

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Grain Belt Express)
Clean Line LLC for a Certificate of Convenience and)
Necessity Authorizing it to Construct, Own, Operate,)
Control, Manage, and Maintain a High Voltage, Direct) Case No. EA-2016-0358
Current Transmission Line and an Associated Converter)
Station Providing an interconnection on the Maywood-)
Montgomery 345 kV Transmission Line)

SSM HEALTH’S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAR AND
FILE BRIEF AS *AMICUS CURIAE*

COMES NOW SSM Health Care Corporation, doing business as SSM Health (“SSM Health” or “Petitioner”), pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075(11),1 and for its Motion for Leave to Appear and File Brief as Amicus Curiae in support of the application of Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC (“Grain Belt”), submits the following to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”):

1. SSM Health is a Catholic, not-for-profit health system serving the comprehensive health needs of communities across the Midwest through one of the largest integrated delivery systems in the nation. With care delivery sites in Missouri, Illinois, Oklahoma, and Wisconsin, SSM Health includes 20 hospitals, 62 outpatient care sites, a pharmacy benefit company, an insurance company, two nursing homes, comprehensive home care and hospice services, a technology company and two Accountable Care Organizations. With more than 8,500 physicians on our medical staff and more than 33,000 employees in four states, SSM Health is one of the largest employers in every community it serves.

2. SSM Health includes 11 hospitals in Missouri and various physician offices. This includes eight hospitals in the St. Louis metro area, one in Mexico, one in Maryville and one in Jefferson City. In addition, SSM Health's corporate offices are located in St. Louis.

3. SSM Health’s principal offices are located at 10101 Woodfield Lane, St. Louis, Missouri 63132. Correspondence, communications, orders and the decision in this matter should be addressed to:

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4. Grain Belt filed an application with the Commission for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to construct, own, operate, control, manage and maintain a high voltage, direct current transmission line and associated facilities within Buchanan, Clinton, Caldwell, Carroll, Chariton, Randolph, Monroe and Ralls Counties, Missouri, as well as an associated converter station in Ralls County.

5. SSM Health has an interest in this proceeding because Petitioner is a consumer of electrical power in Missouri and is interested in promoting access to new low-cost energy sources. SSM Health believes this project will benefit Missourians by providing access to cleaner low-cost forms of electric power and reduce the use of fossil fuels to generate electricity within the state. In its brief, Petitioner can provide a broader perspective on such benefits. SSM Health asserts that the matters addressed in its brief will assist the Commission in reaching a well-informed decision on the issues anticipated in this case.

6. SSM Health further requests Commission's leave and permission to file its amicus curiae brief no later than the date to be established for the filing of initial briefs in this matter.

WHEREFORE, SSM Health respectfully requests leave of the Commission to file a brief in the above-styled matter as an amicus curiae.

Dated: April 10, 2017

Respectfully submitted,



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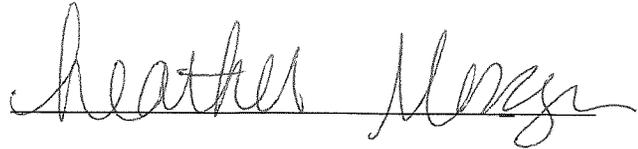
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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was sent via e-mail on this 10th day of April, 2017, to the parties listed in Exhibit A, attached.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather Meyer", written over a horizontal line.