

# CLEAN LINE EXPRESS

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## MISSOURI PSC HOLDS PUBLIC HEARINGS ACROSS PROJECT AREA IN MISSOURI



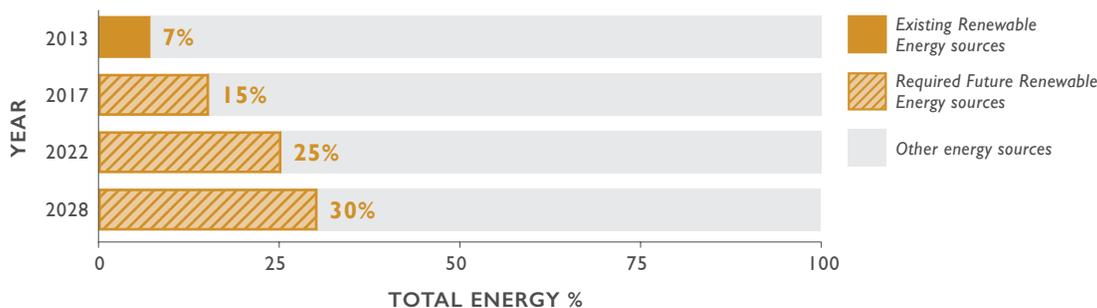
In August and September, the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) held eight public hearings as part of its review of the Grain Belt Express Clean Line. The Grain Belt Express team sincerely appreciates the opportunity to hear thoughtful feedback from stakeholders. People who testified in support of the project discussed the low-cost wind power, job opportunities and property tax revenue that the project will bring to Missouri. We will continue to work with landowners and other community members to ensure they receive information about the project. The PSC will hold evidentiary hearings in November with a decision to follow.

## COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR GRAIN BELT EXPRESS

On October 6, 2014, the Columbia City Council adopted a resolution stating that wind energy delivered via the Grain Belt Express could help the city meet the goals outlined in its voter-approved Renewable Energy Ordinance. The resolution expresses support for Grain Belt Express and highlights how receiving low-cost renewable energy is in the public interest. The Columbia Water and Light Advisory Board recommended the city adopt the resolution. *“I think it’s a great idea,”* Mayor Bob McDavid said. *“It is about getting access to energy as cleanly and inexpensively as you can get it... If [Grain Belt Express is] successful, they’ll deliver [energy from renewable sources] to us at a substantially lower cost than what we are now paying.”*

City of Columbia voters passed a Renewable Energy Ordinance that mandates that the City shall cost-effectively generate or purchase electricity from renewable energy sources, including wind energy, at the following levels: 15% by 2017; 25% by 2022; and 30% by 2028.

### COLUMBIA, MO – RENEWABLE ENERGY ORDINANCE



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## COUNTY OFFICIALS TESTIFY ON BENEFITS OF GRAIN BELT EXPRESS

Several county commissioners and other representatives from the Grain Belt Express project area in Missouri attended the PSC's public hearings and offered testimony analyzing the benefits the transmission line will bring to their counties.

*"I am all too familiar with the struggles that small rural towns face with dwindling populations and smaller tax revenues. Projects like the Clean Line Energy proposal would bring a welcomed infusion of jobs for the short term and increased tax revenue for the long term, strengthening our ability to provide community services and aiding our schools and children."* — Sharon Metz, former mayor of Carrollton, MO and Executive Director of the Carrollton Area Economic Alliance

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## KANSAS GENERATORS STATE DEMAND FOR GRAIN BELT EXPRESS

Wind generation companies based in Kansas submitted testimony in support of Grain Belt Express Clean Line's application to the PSC. TradeWind Energy and Infinity Wind Power discussed their need for the Grain Belt Express to access new markets with the abundant, renewable wind resource of western Kansas.

*"The [Grain Belt Express] project will enable Infinity and companies like Infinity to deliver inexpensive power from some of the most productive sites in the country to the load centers where the power is needed most. Wind energy is now the least expensive form of new build energy in the U.S....The challenge is developing the ability to deliver this very cheap power to load, where it can help provide stable prices to businesses and consumers. The project is the solution to that very real delivery problem."* — Matt Langley, Infinity Wind Power

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY REPORT FINDS PRICE OF U.S. WIND ENERGY IS AT ALL-TIME LOW

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) finds that the average levelized price for wind power purchase agreements reached an all-time low in 2013 at about

2.5 cents per kilowatt hour. The report notes that the low cost of wind in the interior region of the country drove down the overall average, contributing to

wind's competitiveness. The 2013 Wind Technologies Market Report is available at [www.energy.gov/2013-wind-report](http://www.energy.gov/2013-wind-report).



# LANDOWNER COMMUNICATION AND EASEMENT AGREEMENTS

Clean Line has begun easement negotiations in Kansas and Missouri. It is our intent to reach fair and reasonable agreements with landowners to acquire easements to construct and operate the Grain Belt Express Clean Line. The Grain Belt Express team and project field representatives are available to schedule individual meetings to review maps and discuss any routing concerns that pertain to individual properties. There is no obligation to meet now and there is no rush to sign an easement agreement. Please don't hesitate to contact us to schedule a meeting or to ask questions that you might have about the project.

*"I am a farmer, a landowner, and a supporter of renewable fuels and renewable energy. This proposed line passes through our property. I am old enough to know what it meant to my parents and my family when electricity finally came to our farm. I support the project and I am appreciative of the fact that people before me have allowed easements on their property for other power lines so that when I flip the switch I can have electricity." — David Swearingin, Landowner in Missouri*

## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

### KANSAS ENERGY CONFERENCE

Clean Line served as a sponsor for the Kansas Energy Conference held in Topeka, KS, in September. Generators from the renewable and traditional sectors, and other members of the industry gathered to study and discuss the state of the energy industry in Kansas.

### MIDWESTERN GOVERNORS CONFERENCE ON TRANSMISSION

Clean Line participated in the conference on transmission in Indianapolis, IN. Attendees examined the tools available to states, the region, utilities and grid operators to meet the future challenges of grid and electricity reliability.

### MIDWEST ENERGY POLICY CONFERENCE

Clean Line participated in the Midwest Energy Policy Conference in St. Louis, MO, in September. Leaders in the fields of energy and energy policy came together for a comprehensive examination of federal, state and local energy priorities; legislative and regulatory activity; energy efficiency; national security and new energy projects.

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