

# CLEAN LINE EXPRESS

Your direct line to ROCK ISLAND Clean Line updates



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### LETTER FROM THE ROCK ISLAND CLEAN LINE TEAM

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued support and interest in the progress of the Rock Island Clean Line. We have much to report from the past six months, and would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for participating in our process and for all of the letters of support.

The Rock Island Clean Line, an approximately 500-mile high-voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission line, will make possible approximately \$7 billion in renewable energy projects, creating thousands of jobs. The project will deliver enough clean energy to power around 1.4 million homes, reduce power prices for consumers, contribute to energy security, increase state and local tax revenues, and reduce pollution.

We have now spent almost two years working on the routing, environmental permitting, and technical aspects of the project, conducting over 300 in-person stakeholder meetings. This past June, our team hosted a series of 26 open house meetings across Iowa and Illinois, seeking feedback on our study corridors, continuing our outreach efforts, and introducing the Rock Island Clean Line to landowners and communities. More than 2,000 individuals participated in our open house meetings, providing us with more than 1,500 comments. Please visit our website for all of the information distributed at our open house meetings.

Thank You,

Hans Detweiler and Cary Kottler  
Clean Line Energy

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Clean Line staff provides information and listens to landowner input at Rock Island Clean Line Open Houses held in June 2011

### Local Business Open Houses

On November 30th - December 2nd, Clean Line will be hosting several open houses in Illinois to introduce local businesses to the Rock Island Clean Line and to explore opportunities to utilize them for construction of the project. If you are interested in attending a local business open house, please contact us at [rsvp@rockislandcleanline.com](mailto:rsvp@rockislandcleanline.com) or 800-571-1240.

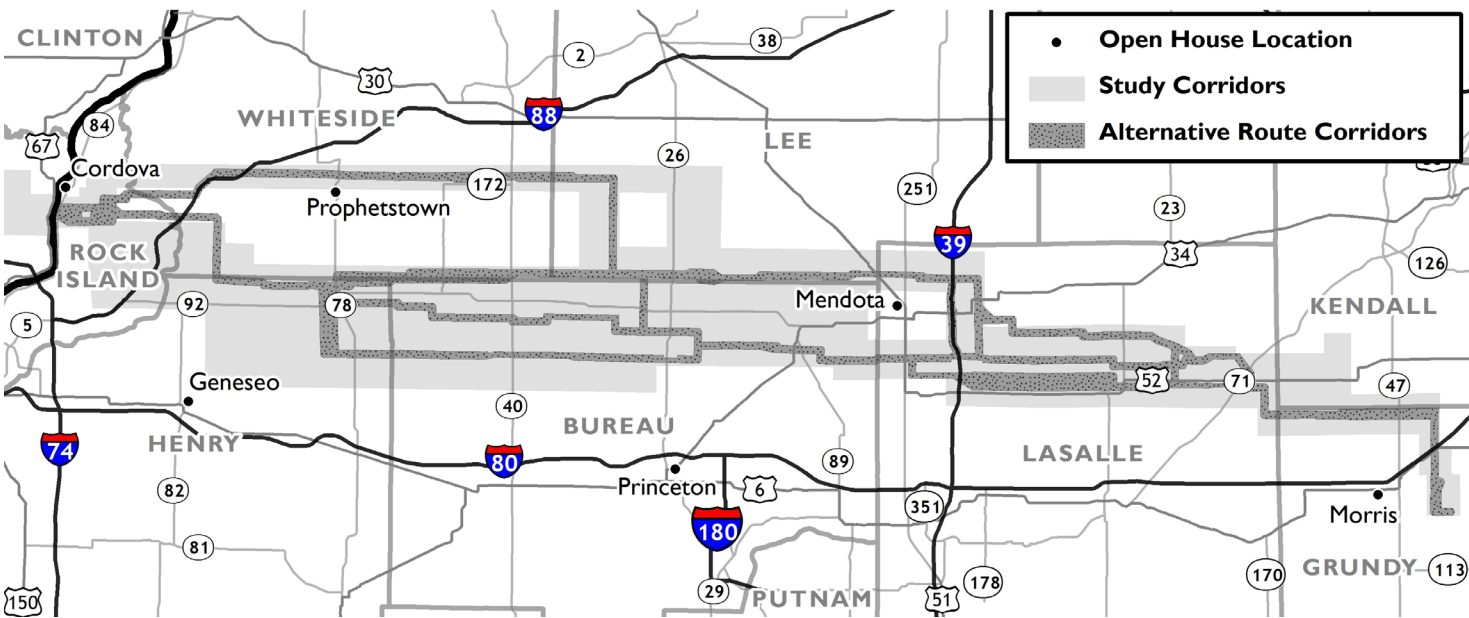


## Announcing Our Next Illinois Public Meetings

Our next round of public open house meetings in Illinois will be held the week of December 5, 2011.

