

**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 ) EA-2016-0358  
Line and an Associated Converter Station Providing an )  
Interconnection on the Maywood - Montgomery 345 kV )  
Transmission Line. )

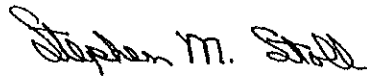
**NOTICE OF COMMUNICATION**

Issue Date: March 30, 2017

This notice is being filed on behalf of all the Commissioners at the Missouri Public Service Commission along with the attached letter we received from Matt McCrate, President of the Missouri Soybeans Organization, regarding the above referenced case.



Daniel Y. Hall  
Chairman



Stephen M. Stoll  
Commissioner



William P. Kenney  
Commissioner



Scott T. Rupp  
Commissioner



Maida J. Coleman  
Commissioner



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Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri  
On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017



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March 16, 2017

Daniel Y. Hall, Chairman  
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Maida J. Coleman, Commissioner  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
200 Madison Street  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Dear Chairman Hall and Commissioners,

The Missouri Soybean Association (MSA) has been the voice of the soybean farmer since 1966 and works diligently to protect their ability to operate. We write to you today expressing our concern and opposition to Grain Belt Express-Clean Line, LLC's (Clean Line) application for a certificate of convenience and necessity.

MSA has met with landowners along the proposed line's route and listened to their numerous concerns about the project. First and foremost, landowners feel Clean Line is not negotiating with them in good faith and ultimately they will have to succumb to a high voltage power line running through the middle of their farms. Landowners are also concerned with the proposed line's close proximity to some residences and farm shops, the inability to plant crops of a certain height underneath the proposed line, soil compaction caused by construction, interference with GPS operating systems and the potential of increased insurance premiums caused by operating near the line.

We commend you for holding hearings in each of the Missouri counties along the proposed project's route. It is our hope that through testimony received at these hearings, the Public Service Commission will once again deem this project as unnecessary. We call on you to reject this project that stands to do harm to many family farms across our state for a very minimal benefit for Missouri ratepayers.

Respectfully,

Matt McCrate  
President