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**Schedule delays necessitate withdrawal
of Rock Island Clean Line's petitions with Iowa Utilities Board**

December 22, 2016 – Clean Line Energy today announced that it has withdrawn Rock Island Clean Line's pending applications for franchise approval at the Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) until the resolution of a pending legal proceeding in Illinois. A resolution could come as early as the middle of 2017.

The Rock Island Clean Line's delayed development timeline and upcoming deadlines associated with the IUB procedural schedule led to this decision to withdraw the applications. The project's unanimous approval from the Illinois Commerce Commission has been appealed and is currently before the Illinois Supreme Court.

Despite the Rock Island Clean Line's schedule delays, the need to build electric infrastructure remains. Clean Line Energy continues to move full steam ahead on its other transmission projects. Currently, hundreds of people are at work to complete engineering and design, test materials, and negotiate easements to prepare for groundbreaking on the Plains & Eastern Clean Line, the country's largest clean energy infrastructure project. The Plains & Eastern Clean Line will connect low-cost, clean energy resources in the Oklahoma Panhandle to Arkansas and states throughout the Southeast.

"Projects backed by private investment like the Rock Island Clean Line address our country's continued demand for electric infrastructure," said Clean Line Energy Vice President Hans Detweiler. "The Rock Island Clean Line will bring about a \$7 billion investment in new wind farms and save Illinois consumers hundreds of millions of dollars in energy costs."

About Clean Line Energy Partners

Clean Line's mission is to connect abundant, renewable energy resources to areas that have a high demand for low-cost, clean energy. Clean Line is developing a series of transmission projects to move renewable energy to market. For more information please visit www.CleanLineEnergy.com.