

MINUTES FOR MAY 9, 2011**COLUMBUS, KANSAS, CHEROKEE COUNTY****OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK****CRYSTAL L. GATEWOOD**

The Cherokee County Commissioners met May 9, 2011. Commissioners Collins, Garner, and Hilderbrand were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present. Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to approve the minutes for May 2, 2011 as submitted by Cherokee County Clerk Crystal Gatewood; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner with Commissioners Hilderbrand and Garner voting in favor. Commissioners Hilderbrand, Collins, and Garner, and County Clerk Gatewood signed off on the minutes. Commissioner Collins abstained from the motion and vote due to his absence at the May 2, 2011 meeting.

MOTIONS MADE BY COMMISSION

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to amend the minutes on April 25, 2011, an inserting in the motion appointing Dana Lynch to the JCAB Committee; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins with Commissioners Collins, Hilderbrand, and Garner voting in favor.

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to approve the May Mid-Month 2011 Accounts Payables; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins with Commissioners Collins, Hilderbrand, and Garner voting in favor. Commissioners Collins, Garner, and Hilderbrand, and County Clerk Crystal Gatewood signed off on the Accounts Payables. County Counselor Kevin Cure was not present, therefore did not sign off.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to appoint Lee Howard as Trustee for Lowell Township; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand with Commissioners Collins, Garner, and Hilderbrand voting in favor.

Commissioner Garner made a motion to place an ad in the Big Nickel and Joplin Globe for the Tax Sale, and put the entire listing of properties for the Tax Sale in the News Report, Baxter Springs, and Galena Sentinel newspapers for the public; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins with Commissioners Collins, Garner, and Hilderbrand voting in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Commissioner Collins made a motion to go into **Executive Session for Personnel/Non-Elected for ten minutes** with himself, Commissioners Garner and Hilderbrand, Leonard Vanatta, and Gene Langerot; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner with Commissioners Garner, Hilderbrand, and Collins voting in favor. They went in at 9:34 AM and returned at 9:44 AM.

Commissioner Garner made a motion to go into **Executive Session for Personnel/Non Elected for three minutes** with himself, Commissioners Hilderbrand and Collins, and County Attorney John Bullard; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins with Commissioners Hilderbrand, Collins, and Garner voting in favor. They went in at 11:06 AM and returned at 11:10 AM.

OTHER BUSINESS

Leonard Vanatta, Road and Bridge Supervisor, and Gene Langerot of the County Lot discussed general county and road maintenance was being done by his department. The commission agreed to pay \$350.00 out of the Road & Bridge Department for the annual dues for KAC.

County Counselor Kevin Cure and the commission discussed the upcoming County Tax Sale scheduled for June 9, 2011.

Treasurer Juanita Hodgson and the commission discussed the purchase of computer equipment for the county server and the commission directed her to get more information involving the purchase. The current server is five years old and in need of an upgrade and various ideas were discussed. The anti-virus renewal for the county was discussed and no decisions were made by the commission. (Attached to the minutes is the quote for the Anti-virus program).

Wayne Elliott of 911 Mapping came before the commission to discuss the purchase of refurbished computers for his office. The commission asked him to get a quote for new mother boards and get back with them with the information.

Betty McBride of the Treece Buyout Committee for the State of Kansas came before the commission to have three properties in Treece taken off the Tax Sale. The commission said they would refer it over to County Counselor Kevin Cure and they agreed to remove the properties from the sale.

Mark Lawler of Clean Line Energy Partners came before the commissioners to discuss and present the company's proposal for delivering wind energy power created in Kansas through HVDC transmission lines to population centers outside of Kansas. The commission expressed concern of the lines and tax revenues were an issue because the lines would be abated for ten years. Commissioner Garner expressed concern over the lines going through Cherokee County and the citizens not benefitting from the transfer of power and seeing a cheaper power source for electricity. They thanked him for coming in. (Attached to the minutes is a copy of his proposal).

