

**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 345kV Transmission Line)

File No. EA-2016-0358

**NOTICE OF THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S
INTENT TO WAIVE OPENING STATEMENT AND
CROSS-EXAMINATION OF WITNESSES**

Comes now the Office of the Public Counsel (“Public Counsel”) and for its Notice Motion to Waive Opening Statement and Cross-Examination of Witnesses states:

1. Public Counsel has been monitoring this case and was represented at all local public hearings held in this matter.
2. After careful consideration, Public Counsel files this Notice waiving opening statement and cross-examination of witnesses.
3. Public Counsel’s decision to limit its involvement in this case should not be interpreted to mean it supports or opposes any Party’s position in this case.
4. Pursuant to Section 386.710, Public Counsel shall have discretion to represent or refrain from representing the public in any proceeding. Public Counsel has considered the public interest involved and states that the public interest will be adequately represented without the participation of this office.

WHEREFORE Public Counsel requests the Commission accept this Notice of Intent to Waive Opening Statement and Cross-Examination of Witnesses in this case while not

interpreting this request to indicate Public Counsel's support of or opposition to any Party's position.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, emailed or hand-delivered to all parties of record electronically on this 8th day of March 2017.

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