

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: ROCK ISLAND CLEAN LINE LLC	DOCKET NO. E-22248 (E-22123, E-22124, E-22125, E-22126, E-22127, E-22128, E-22129, E-22130, E-22131, E-22132, E-22133, E-22134, E-22135, E-22136, E-22137, and E-22138)
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ORDER ACCEPTING WITHDRAWAL OF PETITIONS

(Issued December 23, 2016)

On November 6, 2014, Rock Island Clean Line LLC (Clean Line) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) 16 petitions for electric transmission line franchises in 16 different Iowa counties. Each petition was given a separate docket number, starting with Docket No. E-22123 and proceeding sequentially through Docket No. E-22138. On August 8, 2016, the Board issued an order creating a master docket, identified as Docket No. E-22248, to receive all pleadings, motions, and other filings that apply to all 16 dockets.

On December 22, 2016, Clean Line filed a "Withdrawal of Petitions for Electric Franchise) in the master docket. Clean Line says that the project it has proposed, a high voltage, direct current transmission line capable of delivering electric power from northwestern Iowa to Illinois and elsewhere, requires regulatory approval in both Iowa and Illinois. Clean Line says that in light of the timing of certain judicial review proceedings in Illinois and the statutory deadline for a decision in Iowa (prescribed by new Iowa Code § 478.6A, adopted May 27, 2016), Clean Line has decided to

withdraw all 16 of its petitions in Iowa. Clean Line says it will make a determination concerning any new filing in Iowa following resolution of the judicial review proceedings in Illinois.

The Board will accept Clean Lines' withdrawal of its petitions. In order to make the record in each docket complete, the Board will direct that this order be uploaded into the Board's electronic filing system in the master docket and in each of the 16 original dockets.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The "Withdrawal of Petitions For Electric Franchise" filed on December 22, 2016, by Rock Island Clean Line LLC is accepted.
2. Board staff is directed to upload this order into the Board's electronic filing system in the master docket, No. E-22248, and to each of the original dockets for this project, Nos. E-22123 through E-22138.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Geri D. Huser

/s/ Elizabeth S. Jacobs

ATTEST:

/s/ Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary

/s/ Nick Wagner

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 23rd day of December 2016.