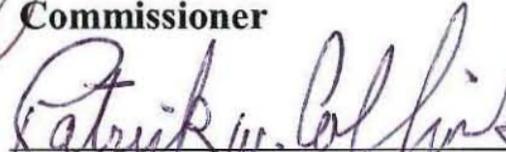
ADJOURNMENT

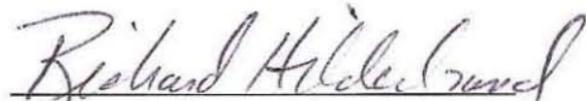
Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:08 PM; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand with Commissioners Hilderbrand, Garner, and Collins voting in favor. The next Cherokee County Commission meeting will be held May 16, 2011 at 9:00 AM in the Cherokee County Courthouse in Columbus, Kansas.

Resolved and ordered this day, May 16, 2011


Cherokee County Clerk


Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner

Subject: Antivirus Renewal

From: Amy Koeshall <amy@proct.net>

Date: Wed, 4 May 2011 12:50:51 -0500

To: "cktreas@columbus-ks.com" <cktreas@columbus-ks.com>

Afternoon Juanita

I have received notice that your Antivirus for the Courthouse is due for renewal by May 21st. You currently have 40 users. There are several options for you. The longer you renew for the more the cost per user goes down. Below are the options available.

Retail Cost to renew for:

1 year is \$1,512 (37.80 per user) **Your cost would be \$1058.39 (\$26.46 per user)**

2 years for \$2,268 (28.35 per user per year) **Your cost would be \$1587.59 (\$19.844 per user)**

3 years for \$3 251. (27.0916 per user per year) **Your cost would be \$2,275.70 (\$18.964 per user)**

Let me know what you would like to do or if you have any questions.



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Grain Belt Express Clean Line

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Clean Line Energy

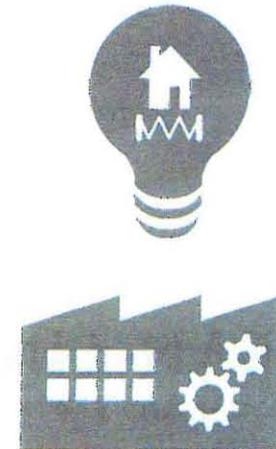
Focus, team and capital to connect renewable energy to demand

- Connecting the best renewable energy resources in the country with consumers
- Seeking to develop, own and operate long-distance, high voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission lines across the United States, helping solve one of the most vexing challenges to a cleaner energy future
- Experienced management team, partners and investors with long-term focus and a track record of success in transmission and energy project development

