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A transmission line project owned by Rock Island Clean Line LLC

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Notification of Public Informational Meeting
Re Tax ID(s): «Parcel_Number»

Dear Landowner,

We are writing to inform you about an important clean energy project in your area – the Rock Island Clean Line, an overhead electric transmission line. This packet is being mailed to you because property in which you have an interest lies within the notification corridor and may be affected by the location or construction of this transmission line. Please review the packet in its entirety. It includes this cover letter, an informational meeting notice, an RSVP and contact information flyer, a frequently asked questions document, and a map showing the proposed corridor for the line.

We are taking this opportunity to supply you with introductory information about the project and notify you about an upcoming meeting in your area that will provide more detail about the project's location, construction process, and regulatory schedule. This meeting will also give you an opportunity to have your questions addressed by company representatives and representatives of the Iowa Utilities Board.

Rock Island Clean Line LLC ("Clean Line") is developing the Rock Island Clean Line project, 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.

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

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 any of the informational meetings to be held at the places and times listed below. We hope that you can attend one that is most convenient for you.

The time and date of the informational meeting for Benton County will be:

Tuesday, December 3rd at 9:00 am
Wildcat Golf Course
100 Wildcat Trail
Shellsburg, IA 52332

If you are unable to attend this meeting, other meetings will be held at the following locations, dates, and times:

Linn County, 12/3 at 3:00 pm

Prairie Hill Pavilion
5680 Kacena Avenue
Marion, IA 52302

Scott County, 12/5 at 9:00 am

Clarion Hotel Conference Center
5202 Brady Street
Davenport, IA 52806

Jones County, 12/4 at 9:00 am

Lawrence Community Center
600 East Main Street
Anamosa, IA 52205

Cedar County, 12/4 at 3:00 pm

Cedar County Fairgrounds, Mathews Building
1196 220th Street
Tipton, IA 52772

We have enclosed an informational meeting notice and a map of the proposed route corridors for your reference. A final route will be determined after easement negotiations with landowners are complete. Under Iowa law, 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. Clean Line representatives will be present to discuss the project and to answer questions. Enclosed please find a flyer requesting: an RSVP; a preferred method of contact; and tenant, resident, or property manager contact information, if applicable. Prior to **November 11th**, please supply us with the appropriate contact information for any tenants, residents, or property managers that have an interest in the parcel described in the subject line of this letter so that we can extend to each of those individuals a formal invitation to attend an informational meeting. Clean Line would like to notify persons residing on the property or otherwise in possession of the property by certified mail at least 30 days prior to the informational mailing.

If you have any questions before the meeting regarding this notice, please contact us toll-free at (877) 907-8516. For additional information and answers to frequently asked questions, please visit our project website at www.rockislandcleanline.com. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Director of Development

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Public Informational Meeting Notice
Proposed ±600 kV HVDC Electric Transmission Line
Benton County, Iowa • Docket E-22134

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 electric transmission line, of which approximately 6.25 miles of transmission line is being proposed in Benton 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 Buchanan/Benton County border in Section 5 of Polk Township and continue south along 30th Ave for approximately 2.25 miles, where it then turns east and continues along a quarter-section line for approximately 4 miles, where it enters Linn 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”). If it is more convenient for you, you may attend any of the informational meetings listed in the cover letter attached. 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 lines as described.

Informational Meeting to be held:

9:00 am ~ Tuesday, December 3, 2013
Wildcat Golf Course
100 Wildcat Trail
Shellsburg, IA 52332

Representatives of the Board will preside at the informational meeting and present a summary of the legal rights of the affected landowners. 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 Board at (515) 725-7300 in advance of the scheduled date to request that appropriate arrangements be made.

