

NOTICE OF FRANCHISE PROCEEDINGS

[ADDRESSEE]

Date: _____, 2015

Re: Iowa Utilities Board Docket No. _____

Notice is given that Rock Island Clean Line LLC ("Clean Line"), under the provision of IOWA CODE Chapter 478 (2015), has filed a petition with the Iowa Utilities Board ("Board") for a franchise to construct, operate, and maintain a 632 kilovolt ("kV") maximum (600 kV nominal) electric transmission line in _____ County, Iowa. The proposed route of the electric transmission line through _____ County is described in Attachment A. The total project consists of a 632-kV maximum (600 kV nominal) electric transmission line routed through Benton, Black Hawk, Buchanan, Butler, Cedar, Clay, Franklin, Grundy, Hancock, Jones, Kossuth, Linn, O'Brien, Palo Alto, Scott, and Wright Counties, Iowa.

a. The proposed high voltage, direct current, transmission line will be capable of delivering 3,500 megawatts of power from Northwest Iowa and surrounding communities, to Illinois and other states to the east, needing clean, reliable and renewable energy. The proposed line will also expand and strengthen the overall transmission grid generally and support the movement of electricity generated by renewable resources to areas of market demand.

b. Because you own property or are a party in possession of property along the proposed line route, you are receiving notice of the franchise hearing.

c. The Board has scheduled a public hearing to consider the petition, any filed objections, and to hear testimony to aid it in determining whether to grant the franchise.

d. The Board will hold a public hearing beginning at _____ on _____, _____, 2015, in the _____ (location/address) _____. Persons with disabilities requiring assistive services or devices to observe or participate in the hearing should contact the Board at (515) 725-7334 at least ten business days in advance of the scheduled date to request that appropriate arrangements be made.

e. At the hearing, parties will be given the opportunity to cross-examine Clean Line's witnesses and to present witnesses on their own behalf. The Board established a procedural schedule by an order issued _____ (date) _____, which establishes dates for parties to file prepared testimony prior to the hearing. A copy of the _____ (date) _____ Order Establishing Procedural Schedule, Proposing to Take Official Notice, and Notice of Hearing is included with this Notice. All parties and persons who plan to present evidence and argument at the hearing should be aware of Clean Line's petition, Board orders, prepared testimony and exhibits, and other pertinent filings in this docket. You can review these documents by assessing the Board's electronic filing system ("EFS") at <http://efs.iowa.gov> or by clicking on the link on

the Board's web site at <http://iub.iowa.gov>. Witnesses who have filed prepared testimony and exhibits will be available to be cross-examined at the hearing, but do not ordinarily repeat their written testimony while on the witness stand. One copy of the prepared testimony and exhibits of each witness will be made available for public inspection at the hearing.

The hearing will provide an opportunity for public input into the decision on granting the franchise petition and making the final selection of the route for the electric transmission line.

f. The Board may grant a franchise, in whole or in part, upon such terms, conditions and restrictions, and with such modification as to location and route, as may seem to it just and proper. Before it may grant a franchise, the Board must make a finding that the proposed electric transmission line is necessary to serve a public use and represents a reasonable relationship to an overall plan of transmitting electricity in the public interest.

The Board has assigned this case to its administrative law judge, who will preside over the hearing and issue a proposed decision. The proposed decision will become the final decision of the Board unless it is appealed to the Board by a party to the case within the time limit provided in the proposed decision. Any party to the proceeding may file for rehearing within 20 days of issuance of the Board's final decision. Once a final decision has been issued, any party may appeal to an Iowa District Court within 30 days of issuance of the final decision.

g. You have the right to file a written objection to Clean Line's request for a franchise. Objections should include the docket number listed at the beginning of this letter and should state the objector's interest in the proposed electric transmission line and the reasons the objector is opposed to granting the franchise. You may file your written objection using the Board's EFS, but electronic filing of the objection is optional, not mandatory. If you choose to file electronically, prepare your written object using the form that is available on the Board's Web site or by using the word processing program on your computer to prepare a letter that states your objection and includes information requested on the objection form. You may access the EFS at <http://efs.iowa.gov> or by clicking on the link on the Board's web site at <http://iub.iowa.gov>. Detailed instructions about using the EFS to file your objection are found in Attachment B. Any person who does not have access to the Internet may file objections on paper. Paper filings should be directed to the Executive Secretary, Iowa Utilities Board, 1375 E. Court Avenue, Room 69, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0069. Objections may be filed at any time, but not later than 20 days after the date of second publication of the official notice.

h. A map showing the proposed route of the electric transmission line may be obtained at no cost by contacting the individual listed below, who can also be contacted for additional information regarding the proposed electric transmission line:

Please note that the scope of this hearing will be the issues of transmission line location, routing, the necessity of the proposed line to serve a public use, the reasonable relationship of the proposed line to an overall plan of transmitting electricity in the public interest, and issues raised in objections relevant to the franchise petitions filed with the Board.

The issue of the potential use of eminent domain on any specific parcels of land will not be considered at this hearing. However, if you wish to contest the issues listed above, which may result in determinations that would be of relevant to a later eminent domain hearing on specific parcels of land, then you should participate in this hearing, as the issues of this hearing, identified above, will not be revisited at a later eminent domain hearing.

If a franchise is granted following this hearing and voluntary easements cannot be obtained along the entire route, a hearing on eminent domain would then be necessary. During such eminent domain hearing, if required, Clean Line will be required to demonstrate it has met the legal requirements necessary to be granted the right of eminent domain. If a request for eminent domain is made affecting any parcels in which you are a party in possession and/or an owner, then you would be notified of the request and would be given an opportunity to participate in any eminent domain hearing affecting said parcel at that time.

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Attachment "A"

[Description of Route through _____ County]

Attachment "B"

[Instructions for using the Electronic Filing System]

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