

**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 )

Case No. EA-2016-0358

**REQUEST TO BE EXCUSED FROM APPEARANCE**  
**BY LOCAL COUNSEL of WIND ON THE WIRES and THE WIND COALITION**

COMES NOW Wind on the Wires and The Wind Coalition (“Wind Advocates”), by counsel, respectfully requesting the Commission excuse the appearance of local counsel, Deirdre Kay Hirner, from the evidentiary hearing on the dates of March 20 and 21, 2017, and in support states the following:

1. Ms. Hirner is a member in good standing of the Missouri Bar and has been designated local counsel for Mr. Sean R. Brady. Mr. Brady has applied for (Item No. 58) and been granted leave to appear *pro hac vice* (Item No. 73) in the above captioned case.
2. Missouri Supreme Court Rule 9.03(c)(3)(c) states that local counsel is to be present at all hearings unless excused by the judge or presiding officer.
3. Local counsel has an obligation on March 20 and 21, 2017 that is outside the state of Missouri and that prevents Ms. Hirner from attending the evidentiary hearing in person. Ms. Hirner, however, will be in attendance for the remainder of the

hearing dates after March 21.

4. Wind on the Wires and The Wind Coalition will be represented by counsel who will be in attendance on both March 20 and 21. Wind on the Wires' counsel, Sean R. Brady, will be in attendance at the hearing on both days.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Deirdre K. Hirner

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing pleading was electronically served upon all parties on the service list on March 14, 2017.

/s/ Sean R. Brady

Sean R. Brady (IL Bar # 6271134)

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**AFFIDAVIT OF DEIRDRE K. HIRNER**

I, Deirdre Kay Hirner, being duly sworn on oath state as follows:

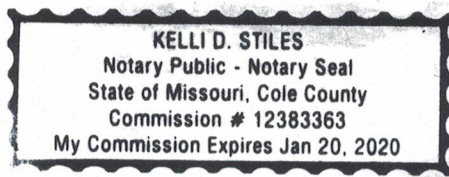
1. I am an employee with the American Wind Energy Association, which is located at 1501 M Street, Suite 1000, Washington, D.C. 20005. My position is Midwest Director.
2. I am a member in good standing of the Missouri Bar.
3. I have been designated as associate counsel for Mr. Sean R. Brady in his Petition for Leave to Appear *Pro Hac Vice*. Item No. 58. The Commission issued an order granting that petition on September 23, 2016 in the above captioned case (Item No. 76).
4. I have an obligation on March 20 and 21, 2017 in Minneapolis, Minnesota that prevents me from attending the evidentiary hearing in person for those dates. I intend to return to Missouri in the evening of March 21 and attend the evidentiary hearing for the remainder of the hearing dates after March 21.

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*Attorney for Wind on the Wires and  
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Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017

Kelli D Stiles



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**AFFIDAVIT OF SEAN R. BRADY**

I, Sean Roche Brady, being duly sworn on oath state as follows:

1. I am an attorney with Wind on the Wires, 570 Asbury Street, Suite 201, St. Paul, MN, 55104.
2. I have applied for (Item No. 58) and been granted leave to appear *pro hac vice* in the above captioned case. Item No. 76.
3. I will be attending the evidentiary hearing for the above captioned case, including the dates of March 20 and 21, 2017.

*Sean R. Brady*

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