February 9, 2011

Judith Deel, Archaeologist Missouri Historic Preservation Office P.O. Box 176 Jefferson City, MO 65012

### Re: Clean Line Energy Partners' Proposed Grain Belt Clean Line Transmission Project

Dear Ms. Deel:

Clean Line Energy Partners LLC (Clean Line) is seeking your input on our proposed project to develop, construct and operate the Grain Belt Express Clean Line transmission project ("project"). Clean Line is a privately-owned company focused on developing high voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission lines that would connect the best renewable energy resource regions to communities and cities that have limited access to renewable energy. The proposed project will be capable of moving up to 3,500 megawatts (MW) of renewable energy from the wind-rich region of southwestern Kansas to southeastern Missouri and markets farther east.

Clean Line has retained The Louis Berger Group, Inc. (Berger) to conduct a siting study for the proposed project. In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (P.L. 89-665, as amended), we would like to request your comments on the project's potential to have adverse effects on property of historical interest. The development and environmental permitting process for this project will be a multi-year process, and we are still in a relatively early phase. This coordination will be the first of many opportunities for agencies to participate in the review of this project because Clean Line will need to obtain federal, state, and local permits from the appropriate agencies. A member of our project team will be contacting you in the next few weeks to schedule a follow-up meeting for a more interactive discussion of the project, to present the status of our studies, and to solicit your input on the siting process and corridor alternatives. Construction is anticipated to take approximately two years. Under the current schedule, Clean Line is proposing the project to be in service by the end of 2016.

The Grain Belt Express Clean Line, as currently proposed, will begin near the Spearville substation in Ford County, Kansas and end in southeastern Missouri near the St. Francois substation in St. Francois County, Missouri.

Proposed project facilities include a converter station and possibly ground beds at each terminus, two sets of bundled wire conductors per HVDC circuit, shield wire, and conductor support structures.

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Schedule TBG-2 Page 221 of 265 Clean Line is proposing steel structures ranging in height from 120 to 150 feet that are spaced approximately 800 to 1,200 feet apart. The design and dimensions may vary based on terrain and other engineering considerations.

Please reply with your comments in writing and/or by email at your earliest convenience to:

Stephen Parker, Project Manager The Louis Berger Group, Inc. 4050 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 121 Kansas City, MO 64111 sparker@louisberger.com

Although the route for the project has not been identified, the attached Overview Map shows the entire project siting study area. We have also included a list of counties within the study area boundary. Upon request, the Louis Berger team can provide you with the electronic GIS boundary for the study area. Any additional comments or concerns you have that would assist us in siting the project would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Parker or me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Jason Thomas Director, Environment Clean Line Energy Partners cell 713-805-6840 tel 832-319-6357 Ithomas@cleanlineenergy.com

### Attachments:

- 1. Project Overview Maps
- II. List of Counties within the Study Area
- Cc: Mark Lawlor, Clean Line Energy Partners Diana Coggin, Clean Line Energy Partners

Stephen Parker Senior Scientist The Louis Berger Group, Inc. cell 816-674-1110 tel 816-398-8658 sparker@louisberger.com

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Missouri Counties within Study Area				
Clay	Cooper	Johnson	Polk	
Audrain	Crawford	Laclede	Pulaski	
Barton	Dade	Lafayette	Randolph	
Bates	Dallas	Lawrence	Ray	
Benton	Dent	Livingston	Reynolds	
Boone	Douglas	Madison	Saline	
Buchanan	Franklin	Maries	Shannon	
Caldwell	Gasconade	Miller	St. Charles	
Callaway	Greene	Moniteau	St. Clair	
Camden	Henry	Montgomery	St. Francois	
Carroll	Hickory	Morgan	Ste. Genevieve	
Cass	Howard	Newton	Texas	
Cedar	Howell	Osage	Vernon	
Chariton	Iron	Perry	Warren	
Christian	Jackson	Pettis	Washington	
Clinton	Jasper	Phelps	Webster	
Cole	Jefferson	Platte	Wright	



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March 8, 2011

Jason Thomas Director, Environment Clean Line Energy Partners 1001 McKinney, Suite 700 Houston, Texas 77002

Grain Belt Clean Line Transmission Project, Sixty-Eight Counties, Missouri Re:

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Thank you for submitting information on the above referenced project for our review pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (P.L. 89-665, as amended) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulation 36 CFR part 800, which require identification and evaluation of cultural resources.