Strong wind resources

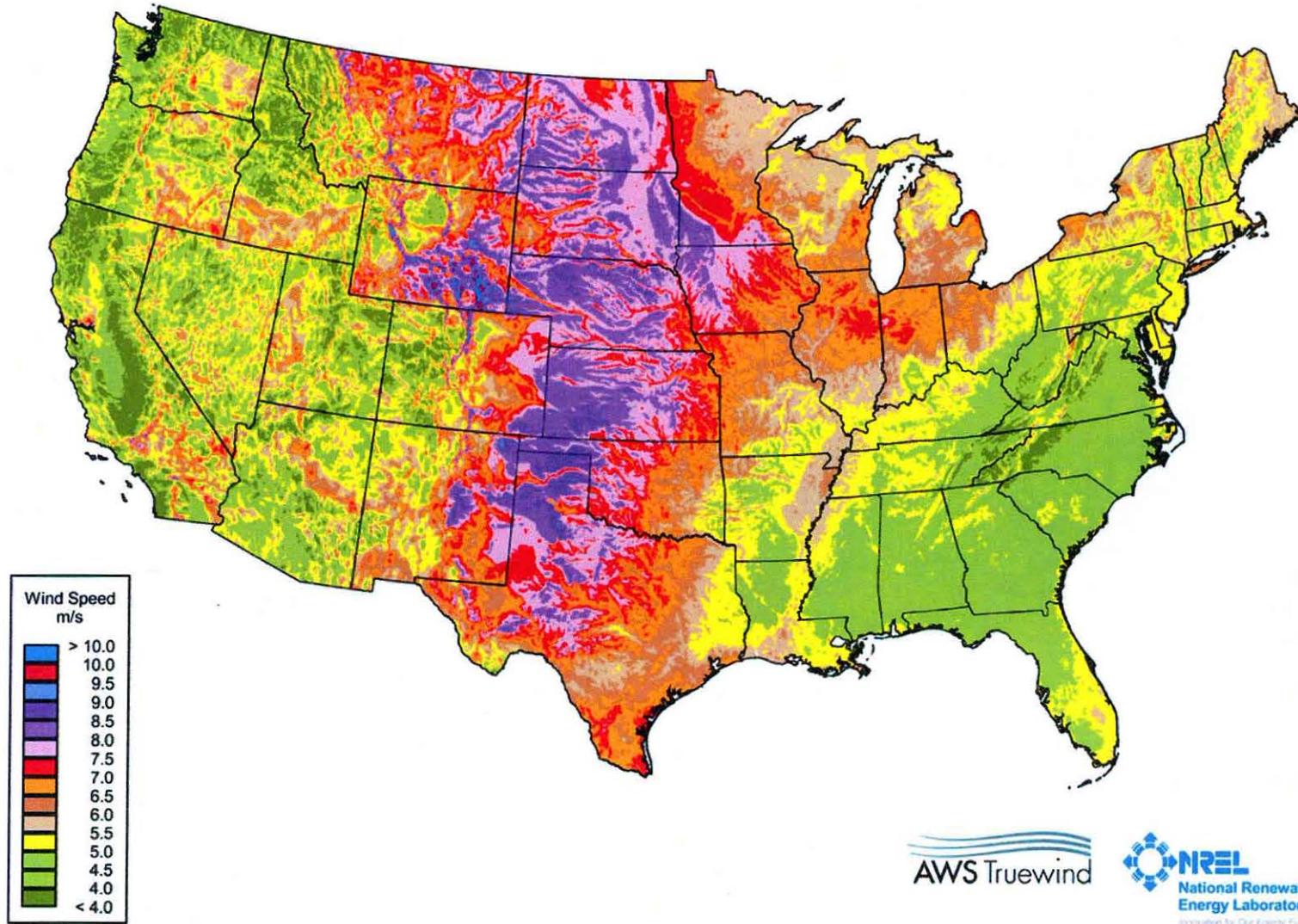


Large demand centers

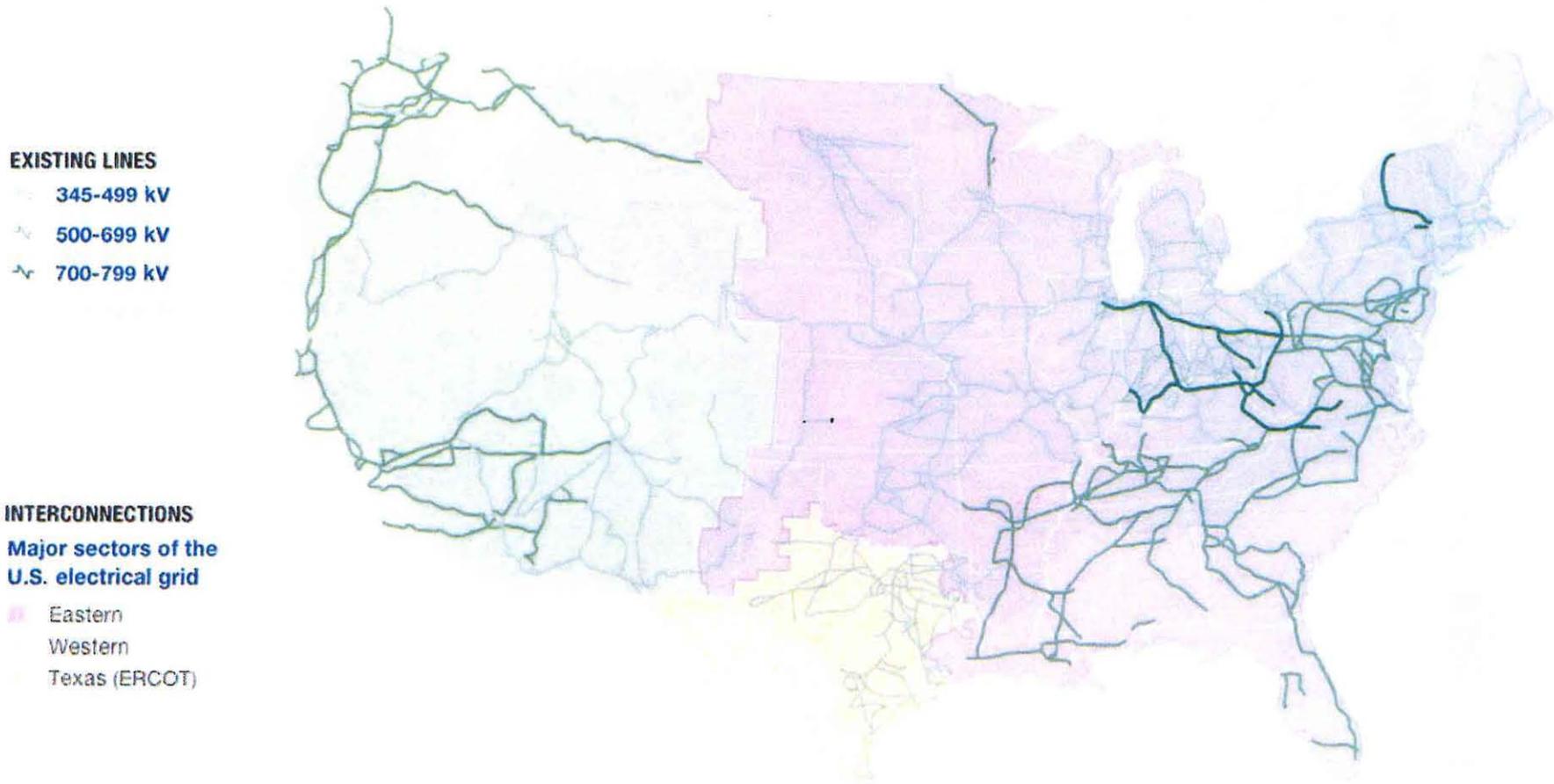


HV→DC

Best U.S. wind resources are distant from population centers



Best wind resources are located in areas with the weakest transmission systems

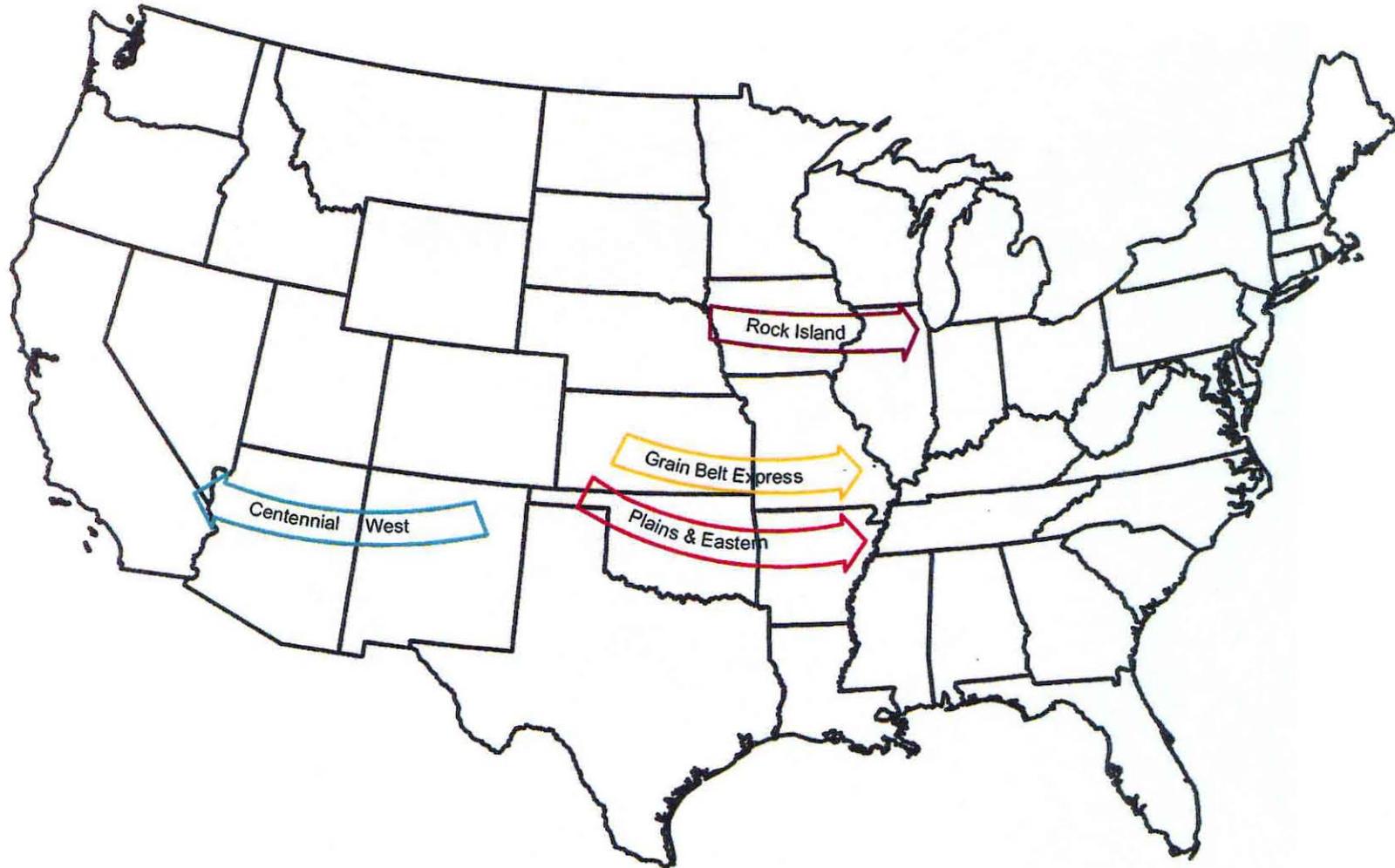


Power demand is greatest far from the windiest areas



Source: NASA

Clean Line's four projects have similar rationales— to connect the best renewable resources to market centers



HVDC brings economic, policy and electric reliability benefits

More efficient– Over long distances, DC transfers more power with lower line loss than comparable AC lines.

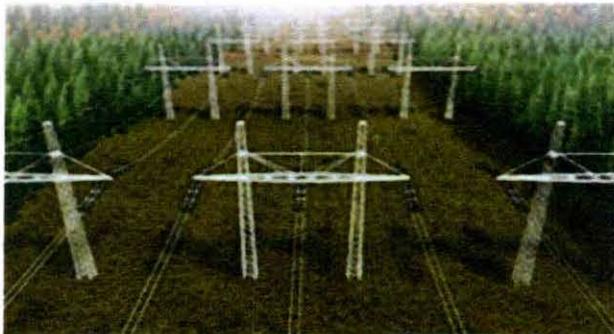
Smaller footprint – DC requires a narrower right of way (ROW) than an equivalent AC configuration.

Lower cost– Less infrastructure and lower line loss means lower cost and lower price for renewable power.

Improved reliability – Gives operator complete control over power flow.

Merchant model– Clean Line will fund the development costs of the transmission projects and will sell transmission capacity to wind generators and/or purchasers.

