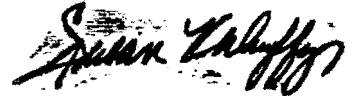


BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

APR 20 2011



In 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 )

Docket No. 11-GBEE-624-COC

**PETITION TO INTERVENE**

COMES NOW Sunflower Electric Power Corporation (Sunflower), and moves the Commission to issue an Order allowing Sunflower to intervene in this proceeding.

In support of its petition, Sunflower 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. Sunflower 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. The proposed project will directly interconnect with Sunflower's Spearville Substation and a portion of the proposed project will traverse Sunflower's existing


transmission footprint.

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, Sunflower requests that the Commission grant its request and allow Sunflower to fully participate in this matter.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

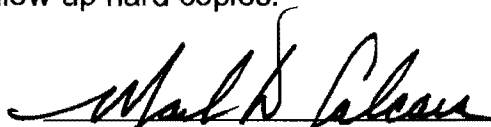


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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011, the above and foregoing *Petition to Intervene* was submitted to Susan K. Duffy, Executive Director, Kansas Corporation Commission via facsimile, with the original and eight copies mailed via UPS to the Commission, and electronic mail to the following parties who have waived receipt of follow-up hard copies:

  
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