

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

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November 6, 2014
IOWA UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:

DOCKET NO. E- 22131

Rock Island Clean Line LLC

(company name)

**PETITION FOR ELECTRIC
TRANSMISSION LINE FRANCHISE**

COMES NOW Rock Island Clean Line LLC,
authorized to transact business in the State of Iowa, and whose address is
1001 McKinney Street, Suite 700, Houston, TX 77002, and
petitions the Utilities Board (Board) for a franchise to erect, maintain and operate an electric
transmission line in Grundy County, Iowa, as provided in Iowa Code chapter 478 (2013).

The proposed line will consist of approximately (using circuit miles):

- a. 38.07 miles of line capable of operating at a maximum voltage of ±632,000 volts,
- b. _____ miles of line capable of operating at a maximum voltage of _____ volts, and
- c. _____ miles of line capable of operating at a maximum voltage of _____ volts.

Construction of this proposed line is proposed to commence by Winter, 2016.
For those portions of the proposed line to be located on private property, 11 easements have been
obtained of the total of 163 required.

I

Petitioner asserts that the proposed line is necessary to serve a public use, represents a
reasonable relationship to an overall plan of transmitting electricity in the public interest, and will comply
with all laws and regulations administered by the Board, and submits the following attached exhibits
which are a part of this petition:

Exhibit "A", a legal description of the route over which the proposed electric line would be
constructed.

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Exhibit "B", a map showing the proposed route and such other natural or man-made features as are pertinent or required, and the names and addresses of the owners of other utility or service facilities near the route.

Exhibit "C", engineering specifications and technical information showing the proposed type and manner of construction, on the forms specified by the Board.

Exhibit "D", describing the need for and the public use that would be served by the proposed line, the allegations required by Iowa Code § 478.3(2), and other information pertinent to the project and this petition.

II

* Petitioner requests authority to exercise the right of eminent domain to secure the necessary right-of-way for the proposed project. Attached to this petition is Exhibit "E", a description of the lands over which this authority is requested and the rights being sought.

III

Petitioner has mailed the required notification of the filing of this petition to potentially affected parties. Attached to this petition is Exhibit "F", showing that the notification was sent.

IV

* Petitioner has held the informational meeting(s) required by Iowa Code § 478.2 for this project, and attached to this petition, pursuant to Iowa Code § 478.3, is Exhibit "G", an affidavit that the meetings have been held in each county affected by the proposed project and stating the date, time, and place of each meeting. Exhibit "G" includes copies of the mailed notice letter and the published notice(s) of the informational meeting.

V

~~* Petitioner requests that a temporary construction permit be granted allowing construction of this line to commence. Petitioner asserts that the proposed project is eligible for a permit under Iowa Code § 478.31, is the nearest electrical utility to the proposed point of service, and has attached to this petition any necessary endorsed approvals of highway or railroad authorities. Petitioner acknowledges that the final order of the Board on this petition may require the removal, relocation, or reconstruction of all or any portion of an electric line built under authority of a temporary construction permit.~~

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VI

Petitioner requests that the Board consider and take appropriate action on this petition for franchise and requests that an official notice be prepared for publication once each week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper located in the county concerned.

Petitioner may request that an early official notice be prepared and sent to Petitioner after the review of Exhibits A and B is completed. The request for early official notice shall be made in the cover letter and Petitioner shall provide a brief explanation of the need for the early official notice. Petitioner understands and assumes the risk that an additional official notice may be required if the details of the project change or objections are filed after the early official notice that are not withdrawn before the review of the petition is completed. A request for an early official notice will not be considered if Petitioner is requesting eminent domain authority.

In addition to a published route description, petitioner will make available to the public a map of the proposed route, a copy of which is attached to this petition, and requests the notice for publication state: (Indicate which)

A map showing the proposed route is published with the notice; or,

A map of the proposed route may be obtained free of charge by calling

877- 907- 8516, or by writing to:

Clean Line Energy Partners, Attn: Rock Island

1001 McKinney Street

Suite 700

Houston, TX 77002

VII

The proposed line will be constructed and maintained in conformance with the requirements of 199 Iowa Administrative Code chapter 25 "Iowa Electrical Safety Code," including amendments, and with the requirements of Iowa Code chapter 478.

VIII

Petitioner agrees to pay all costs and expenses of the franchise proceeding, whether or not objections are filed, including costs of inspections or examinations of the route, hearing, salaries, publishing of notice, and any other expenses reasonably attributable to the proceeding.

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IX

Petitioner accepts that the provisions of all laws and regulations relating to public utilities, franchises, and transmission lines, which are in force or which may be hereafter enacted, shall apply to its existing line or lines, franchises, and rights with the same force and effect as if the franchise had been granted, or the lines constructed, or rights obtained under the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 478, and amendments thereto.

Dated this 6th day of November, 2014.

Rock Island Clean Line LLC
(Company)

By /s/ Michael Skelly
(Name)

President
(Title)

(* Strike if not applicable.)

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STATE OF Texas

COUNTY OF Harris

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ss:

I, Michael Skelly, state under oath that I am

President of Petitioner named above and that I have
(Official Title)

authority to execute this instrument and that I have read the Petition, know the
contents, and that the statements are true and correct.

/s/ Michael Skelly
(Signature of Affiant)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Michael Skelly,

this 6th day of November, 2014.

/s/ Dorcas O'Quinn
Notary Public
My Commission Expires 1-6-2018

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Instructions For Filing A Petition For Electric Transmission Line Franchise

This form is to be used when filing a petition for franchise prior to construction of a new electric transmission line.

The Docket No. will be assigned by the Iowa Utilities Board when it receives the petition.

A petition for franchise shall be filed with the Iowa Utilities Board for the construction of any electric line outside of a city that is capable of operating at a nominal voltage of 69 kilovolts or more. [199 IAC 11.3(2)].

Rules regarding filing a petition for franchise for an electric transmission line are found in 199 IAC chapter 11. General filing rules are found in 199 IAC chapter 7. Rules regarding electronic filing with the Iowa Utilities Board are found in 199 IAC chapter 14.

The petition and exhibits must be filed with the Iowa Utilities Board by uploading a document or collection of documents into the Iowa Utilities Board's electronic filing system at <https://efs.iowa.gov/efs/>. (Petition filings in cases where the initial petition was filed prior to January 2, 2009, will continue to be filed on paper, instead of electronically. See 199 IAC 14.4(2).)

If any map, drawing or oversized document cannot be printed on 11x17 inch or smaller-sized paper in legible and usable form, an original plus four paper copies must be filed in addition to the electronic copy. See 199 IAC 14.8(1).

Any paper copies required must be mailed or delivered to the address below: [199 IAC 7.4(2)"b"].

Executive Secretary
Iowa Utilities Board
1375 E Court Ave Rm 69
Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0069

See the rules for additional details and exceptions to the general requirements described above.

If you have any questions, call Bao Nguyen (515-725-7339), Jim Sundermeyer (515-725-7353) or Donald Stursma (515-725-7352), or send e-mail to bao.nguyen@iub.iowa.gov, jim.sundermeyer@iub.iowa.gov or don.stursma@iub.iowa.gov.

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