We have reviewed the information provided concerning the above referenced project. We recommend that survey plan and predictive model be developed. This plan will identify areas of concern for the transmission corridor and for access roads, temporary staging areas, and other such temporary or permanent project activities related to the proposed project, where an archaeological survey, with deep testing as deemed appropriate, should be conducted. All survey should be completed prior to the initiation of project-related construction activities.

A list of independent archaeological contractors who can perform such services is available through the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Administrative Support. The list can be obtained by calling (573) 751-0958 and requesting the "archaeological contractors list." Note that any 36 CFR Part 61 qualified professional may perform these surveys. If you choose a contractor not on the list, please be certain to include his or her curriculum vitae in the report. We will need to review the survey plan and predictive model. In addition, we would appreciate one (1) hard copy and one (1) pdf copy of the survey report when it is finished so we may complete the review and comment process.

If you have any questions about archaeology, please write Judith Deel at State Historic Preservation Office, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 or call Ms. Deel at 573/751-7862. Please be sure to include the SHPO Log Number (029-MLT-11) on all future correspondence or inquiries relating to this project.

Sincerely,

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

Mark A. Miles Director and Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

c Stephen Parker, Louis Berger Group

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From: Sent: To: Subject: McCabe, Michael Friday, June 07, 2013 10:05 AM Robert.stout@dnr.mo.gov MDNR - Grain Belt Express

Mr. Stout,

Clean Line Energy and The Louis Berger Group Inc. (Berger) have developed a potential route network for the proposed Grain Belt Express Clean Line transmission project in Missouri. Clean Line and Berger are preparing to present the routes to the public at open house meetings.

Prior to the open house meetings, Clean Line and Berger would like to present the proposed routes to your office.

Would you, and others who may be interested be able to participate in a webinar meeting on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>?

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If so, please let me know.

Thank you.

# Todd McCabe

Environmental Scientist (816) 398-8657

Subject: Location:	FW: Grain Belt Express Xmission Corridor Nightingale Creek Conf. Room 1E-13
Start: End: Show Time As:	Fri 5/4/2012 10:00 AM Fri 5/4/2012 11:30 AM Tentative
Recurrence:	(none)
Meeting Status:	Not yet responded
Organizer:	Stout, Robert

When: Friday, May 04, 2012 10:00 AM-11:30 AM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada). Where: Nightingale Creek Conf. Room 1E-13

Note: The GMT offset above does not reflect daylight saving time adjustments.

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----Original Appointment----From: Stout, Robert
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2012 11:02 AM
To: Stout, Robert; Madras, John; Lale, Jane; Wilbers, Brenda; Beetem, Jane; Gillman, Joe; Schmidt, Aaron; Feeler, Steve; McCabe, Michael
Subject: Grain Belt Express Xmission Corridor
When: Friday, May 04, 2012 10:00 AM-11:30 AM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada).
Where: Nightingale Creek Conf. Room 1E-13

We have scheduled a scoping meeting with the project developers to discuss potential impacts and permitting related to the project described below. Please advise appropriate staff.

**Project Information**: Clean Line Energy is evaluating the potential of locating a transmission line between western Kansas and MO, IL and IN to link wind energy from Kansas with states to the east. The project is called the Grain Belt Express and more information is available at <a href="http://www.cleanlineenergy.com/">http://www.cleanlineenergy.com/</a>. The project is still in an early planning stage.

High-voltage direct current lines will transfer more energy with greater efficiency than comparable alternating current lines and will help those states that, by law, must use a certain portion of renewable energies. There would be two lines within a 150 to 200 ft right-of-way (ROW) and 120 to 150 ft tall towers. The primary areas being considered are adjacent to existing utility ROWs where possible.

