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1 **1. INTRODUCTION**

2 **Q: Please state your name, job title, and business address.**

3 **A:** My name is Michael Goggin, and I am the Director of Research for the
4 American Wind Energy Association ("AWEA"). My business address is
5 1501 M St NW, Suite 1000, Washington DC, 20005.

6
7 **Q: For whom are you testifying?**

8 **A:** I am testifying on behalf of Wind on the Wires and The Wind Coalition
9 (collectively referred to as 'Clean Energy Intervenors').

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11 **Q: Have you testified in proceedings in front of the Public Utilities
12 Commission ("PUC") before?**

13 **A:** Not in Missouri, but in several transmission proceedings before the Illinois
14 Commerce Commission, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and
15 the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.¹

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17 **Q: What is your background and educational experience?**

18 **A:** I have covered transmission and grid integration issues for AWEA since
19 February 2008.² Before that, I worked for Sentech, Inc., an energy
20 consulting firm, and for two environmental advocacy groups before that. I
21 have an undergraduate degree with honors from Harvard University.

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23 **Q: What is the purpose of your testimony?**

24 **A:** I provide testimony responding to Grain Belt Express witnesses Skelly,
25 Berry, Loomis and Moland. My testimony supports the finding that the
26 Grain Belt Express Project ("GBE Project" or "Project") will allow greater

¹ The Illinois Commerce Commission transmission cases include the Illinois Rivers project (Docket No. 12-0598), Rock Island Clean Line project (Docket No. 12-0598), and Grand Prairie Gateway project (Docket No. 13-0657), the case in Minnesota was the Interstate Transmission Company's Minnesota to Iowa 345 kV line (Docket No. ET6675/CN-12-1053) and the case in Wisconsin was American Transmission Company's Badger-Coulee line (Docket No. 5-CE-142).

² See Résumé of Michael Stephen Goggin attached as Schedule MG-1.

27 amounts of low-cost wind energy resources to reach consumers in
28 Missouri as well as other states in MISO and PJM. The combination of
29 transmission and wind can lower the cost of electricity for consumers by
30 lowering wholesale electricity prices and lowering the cost of renewable
31 energy sold to Missouri consumers as part of the state's renewable
32 energy standard. In addition, the increased use of renewable energy
33 instead of fossil generation provides emission benefits and potential
34 benefits for compliance with U.S. EPA standards.

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36 **Q: Please outline your testimony.**

37 **A:** My testimony will address the need for the project, how it is in the public
38 interest and its' economic feasibility. First, I explain that the Project is
39 needed to deliver low cost wind power to Missouri, and states in MISO
40 and PJM so they can meet state renewable portfolio standards and
41 comply with the US EPA's Clean Power Plan rule (pursuant to section
42 111(d) of the Clean Air Act). Second, I explain that the GBE Project is in
43 the public interest because: [1] transmission projects such as the GBE
44 Project provide Missouri consumers and PJM consumers with greater
45 access to wind energy resources that lower consumers' wholesale
46 electricity costs; and [2] it lowers Missouri utilities cost of complying with
47 the renewable portfolio standard by providing a larger supply of RECs
48 available for compliance. Finally, I explain that the GBE Project provides
49 access to wind energy that provides current and future environmental
50 benefits.

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53 **2. THE GBE PROJECT IS NEEDED TO CONVEY LOW COST WIND**
54 **ENERGY TO MEET EXISTING STATE AND POTENTIAL FEDERAL**
55 **REQUIREMENTS**
56

57 **Q: What is your understanding of the purpose of the GBE Project?**

58 **A:** As explained in the direct testimony of GBE witness Skelly and other
59 Grain Belt Express witnesses, the GBE Project is a 750 mile 600kV direct
60 current transmission line capable of transmitting 3,500 megawatts of
61 electricity -- primarily low cost wind energy -- that could be used by
62 consumers in Missouri, the MidContinent ISO and PJM. A converter
63 station is planned for Ralls County, Missouri that is capable of delivering
64 500 megawatts ("MW") to Missouri utilities. The primary benefit is that it
65 provides Missouri, MISO and PJM states significantly greater access to
66 underutilized and low-cost wind energy resources in Kansas.³
67

68 **Q: Is there a need for wind energy in Missouri?**

69 **A:** Missouri has a renewable energy standard ("RES") that increases from
70 2% in 2011 to 15% by 2021. At least 2% of the overall RES requirement
71 shall come from solar resources. After reviewing the compliance plan
72 reports and compliance plans submitted by Ameren Missouri, Kansas City
73 Power and Light and Kansas City Power and Light -- Greater Missouri
74 Operations, and Empire District Electric Company, I've found that Ameren
75 Missouri is the only one with a need for renewable energy for compliance.
76 It appears that they have a need for approximately 4,000,000 megawatt-
77 hours ("MWh") of non-solar renewable energy RECs, which could be
78 provided by approximately 1,200 MW of wind with a capacity factor of
79 38%.
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³ Direct Testimony of Michael P. Skelly on behalf of Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC, Exh. ____ at 3-4 and 8 (March 26, 2014).

81 The Missouri RES also has a retail rate impact test, to keep the cost of
82 RES compliance to 1% of the utilities' cost of an equivalent generation
83 portfolio that uses non-renewable generation. As I will discuss in more
84 detail below, transmission lines such as the GBE Project that allow low-
85 cost wind energy to access the grid can provide opportunity for Missouri
86 utilities to purchase wind energy that may be at a cost lower than other
87 options available to them.

88

89 **Q: Is there a need for wind energy in MISO?**

90 **A:** There are seven states within the MISO footprint that have renewable
91 energy standards that allow for the use of renewable energy from Missouri
92 or from wind energy projects that will interconnect to the GBE project.
93 Meeting the remaining unmet RPS demand in the MISO portions of Illinois
94 (for both ComEd and Ameren Illinois), Minnesota and Wisconsin so they
95 can comply with their state renewable energy standards, will require an
96 incremental addition of wind capacity above their 2013 levels in the range
97 of 4,400 to 6,100 megawatts. See Schedule MG-2.

98

99 **Q: Is there a need for wind energy in PJM?**

100 **A:** Since the GBE Project terminates in Indiana with an interconnection into
101 PJM, I have also looked at the renewable energy needs for those states.
102 Most states in PJM allow renewable energy delivered anywhere in the
103 PJM footprint to qualify for compliance with their state RPSs. If we
104 evaluate the non-solar renewable energy needs of DC, Delaware,
105 Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania so they can comply with their
106 state renewable energy standards, they will need an incremental addition
107 of wind capacity above their 2013 levels in the range of 2,800 to 3,750
108 megawatts. See Schedule MG-2.

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111 **Q: What are some key factors that drive the amount of wind energy that**
112 **is needed?**

113 **A:** Variables that affect the amount of wind energy actually needed to meet
114 an RPS standard include changes in future load growth, changes in
115 amount of energy efficiency, the capacity factors of future wind
116 deployments, whether some wind projects that are currently under
117 development or under construction proceed to completion and how those
118 RECs are allocated, as well as what percentage of the RPS will be met by
119 wind versus other renewable resources.

121 **Q: Are you aware of wind projects in Kansas that need transmission**
122 **access in order to come to fruition?**

123 **A:** There are a couple indicators of interest in the project and potential supply
124 available in Kansas. First, Grain Belt Express issued a request for
125 information ("RFI") to wind generators regarding interest in buying service
126 on the GBE Project. News articles state that wind developers with over
127 13,500 megawatts of planned wind power development in western
128 Kansas responded favorably to the request. In addition, the energy costs
129 of proposed wind projects submitted through the RFI were quite low, in
130 line with wind energy power purchase agreements previously signed in
131 this region.⁴

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133 Another indicator of wind project in western Kansas is the potential supply
134 available. According to the United States Department of Energy's
135 National Renewable Energy Laboratory's ("NREL") wind resource
136 assessment data, Kansas has 952,371 MW of developable wind energy
137 resources. As can be seen in Schedule MG-3, Kansas has some of the

⁴ "Grain Belt Express Clean Line Receives Tremendous Response" Kansas Bid Network (January 28, 2014), available at this web address: <http://www.kansasbids.com/business-news/6745-grain-belt-express-clean-line-receives-tremendous-response.html>

138 best wind resources in the country, with much of the best wind resource
139 located in the part of western Kansas that would be served by GBE.

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141 NREL's data indicate that Kansas has the potential to provide around
142 9.4% percent of the total onshore wind energy potential in the United
143 States. Kansas's wind resources could provide enough electricity to meet
144 the equivalent of the current electricity needs of the U.S. at least two times
145 over.

146

147 **Q: Are NREL's wind resource assessments accurate?**

148 **A:** If anything NREL's assessments are likely to be conservative, as they
149 assume the use of wind turbines with a hub height of 80 meters and do
150 not include the use of new low-wind-speed turbines. Many wind turbines
151 being installed today have hub heights of 100 meters or more, providing
152 them with access to significantly greater wind energy resources, and low-
153 wind-speed turbines are being used in all regions of the country to
154 increase wind power output and reduce cost.⁵ In addition, NREL's
155 database assumes that significant amounts of land would be excluded
156 from wind energy development because it is currently used for other
157 purposes.⁶ Regardless, the data is clear that Kansas has tremendous
158 wind energy resources that far exceed the electricity needs of both MISO
159 and PJM.

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161 Transmission lines are a major factor that determines how much of the
162 potential wind energy in the Plains states can be utilized by our major load

⁵Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, 2013 Wind Technologies Market Report, at 30 (August 2014) available at http://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2014/08/f18/2013%20Wind%20Technologies%20Market%20Report_1.pdf.

⁶ NREL, Estimates of Windy Land Area and Wind Energy Potential, by State, for areas >=30% Capacity Factor at 80m ("NREL Wind Energy Estimates"), (April 13, 2011). The document can be found at: http://www.windpoweringamerica.gov/docs/wind_potential_80m_30percent.xls.

163 centers. To capitalize on these wind-rich areas, wind plants need cost-
164 effective access to transmission lines, such as the GBE Project.

