## Exhibit 1

## DOMESTIC NONPROFIT INSTRUCTION SHEET

We hope the following information will be helpful when you organize a Nonprofit Corporation under Chapter 355 RSMo. DO NOT confuse this type of corporation with the Pro Forma Corporation or Benevolent Associations formed through the Circuit Courts under Chapter 352, RSMo.

- The purposes for which a Nonprofit corporation may be organized are in section 355.025 RSMo.
- Each corporation may have a president and/or chairman, secretary and treasurer. The same individual may simultaneously hold more than one office. At least three directors are required.
- All Nonprofit corporations must file an annual report each year listing their officers and directors. This report is due by August 31st. The corporation will not remain in good standing if the report is not filed.
- These forms must be submitted, with original signatures.

The following instructions are for use with our forms. If the requirements of the law are not met, or if any blanks are not completed, it may be necessary for us to return the forms for correction.

Article 1: The name of the corporation must be distinguishable upon the records of the Secretary of State from any other domestic/foreign corporation, domestic/foreign limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability limited partnership, name reservation or domestic/foreign limited liability company registered to do business in the state of Missouri.

Article 2: Indicate whether the corporation is a public or mutual benefit corporation, pursuant to Section 355.881, RSMo. This designation can be determined as follows:
A. Any corporation which is designated (public benefit or mutual benefit) by statute is that type of corporation.
B. Any corporation organized primarily or exclusively for religious purposes is a public benefit corporation, unless a statute designates otherwise.
C. Any corporation which does not come within A or B above, but which is recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code is a public benefit corporation.
D. Any corporation which does not come within A, B or C above, but which is organized for public or charitable purposes which upon dissolution must distribute its assets to:
(1) A public benefit corporation, or
(2) The United States, or
(3) A state, or
(4) A person that is exempt under 501(c)(3), is a public benefit corporation.
E. If the corporation does not come under sections $\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{B}, \mathrm{C}$, or D above, is a mutual benefit corporation.

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Article 3: The duration or life of the corporation will be perpetual, unless otherwise stated.
Article 4: Each corporation must appoint and maintain a registered agent and address in Missouri. The registered address must include a physical address such as a street, route or highway number. A post office box alone is not acceptable.

Article 5: The law requires a minimum of one (1) incorporator, who must be a natural person of age 18 or older.

Article 6: Indicate whether or not the corporation will have members.
Article 7: The corporation must provide for the distribution of its assets upon dissolution according to sections 355.661 through 355.746 .

Article 8: State the purpose for the corporation.
Article 9: State the effective date of the filing if other than the date filed; the date filed will be the default date.

The incorporation fee is $\$ 25.00$ with a check made payable to the "Director of Revenue." Necessary papers and fee should be mailed to:

Secretary of State
Corporation Division
PO Box 778
Jefferson City, MO 65102
If we may be of assistance, please feel free to contact us toll-free at (866) 223-6535.
Sincerely,

Jason Kander
Secretary of State

## MISSOURI NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS

If you wish to obtain a 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service, please review the following instructions:

## INSTRUCTIONS

In order to come within the purview of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, you must include the statements below in your Articles of Incorporation as filed with the Secretary of State. After the Secretary of State has returned the articles to you, furnish a copy to the IRS when applying for the tax-exempt status.

PURPOSE: The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

INUREMENT OF INCOME: No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers or other private persons except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered.

LEGISLATIVE OR POLITICAL ACTIVITIES: No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the incorporation shall not participate in or intervene (including the publishing or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

OPERATIONAL LIMITATIONS: Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c) (2) of the INternal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

DISSOLUTION CLAUSE: Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or the such organization or organizations organized and the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine.

Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

# This form is designed to be filled out online for your convenience. Please read the instructions carefully. Complete the necessary 

 information, print, sign and mail.Print Reset
Jason Kander, Secretary of State
Corporations Division
PO Box 778 / 600 W. Main St., Rm. 322
Jefferson City, MO 65102

## Articles of Incorporation of a Nonprofit Corporation

(Submit with a filing fee of \$25.00)

The undersigned natural persons) of the age of eighteen years or more for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Act adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

1. The name of the corporation is

## Missouri Landowners Alliance

2. This corporation is a

## Public

$\qquad$ -

Public or Mutual
3. The period of duration of the corporation is

Perpetual
4. The name and street address of the Registered Agent and Registered Office in Missouri is:

| Katie McKay | 10369 NE 336th St | Cameron, MO 64429 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Name | Address | City/State/Zip |

5. The names) and addresses) of each incorporator:
Katie McKay 10369 NE 336th St Cameron, MO 64429
6. Will the corporation have members? $\square$ YES $\qquad$ NO
7. The assets of the corporation will be distributed on dissolution as follows:

Upon dissolution, any remaining assets will be donated to the American Red Cross.
8. The corporation is formed for the following purpose (s): $\qquad$ To intervene with the Missouri Public Service Commission in opposition to Grain Belt Express transmission lines; to solicit members and collect funds to support our efforts at the
9. The effective date of this document is the date it is filed by the Secretary of State of Missouri unless a future date is otherwise indicated:

February 22, 2014
(Date may not be more than 90 days after the filing date in this Office)
(Please see next page)

Name and address to return filed document:
Name: Katie McKay
Address: 10369 NE 336th St
City, State, and Zip Code: Cameron, MO 64429

In Affirmation thereof, the facts stated above are true and correct:
(The undersigned understands that false statements made in this filing are subject to the penalties provided under Section 575.040, RSMo)
Must be signed by all Incorporator(s):

## Exhibit 2

# Articles of Incorporation of a Nonprofit Corporation <br> (Submit with a filing fee of $\$ 25.00$ ) 

The undersigned natural persons) of the age of eighteen years or more for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Act adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

1. The name of the corporation is

Eastern Missouri Landowners Alliance
2. This corporation is a

Public $\qquad$ Benefit Corporation.
3. The period of duration of the corporation is

Perpetual
Public or Mutual
$\qquad$
"Perpetual" unless stated otherwise
4. The name and street address of the Registered Agent and Registered Office in Missouri is:

| Terry M. Jarrett | 514 East High Street, Suite 22 | Jefferson City, MO 65101 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Name | Address | City/State/Zip |

5. The names) and addresses) of each incorporator:

Terry M. Jarrett, 514 East High Street, Suite 22, Jefferson City, MO 65101
6. Will the corporation have members? $\square$ YES $\qquad$ NO
7. The assets of the corporation will be distributed on dissolution as follows:

To the Monroe County Cancer Supporters or other Public Benefit Corporation that is exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
8. The corporation is formed for the following purposes):

Conduct educational and informational activities for members, citizens and landowners aimed at protecting landowners rights and to oppose any intrusion on the legal rights of
9. The effective date of this document is the date it is filed by the Secretary of State of Missouri unless a future date is otherwise indicated:

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\text { April 4, } 2014
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(Date may not be more than 90 days after the filing dote in this Office)
(Please see next page)

Name and address to return filed document:
Name: Terry M. Jarrett
Address: 514 East High Street, Suite 22
City, State, and Zip Code: Jefferson City, MO 65101
City, State, and Zip Code: Jefferson City, MO 65101
State of Missouri
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In Affirmation thereof, the facts stated above are true and correct:
(The undersigned understands that false statements made in this filing are subject to the penalties provided under Section 575.040, RSMo)

Must be signed by all Incornorator(s):


> Terry M. Jarrett

4/4/2014

## Articles of Incorporation of a Nonprofit Corporation

8. The corporation is formed for the following purpose(s) continued: landowners, including participation in legal and administrative proceedings, and for any other lawful purpose not inconsistent with those not specified above.

# State of Missouri 



Jason Kander
Secretary of State
CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
MISSOURI NONPROFIT

WHEREAS, Articles of Incorporation of

## Eastern Missouri Landowners Alliance

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have been received and filed in the Office of the Secretary of State, which Articles, in all respects, comply with the requirements of Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JASON KANDER, Secretary of the State of Missouri do by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, do hereby certify and declare this entity a body corporate, duly organized this date and that it is entitled to all rights and privileges granted corporations organized under the Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto
set my hand and cause to be affixed the GREAT SEAL of the State of Missouri. Done at the City of Jefferson, this 4th day of April, 2014.


