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Missouri Public Service Commission  
200 Madison St  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

RE: Grain Belt Express Clean Line Wind Energy

Dear Commissioners:

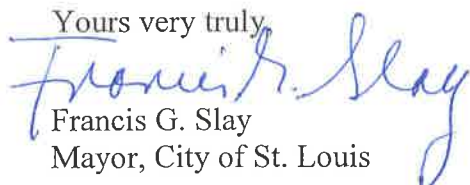
What we do to address climate change matters to our environment, our economy and the health of our citizens. I believe it important to be vigilant in ensuring a high quality of life for those who live, work, learn and play in the City of St. Louis. We have created an award-winning Sustainability Plan for the City of St. Louis, and my Sustainability Action Agenda identifies the City's commitment to implementing 29 priority items. One of our triple bottom line sustainability priorities is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions citywide 25 percent by 2020. I support the Grain Belt Express Clean Line because I understand it will result in reduced carbon emissions, new jobs and help improve the quality of our community's air and water.

As an electric transmission project that will deliver low-cost wind power to the electric grid that serves St. Louis, the Grain Belt Express will deliver enough energy to power roughly 200,000 homes each year. The clean energy delivered by the Grain Belt Express would lower the carbon intensity of our electricity by up to 6% over 2005 levels.

The Grain Belt Express can help the City transition to a cleaner energy economy, while also creating jobs. The project will support 1,500 jobs throughout Missouri during the project's three year construction period. Clean Line has already contracted with businesses and non-profit organizations in St. Louis to assist with the development phase of the project. In addition, Clean Line has partnered with ABB to manufacture power transformers for the project in St. Louis.

Because the Grain Belt Express Clean Line is a project that will create jobs and benefit our city with low-cost, clean energy, I urge you to support this important infrastructure project.

Yours very truly,

  
Francis G. Slay  
Mayor, City of St. Louis