165

166 **Q: Can you quantify the quality of wind resources in these areas?**

167 **A:** As indicated in schedule MG-3, the quality of the wind resources is high
168 across the region, though it is highest in western Kansas. Importantly, the
169 energy available for wind energy production is proportional to the cube of
170 wind speed, so the difference between the orange and purple areas in the
171 wind speed map in schedule MG-3 is actually quite significant. For
172 example, the 8.5-9 meter/second area of the map, which is the dark
173 purple area that covers significant parts of Kansas, has about 76% more
174 energy available in the wind than the 7.0-7.5 meter/second dark orange
175 area that covers parts of Missouri, Illinois and Indiana and 274% more
176 energy in the wind than the 6.0-6.5 meter/second brown areas that
177 indicate some of the best wind resources available in PJM.

178

179 **Q: How does this translate to the expected output of wind plants that
180 would be developed in these areas?**

181 **A:** Capacity factor, defined as the amount of electricity produced by a power
182 plant in a typical year divided by the amount of electricity that that power
183 plant could provide if it ran at 100% of its nameplate capacity for all 8,760
184 hours in that year, is a commonly used metric for the expected output of
185 wind plants. Capacity factor is strongly related to the average wind speed
186 of an area.

187

188 As indicated in the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory ("LBNL") data⁷
189 presented in schedule MG-4, in 2013 the average capacity factor for wind
190 projects installed in the "Interior" region in 2012, which as indicated in
191 schedule MG-5 includes Iowa, North and South Dakota, and Minnesota,

⁷ Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, 2013 Wind Technologies Market Report, at 61, Fig. 48.

192 plus Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Texas, New Mexico,
193 Colorado, Wyoming, and Montana, was 38.1%, versus 34.5% for the
194 "Great Lakes" region that includes Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio, and
195 Michigan. According to this same dataset, the national average wind
196 capacity factor in 2013 for wind projects installed in 2012 was 33.4%.

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198 DOE capacity factor data for existing wind projects in Kansas demonstrate
199 that Kansas has some of the highest capacity factor wind resources in the
200 already stellar Interior region.⁸ As shown in schedule MG-6, in 2013
201 Kansas wind projects had an average capacity factor of 40.1%. These
202 numbers are also likely to underestimate the capacity factors of wind
203 projects that would be built as a result of GBE for several reasons.
204 Several of the wind projects included in this data are 4 or more years old,
205 indicating they were likely built with turbines that tend to have lower
206 capacity factors than those used today. In contrast, future wind projects
207 built for the GBE would likely make use of higher capacity factor turbine
208 designs, including low-wind speed turbines. In addition, some or all of the
209 wind projects in this dataset likely had their capacity factors reduced due
210 to wind curtailment caused by transmission congestion, while the new
211 wind generation developed to utilize GBE would likely not face such
212 curtailment because the GBE line would have eliminated or at least
213 greatly reduced transmission congestion.

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215 In addition, NREL's wind resource database includes estimates of
216 potential wind energy production for each state, in addition to potential
217 installed wind capacity.⁹ The potential wind production can be divided by
218 the potential wind capacity to arrive at an estimated average capacity

⁸ Form EIA-923 detailed data, with 2013 data from EIA-923M and 2012 data from EIA-923, available at <http://www.eia.gov/electricity/data/eia923/>. Wind project capacity and year online data from AWEA's database of wind projects, available at <http://www.awea.org/Resources/Content.aspx?ItemNumber=5728&navItemNumber=5776>.

⁹ [NREL Wind Energy Estimates](#).

219 factor for the total wind energy resources in each state. According to that
220 data, the Missouri wind resource has an estimated average capacity
221 factor of 33.7%, while Kansas has a capacity factor of 43.7%.¹⁰ As
222 explained above, these estimates are likely to be conservative because
223 they do not account for recent technological advances and increases in
224 wind turbine height and size.

225

226 **Q: How does capacity factor affect the economics of wind generation?**

227 **A:** Capacity factor significantly affects the economics of wind generation. As
228 indicated in schedule MG-7, wind Power Purchase Agreements (“PPAs”)
229 prices in the Interior region have averaged around \$27 per megawatt-hour
230 (“MWh”) over the last three years, versus a figure of \$53/MWh for the
231 Great Lakes region and \$57/MWh for the Northeast. Based on the
232 smaller subset of wind project PPAs signed in 2013, the Interior region
233 had average PPA prices of \$22/MWh. While differences in land and
234 construction costs are a partial factor, the higher capacity factors in the
235 Interior region are almost certainly the major factor for the difference in
236 PPA price between these two regions. As documented in MISO’s MVP
237 Report, building wind in a mix of high and low capacity factor regions (See
238 schedule MG-8), relative to building in mostly lower capacity factor regions
239 to be closer to load, achieves the same level of wind energy output with
240 an 11% reduction in the nameplate capacity of wind that must be
241 deployed, with a corresponding 11% reduction in wind energy capital
242 costs.¹¹

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¹⁰ Id.

¹¹ MVP Report at 66.

245 **Q: Above you mentioned that demand for wind resources in Missouri,**
246 **MISO and PJM are driven by state's interest in renewable energy. Do**
247 **you expect that additional regulations are likely to be enacted in the**
248 **future that will create additional demand?**

249 **A:** The U.S. EPA is in process of developing a new rule for section 111(d) of
250 the Clean Air Act. Section 111(d) requires the U.S. EPA to regulate
251 emissions that cause or significantly contribute to air pollution that may
252 endanger public health or welfare. On June 2, 2014 the USEPA
253 published a draft rule to reduce the carbon dioxide emissions from
254 existing fossil fuel generation plants to target levels set by the U.S. EPA.
255 A final rule is to be issued by June 1, 2015. States will have one to three
256 years to develop a compliance plan, depending on whether they are
257 developing a plan for their own state or in conjunction with multiple states.
258 The compliance period will run from 2020 to 2030. The draft Clean Power
259 Plan rule specifically allows for the use of renewable energy as a way to
260 comply with the required carbon emission reduction targets. Thus, the
261 GBE line provides access to lower cost wind generation that Missouri
262 could use to comply with the Clean Power Plan. While this line was not
263 planned in anticipation of U.S. EPA requirements, it provides access to
264 low-cost wind power that could be used for compliance.

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266 **Q: What is Missouri's carbon reduction requirement under EPA's**
267 **proposal for 111(d)?**

268 **A:** EPA proposes that Missouri be required to reduce its emissions rate from
269 1,963 lbs of CO₂/MWh to 1,544 lbs/MWh by 2030, a reduction of
270 21.3%.¹² In developing the proposed 111d standards for each state, EPA
271 assumed that each of the four "building blocks" would be utilized to bring a
272 state into compliance, and one of those building blocks is the expansion
273 of renewable and nuclear energy. EPA's method assumed Missouri

¹² <http://www.c2es.org/federal/executive/epa/carbon-pollution-standards-map>

274 would use 2.8 million MWh of existing and new renewable energy by 2030
275 to bring the state into compliance,

276
277 Under EPA's "alternative" method for establishing the state renewable
278 energy targets that feed into the calculation of the carbon emissions
279 target, EPA assumed that the state could deploy 12.1 million MWh of
280 renewable energy¹³ on average for the 2020-2029 compliance period, and
281 maintain that level in 2030 and beyond. That assumption is more than
282 four times greater than the assumed under the proposed renewable
283 energy method, and would cause Missouri's 2030 carbon emission target
284 rate to be the far more aggressive 1,399 lbs/MWh¹⁴, instead of 1,544
285 lbs/MWh under the proposed method. New wind generation delivered via
286 GBE would help ensure that Missouri can meet that more stringent
287 standard at low cost.

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289 If a state decides not to fully utilize one of those building blocks, that
290 shortfall must be made up by using greater amounts of the other building
291 blocks, exceeding EPA's assessment of what was cost-effective for those
292 other building blocks. Conversely, exceeding EPA's assumption on the
293 amount of renewable energy that would be utilized will reduce the burden
294 and cost of using other compliance mechanisms.

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296 **Q: How can wind resources be used to meet the section 111(d)**
297 **requirements?**

298 **A: The draft Clean Power Plan rule allows states to incorporate renewable**
299 **energy resources into their state implementation plan for purposes of**

¹³ U.S. EPA, Alternative RE Approach Technical Support Document, which is available at this web address: <http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2014-06/documents/20140602tsd-alternative-re-approach.pdf>

¹⁴ This number is calculated by inputting the 12.1 M MWhs into this EPA model, available at this web address: [Data File: Goal Computation - Appendix 1 and 2 \(XLS\)](#)

300 compliance. The draft rule states the following in outlining one of the
301 ways states could account for the emissions reductions provided by
302 renewable energy:

303 We are proposing that RE [renewable energy] and demand-
304 side EE [energy efficiency] measures may be incorporated
305 into a rate-based approach through an adjustment or
306 tradable credit system applied to an EGU's [existing
307 generating units] reported CO2 emission rate. Under such a
308 process, measures that avoid EGU CO2 emission from
309 affected EGUs, such as quantified and verified end-use
310 energy savings and renewable energy generation, could be
311 credited toward a demonstrated CO2 emission rate for EGU
312 compliance purposes or used by the state to administratively
313 adjust the average CO2 emission rate of affected EGUs
314 when demonstrating achievement of the required rate-based
315 emission performance level in a state plan. 79 Fed. Reg.
316 117 at 34919 (June 18, 2014)
317

318 **Q: Do you foresee Missouri having a need for wind resources to comply**
319 **with section 111(d) requirements?**

320 **A:** The degree of need will be dictated by the state implementation plan that
321 is developed, and Missouri has the flexibility to decide which combination
322 of solutions it will use to comply. However, the GBE Project will make low-
323 cost wind energy readily available for compliance with the Clean Power
324 Plan, enabling Missouri to meet or exceed the level of renewable energy
325 EPA assumed in developing Missouri's target. To the extent Missouri
326 exceeds EPA's assumed level of renewable deployment, that will reduce
327 the burden and cost of using other compliance mechanisms..
328

329 **Q: Have similar transmission line projects been developed to connect**
330 **wind resources to areas of large electricity demand?**

331 **A:** Yes, the Competitive Renewable Energy Zone, or CREZ, lines in Texas
332 were built to connect wind resources to load centers.
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335 **Q: Was CREZ effective in interconnecting wind energy resources to**
336 **areas of large electricity demand?**

