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IOWA UTILITIES BOARD

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November 12, 2013

Notification of Public Informational Meeting
RE: Tax Identification Number(s):

Dear Landowner,

We are writing to inform you about an important, new clean energy project in your area—the Rock Island Clean Line, an overhead electric transmission line. This packet—including this cover letter, an informational meeting notice, a Frequently Asked Questions document, and a map showing the proposed corridor—is being mailed to you because property in which you have an interest lies within the notification corridor of the new route and may be affected by the location or construction of this transmission line. Please review the packet in its entirety. Please be advised that the route reflected on the attached notice represents an adjustment from the originally proposed route for this transmission line in O'Brien County and this is not an additional transmission line.

We are taking this opportunity to provide you with introductory and updated information about the project and to notify you about an upcoming meeting in your area that will provide more detail about the project's location, process, and schedule. It will also provide you with an opportunity to have many of your questions addressed by company representatives.

Rock Island Clean Line LLC ("Clean Line") is developing the Rock Island Clean Line, an approximately 500-mile overhead direct current transmission line that will run from O'Brien County in northwest Iowa to an area near Morris, Illinois. The project will connect some of Iowa's best wind energy resources with communities in Illinois and other states to the east, areas that have a strong demand for renewable, reliable energy. The Rock Island Clean Line will make possible approximately \$7 billion in new wind energy projects, creating thousands of jobs. The project will deliver enough clean energy to power around 1.4 million homes, contribute to energy security, increase state and local tax revenues, and reduce pollution. The name of the project originates from the Rock Island Railroad, which stretches across Iowa and Illinois. Just as the Rock Island Railroad delivered farmers' goods to market, the Rock Island Clean Line will deliver clean energy to the communities that need it, representing a new farm to market road for the 21st century.

Over the past three years, our team has conducted extensive research and public outreach in the project area. We have sought input from government agencies, conservation and agricultural organizations, elected officials, community leaders, and the public regarding routing options in order to determine the optimal route for the Rock Island Clean Line.

Wind farms and electric transmission lines depend on one another to generate and deliver wind resources to consumers, providing Americans with the power that we need and utilize in our everyday lives. As you may be aware, MidAmerican Energy and Invernergy are actively involved in the development of a wind farm in O'Brien County. The Rock Island Clean Line has been in consultation with both entities as their wind farm project has continued to develop. As a result of simultaneous transmission line routing and final preferred turbine location selections, Clean Line has made a decision to change a portion of the original route that we proposed in O'Brien County in August of this year to the proposed route now identified in this letter and materials. This change will allow both projects to continue development without delay and will also allow both companies to continue landowner negotiations.

Following the upcoming informational meetings, Clean Line will seek to obtain regulatory approvals and to acquire easements for the construction, operation and maintenance of the line. Clean Line will request a franchise from the Iowa Utilities Board authorizing construction of the transmission line. As a landowner or a party adjacent to, in possession of, or residing on property which may be affected by the location and construction of the electric transmission line, you have the right to be present at the informational meeting to be held at the place and time listed below. We hope that you can attend the meeting.

The time and date of the informational meeting for O'Brien County will be:

Friday, December 13th at 9:00 am
Hartley Community Center
820 2nd St NE
Hartley, IA 51346

We have enclosed an informational meeting notice and a map of the proposed route corridor for your reference. A final route will be determined after easement negotiations with landowners are complete. Clean Line is not allowed to contact landowners to negotiate easements prior to the informational meeting.

Please join us at the informational meeting for additional discussion regarding the routing process, compensation structure, and construction activities for the Rock Island Clean Line. Qualified representatives of Rock Island Clean Line will be present to discuss the project and to answer questions. Enclosed please find a flier requesting an RSVP; a preferred method of contact; and tenant, resident, or property manager contact information, if applicable. Prior to November 29th, please supply us with the appropriate contact information of any tenants, residents, or property managers that have an interest in the parcel described in the cover letter enclosed. Notice is also being published in a paper, so such individuals or entities may become aware of the meeting through the publication; but we would like to have an opportunity to send them a packet as well.

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If you have any questions before the meeting regarding this notice, please contact us toll-free at 1-800-907-8516. For additional information and answers to frequently asked questions, please visit our project website at www.rockislandcleanline.com.