Once a route is chosen, the company will have to seek approval from the Public Service Commission to construct and operate the line in MO. Regulatory approval in KS and Illinois still have to be obtained, as well.

Map to the Lewis and Clark State Office Building: http://dnr.mo.gov/shared/map-lewisandclark.htm

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: McCabe, Michael Wednesday, June 26, 2013 1:37 PM 'adam.watson@modot.mo.gov' 'don.wichern@modot.mo.gov' MoDOT-Grain Belt Express

Mr. Watson,

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**Todd McCabe** Environmental Scientist (816) 398-8657

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From:	Adam.Watson@modot.mo.gov
Sent:	Friday, June 28, 2013 9:04 AM
To:	McCabe, Michael
Subject:	Re: MoDOT-Grain Belt Express

07/11/2013 2:00 pm wold be good. Do you have a location to meet?

Adam K. Watson, P.E. NW District Utility Engineer MoDOT NW District 816.387.2419

 From:
 "McCabe, Michael" <<u>mmccabe@louisberger.com</u>>

 To:
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 Date:
 06/26/2013 01:36 PM

 Subject:
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From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: McCabe, Michael Wednesday, June 26, 2013 1:38 PM 'brandi.baldwin@modot.mo.gov' 'paula.gough@modot.mo.gov' MoDOT-Grain Belt Express

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From:	Brandi.Baldwin@modot.mo.gov
Sent:	Thursday, June 27, 2013 6:42 Al
То:	McCabe, Michael
Subject:	Re: MoDOT-Grain Belt Express

Good morning Todd.

I would like to propose to you that we meet 9:00am on the 11th at our District office in Hannibal. If that location and time work for you, please let me know and I will proceed with scheduling a conference room. I can provide you with directions to our office if you need.

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Thank you.

Brandi Baldwin, P.E. District Utility Engineer Missouri Department of Transportation 1711 South Route 61 Hannibal, MO 63401 Office p/n: (660) 385-8275 (Macon) Office p/n: (573) 248-2602 (Hannibal) Cell: (660) 676-8934 E-mail: brandi.baldwin@modot.mo.gov

 From:
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Thank you.

Todd McCabe Environmental Scientist



June 25, 2013

Dr. Jon Hagler Department of Agriculture P.O. Box 630 I 616 Missouri Boulevard Jefferson City, MO 65102

# Re: Proposed Grain Belt Express Clean Line Transmission Project

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Project development and environmental permitting will be a multi-year process, and Clean Line anticipates the need to obtain federal, state, and local permits from the appropriate agencies. The attached map highlights counties within the study area in Missouri.

We would like to request any information that you may have available that would be useful in developing a route that has the least amount of impact on cultivated lands. We also would like to give you an opportunity to comment and provide input on developing potential routes. This coordination will be the first of several opportunities for agencies to participate in the review of this Project.

If you require further information or have questions regarding this matter, please contact Todd McCabe at mmccabe@louisberger.com or 816-398-8657. We look forward to working with you throughout the route development and permitting process.

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For general project information, please visit the project website at www.grainbeltexpresscleanline.com or www.cleanlineenergy.com.

Sincerely,

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Mark Lawlor Director, Development Clean Line Energy Partners cell 913-302-3990 tel 832-319-6310 mlawlor@cleanlineenergy.com

Attachments:

- I. Project Overview Map
- Cc: John Kuba, Clean Line Energy Partners Diana Coggin, Clean Line Energy Partners Todd McCabe, The Louis Berger Group

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July 16, 2013

Mr. Mark Lawlor Director, Development Clean Line Energy Partners 1001 McKinney, Suite 700 Houston, TX 77002

Dear Mr. Lawlor:

In reference to your letter dated June 25, 2013, the Missouri Department of Agriculture defers comment to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, the Missouri Department of Conservation, the Missouri Department of Transportation and the Missouri Department of Economic Development regarding input minimizing environmental, economic and transportation impacts of construction of a new transmission line and substation in western and northwestern Missouri.

The Department respectfully requests all affected landowners be engaged and informed of any relevant impact on typical farming practices, such as restricted or limited access to farmland.

