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## BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

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n the Matter of the Application of
Grain Belt Express Clean Line, LLC for a
Limited Certificate of Public Convenience to
Transact the Business of a Public Utility in the
State of Kansas

June Thuffy

Docket No. 11-GBEE-624-COC

## PETITION TO INTERVENE

COMES NOW Mid-Kansas Electric Company, LLC (Mid-Kansas), and moves the Commission to issue an Order allowing Mid-Kansas to intervene in this proceeding.

In support of its petition, Mid-Kansas states:

- 1. On March 7, 2011, Grain Belt Express Clean Line, LLC (Clean Line) filed its application for a limited certificate of public convenience and necessity to site, construct, own, operate and maintain bulk electric transmission facilities located in the state of Kansas. Specifically, Clean Line seeks a certificate of convenience for "Transmission Rights Only" to construct and operate the Grain Belt Express Clean Line project, a high voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission line for the delivery of energy from renewable resources in Kansas to load centers in the east. Application at 1.
- 2. Mid-Kansas currently owns, operates and maintains transmission, and provides and uses transmission service in the State of Kansas and desires to continue providing such services through upgrades to its existing facilities and the construction of new facilities to service load requirements, reduce congestion, facilitate the economical purchase and sale of electric power and energy, and to help facilitate competitive electric markets in Kansas and the Southwest Power Pool region.
- 3. A portion of Clean Line's proposed HVDC transmission facilities will traverse the existing certified service territory of Mid-Kansas, and the operation of such

facilities will have a direct impact on the operations of Mid-Kansas due to their anticipated interconnection with the electric transmission system in the Spearville, Kansas area.

- 4. The interest of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings will not be impaired by allowing this intervention.
- 5. For the above reasons, Mid-Kansas requests that the Commission grant its request and allow Mid-Kansas to fully participate in this matter.

WHEREFORE, Mid-Kansas requests that the Commission issue its Order granting Mid-Kansas' petition to intervene in this matter and for such other and further relief as may be appropriate.

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