

BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

MAR 24 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 OF WESTAR ENERGY, INC.
AND KANSAS GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY**

Westar Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas and Electric Company (collectively "Westar") move that the Commission issue its order allowing Westar to intervene in these proceedings. In support of its petition, Westar states:

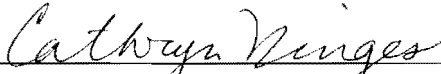
1. On March 7, 2011, Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC (Clean Line) filed its application for a limited certificate of convenience and authority to construct, own, and operate transmission facilities located in the State of Kansas. In its Application, Clean Line indicated that it is requesting a Transmission Rights Only certificate for construction of a high voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission line in order to deliver energy from renewable resources in Kansas to load centers in the east.

2. Westar currently provides 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 reduce congestion and facilitate commercial transactions. Westar is a transmission customer under the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (SPP) Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT). Westar also owns and/or purchases power from several wind farms throughout Kansas, has a request for predetermination pending with the Commission to purchase power from two new wind farms, and may need to develop additional wind generation in the future to meet the requirements of the Kansas Renewable Energy Standard Act. As a potential builder, owner and

operator of new transmission facilities in the state of Kansas and an owner of wind generation in Kansas, Westar has a direct interest in Clean Line's Application that cannot be represented by any other party.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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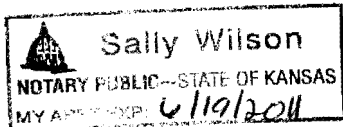
VERIFICATION

STATE OF KANSAS)
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COUNTY OF SHAWNEE) ss:

Cathryn J. Dinges, being duly sworn upon her oath deposes and says that she is one of the attorneys for Westar Energy, Inc.; that she is familiar with the **Petition of Westar Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas and Electric Company to Intervene** and that the statements therein are true and correct to the best of her knowledge and belief.

Cathryn Dinges
Cathryn J. Dinges

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 24th day of March, 2011.



Sally Wilson
Notary Public

My Appointment Expires:
6/19/2011

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 24th day of March, 2011, the original and eight copies of the **Petition of Westar Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas and Electric Company to Intervene** were hand-delivered to:

Susan K. Duffy
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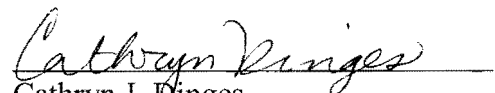
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Re: In the Matter of the Application of Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC for a Limited Certificate of Public Convenience to Transact the Business of a Public Utility in the State of Kansas; Docket No. 11-GBEE-624-COC

Dear Ms. Duffy:

Enclosed please find the original and eight (8) copies of the **Petition to Intervene of Westar Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas and Electric Company.**

Please file stamp one copy for my files.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Cathryn J. Dinges

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cc: Service List