Best regards

Dennis Baird Deputy Director of Agriculture

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# APPENDIX D: PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MATERIALS

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# MISSOURI ROUNDTABLE INVITEE LETTERS AND COMMENT CARD

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June 15, 2011

Salutation First\_Name Last\_Name Title Organization Address\_Line\_I Address\_Line\_2 City, State Postal Code

### **RE: Grain Belt Express Clean Line Community Leader Roundtables**

Dear Salutation Last\_Name:

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We are hosting roundtable workshops with community leaders from your area, and we would like for you to attend. At our workshops, the Grain Belt Express development team will gather feedback and information from you and other leaders. We will use this information in developing potential routes for the transmission line. Project materials will be available for review, and refreshments will be served.

In the letter, you will find a list of our workshops in Missouri. Please RSVP by June 22, 2011: RSVP@GrainBeltExpressCleanLine.com – or – (Toll Free Phone) 855-358-4340. We have limited space for these leadership roundtables so please let me know which meeting you would like to attend.

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We hope to see you at the workshop. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us. You can also find more information on our website at www.grainbeltexpresscleanline.com.

Sincerely,

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Diana Coggin Project Development Manager 832-319-6342 dcoggin@cleanlineenergy.com

Attachment: Community Leader Roundtables

P.S. Don't forget to RSVP by June 20, 2011 by Email: RSVP@GrainBeltExpressCleanLine.com Toll Free Phone: (855) 358-4340 Please specify which roundtable you will attend. Thanks!

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# GRAIN BELT EXPRESS

# **Community Leader Roundtables**

# Waynesville

Tuesday, June 28, 2011 8:00 am Community Center 194 E. Lawn Ave. #A

# Rolla

Tuesday, June 28, 2011 12:00 pm The Centre 1200 Holloway St.

### Houston

Wednesday, June 29, 2011 10:00 am County Commission Administrative Building 210 N. Grand

# Centerville

Wednesday, June 29, 2011 5:00 pm Cindy's QuickStop 134 Hwy V

# Farmington

Thursday, June 30, 2011 8:00 am Farmington Civic Center 2 Black Night Drive

### Potosi

Thursday, June 30, 2011 12:00 pm Washington County Library 235 E. High Street

Due to the large study area of the project we are not able to host a meeting in every county. We very much appreciate your attendance and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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# CLEAN LINE ENERGY PARTNERS

May 26, 2011

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In this letter, you will find a list of our workshops in Missouri. Since this is not a public meeting, we ask that you designate only one commission member to attend a roundtable, to avoid public notice requirements. Public meetings will be held at a later date. We have limited space for these leadership roundtables so please let us know which commissioner and which meeting you would like to attend by June 6, 2011: RSVP@GrainBeltExpressCleanLine.com – or – (Toll Free Phone) 855-358-4340.

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# GRAIN BELT EXPRESS

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# Nevada

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### Carthage

Wednesday, June 15, 2011 4:30 pm Powers Museum 1617 West Oak

# Greenfield

Thursday, June 16, 2011 11:30 am Community Auditorium 150 S. Main

# Hermitage

Thursday, June 16, 2011 4:30 pm Hickory County Senior Center HWY 54

# **Buffalo**

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An important part of our development effort is engaging with leaders in our project study area. We are hosting roundtable workshops with community leaders from your area, and we would like for a representative from the County Commission to attend. At the roundtables, the Grain Belt Express development team will discuss the need for transmission and gather feedback and information from you and other leaders. We will use this information

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in developing potential routes for the transmission line. Project materials will be available for review, and refreshments will be served.

Attached you will find a list of our workshops in Missouri. Because this is not a public meeting, we ask that you designate only one commission member to attend a roundtable, to avoid public notice requirements. Public meetings will be held at a later date.

Please let us know which meeting and which commissioner will attend by Monday, February 27, 2012, via email: RSVP@GrainBeltExpressCleanLine.com – or – by toll free phone: 855-358-4340.

We hope to see you at one of the Grain Belt Express Clean Line roundtable meetings. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us. You can also find more information on our website: www.grainbeltexpresscleanline.com.