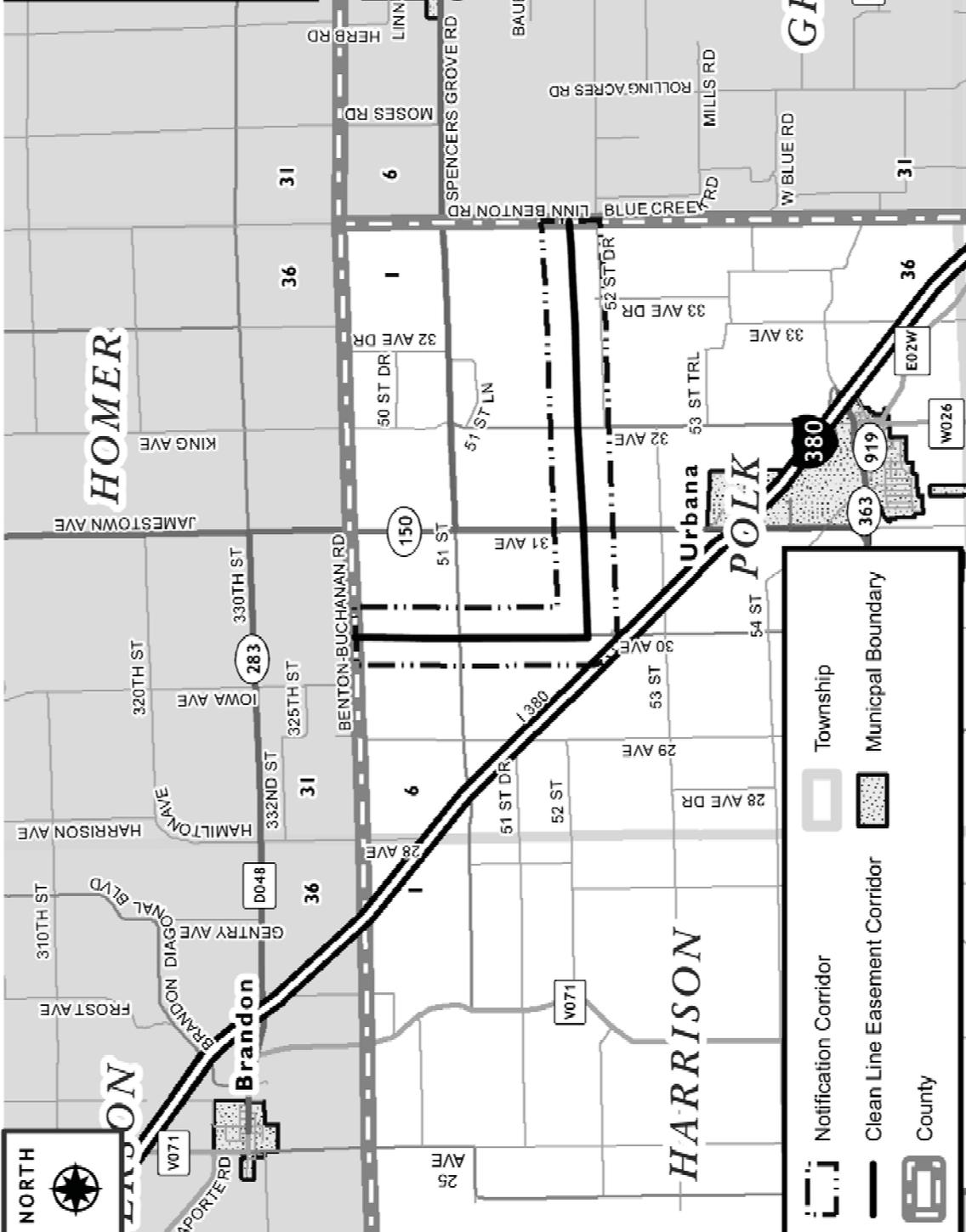
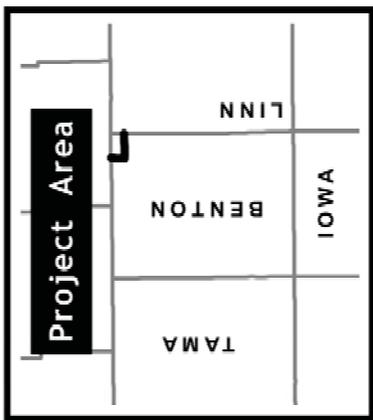
The Petitioner must request and obtain a franchise from the Board authorizing construction of the transmission line. After the Board has reviewed the petition for franchise, it may conduct a

public hearing and landowners will have a right to participate in the hearing process. Notice of the public hearing will be published in a Benton 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 a Benton County newspaper with countywide circulation.

If in the event of inclement weather, determined by the cancellation or late start of school/classes in the Vinton-Shellsburg Community School District due to weather on the date of this Informational Meeting, the meeting will be held on December 12, 2013 at 3:00 pm at this same location.

For more information about the informational meetings, contact the Rock Island Clean Line staff toll-free at (877) 907-8516.



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