technologies that enable utility and industry customers to improve their performance while lowering environmental impact. The ABB Group of companies operates in around 100 countries and employs about 150,000 people. The company's North American operations, headquartered in Cary, North Carolina, employ over 30,000 people in multiple manufacturing, engineering, service and other major facilities.

**About General Cable Corporation.:** General Cable (NYSE: BGC), a Fortune 500 Company headquartered in Highland Heights, Kentucky U.S.A., is a global leader in the development, design, manufacture, marketing and distribution of aluminum, copper and fiber optic wire and cable products for the energy, construction, industrial, specialty and communications markets. It operates 57 manufacturing facilities in 26 countries and employs more than 14,000 associates.

**About Hubbell Power Systems, Inc.:** Hubbell Power Systems, Inc. (HPS) manufactures a wide variety of transmission, distribution, substation, OEM and telecommunications products used by utilities. In addition, HPS products are used in the civil construction, transportation, gas and water industries. Products include construction and switching products, tools, insulators, arresters, pole line hardware, cable accessories, test equipment, transformer bushings and polymer precast enclosures and equipment pads. For more information please visit [www.hubbellpowersystems.com](http://www.hubbellpowersystems.com).

**About Noranda Aluminum:** Noranda Aluminum Holding Corporation is a leading North American integrated producer of value-added primary aluminum products and high quality rolled aluminum coils. For additional information, please visit the company's website at [www.norandaaluminum.com](http://www.norandaaluminum.com).