337 **A:** Yes, the CREZ lines were completed earlier this year, and have already
338 experienced overwhelming interest from wind developers who would like
339 to interconnect to the new lines. The most recent ERCOT planning report
340 indicates 8,852 MW of wind projects have signed interconnection
341 agreements, with the vast majority of these interconnections occurring in
342 areas that are newly served by the CREZ lines.¹⁵ In fact, wind developer
343 interest has been so great that ERCOT has already begun to examine
344 further transmission upgrades in the Texas Panhandle region that would
345 allow further wind development to interconnect in that area. As ERCOT
346 notes, "The Panhandle region is currently experiencing significantly more
347 interest from wind generation developers than what was initially planned
348 for the area."¹⁶

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350 **3. THE GBE PROJECT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST BECAUSE**
351 **TRANSMISSION AND WIND CAN LOWER ELECTRICITY COSTS AND**
352 **PROVIDES ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS**

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354 **Q: GBE Witness Berry provides a summary of the ways in which the**
355 **GBE serves the public interest in Missouri. What is your perspective**
356 **about that summary?**

357 **A:** I've reviewed the list on page 4 of his direct testimony and I generally
358 agree with his comments, though I intend to address some matters
359 specific to the wind industry. The transmission line and additional wind
360 energy resources that would use that line, in combination, will benefit the

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http://www.ercot.com/content/committees/board/keydocs/2014/ERCOT_Monthly_Operational_Overview_201407.pdf

¹⁶

<http://www.ercot.com/content/news/presentations/2014/Panhandle%20Renewable%20Energy%20Zone%20Study%20Report.pdf>, at page i

361 public by enabling Missouri, PJM and MISO to meet its electricity needs
362 and state RES at a lower cost than if the line were not built. In addition,
363 the additional wind energy resources will enhance environmental quality in
364 Missouri.

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366 **A. Wind And Transmission Lower Consumer Costs In Missouri**

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368 **Q: GBE Witness finds that the GBE Project will reduce electricity prices.**
369 **What is your view of his analysis?**

370 **A:** In his direct testimony, GBE witness Moland calculated the total cost
371 savings and locational marginal price reductions in Missouri in 2019 for
372 four different business scenarios -- Business as Usual, Slow Growth,
373 Robust Economy and Green Economy. I've summarized his findings¹⁷ in
374 the following table:

Scenario	Total Cost Savings (\$M)	Reduction in Locational Marginal Price (\$/MWh)
Business As Usual	\$22	\$0.24/MWh
Slow Growth	\$11	\$0.12/MWh
Robust Economy	\$65	\$0.69/MWh
Green Economy	\$34	\$0.34/MWh

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376 This is generally consistent with savings I've seen in other transmission
377 line cases and in studies I've reviewed regarding the impact wind and
378 transmission have on electricity production costs and prices to ratepayers.

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¹⁷ Direct Testimony of Gary Moland on Behalf of Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC, Exh. ____,
sched. M-2 at 2 (March 26, 2014).

381 **Q: What studies have documented the tendency of wind energy to**
382 **reduce electricity market prices?**

383 **A:** A European literature review identified a number of studies that have
384 found wind energy tends to drive electricity market prices downward. As
385 that report explains,

386 Wind power normally has a low marginal cost (zero fuel
387 costs) and therefore enters near the bottom of the supply
388 curve. Graphically, this shifts the supply curve to the right,
389 resulting in a lower power price, depending on the price
390 elasticity of the power demand.... When wind power reduces
391 the spot power price, it has a significant influence on the
392 price of power for consumers. When the spot price is
393 lowered, this is beneficial to all power consumers, since the
394 reduction in price applies to all electricity traded – not only to
395 electricity generated by wind power.¹⁸
396

397 A recent report by the American Wind Energy Association summarizes 15
398 studies by state governments, grid operators, and academics that have
399 documented wind energy's role in reducing electricity prices.¹⁹ For
400 example, an analysis in Massachusetts found that the state's renewable
401 initiatives have annual net benefits of \$219 million.²⁰ Finally, a recent
402 analysis in PJM found that doubling the use of wind energy beyond
403 existing RPS requirements would produce net savings for consumers of
404 \$6.9 billion per year.²¹

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406 Several analyses by Charles River Associates ("CRA"), International have
407 quantified the value of these broad-based benefits. One study looked at

¹⁸ PÖyry, Wind Energy and Electricity Prices, at pages 11 and 12

http://www.ewea.org/fileadmin/ewea_documents/documents/publications/reports/MeritOrder.pdf.

¹⁹ <http://awea.files.cms-plus.com/AWEA%20White%20Paper-Consumer%20Benefits%20final.pdf>, at page 4

²⁰ Recent Electricity Market Reforms in Massachusetts: A Report of Benefits and Costs (July 2011), available at <http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/doer/publications/electricity-report-jul12-2011.pdf>.

²¹ Synapse Energy Economics, The Net Benefits of Increased Wind Power in PJM, (May 2013), available at

<http://cleanenergytransmission.org/uploads/EFC%20PJM%20Final%20Report%20May%2009%202013.pdf>.

408 an investment in a high-voltage transmission overlay to access wind
409 resources in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. It concluded the
410 transmission investment would provide economic benefits of around \$2
411 billion per year for the region, more than four times the \$400-500 million
412 annual cost of the transmission investment.²² \$900 million of these
413 benefits would be in the form of direct consumer savings on their electric
414 bills, with \$100 million of these savings coming from the significantly
415 higher efficiency of high-voltage transmission, which would reduce
416 electricity losses by 1,600 gigawatt-hours (“GWh”) each year. The
417 remainder would stem from reduced congestion on the grid allowing
418 customers to obtain access to cheaper power.

419

420 Similarly, CRA’s analysis of the proposed Green Power Express, which
421 would connect 17 gigawatts (“GW”) of wind to the grid in the MISO region,
422 found that the transmission plan would yield benefits of \$4.4 to \$6.5 billion
423 per year for the region (in 2008 dollars), well above the annualized cost of
424 the transmission, estimated to be between \$1.2 billion and \$1.44 billion.²³
425 In his FERC affidavit presenting those results, Mr. Stoddard with CRA
426 noted that “I have confirmed with Dr. Shavel that these energy cost
427 savings are widely dispersed through the study Region, but this
428 conclusion is logically necessary: considering the small amount of load
429 located in the upper Great Plains, savings of this order of magnitude could

²² CRA International, First Two Loops of SPP EHV Overlay Transmission Expansion: Analysis of Benefits and Costs (September 26, 2008) *available at* http://www.crai.com/uploadedFiles/RELATING_MATERIALS/Publications/BC/Energy_and_Environment/files/Southwest%20Power%20Pool%20Extra-High-Voltage%20Transmission%20Study.pdf.

²³ FERC Docket ER09-1431, Protest of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC, Iberdrola Renewables, Inc., Mesa Power Group, LLC, Horizon Wind Energy LLC, Enxco, Inc., Acciona Wind Energy USA LLC, GE Energy, Vestas Americas and the National Resources Defense Council. Affidavit of Robert Stoddard, page 4, *available at* <http://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/common/opennat.asp?fileID=12111601>.

430 only be realized if the combination of lowered energy prices in the major
431 load centers to the east.”²⁴

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433 In addition, a May 2012 report by Synapse Energy Economics found that
434 adding 20 to 40 GW of wind energy and the accompanying transmission
435 in the MISO region would reduce the cost of the wholesale electricity
436 needed to serve a typical home by between \$63 and \$200 per year.²⁵ As
437 illustrated in schedule MG-9, this report found that electricity market prices
438 decrease drastically as more wind capacity is added to the MISO system.
439 As the report explains, “Since wind energy ‘fuel’ is free, once built, wind
440 power plants displace fossil-fueled generation and lower the price of
441 marginal supply—thus lowering the energy market clearing price.”²⁶

442

443 **Q: Have other utilities noted the consumer benefits of wind energy?**

444 **A:** Yes, AWEA’s report documented a number of quotes from utilities and
445 state regulators confirming the savings wind energy is providing to their
446 ratepayers.²⁷ Notable examples include statements made when American
447 Electric Power subsidiary Southwestern Electric Power Co. (“SWEPCO”)
448 signed long-term power purchase agreements for a total of 358.65 MW
449 from wind projects in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. SWEPCO said in a
450 news release that it estimated an average decrease in cost to its
451 customers of about 0.1 cents per kilowatt-hour over a 10-year period
452 starting in 2013.²⁸

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²⁴ Id.

²⁵ Synapse Energy Economics, Inc., The Potential Rate Effects of Wind Energy and Transmission in the Midwest ISO Region, at page 3 (May 22, 2012) <http://cleanenergytransmission.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/Full-Report-The-Potential-Rate-Effects-of-Wind-Energy-and-Transmission-in-the-Midwest-ISO-Region.pdf>.

²⁶ Id.

²⁷ <http://awea.files.cms-plus.com/AWEA%20White%20Paper-Consumer%20Benefits%20final.pdf>
at page 5

454 As another example, Oklahoma Gas and Electric estimates that a single
455 wind project will save Arkansas customers \$46 million.²⁹

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457 As a final example, Alabama Power, a subsidiary of Southern Company,
458 has made several recent wind power purchases. John Kelley, Director of
459 Forecasting and Resource Planning, explained that "These agreements
460 are good for our customers for one very basic reason, and that is, they
461 save our customers money."³⁰

462

463 **Q: Does transmission help to hedge against uncertainty and protect**
464 **consumer from risk?**

465 **A:** Yes. Transmission is an important mechanism to protect consumers
466 against unpredictable volatility in the price of fuels used to produce
467 electricity. Transmission can alleviate the negative impact of fuel price
468 fluctuations on consumers by making it possible to buy power from other
469 regions and move it efficiently on the grid. This increased flexibility helps
470 to modulate swings in fuel price, as it makes demand for fuels more
471 responsive to price as utilities are able to respond to price signals by
472 decreasing use an expensive fuel and instead importing cheaper power
473 made from other sources.