AC 3000-4000 MW Capacity DC



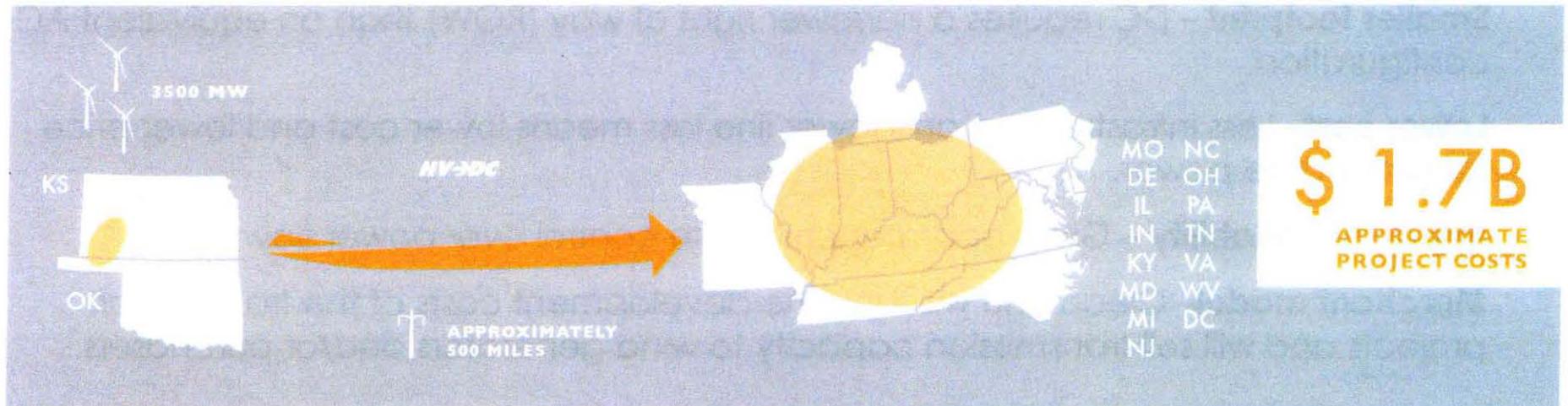
Three 500 kV lines
600 foot ROW



One \pm 500 kV bipole
150-200 foot ROW

Grain Belt Express Clean Line will deliver wind energy from western Kansas to southeastern Missouri

GRAIN BELT EXPRESS CLEAN LINE



Project Description	
Transmission Capacity	3,500 MW
Technical Configuration	One ± 500 or ± 600 kV bipole transmission line
Approximate Length	500 miles
Target Utilization Rate	50+%
Approximate Capital Cost	\$1.7 billion
Midwest ISO RPS Demand	20,157 MW by 2021

Grain Belt Express Clean Line creates significant benefits

ECONOMIC BENEFITS



500+

OPERATIONS JOBS



5,000+

CONSTRUCTION JOBS



NEW WIND FARM INVESTMENTS

\$7 BILLION

CLEAN LINE ENERGY PARTNERS



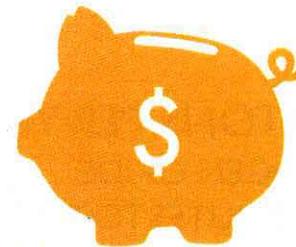
MILLIONS PER YEAR

PROPERTY TAX REVENUE



1.4 MILLION PER YEAR

HOMES POWERED



INCREASED MARKET COMPETITION

CONSUMER BENEFITS

Grain Belt Express Clean Line brings significant environmental benefits

ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS



12 MILLION TONS
(EQUAL TO TAKING 1.7 MILLION
CARS OFF THE ROAD EACH YEAR)

**CARBON DIOXIDE
POLLUTION REDUCTION**



**OVER 320 BILLION
GALLONS PER YEAR**
(EQUAL TO THE
ANNUAL WATER USE OF
2.29 MILLION FAMILIES)

**WATER USE
REDUCTION**



29,600 TONS PER YEAR
(SULFUR OXIDE IS A PRECURSOR
TO ACID RAIN)

**SULFUR OXIDE
POLLUTION REDUCTION**



**160 POUNDS PER
YEAR**

**MERCURY
POLLUTION REDUCTION**



7,500 TONS PER YEAR
(NITROGEN OXIDE
CONTRIBUTES TO SMOG)

**NITROGEN OXIDE
POLLUTION REDUCTION**

The Grain Belt Express Clean Line alleviates congestion



Development of the Grain Belt Express is underway

Using a methodical, long range development process

- **State & Federal Permitting**

- Filed to become a transmission-only utility in Kansas in March 2011
- Planning to file line siting application with preferred route in KS and MO in 2012
- Responded to DOE 1222 RFP in 2010

- **Public Outreach**

- Informing organizations, community leaders, political leaders and regional utilities
- Engaging community leaders in routing process at roundtable events in May/June

- **Engineering/Environmental**

- Conducting preliminary engineering studies
- Interconnection application under study by Midwest ISO
- Engaging The Nature Conservancy and other environmental agencies

GRAIN BELT EXPRESS CLEAN LINE SCHEDULE





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