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COLUMBIA JOINS MORE THAN THREE DOZEN MISSOURI MUNICIPALITIES IN PURCHASING WIND POWER DELIVERED BY THE GRAIN BELT EXPRESS

COLUMBIA (June 5, 2017) – Columbia is the latest Missouri city that will benefit from the low-cost, clean power delivered to the state by the Grain Belt Express project. The Columbia City Council voted on Monday to significantly increase their renewable energy supply by purchasing 35 megawatts of power delivered by the Grain Belt Express.

The Columbia City Council based their decision on an analysis by the Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission (MJMEUC), a public power agency that serves 67 municipalities throughout Missouri, including Columbia. MJMEUC found that the power delivered by the Grain Belt Express project is the lowest-cost energy of any kind available for the City of Columbia.

“This important project will keep energy costs low for our customers and help meet our renewable energy goal on schedule,” said Columbia Mayor Brian Treece. “We hope the Missouri Public Service Commission moves swiftly in approving the Grain Belt Express so that Columbia and other Missouri communities can benefit from this infrastructure project.”

Missouri is the last of four states where regulatory approval is needed for the privately-financed infrastructure project. Companies across Missouri including Hubbell Power Systems, PAR Electric, General Motors, and Walmart have all expressed support for Missouri’s largest renewable energy infrastructure project.

“The Grain Belt Express Clean Line is a win-win for Boone County. Not only will this transmission line deliver lower cost power to Missouri residents but the project will also support local manufacturing jobs, by using transmission components from Hubbell.” Stated John Bliven, the Business Unit Director with Hubbell Power Systems based in Centralia.



Columbia joins more than three dozen Missouri utilities including Kirkwood and Hannibal in purchasing inexpensive, clean power delivered by the Grain Belt Express. The municipalities have cited cost savings and diversifying their power portfolios as the primary reasons to participate.

“Columbia residents will now have access to the lowest-cost renewable energy available in the country,” said Michael Skelly, President of Clean Line Energy. “The continued interest from Missouri municipalities to purchase capacity on the Grain Belt Express is a clear indication of Missourians demand for the Grain Belt Express.”

To learn more about the Grain Belt Express Clean Line, please visit www.GrainBeltExpressCleanLine.com.

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