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475 Wind generation itself also provides significant hedging value against fuel
476 price fluctuations, so the hedging benefit of transmission is even larger for
477 transmission that connects new wind generation, such as the GBE
478 project. A recent Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory report concluded
479 that

²⁸ AEP Southwestern Electric Power Company, [AEP SWEPCO Signs Wind Power Purchase Agreements for 359 Megawatts](https://www.swepco.com/info/news/ViewRelease.aspx?releaseID=1183), (1/25/2012), available at <https://www.swepco.com/info/news/ViewRelease.aspx?releaseID=1183>

²⁹ Direct Testimony of Gregory W. Tillman before the Arkansas Public Service Commission, (August 2012), available at http://www.apscservices.info/pdf/12/12-067-u_2_1.pdf.

480 Comparing the wind PPA sample to the range of long-term
481 gas price projections reveals that even in today's low gas
482 price environment, and with the promise of shale gas having
483 driven down future gas price expectations, wind power can
484 still provide long-term protection against many of the higher-
485 priced natural gas scenarios contemplated by the EIA
486 [United States Energy Information Administration].³¹
487

488 Going forward, a robust transmission grid can provide valuable protection
489 against a variety of uncertainties in the electricity market. Fluctuations in
490 the price of fossil fuels are likely to continue, particularly if the electric
491 sector becomes more reliant on natural gas. Further price risk associated
492 with the potential enactment of environmental policies place a further
493 premium on the flexibility and choice provided by a robust transmission
494 grid. As a result, transmission should be viewed as a valuable hedge
495 against uncertainty and future price fluctuations for all consumers.
496

497 **Q: How does transmission ensure competitive electricity markets?**

498 **A:** Transmission infrastructure is also a powerful tool for increasing
499 competition in wholesale power markets and reducing the potential for
500 generators to harm consumers by exercising market power. Just as
501 consumers who have access to one local retailer and lack high-quality
502 roads to easily access stores in other regions would be at the mercy of the
503 prices charged by that retailer, a weak grid makes it possible for
504 generation owners in constrained sections of the grid to exert market
505 power and charge excessive prices. In any market, the more supply
506 options that are available to an area, the less likely it is that any one of
507 those suppliers will be in a position to exert market power.
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³⁰ Alabama Power, Alabama Power among leaders in SE in wind power, (October 2012), available at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6q6Q0_C1SX0 at 2:25.

³¹ Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Revisiting the Long-Term Hedge Value of Wind Power in an Era of Low Natural Gas Prices, page i, (March 2013) available at <http://emp.lbl.gov/sites/all/files/lbnl-6103e.pdf>.

509 In Order 890, FERC explained how transmission constraints can restrict
510 electricity market competition, discussing how those with incumbent
511 generating assets

512 can have a disincentive to remedy transmission congestion
513 when doing so reduces the value of their generation or
514 otherwise stimulates new entry or greater competition in
515 their area. For example, a transmission provider does not
516 have an incentive to relieve local congestion that restricts
517 the output of a competing merchant generator if doing so will
518 make the transmission provider's own generation less
519 competitive.³²
520

521 **Q: If the GBE Project is approved, what benefits will result to the wind**
522 **generation industry, and to Missouri and the region?**

523 **A:** If a certificate of convenience and necessity is granted to the GBE Project
524 I would anticipate that over 3,500 MW of wind generation would be built.
525 Economic development benefits are typically broadly spread around the
526 project area, as indirect economic impacts spread the economic impact
527 beyond local areas and industries that are directly receiving payments. In
528 addition, the manufacturing jobs associated with building the components
529 of the transmission and wind infrastructure would be broadly distributed
530 around the state as well. The Department of Energy's ("DOE") 2008
531 report, "20% Wind Energy by 2030," found that the manufacturing jobs
532 associated with deploying large amounts of wind would be broadly
533 distributed.³³ As of the end of 2012 approximately 72% of turbines, blades
534 and structures installed in the U.S. in 2011 were from U.S.
535 manufacturers.³⁴
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³² FERC Order 890 at ¶422, available at <http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/comm-meet/2007/021507/E-1.pdf>

³³ U.S. Dep't of Energy, 20% Wind Energy by 2030: Increasing Wind Energy's Contribution to U.S. Electricity Supply at page 208 (Appendix C) (2008), available at <http://www.20percentwind.org/>.

³⁴ AWEA, U.S. Wind Industry Annual Market Report Year Ending 2013, at 53 (2014).

537 GBE witness Dr. Loomis studied the economic impacts of the wind farms
538 that would be built as a result of the GBE on each state the line passes
539 through and for wind turbine components and materials manufactured in
540 the United States. His estimates of the economic impact on Missouri's
541 supply chain in providing materials and components for approximately
542 4,000 MW of wind generating facilities built as a result of the line is
543 generally consistent with what I've seen in other transmission line cases.
544

545 **Q: If a certificate of convenience and need is denied, what would be the**
546 **negative consequence or results for the wind industry?**

547 **A:** The benefit of this project is it delivers wind energy from one of the best
548 wind resource locations to the highest need markets for renewable energy
549 -- MISO and PJM. The need for wind energy resources for compliance
550 with RESs or for economic reasons is not as great in and around Kansas,
551 mainly because Kansas has lower electricity demand than states to the
552 east. If a certificate of convenience and necessity is not granted the GBE
553 Project, then the development of 3,500 to 4,000 MW, or potentially even
554 more, of wind resources in western Kansas will likely be lost. I am not
555 aware of other proposed transmission lines that could take the place of
556 serving that prospective wind development, and even if there were the
557 wind development would be additive and not mutually exclusive with that
558 driven by GBE. Therefore, the tens of thousands of jobs, and the billions
559 of dollars of direct project expenditures and millions of dollars of supply
560 chain benefits for Missouri, would be lost.

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562 The bottom line is that the GBE project gives Missouri, and the states in
563 MISO and PJM access to low cost wind energy from Kansas that helps
564 lower their states overall cost of electricity.
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567 **B. Transmission Lowers REC Costs For Missouri**

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569 **Q: What is your understanding of the requirements for a renewable**
570 **energy credit to be used to satisfy Missouri's RES?**

571 **A:** Missouri utilities can use RECs that have been generated no longer than
572 three years before the start of the renewable energy requirement in 2011,
573 and can come from wind, solar, crops dedicated for energy production,
574 landfill gas, hydropower, fuel cells and other sources approved by the
575 PSC.³⁵

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577 As I mentioned earlier in my testimony, the Missouri RES also has a retail
578 rate impact test that is intended to keep the amount of money spent on
579 the RES to 1% of the utilities cost of an equivalent generation portfolio
580 that uses non-renewable generation.³⁶ The retail rate impact test acts as
581 a cost cap. If the utilities plan results in a cost that exceeds the 1% limit,
582 then the utility would either change its renewable energy portfolio to use a
583 less costly renewable resource or reduce the amount of renewable energy
584 or RECs it would procure until its costs are within the retail rate impact
585 test.

586

587 **Q: What is the likely impact of the GBE Project on the cost of complying**
588 **with the Missouri RES?**

589 **A:** As I explained previously, the GBE Project is designed to deliver
590 approximately 500 MW of low-cost wind generation from Kansas into
591 Missouri. Because wind energy generated in Kansas can be used to
592 comply with the Missouri RPS, that additional supply will tend to lower the
593 price of renewable energy or RECs that vie for renewable energy
594 contracts.

³⁵ 4 CSR 240-20.100 et seq.

³⁶ 4 CSR 240-20.100(5).

595

596 Increasing the utilities access to low-cost renewable energy or RECs -- as
597 the GBE should do -- keeps the utilities' cost of compliance low, which
598 helps them meet their renewable energy target at the lowest market cost
599 possible at that time. Thus, the low cost renewable energy and RECs that
600 the GBE Project provides to Missouri improves the cost effectiveness of
601 the competitive renewable electricity market.

602

603 In addition, wind energy delivered via the GBE Project will be eligible for
604 compliance with RPS requirements in most MISO and PJM states. With
605 the notable exceptions of Ohio, Michigan, and Illinois, most PJM and
606 MISO state RPS's allow renewable energy delivered anywhere within the
607 MISO footprint to qualify for compliance. Therefore, Missouri utilities are
608 competing with utilities from across the MISO and PJM footprints for low
609 cost renewable energy or RECs. As a result, GBE's delivery of large
610 amounts of renewable energy to the converter station in Missouri can be
611 sold in Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota. And the converter
612 station in Sullivan, Indiana will be connected to the PJM market. As a
613 result, this renewable energy could be used by utilities in PJM and MISO
614 for compliance with their renewable energy standards. Because
615 renewable energy can be delivered across the seam between MISO and
616 PJM, with or without the GBE project in place, REC prices in PJM can
617 affect REC prices in MISO. The additional wind energy delivered by this
618 project would tend to reduce the price of RECs across both the MISO and
619 PJM markets. The savings from lower cost RECs would be passed on
620 directly to Missouri consumers and consumers of those utilities that
621 purchase renewable energy from GBE.

622

623 GBE witness Berry estimated the energy cost plus transmission fee for
624 wind energy delivered by the GBE project would be in the range of 3.5 to

625 4.5 cents per kWh.³⁷ That is less than the generation weighted average
626 levelized wind power purchase agreement prices for the Great Lakes and
627 Northeast in 2013, which were 5.3 cents per kWh and 5.7 cents per kWh
628 respectively, as indicated in schedule MG-6. Wind energy transferred
629 through the GBE Project could lower their cost of renewable energy.

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631 **C. Environmental Benefits**

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633 **Q: What are some of the environmental benefits the line provides?**

634 **A:** One benefit of wind is its role in offsetting water consumption by other
635 forms of electricity generation. Wind energy requires virtually zero water
636 to produce electricity, while most conventional forms of electricity
637 generation consume hundreds of gallons of water per MWh produced.
638 The DOE has found that producing 20% of America's electricity from wind
639 energy would conserve 4 trillion gallons of water cumulatively through the
640 year 2030.³⁸ GBE witness Moland's analysis indicates that the wind
641 enabled by the GBE Project would reduce water consumption across the
642 eastern U.S. by 4.2 billion gallons in 2019.³⁹ This estimate was based on
643 water consumption rates for various types of generation that would be
644 reduced due to the addition of wind. These water savings would produce
645 broadly spread benefits across the PJM and MISO footprints, because
646 those RTOs would have less demand for electricity from conventional
647 generation plants that rely on water for its production as a result of the
648 delivery of wind energy via the GBE Project. These benefits would be
649 particularly large in an agricultural state like Missouri, and the benefit of
650 reduced costs for producing food and other agricultural products would
651 benefit all consumers.

