









To: Daniel Y. Hall, Chairman Stephen M. Stoll, Commissioner William P. Kenney, Commissioner Scott T. Rupp, Commissioner Maida J. Coleman, Commissioner

Missouri Public Service Commission 200 Madison Street, PO Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

June 30, 2016

Dear Chairman Hall, Commissioner Stoll, Commissioner Kenney, Commissioner Rupp, and Commissioner Coleman:

As employers in Missouri and as large electricity consumers, the undersigned companies write to express our support for an increased and diversified renewable energy supply in Missouri. We encourage the Missouri Public Service Commission to provide companies like ours with increased access to affordable, renewable energy by approving the Grain Belt Express Clean Line.

Our ability to access power from renewable sources is essential to our corporate energy strategies. Our companies have significant renewable energy goals; some of us have commitments to procure up to 100% of our electricity from renewable sources. Access to renewable energy is increasingly important to our decisions about where to expand and to site new facilities.

The Grain Belt Express Clean Line is an opportunity to provide our companies with a link to low-cost renewable energy at a scale that is meaningful. The Grain Belt Express draws from an area of especially high wind speeds and therefore offers some of the lowest cost wind energy in the United States. At less than 4 cents per kilowatt-hour, energy delivered to Missouri via the Grain Belt Express is an opportunity for many utilities to lower the overall cost of electricity needed to serve their consumers.

We believe that the ability to access cost-effective renewable energy from a variety of sources in Missouri will only strengthen the region's business environment and further the economic and sustainability objectives of customers like us. We look forward to working with the Missouri Public Service Commission and our energy suppliers to increase our options for renewable energy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Signed,

General Mills | General Motors | Kellogg's | Nestlé
Procter & Gamble | Target | Unilever



## **GE Power & Water**

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June 23, 2015

Office of Governor Jay Nixon PO Box 720 Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear Governor Nixon,

I am writing to express support for the Grain Belt Express transmission project currently under review by the Missouri Public Service Commission. Projects like the 4,000 megawatt Grain Belt line are critical to continuing the nation's leadership in cleaner energy production. The Grain Belt Express line would provide Missourians access to low-cost, reliable wind energy and stimulate economic development.

In addition, projects like Grain Belt permit the development of large-scale renewable energy projects allowing GE, and other technology providers, to continue investing in the next generation of innovative technology to drive down the cost of renewable power. These projects enhance our energy security, create new jobs, expand inter-regional transmission capacity, and improve system reliability.

The Grain Belt Express project will allow utilities in the region to achieve significant reductions in pollution and water use, while providing affordable and reliable service to their customers. Your support for this project is vital to its future success.

Sincerely,

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## **OWENS CORNING WORLD HEADQUARTERS**

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June 28, 2016

Daniel Y. Hall, Chairman Stephen M. Stoll, Commissioner William P. Kenney, Commissioner Scott T. Rupp, Commissioner Maida J. Coleman, Commissioner

Missouri Public Service Commission 200 Madison Street, PO Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

Dear Chairman Hall:

Owens Corning is currently constructing a new manufacturing facility in Missouri, therefore becoming a large local electricity consumer. We join many industrial energy consumers in supporting increased and diversified renewable energy supplies locally, in Missouri, and around the world.

As a global market leader in the manufacturing of products that save energy, and materials that enhance wind energy performance, we are uniquely positioned to speak to the energy savings, environmental impact and job-creating value of expanding the penetration of wind energy. Our experience as a materials manufacturer of glass reinforcements used in wind turbine blades allows us these unique perspectives.

Our recognition of renewable energy's diverse value is reflected in our actions. On October 30, 2015, Owens Corning announced that it had executed power supply agreements of newly installed capacity that represented, at the time, the largest wind power agreements reported by an industrial company in the world.

That same day, Owens Corning dedicated a 2.4 megawatt solar canopy at the company's headquarters in Toledo, Ohio, that is expected to supply approximately 30 percent of the facility's annual electricity needs, and offset the equivalent greenhouse gases emitted from the commute of its local workforce. This is the largest system of its kind in the Midwest U.S.

For the sixth year in a row, Owens Corning has earned placement in the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index (DJSI World) in recognition of its sustainability initiatives; and for the third straight year, Owens Corning was named the Industry Leader for the DJSI World Building Products group.

We encourage the Missouri Public Service Commission to provide companies like ours with increased access to affordable, renewable energy by approving the Grain Belt Express Clean Line. The Grain Belt Express Clean Line will benefit Missouri and surrounding states. Today, thanks to current wind energy use, Missouri avoids nearly 10 million metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (AWEA).

Our ability to access power from renewable energy sources is essential to our corporate energy strategies and our significant renewable energy and sustainability goals.

The Grain Belt Express Clean Line is an opportunity to provide our companies with a link to low-cost renewable energy at a scale that is meaningful. The Grain Belt Express draws from an area of especially high wind speeds and, therefore, offers some of the lowest cost wind energy in the United States.

The ability to access cost-effective renewable energy from a variety of sources in Missouri will strengthen the region's business environment and further our economic and sustainability objectives.

As a new Missouri manufacturing resident, we look forward to working with the Missouri Public Service Commission and our energy suppliers to increase our options for renewable energy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Signed,

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About Owens Corning: Owens Corning (NYSE: OC) develops, manufactures and markets insulation, roofing, and fiberglass composites. Global in scope and human in scale; the company's market-leading businesses use their deep expertise in materials, manufacturing and building science to develop products and systems that save energy and improve comfort in commercial and residential buildings. Through its glass reinforcements business, the company makes thousands of products lighter, stronger and more durable. Ultimately, Owens Corning people and products make the world a better place. Based in Toledo, Ohio, Owens Corning posted 2015 sales of \$5.4 billion and employs about 16,000 people in 25 countries. It has been a Fortune 500® company for 62 consecutive years. For more information, please visit www.owenscorning.com.