Sincerely,

Hans Detweiler
Director of Development
1001 McKinney St., Suite 700
Houston, TX 77002

Public Informational Meeting Notice
Proposed ±600 kV HVDC Electric Transmission Line
O'Brien County, Iowa • Docket E-22123

Notice is hereby given that Rock Island Clean Line LLC ("Rock Island Clean Line" or "Petitioner"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Clean Line Energy Partners LLC, having its principal place of business at 1001 McKinney Street, Suite 700, Houston, Texas 77002, proposes to construct, operate and maintain an approximately ±600 kV high voltage direct current ("HVDC") electric transmission line, of which approximately 18.5 miles of transmission line is being proposed in O'Brien County.

The purpose of the new transmission line is to transmit renewable energy produced in Iowa and the surrounding region to Illinois and eastern markets of the United States. A map showing the proposed corridor for the line (the "notification corridor") and the preferred route is attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof. The notification corridor reflects the area in which landowners have been notified of the public informational meeting described below and in which easements may be sought following that meeting.

The Petitioner's preferred route would start at the center of Section 6, in Center Township at the proposed Western Converter Station location. It continues east along a half-section line for approximately 6 miles. There it turns south and generally continues along a half-section line for approximately 5 miles. It then turns east and generally continues along a half-section line for approximately 5 miles, where it turns south and generally continues along a half-section line for approximately 2 miles. It then turns east and generally continues along a half-section line for approximately 0.5 mile where it enters Clay County. The preferred route may not be the final route chosen, however the final route will be within the notification corridor as outlined on the attached map.

As a landowner or a party adjacent to, in possession of, or residing on property which may be affected by the location and construction of the aforementioned electric transmission line, you have the right to be present at a public informational meeting to be held at the place and time listed below and conducted by the Iowa Utilities Board ("Board"). You also have the right to file with the Board, at 1375 E. Court Avenue, Room 69, Des Moines, IA 50319-0069, objections to the location and construction of the proposed line as described.

Informational Meeting to be held:

9:00 am ~ Friday, December 13, 2013
Hartley Community Center
820 2nd St NE
Hartley, IA 51346

Representatives of the Board will preside at the informational meeting and present a summary of the legal rights of the affected landowners. Qualified representatives of Rock Island Clean Line will be present to discuss the project and to answer questions. Persons with disabilities requiring assistive services or devices to observe or participate should contact the Utilities Board at (515) 725-7300 in advance of the scheduled date to request that appropriate arrangements be made.

The Petitioner must request and obtain a franchise from the Board authorizing construction of the transmission line. After the Board has reviewed the petition for franchise, it may conduct a public hearing and landowners will have a right to participate in the hearing process. Notice of the public hearing will be published in an O'Brien County newspaper with countywide circulation. To obtain the requested franchise, the Petitioner must show that the proposed transmission line is necessary for a public use, that the proposed transmission line represents a reasonable relationship to an overall plan of transmitting electricity in the public interest, and that it satisfies the other requirements of law and Board rules.

After the informational meeting, Rock Island Clean Line will seek to acquire approximately 200-foot easements within the notification corridor for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the line. The easement request will also include the right to maintain the right-of-way so as not to interfere with construction, operation, or maintenance of the transmission line and the right of ingress and egress to the easement area. In the event that the Petitioner is unable to acquire the necessary voluntary easements, it may request eminent domain authority from the Board. The Board must determine, after a hearing conducted by the Board, whether any such eminent domain request is to be granted. Eminent domain requests may be heard during the same hearing as the franchise request, or they may be heard in a separate eminent domain proceeding, as may be ordered by the Board. At this time the Petitioner does not have the right of eminent domain. If eminent domain is requested by the Petitioner, the Petitioner must show the property is needed to serve the public use. If the Petitioner requests the right of eminent domain, a notice of the public hearing will be sent by certified mail to the owners of the eminent domain parcels, in addition to the notice being published in an O'Brien County newspaper with countywide circulation.

For more information about the informational meetings, contact our staff toll-free at 1-800-907-8516.

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IUB Meeting RSVP

Please indicate the number of attendees likely to attend O'Brien County informational meeting. An RSVP is not required to attend an informational meeting.

___ O'Brien County, Friday 12/13, 9:00 am
Hartley Community Center
820 2nd St. NE
Hartley, IA 51346

If the mailing address to which this packet was sent is not your preferred method of contact, please provide that information below.