³⁷ Direct Testimony of David Berry on Behalf of Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC, Exh. ____ at 17:12-18 (March 26, 2014).

³⁸ U.S. Dep't of Energy, 20% Wind Energy by 2030: Increasing Wind Energy's Contribution to U.S. Electricity Supply at 16 (Executive Summary) (2008), available at <http://www.20percentwind.org/>.

³⁹ Direct Testimony of Gary Moland, Exh. ____ at sched. M-2, sht 3 of 3.

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653 In addition, wind energy facilities do not require fuel and as a result have a
654 very low marginal cost of producing electricity. Wind energy output is
655 used by the Independent System Operator's (in this case the Southwest
656 Power Pool) market-based dispatch to displace generation from the
657 generator with the highest marginal cost of production at that time, which
658 is almost always the least efficient fossil-fired power plant. The production
659 and consumption of fossil fuels for electricity generation is a very large
660 source of negative environmental impacts.⁴⁰

661

662 GBE witness Moland found that the GBE Project would reduce SO₂
663 emissions by 19,788 tons in 2019, annual NO_x emissions by 7,111 tons in
664 2019, and annual CO₂ emissions by 10,013,130 tons in 2019.⁴¹

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666 These results are consistent with results I obtained using EPA's AVOIDed
667 Emissions and generation Tool (AVERT),⁴² which uses empirical power
668 system data and a statistical algorithm to identify which of a region's
669 power plants will have their output displaced by the addition of wind
670 energy. I used the model to calculate the emissions reductions produced
671 by actual 2013 wind production,⁴³ and found that the average emissions
672 reduction for each MWh of wind energy produced in or physically
673 delivered to AVERT's Lower Midwest region, which includes most of SPP,
674 to be 2.33 lbs of SO₂/MWh of wind, 1.65 lbs of NO_x/MWh, and 1,675 lbs
675 of CO₂/MWh. An average MWh of wind produced in or physically
676 delivered to AVERT's Great Lakes/MidAtlantic region, which is roughly

⁴⁰ National Research Council, Hidden Costs of Energy, (2010), available at
http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12794

⁴¹ Direct Testimony of Gary Moland, Exh. ___ at 11:17-19 and sched. M-2 at sht 3 of 3.

⁴² AVERT available at <http://epa.gov/statelocalclimate/resources/avert/index.html>; I used the
"Upper Midwest" Regional Data File and modeled the addition of the amount of wind capacity
necessary to produce 41 million MWh of wind energy annually.

⁴³ [http://awea.files.cms-
plus.com/FileDownloads/pdfs/AWEA_Clean_Air_Benefits_WhitePaper%20Final.pdf](http://awea.files.cms-plus.com/FileDownloads/pdfs/AWEA_Clean_Air_Benefits_WhitePaper%20Final.pdf)

677 consistent with the PJM region, yields savings of 3.70 lbs of SO₂/MWh,
678 1.36 lbs of NO_x/MWh, and 1545 lbs/MWh of CO₂.

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680 **4. ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY**

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682 **Q: What role does transmission play in enabling the development of**
683 **wind resources in western Kansas?**

684 **A:** Transmission is essential, both for allowing wind resources to be
685 developed and enabling already developed wind resources to not have
686 their wind energy output curtailed. In areas where transmission constraints
687 prevent wind energy from being delivered to customers, there is no cost-
688 effective substitute for increasing transmission capacity to alleviate those
689 constraints.

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691 **Q: Is it common for transmission development to precede wind**
692 **development?**

693 **A:** Yes. AWEA has consistently pointed out that a major difficulty in
694 coordinating wind and transmission development is the mismatch
695 between the relatively short amount of time required to develop a wind
696 project versus the longer time period required to develop a transmission
697 project.⁴⁴ Transmission development that pro-actively plans transmission
698 to interconnect areas with high wind resource areas before wind projects
699 have been built has been recognized as an essential aspect of bringing
700 wind to market.⁴⁵ Examples include the Competitive Renewable Energy
701 Zone lines in Texas⁴⁶ the Priority Projects in SPP,⁴⁷ and the Regional

⁴⁴ American Wind Energy Association and Solar Energy Industries Association ("SEIA"), Green Power Superhighways, (February 2009) available at <http://www.awea.org/documents/issues/upload/GreenPowerSuperhighways.pdf>.

⁴⁵ See generally, FERC, Order 1000, at ¶¶ 2, 3, 6, 29, 38, 45, available at <http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/comm-meet/2011/072111/E-6.pdf>.

⁴⁶ Electric Reliability Council of Texas ("ERCOT"), Competitive Renewable Energy Zones (CREZ) Transmission Optimization Study, (April 2008), attachment as part of ERCOT filing with the Public

702 Generator Outlet Study in MISO,⁴⁸ which developed the plan for many of
703 the Multi-Value Projects that have been approved by MISO's Board.

704

705 **Q: Are there other options for delivering these wind energy resources to**
706 **electricity demand?**

707 **A:** Not at this time. No transmission projects have been built between SPP
708 and MISO since SPP was created in 2004⁴⁹, and as of July of this year
709 there were no other transmission service requests between SPP and
710 MISO.⁵⁰ As the PSC is aware, MISO and SPP currently have a case⁵¹
711 before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to revise their inter-
712 regional transmission planning and cost allocation process. SPP's
713 transmission planning policies are currently structured entirely around
714 planning transmission to meet SPP demand, with no consideration for
715 planning lines to meet export demand. That policy would have to change
716 before SPP would likely even begin planning a transmission line to serve
717 export demand, which means it is extremely unlikely any line of that type
718 would enter service this decade.

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720 Transmission is essential if the wind energy resources in Kansas and the
721 Plains states are to be fully utilized in meeting the renewable energy
722 needs of the U.S. As the NREL data in schedule MG-3 indicates, the

Utilities Commission of Texas, *available at*

<http://pbadupws.nrc.gov/docs/ML0914/ML091420467.pdf>.

⁴⁷ <http://www.spp.org/publications/Priority%20Projects%20Phase%20II%20Final%20Report%20-%204-27-10.pdf>

⁴⁸ MISO, *Regional Generation Outlet Study*, *available at*

<https://www.midwestiso.org/Planning/Pages/RegionalGenerationOutletStudy.aspx>.

⁴⁹ International Transmission Co., *Comments of International Transmission Company d/b/a ITC Transmission, Michigan Electric Company, LLC, ITC Midwest LLC and ITC Great Plains, LLC*, at 2-3 (July 1, 2014), *filed in Missouri PSC Docket EW-2014-0156*.

⁵⁰ *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.'s Comments in Response to The Commission's Questions Identified in Its Order Opening an Investigation into Seams*, at 15 (July 1, 2014) *filed in Missouri PSC Docket EW-2014-0156*.

⁵¹ *Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.'s Compliance Filing for Order No. 1000, Regarding Interregional Transmission Project Coordination and Cost Allocation with Southwest*

723 western Kansas area and the plains states possess wind resources that
724 are many times greater than its electricity demand, so transmission is
725 needed to move the energy from these wind energy resources to load
726 centers elsewhere. Kansas is on the western edge of the Eastern
727 Interconnection, making export west exceedingly difficult, and as I
728 discussed above, opportunities to move that energy eastward to load
729 centers over existing transmission are virtually non-existent. Areas north
730 and south of Kansas also have very large wind energy resources and
731 relatively low electricity demand, so delivering the wind energy from
732 Kansas to those states is not a viable solution. Given the large electricity
733 demand in Missouri, MISO and PJM, building transmission to deliver wind
734 energy resources in western Kansas to consumers in those states is an
735 ideal solution.

736

737 **Q: Please describe reasons that wind energy in the best regions of SPP**
738 **is attractive to markets in other regions.**

739 **A:** Wind resources in many parts of the SPP have the best onshore capacity
740 factors of any resources in the United States. Since higher capacity
741 factors translate to lower electricity costs, access to such renewable
742 resources can reduce the cost of electricity from what it would have been
743 with lower capacity wind resources. In markets such as PJM, access to
744 such resources has the potential to lower consumer costs.

745

746 **Q: Won't the costs of building transmission to allow access to other**
747 **markets eliminate the advantage of the lower cost SPP wind**
748 **resources?**

749 **A:** As noted above, GBE witness Berry estimated the energy cost plus
750 transmission fee for wind energy delivered by the GBE project would be in

751 the range of 3.5 to 4.5 cents per kWh⁵², which is below the average cost
752 of PPAs signed in the receiving region.

753

754 **Q: Why can't SPP resources be accessed through the existing AC grid?**

755 **A:** There are several challenges to accessing generation in SPP by those in
756 PJM, including a lack of available transmission capacity. Doing so would
757 require cooperation between several regions that currently does not exist.
758 Further, the cost of crossing SPP, MISO and into PJM would likely be
759 quite large due to rate pancaking of charges, as described below.

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761 **Q: Please explain.**

762 **A:** First of all moving power from SPP to PJM requires transmission service
763 across SPP, MISO and PJM. Each of these would require a transmission
764 study which would likely disclose needed transmission upgrades. These
765 costs would likely be added to the cost of service. Each of these studies
766 would be time consuming as they would in many cases be bundled with
767 other requests for transmission service. These studies are notorious for
768 delays and the need for restudy as those requesting service drop out.
769 Each study must be coordinated in each region. It is often difficult to have
770 these studies align in timing. Thus, a study may be tied up in one RTO
771 while the other RTO is requiring the wind developer to commit to the
772 transmission service. Committing to transmission service in one RTO
773 while waiting on approval from other RTOs can place a significant amount
774 of capital at risk.

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776 The challenges associated with inter-regional transmission planning and
777 cost allocation are a long way from being resolved. FERC acknowledged
778 the need to have regions develop interregional cost allocation and

⁵² Direct Testimony of David Berry on Behalf of Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC, Exh. ____ at 17:12-18 (March 26, 2014).