Sincerely,

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### St. Joseph

Monday, March 5, 2012 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Pony Express Museum 914 Penn Street

# Hamilton

Tuesday, March 6, 2012 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. J.C. Penney Museum 312 North Davis Street

# Carrollton

Tuesday, March 6, 2012 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Carrolton Public Library I North Folger Street

### Moberly

Wednesday, March 7, 2012 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Best Western Moberly Inn I 200 U.S. Highway 24

# Mexico

Wednesday, March 7, 2012 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Mexico Area Chamber of Commerce 100 West Jackson Street

# **Bowling Green**

Thursday, March 8, 2012 11:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Bowling Green Public Library 201 West Locust Street

# Hannibal

Thursday, March 8, 2012 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Quality Inn and Suites Calypso Meeting Room 120 Lindsey Drive, Hwy 36

Due to the Grain Belt Express Clean Line's large study area, we are not able to host a meeting in every county. We very much appreciate your attendance and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We hope that you will join us at the meeting location nearest you.

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This questionnaire is designed to collect comments regarding the routing of the Grain Belt Express Clean Line. Your feedback will assist the routing team in understanding your interests and concerns, and in identifying information that may help the siting process. Comments received will be considered in the route selection process.

The routing team considers parallel alignments to existing linear features when developing potential routes. As a landowner, what type of an alignment would you prefer?

Alignments that are:

- □ Parallel to existing transmission lines\*
- □ Parallel to existing pipelines\*
- Along parcel boundaries
   Parallel to roads or highways\*
- □ No preference
- □ Other:

\* Note: routes considered along these features are aligned next to the existing rights-of-way, not within or overlapping the existing rights-of-way.

Please use the space below to provide any comments you have about the project and/or any additional information you think we should consider as we refine potential routes and ultimately select the proposed route. If you have a comment on a specific potential route segment presented at the meeting, please reference the route segment number. If your parcel address is different than your mailing address, please note the parcel address or ID number below.

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# Additional comments:

Did you find this Open House to be informative? If not, what can we do better?

 $\hfill\square$  Check here if you would like to receive the project newsletter.

 $\hfill\square$  Check here if you would like us to follow up with you on your comments.

Please provide your email address for an expedited response: \_

# PLEASE DEPOSIT COMPLETED FORMS IN THE COMMENT COLLECTION BOX UPON LEAVING THE MEETING



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Species of Conservation Concern				
Common Name	Scientific Name	Range wi	Known Current Range within Study Area	
		Segment I	Segment 2	
American badger	Taxidea taxus	X	X	
Amethyst shooting star	Dodecatheon amethystinum		X	
An umbrella grass	Fuirena simplex var. aristulata		X	
An umbrella sedge	Cyperus flavicomus		Х	
Auriculate false foxglove	Agalinis auriculata		X	
Austin springfly	Hydroperla fugitans		Х	
Bald eagle	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	Х	X	
Barn owl	Tyto alba		X	
Bellow beaked sedge	Carex albicans var. australis		Х	
Bergia	Bergia texana		X	
Black sandshell	Ligumia recta		Х	
Blacknose shiner	Notropis heterolepis		X	
Brassy minnow	Hybognathus hankinsoni	X	X	
Brown bog sedge	Carex buxbaumii		Х	
Cerulean warbler	Setophaga cerulea		Х	
Chapman's tridens	Tridens flavus var. chapmanii		Х	
Chestnut-sided warbler	Setophaga pensylvanica		Х	
Coast cockspur grass	Echinochloa walteri		Х	
Columbia water-meal	Wolffia columbiana			
Common mudpuppy	Necturus maculosus		Х	
Coontail	Ceratophyllum echinatum			
Ditchgrass	Ruppia maritima		X	
Dwarf Chinquapin oak	Quercus prinoides		X	
Earlyleaf brome	Bromus latiglumis			
Eastern tiger salamander	Ambystoma tigrinum	Х	Х	
Elusive clubtail	Stylurus notatus		Х	
Flat floater	Anodonata suborbiculata		Х	
Franklin's ground squirrel	Poliocitellus franklinii		Х	
Ghost shiner	Notropis buchanani		Х	
Giant stone	Attaneuria ruralis		Х	
Great egret	Ardea alba		Х	
Great Plains skink	Plestiodon obsoletus	Х		
Great Plains toad	Anaxyrus cognatus	Х	Х	

