

December 7, 2016

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

Case EA-2016-0358

Dear Missouri Public Service Commission,

The Missouri Clean Energy Coalition (MCEC) consists of more than 30 Organizations, businesses, and community leaders representing more than 100,000 Missourians that support a transition to clean energy statewide. Below is a list of current coalition members and supporters. MCEC has adopted the following goals and principles for Missouri:

- Transition from a reliance on fossil fuel energy to clean, safe, and renewable energy sources, specifically energy efficiency, wind and solar.
- Make energy conservation and efficiency a priority in meeting and reducing energy demand.
- Shift from jobs dependent on fossil fuels to jobs centered on efficiency and clean energy technologies.
- Secure a clean energy economy that is just and equitable, embracing all people regardless of race, creed, color, ethnic origin, income, or other social or demographic distinctions.

MCEC is writing to support approval of the Clean Line Energy Partners' application with the PSC for the Grain Belt Express high-voltage direct current transmission line. The Grain Belt Express will bring clean and affordable wind energy to Missouri and others states along the proposed route. This proposal is an important step for our state to reduce its over reliance on harmful coal and diversify our energy portfolio. In short, construction of the Grain Belt Express supports MCEC's goals and principles outlined above.

The Grain Belt Express would reduce fossil fuel pollution from electricity generation, helping to preserve a livable climate and protect public health, as well as bring much needed jobs to our region. The project will support 1,500 jobs in Missouri. The low-cost power provided by Grain Belt Express is expected to save participating Missouri municipalities at least \$10 million annually. There is clearly both a public benefit and a need for this project. We also encourage Clean Line to work with communities and landowners during the siting process to use voluntary easement agreements to the maximum extent possible and use eminent domain only as a last resort.

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If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Ed Smith, Policy Director, Missouri Coalition for the Environment, 3115 S. Grand Blvd, Ste 650, St. Louis, MO 63118, 314-727-0600.

Thank you for considering this letter of support.

Current member organizations include:

- Missouri Coalition for the Environment
- Missouri Sierra Club
- Renew Missouri
- Jewish Environmental Initiative;
a committee of the Jewish Community Relations Council of St. Louis
- Missouri Interfaith Power & Light
- Ethical Society of St. Louis
- Mid-Missouri Peaceworks/
Missourians for Safe Energy
- Labadie Environmental Organization
- Union of Concerned Scientists
- Central Reform Congregation
- Earthdance Farms
- Women's Voices Raised for Social Justice
- Populists in Action
- 350KC
- Organizing for Action – Missouri
- Shir Hadash Reconstructionist Community
- Climate Parents
- Moms Clean Air Force
- Mizzou Energy Action Coalition
- Environment Missouri

Current supporters include:

- John Kissel, M.D.
- M-SLICE
- Missouri Sun Solar
- Energy Equity Funding, LLC
- Diesel Health Project
- League of Women Voters, St. Louis Chapter
- Progress Missouri
- Franciscan Sisters of Mary
- Climate Reality - St. Louis
- Midwest Coalition for Responsible Investment
- Bridging the Gap
- Greenway Network
- Citizens Climate Lobby – Missouri
- Skeptical Society of St. Louis