779 planning in Order 1000. From a practical standpoint, however, a myriad
780 of problems still exist. Interregional filings on cost allocation have not yet
781 been finalized and litigation can be expected to continue. MISO and SPP
782 are currently in litigation before FERC to resolve disagreements on
783 transmission service that make it unclear what obstacles will exist in the
784 cost and need of procuring transmission service in the two regions.
785 Finally, while SPP and MISO are engaged in a joint planning effort they
786 are only examining a business as usual case that does not include an
787 analysis of either regions using wind resources beyond what is called for
788 in the BAU case. There is no ongoing transmission study directly involving
789 PJM, SPP and MISO looking at bringing wind energy into PJM from SPP
790 on AC lines. In the near term the GBE Project is the only realistic option
791 for transmitting wind power from SPP to PJM.

792

793 **Q: Are there other hurdles that would interfere with access to SPP wind**
794 **power by PJM?**

795 **A:** Yes. Transmission service across multiple regions will incur pancaked
796 rates that have significant cost risk for either the generator or end use
797 customer. To deliver electricity from western SPP to PJM there are two
798 main costs -- firm point-to-point transmission and congestion. Firm
799 transmission rates to the SPP/MISO border and from there to the
800 PJM/MISO border are known, however, they are volatile over extended
801 periods of time. For SPP, firm transmission rights have continuously
802 increased since 2005, sometimes dramatically. Since most power
803 purchase agreements for wind are for twenty years, trying to estimate the
804 increase in price of firm transmission rights in two RTOs and still produce
805 a competitive price for your product is extremely difficult. Moreover, there
806 is no mechanism for a generator to hedge its' financial exposure to these
807 costs.

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809 The congestion cost is the difference in price between the wind farm and
810 the SPP/MISO border and from the SPP/MISO border to the MISO/PJM
811 border. This cost can be hedged by utilizing financial transmission rights
812 ("FTRs"), but usually the nameplate capacity of your project cannot be
813 completely hedged via the free allocation of FTRs that comes with a firm
814 transmission path. So a wind generator will be left with some financial risk
815 exposure with regards to both the unhedged portion and the variable cost
816 of purchasing additional FTRs. Further risk related to congestion is
817 knowing what congestion will look like along the route for the twenty year
818 duration of the power purchase agreement. This changes as new
819 transmission lines are built and new generation interconnects to the
820 system. Like firm transmission rights, the ability to properly assess the
821 potential future costs of congestion is extremely difficult to nearly
822 impossible.

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824 In comparison, the GBE Project removes these uncertainties by providing
825 a known cost for transmission capacity for a fixed term. Therefore, a wind
826 generator does not need to worry about changes to the firm transmission
827 right or congestion costs.

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829 **Q: Does this conclude your testimony?**

830 **A: Yes.**

Schedule MG-1

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- Provide analytical support and advocacy on transmission and grid integration and issues related to wind energy's impact on markets
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Sentech, Inc. Research Analyst October 2005-February 2008

- Author white papers, feasibility studies, and economic analyses of solar, wind, geothermal, and energy storage technologies for Department of Energy officials
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- Worked with the legislative and field staff to promote the inclusion of pro-renewable energy measures in the Energy Policy Act of 2005
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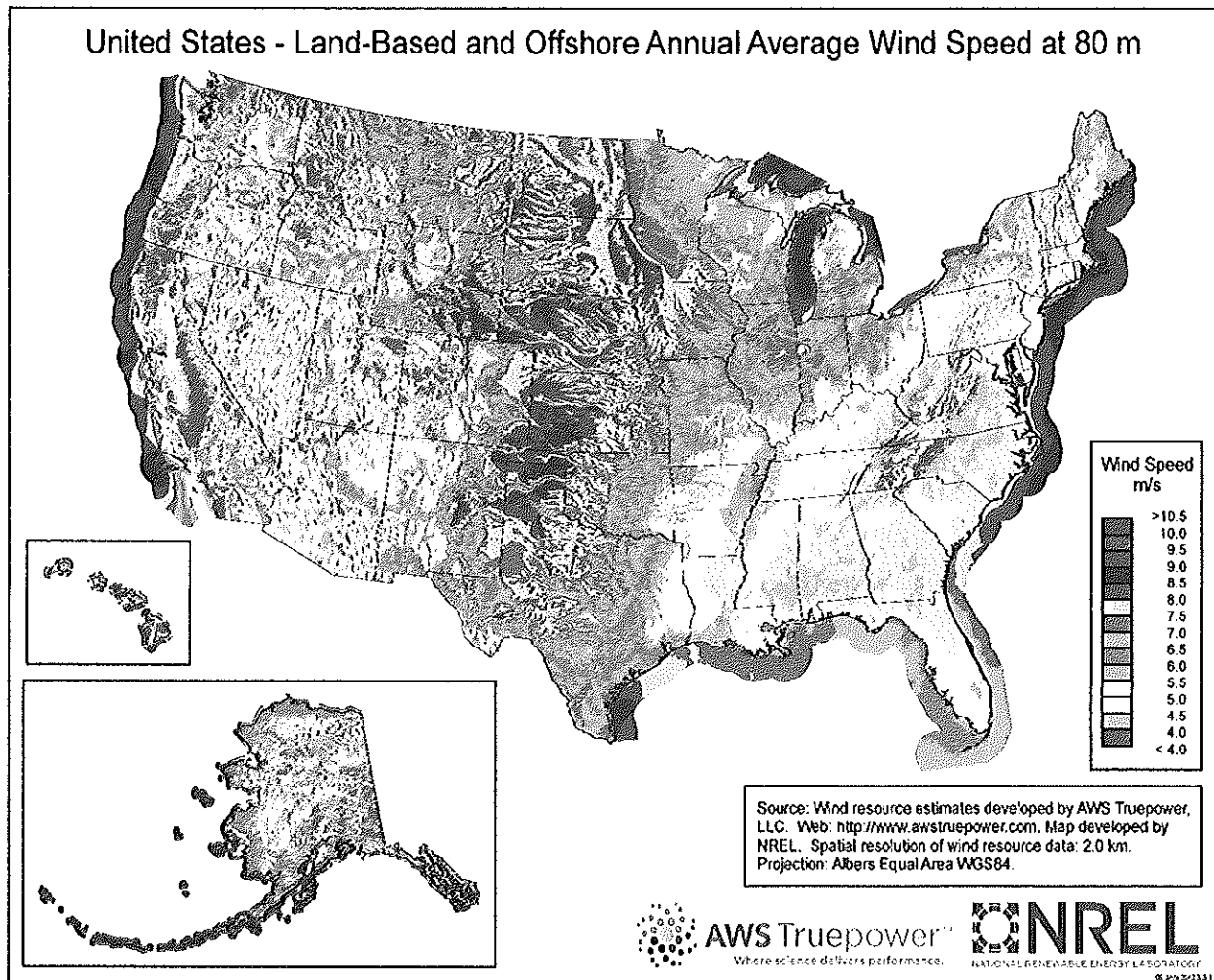
Schedule MG-2

AWEA's Estimates of Incremental Wind Capacity (MW) (beyond what is installed as of the end of 2012) that will be used to meet state RPS requirements in the year 2025, by state

State	Low Estimate	High Estimate
DC	300	400
DE	100	150
IL	3,000	4,000
MD	500	700
MI	500	1,000
MO	1,200	1,800
MN	1,000	1,500
NJ	1,400	1,800
PA	500	700
WI	400	600

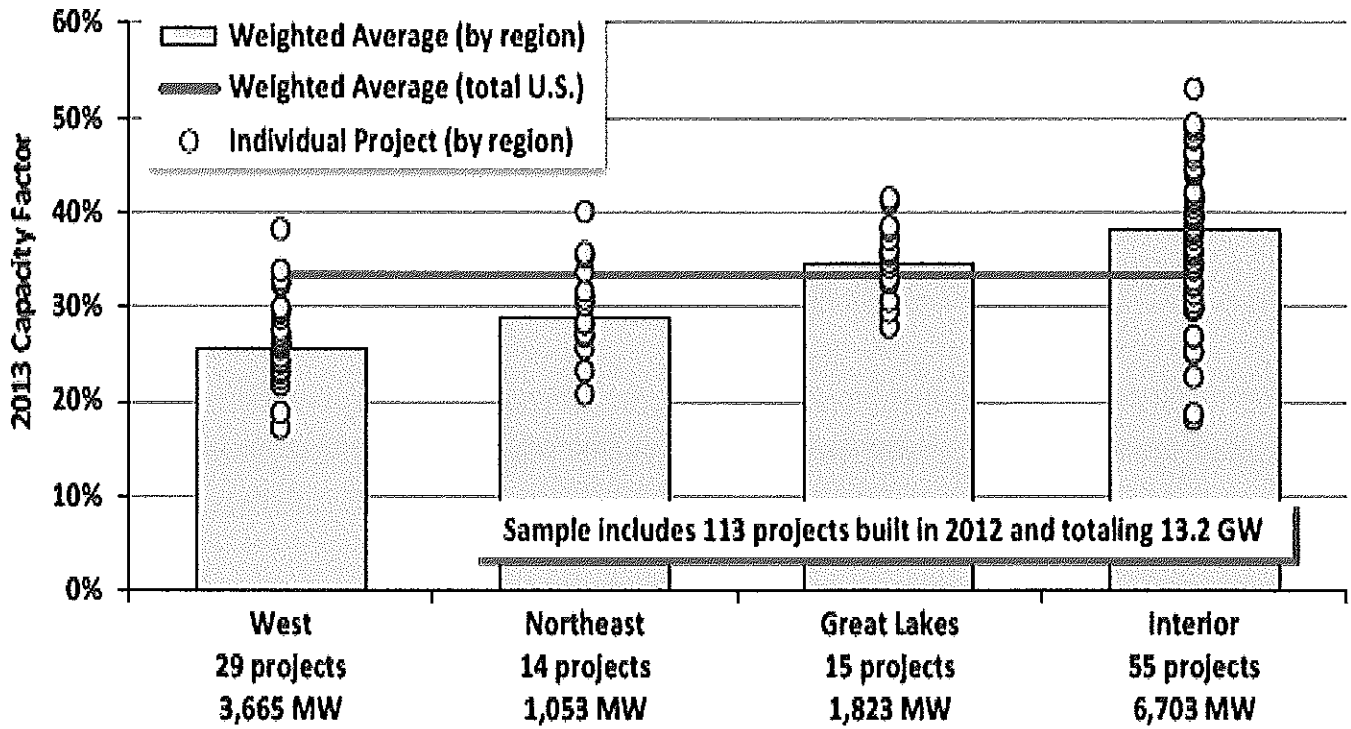
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NREL wind resource assessment map of the U.S. as of March 26, 2013, available at http://www.nrel.gov/wind/resource_assessment.html, downloaded by Michael S. Goggin.