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		Segment I	Segment 2
Grove sandwort	Moehringia lateriflora		Х
Hairy-fruited sedge	Carex trichocarpa		Х
Hickorynut	Obovaria olivaria		Х
Highfin carpsucker	Carpiodes velifer	Х	Х
Horned pondweed	Zannichellia palustris		
Kirtland's snake	Clonophis kirtlandii		Х
Large-seeded mercury	Acalypha deamii		
Least bittern	Ixobrychus exilis	Х	Х
Least flycatcher	Empidonax minimus		Х
Least weasel	Mustela nivalis		Х
Leskea moss	Leskea polycarpa		Х
Little blue heron	Egretta caerulea		
Loggerhead shrike	Lanius Iudovicianus	Х	Х
Long-eared owl	Asio otus		Х
Long-tailed weasel	Mustela frenata	Х	Х
Marsh wren	Cistothorus palustris	Х	
Meadow sweet	Spiraea alba var. alba		Х
Mississippi kite	Ictinia mississippiensis		
Mississippi silvery minnow	Hybognathus nuchalis		Х
Northern crawfish frog	Lithobates areolatus circulosus		Х
Northern Plains killifish	Fundulus kansae	Х	
Northern rein orchid	Platanthera flava var. herbiola		Х
Osprey	Pandion haliaetus		Х
Pale bulrush	Scirpus pallidus	Х	Х
Prairie camas	Camassia angusta		Х
Prairie dandelion	Nothocalais cuspidate		Х
Plains minnow	Hybognathus placitus	Х	Х
Prairie mole cricket	Gryllotalpa major		
Red-berried elderberry	Sambucus pubens		Х
, Regal fritillary	Speyeria idalia	Х	Х
River darter	Percina shumardi		Х
Rock elm	Ulmus thomasii	Х	
Rock pocketbook	Arcidens confragosus		Х
Rocky Mountain bulrush	Schoenoplectiella saximontana		Х
Rose turtlehead	Chelone obliqua		Х

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Round-tipped conehead katydid	Neoconocephalus retusus		Х
Schweinitz's flatsedge	Cyperus schweinitzii	Х	
Short-eared owl	Asio flammeus		Х
Slightly-musical conehead katydid	Neoconocephalus exiliscanorus		Х
Skeleton plant	Lygodesmia juncea	Х	Х
Snow trillium	Trillium nivale		
Sora	Porzana carolina	Х	Х
Southern arrow-wood	Viburnum dentatum		Х
Spanish gold	Grindelia papposa		Х
Spinulose shield fern	Dryopteris carthusiana		Х
Sturgeon chub	Macrhybopsis gelida	Х	Х
Swamp metalmark	Calephelis muticum		Х
Tall agrimony	Agrimonia gryposepala		Х
Thirteen-lined ground squirrel	Ictidomys tridecemlineatus	Х	Х
Thread-like naiad	Najas gracillima		Х
Toad rush	Juncus bufonius var. bufonius		Х
Trout perch	Percopsis omiscomaycus		Х
Trumpeter swan	Cygnus buccinator		Х
Two-voiced conehead katydid	Neoconocephalus bivocatus		Х
Umbrella flatsedge	Cyperus diandrus		Х
Virginia rail	Rallus limicola		
Wartyback	Quadrula nodulata		Х
Western foxsnake	Pantherophis vulpinus		Х
Western sand darter	Ammocrypta clara		Х
Western silvery minnow	Hybognathus argyritis		Х
Western wallflower	Erysimum capitatum var. capitatum		Х
Wild sarsaparilla	Aralia nudicaulis		Х
Wood frog	Lithobates sylvaticus		Х
Yellow-headed blackbird	Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus	Х	
Yellow rail	Coturnicops noveboracensis		Х

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