BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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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 345kV Transmission Line.

Case No. EA-2016-0358

RENEW MISSOURI'S REQUEST TO BE EXCUSED FROM PORTIONS OF THE EVIDENTIARY HEARING

COMES NOW Renew Missouri Advocates ("Renew Missouri"), by and through its

undersigned counsel, and respectfully requests to be excused from portions of the evidentiary

hearings in this case currently scheduled to begin March 20, 2017.

Renew Missouri has submitted no testimony and has not retained an expert for this case.

Renew Missouri intends to provide an opening statement, but does not plan to present evidence

on any of the issues at hearing. Renew Missouri respectfully requests to be excused from those

portions of the hearing it deems to be immaterial to advancing its positions in this case.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was mailed, faxed, or emailed to all counsel of record on this <u>15th</u> day of March 2017.

/s/ Andrew J. Linhares Andrew J. Linhares