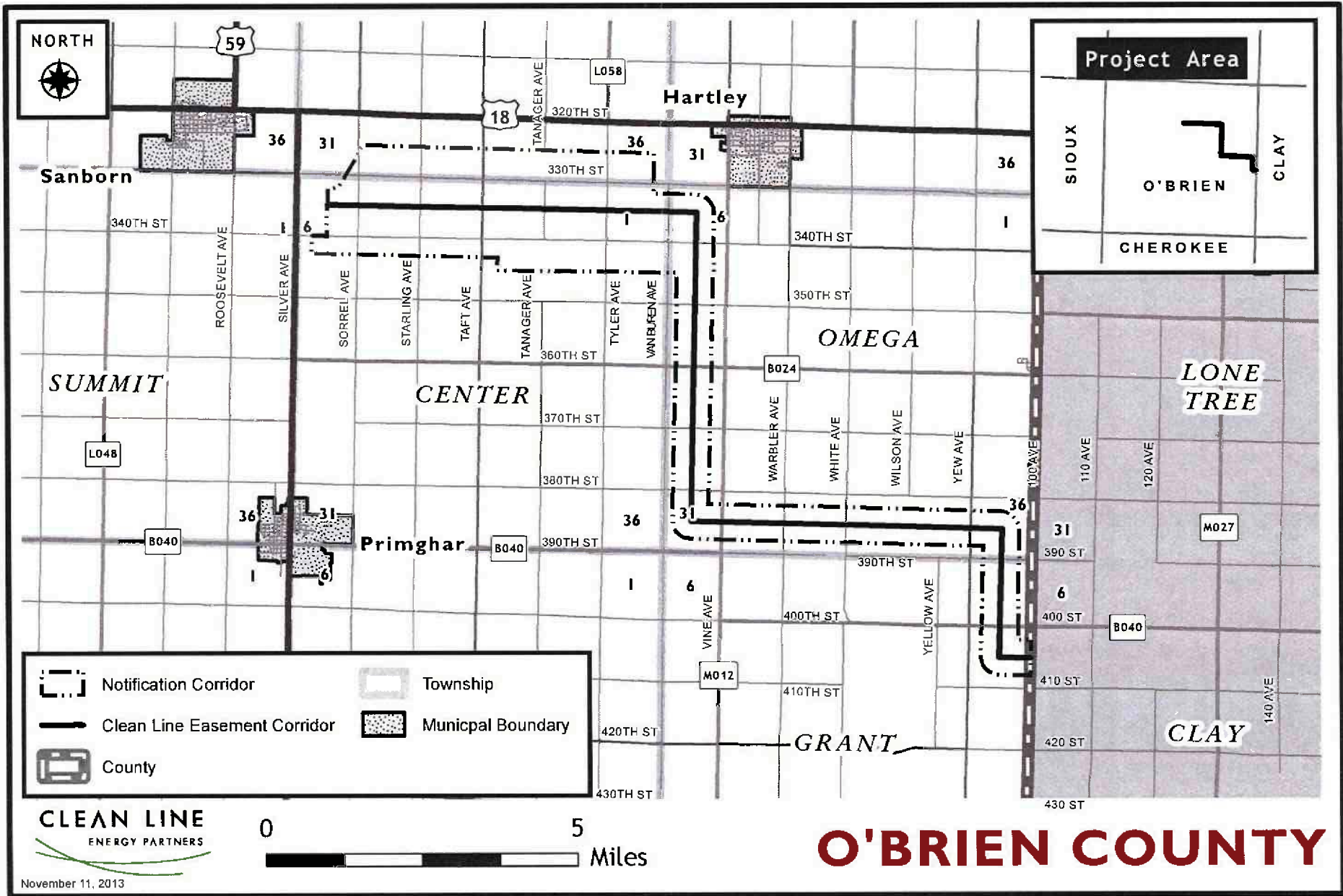
Name _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Request for Information

Please supply us with the appropriate contact information of any tenants, residents, or property managers that have an interest in the parcel described in the cover letter enclosed. Clean Line will extend to each of the tenants, residents, and property managers a formal invitation to attend the informational meeting. Clean Line would like to notify persons residing on the property or otherwise in possession of the property of the informational meeting – your assistance is requested and appreciated.

Name _____ Role _____ (tenant, resident, property manager, etc.)
Phone _____ Email _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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November 11, 2013

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