

**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-2014-0207

**THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL’S REQUEST TO BE EXCUSED**

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and for its Request to be Excused, states as follows:

1. The Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) has scheduled an evidentiary hearing in the above stated matter for November 10, 12-14 & 21, 2014.
2. Public Counsel now gives notice to the Commission that it does not intend to participate in the evidentiary hearing. Public Counsel has filed no testimony regarding the issues in this matter, does not have a position on the relief requested and will waive its right to cross examination of all witnesses.
3. Therefore, Public Counsel respectfully requests that the Commission excuse it from appearing at the evidentiary hearing.
4. Public Counsel reserves the right to file any post-evidentiary hearing briefs it may deem necessary and proper to assist the Commission in the final disposition of this matter.

**WHEREFORE**, Public Counsel respectfully submits its Request.

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 the parties of record this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 2014.

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