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) Case No. EA-2016-0358
Transmission Line and an Associated Converter)
Station Providing an Interconnection on the)
Maywood-Montgomery 345 kV transmission line.)

Rockies Express Pipeline LLC's Request to Be Excused

COMES NOW Rockies Express Pipeline LLC ("REX"), and for its Request to Be Excused states as follows:

1. By Order issued and effective October 24, 2018 ("*Order*"), the Commission set a remand procedural schedule in this case, including an evidentiary hearing on December 18th and 19th, 2018.

2. At ordering paragraph 3.B., the *Order* specifies that "[t]he position on an issue taken by a party in the course of this proceeding prior to the Commission's Report and Order of August 16, 2017 ["*Report and Order*"], will be considered to be the position of that party in these remand proceedings unless expressly waived by such party."

3. REX's position on the issues in this case do in fact remain the same as taken by it prior to the *Report and Order*. As such, REX has not filed supplemental testimony in the case on remand, will offer no additional evidence at the upcoming evidentiary hearing, and does not otherwise intend to participate in the upcoming evidentiary hearing.

4. REX waives its right to present an opening statement at the upcoming evidentiary hearing, and its right to cross-examine the other parties' witnesses.

5. REX expressly reserves its rights: to participate with the parties in the

development of a joint list of issues, to file a position statement, and to file post-hearing briefs

and proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law, all in accordance with the Order.

WHEREFORE, Rockies Express Pipeline LLC respectfully requests that the Commission

excuse it from the evidentiary hearing on December 18th and 19th, 2018.

Respectfully submitted:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing Rockies Express Pipeline LLC's Request to be Excused was served via electronic mail (e-mail) on this 10th day of December, 2018, on counsel for all parties of record.

/s/ Sarah E. Giboney

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