## 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 )

File No. EA-2014-0207

## MOTION TO INTERVENE OF SIERRA CLUB

Comes now Sierra Club, and pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075, applies to intervene herein. In support of its motion to intervene, Sierra Club states the following.

1. Sierra Club is a nonprofit organization organized and existing under the nonprofit corporation laws of the state of California. Sierra Club has more than 600,000 members nationally and over 8,000 members in Missouri. The Missouri Chapter of the office at 7164 Manchester, St. Louis, MO 63143; email Club has an john.hickey@sierraclub.org; telephone 314-644-1011. Sierra Club exists for the purposes of preserving and protecting environmental values. Consistent with this mission, Sierra Club has long advocated for investment in clean, low-cost energy resources in the state of Missouri and across the country. Sierra Club is interested in promoting wind energy as an alternative to fossil fuel generation. Sierra Club has jointly or individually intervened and/or provided testimony on these and similar issues in numerous proceedings in Missouri, particularly in utility IRP dockets.

2. Sierra Club's interests in promoting wind energy are different from those of the general public in their environmental emphasis. The Sierra Club's interests would be

positively affected by the transmission of wind energy to load centers in Missouri but also in the east. On the other hand, the Sierra Club's interests could be adversely affected if the transmission line harms sensitive lands, waters or species.

3. Sierra Club is not yet certain of the position it will take in this case.

4. It will serve the public interest for the PSC to grant this application to intervene.

WHEREFORE, Sierra Club respectfully requests the Public Service Commission to grant the application to intervene.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct PDF version of the foregoing was filed on EFIS and sent by email on this 25th day of April, 2014, to all counsel of record.

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