Schedule MG-4

Capacity factor by region, from Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratories, 2013 Wind Technologies Report, fig. 36 at 45(August 2014), http://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2014/08/f18/2013%20Wind%20Technologies%20Market%20Report_1.pdf

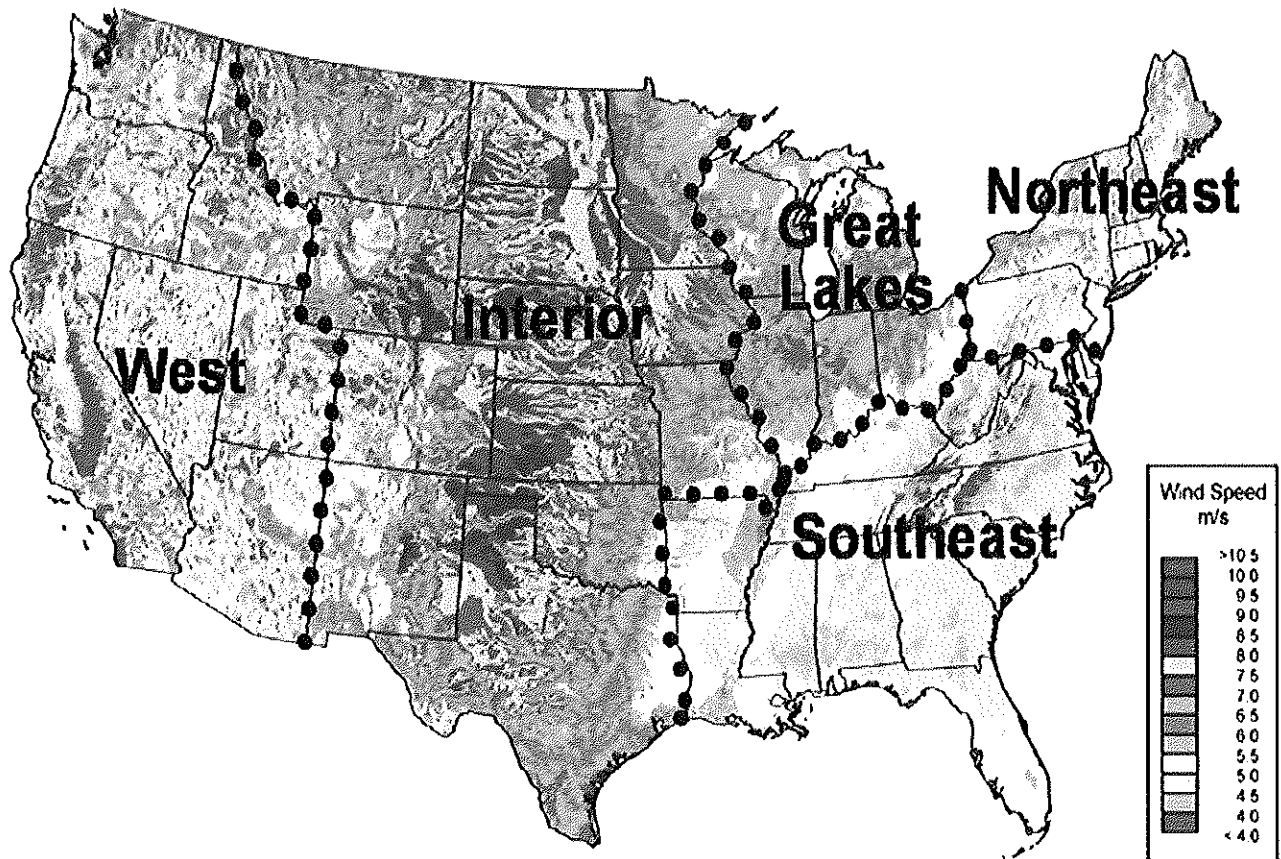


Source: Berkeley Lab

Figure 36. 2013 capacity factors by region: 2012 projects only

Schedule MG-5

Region breakdown overlaid on wind speed map, from *Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratories, 2013 Wind Technologies Report*, at 79 (August 2014)
<http://eetd.lbl.gov/ea/emp/reports/lbnl-5559e.pdf>



Source: AWS Truepower, National Renewable Energy Laboratory

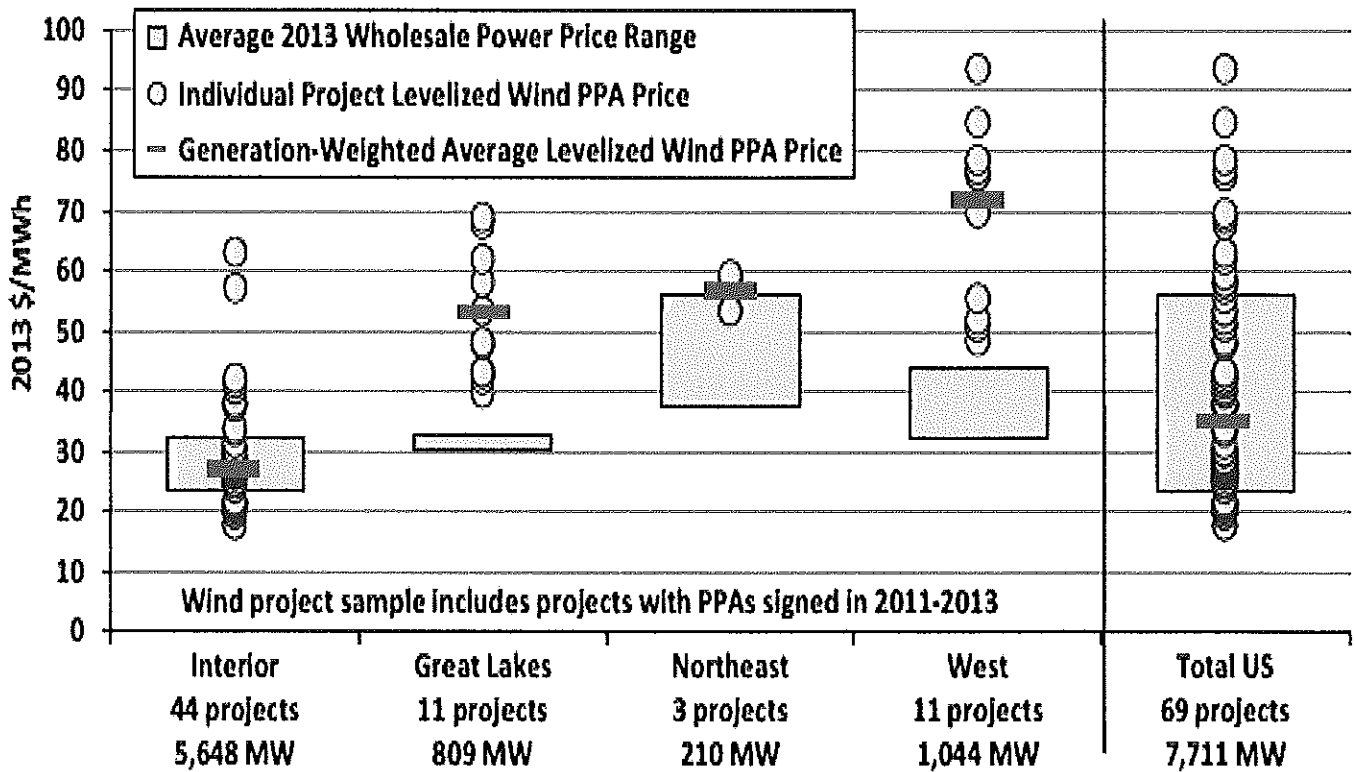
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Kansas wind project capacity factor data. Form EIA-923 detailed data, with 2013 data from EIA-923M and 2012 data from EIA-923, available at <http://www.eia.gov/electricity/data/eia923/>. Wind project capacity and year online data from AWEA's database of wind projects, available at <http://www.awea.org/Resources/Content.aspx?ItemNumber=5728&navItemNumber=5776>.

Plant Name	Year Online	Project Capacity (MW)	2012 Capacity Factor	2013 Capacity Factor
Gray County Wind Energy	2001	112.2	29.4%	7.2%
Elk River Wind	2005	150.0	43.4%	42.1%
Spearville	2006 + 2010	148.5	31.7%	38.1%
Smoky Hills Wind Project Phase I	2008	100.8	39.8%	42.3%
Cloud County Wind Farm	2010	201.0	33.9%	36.1%
Central Plains Wind Farm	2009	99.0	33.8%	34.8%
Flat Ridge Wind Farm	2009	50.0	32.7%	29.5%
Flat Ridge Wind Energy LLC	2009	50.0	33.7%	31.6%
Smoky Hills Wind Project Phase II	2008	148.5	37.4%	43.0%
Greensburg Wind Farm LLC	2010	12.5	39.8%	NA
Ironwood Wind	2012	84.0		39.7%
Cimarron Windpower II	2012	131.1		44.3%
Post Rock Wind Power Project, LLC	2012	201.0		47.4%
Cimarron Wind Energy LLC	2012	165.6		40.0%
Flat Ridge 2 Wind Energy LLC	2012	470.4		44.9%
Caney River Wind Project	2011	199.8	37.8%	42.3%
Spearville 3 LLC	2012	100.8		38.2%
Shooting Star Wind Project LLC	2012	104.0		42.9%
Ensign Wind LLC	2012	98.9		46.1%
Buffalo Dunes Wind Project	2013	249.8		

