

**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        )        File No. EA-2014-0207  
Current Transmission Line and an Associated Converter        )  
Station Providing an Interconnection on the Maywood –        )  
Montgomery 345 kV Transmission Line                            )

**MISSOURI DIVISION OF ENERGY’S  
REQUEST TO BE EXCUSED FROM HEARING**

COMES NOW the Department of Economic Development – Division of Energy (“DE”) and requests excusal from the evidentiary hearing in the above-styled matter. DE states the following in support of its request:

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. DE now gives notice to the Commission that it does not intend to participate in the evidentiary hearing. DE has filed no testimony in this matter, does not have a position on the relief requested, and waives its right to cross examination of all witnesses.
3. DE reserves its right to file post-hearing briefs to assist the Commission in the final disposition of this matter.

**WHEREFORE**, DE respectfully requests that the Commission excuse DE from appearing at the evidentiary hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jeremy Knee

Jeremy Knee, Bar #64644

Associate General Counsel

Missouri Department of Economic Development

P.O. Box 1157

Jefferson City, MO 65102

Ph: 573-522-3304

E: [jeremy.knee@ded.mo.gov](mailto:jeremy.knee@ded.mo.gov)

**Attorney for Missouri Division of Energy**

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing have been emailed to the attorneys of record this 31st day of October, 2014.

/s/ Jeremy Knee

Jeremy Knee