Alternative route corridors will be presented, and we will continue to seek public input and provide further information to landowners about the routing, regulatory and construction processes for the project. After the open houses, we intend to select a specific route for the transmission line from the alternative route corridors, which are approximately one-half mile wide. Meeting dates and times, and maps depicting the alternative route corridors, are available at <http://www.rockislandcleanline.com/ilopenhouse.html>.

### Alternative Route Corridors



### Converter Station Counties Selected

The Rock Island Clean Line has selected converter station locations at both ends of the line, in Iowa and in Illinois. The converter station in Iowa will serve as a wind energy collection hub, changing incoming alternating current power from wind farms into direct current power. At the other end of the transmission line in Illinois, the second converter station will change the direct current power back into alternating current power, which then will be transmitted into the grid where it can be used by homes and businesses.

**Wind Resource Converter Station (IA):** After conducting multiple wind resource studies and technical analyses, Clean Line selected O'Brien County, Iowa, as the site for the wind resource converter station. O'Brien County is located in the heart of Iowa's best wind resources, many of which are undeveloped, and locating the converter station in this area will maximize the opportunity for new wind farm development.

**Delivery Point Converter Station (IL):** Our delivery converter station will be located in Grundy County, IL. Engineering studies have indicated the need to deliver the power as close as possible to the Collins substation, which is located in Grundy County.

The converter station for an HVDC transmission line looks similar to a typical electricity substation—with the addition of a building that holds the converter valves in an enclosed environment. The converter station will take up between 45 and 65 fenced acres.

## Our Next Iowa Public Meetings

The Iowa regulatory process encourages us to present primarily a single route corridor at our next round of public meetings in Iowa, as opposed to the multiple corridors that we will present in the Illinois meetings in December. Environmental and engineering studies are ongoing for potential routes in Iowa. After those studies are completed and we have identified and fully vetted a primary route corridor, we will hold our second round of public meetings in coordination with the Iowa Utilities Board staff. Please visit the updates tab on our website for continued updates on our meeting schedule. Meeting notifications will be sent to stakeholders and affected landowners in advance of the next round of Iowa meetings.

### Announcing Siemens Partnership

In June of this year, Clean Line signed an exclusive agreement with Siemens, to provide the high voltage direct current technology solutions for the Rock Island Clean Line transmission project. In addition to providing detailed technical expertise to the Rock Island development team, Siemens will work with Clean Line to develop, design and implement the HVDC converter stations. The related press release can be found at <http://www.rockislandcleanline.com/resourcenews.html>.



### Would You Like a Speaker?

We are continuing our outreach efforts through a series of presentations to county boards, Kiwanis, Rotary Clubs, Lions Clubs, civic organizations, school groups and youth groups. If your group is interested in Clean Line coming to visit, please contact our Regional Outreach Managers Beth Conley at [bconley@cleanlineenergy.com](mailto:bconley@cleanlineenergy.com) or 515-745-3215, or Doug Jones at [djones@cleanlineenergy.com](mailto:djones@cleanlineenergy.com) or 563-449-6802.



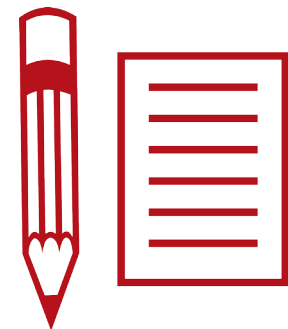
### FERC Filing

On November 8th, Clean Line filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission seeking authority to negotiate rates and enter into contracts with customers for the project. Receiving this authority will allow Clean Line to commence negotiations with potential customers, likely load serving entities or wind developers. In the application, Clean Line also seeks a preference for renewable energy generation, such that when evaluating potential customers in our open season, one of the criterion that will be considered is whether the energy the customer plans to ship on the line is derived from renewable resources. The related press release can be found at <http://www.rockislandcleanline.com/resourcenews.html>.

### Facebook

We have just launched the Rock Island Clean Line Facebook page. Please visit [www.facebook.com/rockislandcleanline](http://www.facebook.com/rockislandcleanline) to become a fan. Our Facebook page will provide another venue for us to connect with our constituents to provide up-to-the-minute news and updates about our project and to engage openly in conversations with our stakeholders.

## GET INVOLVED!



There are many ways to show your support for the Rock Island Clean Line:

- Download and sign a form in support of our project. Visit <http://www.rockislandcleanline.com/showsupport.html>.
- Visit [www.rockislandcleanline.com/comment.html](http://www.rockislandcleanline.com/comment.html) to submit a comment or to join our mailing list.
- Like us on Facebook. Visit [www.facebook.com/rockislandcleanline](http://www.facebook.com/rockislandcleanline).

Thank you for your interest in the Rock Island Clean Line!

If you have any questions or concerns about this project, please call us toll-free at 877-907-8516 or email [info@rockislandcleanline.com](mailto:info@rockislandcleanline.com).