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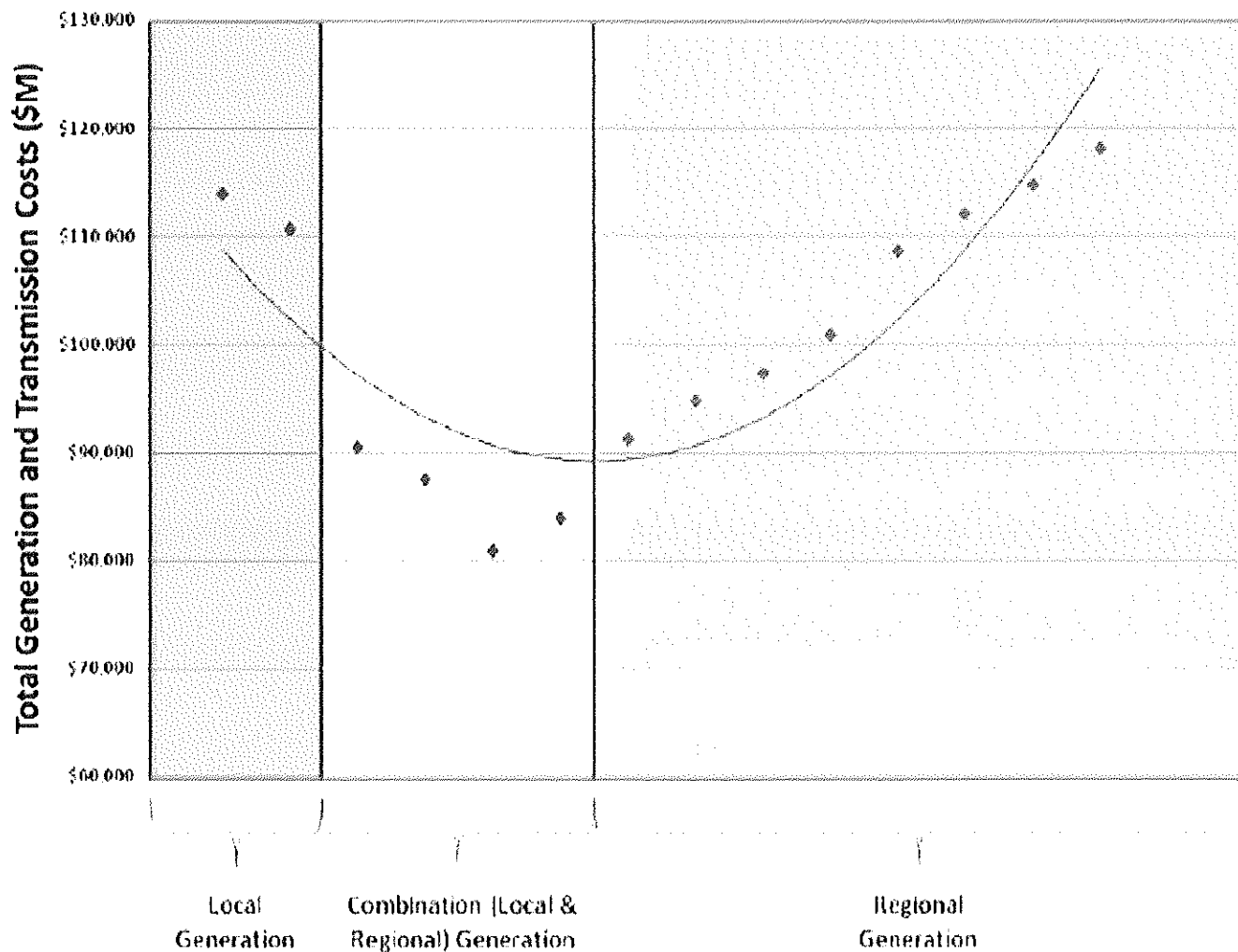
Wind PPA price by region, from Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratories, 2013 Wind Technologies Report, fig. 48 at 60 (August 2014), http://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2014/08/f18/2013%20Wind%20Technologies%20Market%20Report_1.pdf



Source: Berkeley Lab, Ventyx, IntercontinentalExchange

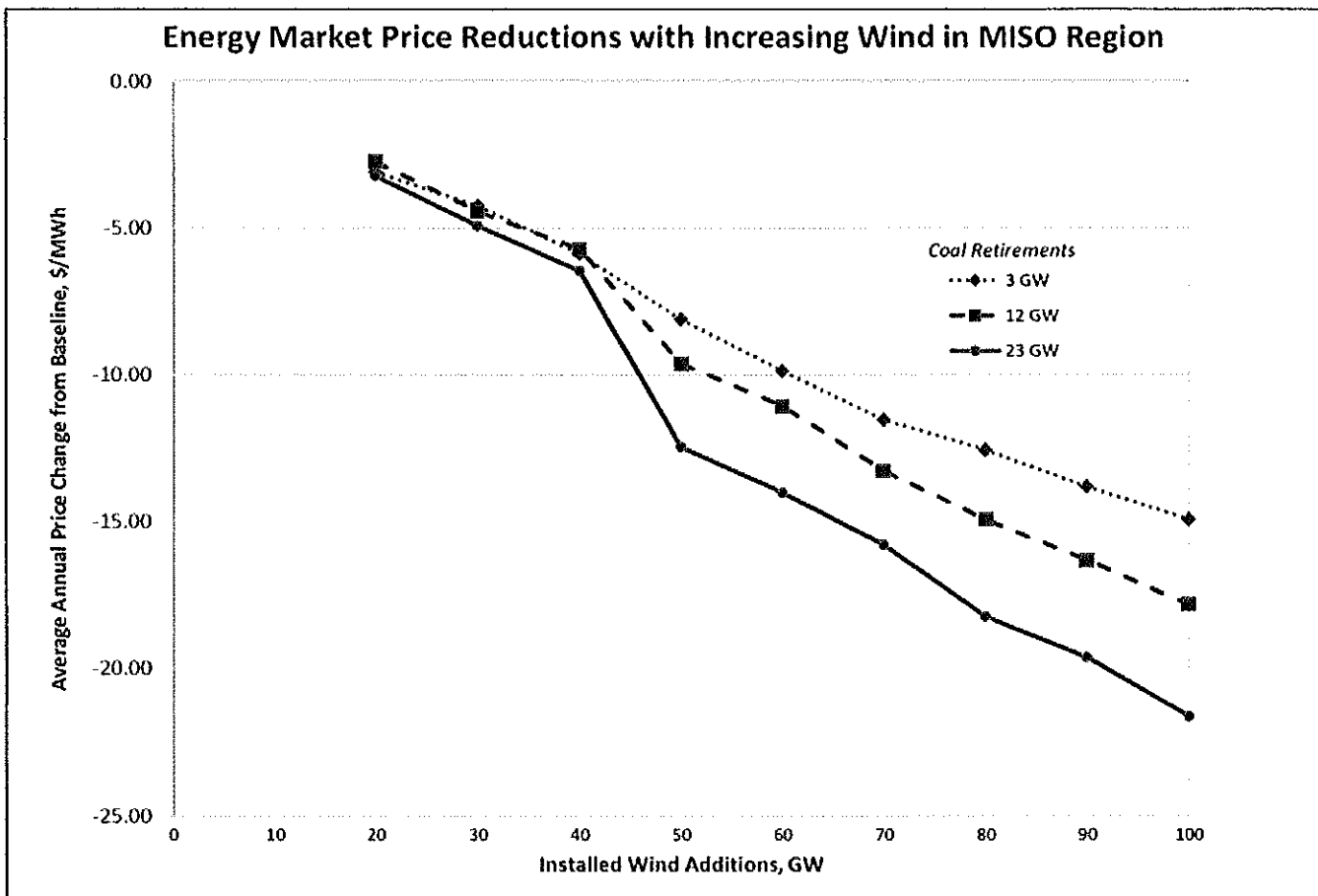
Schedule MG-8

Renewable Generation and Transmission Infrastructure Costs Dependent Generation's Proximity to End User (Local, Regional or Combination); from MISO Multi Value Project Portfolio: Results and Analyses ("MVP Report"), fig. 4.8 at 18 (January 10, 2012)



Schedule MG-9

Electricity Market Prices Decline as Wind Capacity is Added, from *Synapse Energy Economics, Inc., The Potential Rate Effects of Wind Energy and Transmission in the Midwest ISO Region*, at 4 (May 22, 2012), available at <http://cleanenergytransmission.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/Full-Report-The-Potential-Rate-Effects-of-Wind-Energy-and-Transmission-in-the-Midwest-ISO-Region.pdf>.



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, Control, Manage, Operate)
and Maintain a High Voltage, Direct Current)
Transmission Line and an Associated)
Converter Station Providing an)
Interconnection on the Maywood 345 kV)
Transmission Line)

Case No. EA-2014-0207

AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL GOGGIN

I, Michael Goggin, being duly sworn, declare under oath as follows:

1. My name is Michael Goggin. I am the Director of Research for the American Wind Energy Association and my business address is 1501 M Street NW, Suite 1000, Washington, D.C. 20005. I make this affidavit in support of the intervention of Wind on the Wires and The Wind Coalition in the captioned docket before the Missouri Public Service Commission.

2. Attached hereto is my Rebuttal Testimony, labeled as *Rebuttal Testimony of Michael Goggin on Behalf of: Wind on the Wires and The Wind Coalition*, that consists of thirty one pages of questions and answers, a table of contents, a cover page and schedules MG-1 through MG-9.

3. The aforementioned documents were prepared by me or under my direction and control.

4. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in those documents.

5. If I were asked under oath the same questions posed therein, including my schedules, I would provide the same answers contained therein.

6. The answers provided in the attached testimony, including my schedules, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Further, affiant sayeth naught.

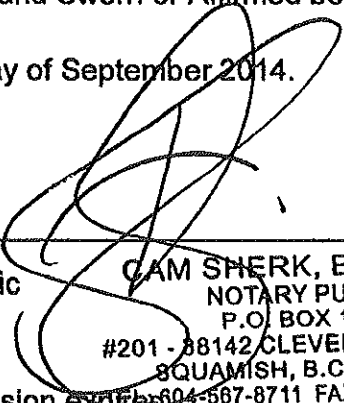




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