

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
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-2016-0358**

**IBEW UNIONS' REQUEST TO BE EXCUSED**

COME NOW, IBEW Local Union 2 and IBEW Local Union (collectively, the “IBEW Unions”), through counsel, and for their Request to Be Excused state as follows:

1. The Missouri Public Service Commission (the “Commission”) has scheduled an evidentiary hearing in the above-referenced matter for March 20 through 24, 2017.
2. The IBEW Unions will present one witness at the evidentiary hearing, Stephen White of IBEW Local Union 53. Mr. White is scheduled to testify exclusively on March 24, 2017.
3. The IBEW Unions now give notice to the Commission that they do not intend to participate in the hearing on March 20-23, 2017. The IBEW Unions waive their right to cross examination of all witnesses appearing on those dates.
4. The IBEW Unions also waive their right to present opening statements at the evidentiary hearing.
5. The IBEW Unions expressly reserve their right to file post-hearing briefs in accordance with the Procedural Schedule.

WHEREFORE, the IBEW Unions respectfully request that they be excused from the evidentiary hearing on March 20-23, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

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I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served the parties to this case by email or U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.

/s/ Emily R. Perez