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GRAIN BELT EXPRESS CLEAN LINE BECOMES A PUBLIC UTILITY IN INDIANA

WIND ENERGY TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT WILL PROVIDE CLEAN, AFFORDABLE ENERGY, REDUCE WHOLESALE POWER PRICES AND STIMULATE THE WIND MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY

HOUSTON (May 22, 2013) – Today, Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC (Grain Belt Express), an affiliate of Clean Line Energy Partners LLC (Clean Line), received public utility status from the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC), and will now be subject to the jurisdiction of the IURC. The Grain Belt Express Clean Line is a 700-mile overhead, direct current transmission line that will deliver 3,500 megawatts of low-cost wind power from Kansas to Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, and states farther east.

“We are very pleased with the IURC determination that Grain Belt Express possesses sufficient technical, managerial, and financial capability to operate as a transmission utility in Indiana,” said Michael Skelly, President of Clean Line. “This important milestone positions the project one step closer to creating jobs and providing low-cost clean energy.”

The project will originate in western Kansas and travel east where it will interconnect at a substation near Sullivan, Indiana. Utility status in Indiana allows Grain Belt Express to operate, manage, and maintain electric transmission facilities in the state of Indiana. Grain Belt Express will increase the supply of low-cost electricity, which could reduce wholesale power costs. In addition, Grain Belt Express will support manufacturing jobs in Indiana, while diversifying Indiana’s energy mix.

“We applaud the IURC for their recent decision to make Grain Belt Express Clean Line a public utility in Indiana,” said Vince Griffin, Vice President, Environmental & Energy Policy, Indiana Chamber of Commerce. “The Grain Belt Express Clean Line will help Hoosiers diversify our energy resources and sustain our economy by efficiently delivering competitively-priced, renewable energy from the windy Great Plains to the Crossroads of America.”



Developing a project of this scale is a long-term undertaking, and the \$2 billion transmission line project is expected to take several years to fully permit and construct, and could begin commercial operations as early as 2018. Clean Line will continue to engage with local communities as well as state and federal stakeholders throughout the project area as the development process moves forward.

For more information about the Grain Belt Express Clean Line, please visit

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 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.