## **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 ) )

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## MISSOURI DIVISION OF ENERGY'S MOTION TO INTERVENE

COMES NOW the Missouri Department of Economic Development -

Division of Energy<sup>1</sup> ("DE") and, pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075,

respectfully requests that the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") grant intervention to DE in the above-styled matter. For its Motion to Intervene, DE states as

follows:

1. On March 26, 2014, Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC ("Grain Belt

Express") filed an application with the Commission for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to construct, own, operate, control, manage and maintain a high voltage, direct current transmission line and associated facilities within Buchanan, Clinton, Caldwell, Carroll, Chariton, Randolph, Monroe and Ralls Counties, Missouri, as well as an associated converter station in Ralls County.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> On August 29, 2013, Executive Order 13-03 transferred "all authority, powers, duties, functions, records, personnel, property, contracts, budgets, matters pending, and other pertinent vestiges of the Division of Energy from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to the Missouri Department of Economic Development . . . ."

2. On March 27, 2014, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Notice*, *Setting Intervention Deadline, and Directing Filing of Staff Recommendation*, which set an intervention deadline of April 25, 2014.

3. DE is a state agency vested with the powers and duties set forth in § 640.150 RSMo.

4. DE has an interest different than that of the general public, and its intervention will serve a public interest in that DE will evaluate the proposed transmission project from a formal state policy and planning perspective, with a specific interest in clean, affordable, and abundant energy.

DE supports renewable energy and economic development in Missouri.
 DE expects, however, to develop its positions on specific issues as this case proceeds.

6. Communications, correspondence, orders, and decision in this matter should be addressed to:

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WHEREFORE, the Missouri Department of Economic Development - Division of

Energy respectfully requests that it be allowed to intervene in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been served electronically on all counsel of record this 25th day of April, 2014.

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