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CLEAN LINE ENERGY SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH ABB TO MANUFACTURE TRANSFORMERS IN MISSOURI

OVER 85 POTENTIAL TRANSMISSION LINE VENDORS PARTICIPATED IN LOCAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY MEETINGS WITH GRAIN BELT EXPRESS CLEAN LINE

HOUSTON (July 10, 2013) – Today, Clean Line Energy designated ABB as the preferred supplier to manufacture alternating current (AC) transformers for the Grain Belt Express Clean Line’s transmission collector system. The Grain Belt Express Clean Line is an approximately 750-mile overhead, direct current transmission line that will deliver low cost, renewable energy from Kansas to Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, and states farther east. The project’s AC collector system will connect roughly 4,000 megawatts of power from new wind farms in Kansas to the direct current line. ABB plans to manufacture the transformers at its St. Louis, Missouri facility.

The signing of the agreement follows a series of Local Business Opportunity Meetings that Clean Line hosted in Missouri in June. At the Local Business Opportunity Meetings, Clean Line discussed the Grain Belt Express Clean Line project with representatives from local and regional businesses that could participate in the development, construction, and maintenance of the project. 88 local business representatives attended, including those involved in surveying, equipment rental, and concrete.

“We are committed to sourcing materials and services for the Grain Belt Express Clean Line from companies in the project area, and our alliance with ABB in St. Louis is a prime example of the local economic opportunities the project will create in Missouri,” said Clean Line President, Michael Skelly. “We look forward to identifying and working with many other local businesses in the project area as we move forward with developing, constructing, and operating the Grain Belt Express Clean Line.”

Missouri Department of Economic Development Acting Director, Mike Downing said, “We applaud Clean Line’s plans to use local suppliers and appreciate its efforts to ensure Missouri businesses and workers benefit from the Grain Belt Express Clean Line transmission project.”

Similar to the trains that carry grain harvested in the Midwest to markets, the Grain Belt Express Clean Line will move wind energy from its source in the grain belt of the country to markets with strong demand for low-cost, clean power. The transmission line and associated wind farms in Kansas will create hundreds of construction and manufacturing jobs in Missouri and the surrounding region, reduce pollution and water usage, and provide local benefits through property taxes.

“ABB is excited to be involved in a project that will deliver low-cost, clean energy to Missouri, where we have two large manufacturing operations that support the wind energy and transmission industries,” said Richard Bocim, ABB’s Vice President of Commercial Operations – Transformers. “Our agreement with Grain Belt Express Clean Line will represent 20 jobs in our St. Louis manufacturing facility.”

To learn more about the Grain Belt Express Clean Line, 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 clean, reliable energy. Clean Line is developing a series of long-distance transmission line projects to move renewable energy to market. For more information, please visit www.CleanLineEnergy.com.

About ABB: ABB (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 145,000 people.