## 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 Current Transmission Line and an Associated Converter Station Providing an Interconnection on the Maywood - Montgomery 345 kV Transmission Line.

EA-2014-0207

## **NOTICE OF COMMUNICATION**

Issue Date: June 12, 2015

Attached is an email from Mollie Freebairn, regarding the above referenced case, which was received by all of the Commissioners at the Missouri Public Service Commission.

The Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") has promulgated rules denoted as the "Standards of Conduct" at 4 CSR 240-4.010 and 4.020. Section 4 CSR 240-4.20 specifically deals with Ex Parte and Extra-Record Communication Rules. This notice is filed in conformance with the rule.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert S. Kenney, Chairman

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Daniel Y. Hall, Commissioner

Scott T. Rupp, Commissioner

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015

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From: Sent:	Mollie Freebairn <greensoul42@aol.com> Monday, June 08, 2015 3:52 PM</greensoul42@aol.com>
То:	Kenney, Robert; Stoll, Steve; Kenney, Bill; Rupp, Scott; Hall, Daniel
Subject:	This Would Be A Disastrous Decision - Missouri PSC Poised To Block Clean Line Wind
	Energy

## Dear Commissioners:

I am concerned to read the <u>news reports</u> that the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) is seriously considering denying Clean Line Energy the regulatory approval it needs to build high voltage transmission lines, carrying clean low cost electricity from Kansas wind farms to Missouri, and beyond to states further east. This would prevent Missouri from moving forward with transitioning to renewable energy, needed to lower electricity costs, revitalize the economy, provide tax revenue for local communities and schools, hundreds of new jobs at companies across Missouri, and cleaner air, water, and land, reducing emissions from coal-burning power plants.

Missouri relies on aging coal-burning power plants to generate 80 percent of the state's electricity. This is one of the highest rates in the U.S. and the world. Of the earth's annual global greenhouse emissions, 1.5 days per year come from Missouri. We pay a high price in terms of economic and job loss, rising health and energy costs, and dimming prospects of a viable world for future generations.

Missouri is blessed to live next door to America's greatest wind energy across the Great Plains, essential to providing renewable energy to our state and across the nation. <u>Wind is the lowest cost electricity in the U.S. today, about 4</u> <u>cents/kWh.</u> In contrast, Ameren's steadily rising residential summer rates are now 13.3 cents/kWh.

Many states are moving ahead with renewable energy, generating tens of thousands of jobs. Iowa and South Dakota generate <u>almost 30 percent</u> of their <u>electric power from wind</u>. California plans to generate 50 percent renewable electricity by 2030. We need to move as expeditionally as possible. The Arctic sea ice is rapidly disappearing and accelerating climate change. The <u>Stanford Solutions Project</u> shows how the U.S. can power 100 percent of our energy needs with wind, water, and the sun by 2050.

Missourians overwhelmingly passed the Renewable Energy Standards in 2008 with 66 percent of the vote. <u>This support</u> <u>has grown to 77 percent according to a recent survey</u>. H owever, the RES are not supported by Missouri state government despite their myriad benefits for Missourians. Kansas wind energy knocking on Missouri's door is a golden, win-win opportunity to achieve a healthier more economically vibrant state with a brighter future. Clean Line's proposal will enable Missouri to achieve an affordable, reliable, secure, state of the art energy grid, while cutting pollution and protecting our health and environment, now and for future generations.

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