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Marshall Co Files to Intervene in Clean Line Case

(KMZA)--Marshall County has filed a petition to intervene in a case before the Kansas Corporation Commission seeking approval of the proposed Grain Belt Express Clean Line.

The Marysville Advocate reports Marshall County Attorney Laura Johnson-McNish filed the petition last week on behalf of the county. Last Friday was the deadline the KCC would accept the petitions.

Clean Line is applying for the KCC's approval of the transmission line's construction through 19 counties in Kansas—including Marshall, Nemaha, Brown and Doniphan. The line is being built to transmit energy from wind farms in southwest Kansas to the eastern United States.

The Marshall County Commission asked Johnson-McNish to file the petition because of widespread local opposition to the line's construction. In the petition, Johnson-McNish said Marshall County is concerned about the impacts of the proposed high voltage direct-current line on both the safety and economic welfare of the county.

Petitions to intervene with Clean Line's application with the KCC have also been filed by the Nemaha-Marshall Electric Cooperative, Westar Energy, transmission company ITC Great Plains, Coalition for Landowners, the Environment and Natural Resources, and several individual landowners.

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