# BYLAWS <br> OF <br> EASTERN MISSOURI LANDOWNERS ALLIANCE 

ARTICLE I

NAME OF THE CORPORATION

The name of this corporation is the Eastern Missouri Landowners Alliance. The corporation may register the name and do business as the Show Me Landowners Association.

ARTICLE II

## NATURE OF THE CORPORATION

This corporation is a non-for-profit corporation of the State of Missouri. The corporation is governed by, and shall operate in accordance with, the provisions of Chapter 355 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, or any future Chapter relating to not-for-profit corporations.

## ARTICLE III

## REGISTERED OFFICE AND PLACE OF OPERATION

Section 1. The corporation may have offices at such places as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine or the business of the corporation may require.

Section 2. The area to be served by this corporation shall be the State of Missouri.

Section 3. The name and the address of the registered agent of the corporation shall be determined and changed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV
PURPOSES
Section 1.
A. The purposes for which this corporation is to represent landowners and other citizens who object to Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC (GBE) and its application to the Missouri Public Service Commission for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for a high voltage direct current electric transmission line crossing the State of Missouri which certificate will give GBE the power of eminent domain
to condemn and take real property or easements across real property.
B. Subject to approval of the corporation's Board of Directors: to receive by gift, grant, devise, bequest, or otherwise, from any private or public sources, personal or real property; and to hold, administer, sell, invest, reinvest, manage, use, disperse and distribute, and apply the income and principal of the same in accordance with the directions and intent of the donor or donors of such property, or, in the absence of such directions, as the corporation's Board may decide from time to time, for the promotion of any or all of the foregoing corporate purposes.
C. To do any and all things, either alone or in cooperation with other organizations or institutions, and either directly or by contribution to such other organizations or institutions, which this corporation's board may decide are necessary or proper to attempt to achieve any or all of the foregoing purposes.

Section 2.

Section 3.

No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure for the benefit of or be distributable to any directors, officers, or other private persons except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set for in Section 1 of this Article.

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and upon dissolution of this corporation, after providing for the debts and obligations of this corporation, the remaining assets of this corporation will not inure to the benefit of any directors, officers, members or private persons, and will be distributed to the Monroe County Cancer Supporters or a public benefit corporation that is exempt under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE V
This corporation shall exist perpetually.
ARTICLE VI

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. NUMBER, QUALIFICATIONS AND ELECTION. The affairs of the corporation shall be under the control of a Board of Directors (referred to herein as the "Board" and its members shall herein be referred to as "Directors" or individually as a "Director") consisting of up to eight (8) persons. Persons

Section 3.

Section 4.

Section 5.

Section 6.

Section 2. ADDITIONAL VOTING DIRECTOR. If the term of the retiring president of the corporation as a Director shall have expired, the retiring president of the corporation shall continue as an extra voting Director for a one-year term following retirement as president.
receiving salaries, commissions or wages, or any other form of compensation from this corporation, other than Board approved reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the corporation, are ineligible to serve on the Board. Directors shall be eighteen (18) years of age or older. At a meeting of the Board in November or December of each year, the Directors then serving, including those retiring Directors, shall elect the number of new Directors as required to fill the positions of Directors whose terms are ending. Under normal circumstances the terms of one-third (1/3) of the Directors should expire each year.

NOMINATING PROCEDURE. Persons to fill positions as Directors shall be nominated by a nominating committee composed of at least three (3) Directors other than current officers of the Board, appointed by the president of the corporation. The nominating committee shall make all reasonable attempts to secure suggestions for nominations from all interested persons and organizations. Directors shall have the privilege of making additional nominations from the floor at the time of the meeting at which new Directors are to be elected. Voting shall be by written and secret ballot, unless all new Directors are elected by unanimous vote.

TERMS OF NEW DIRECTORS. Except as otherwise specified at the time of the election, all elected Directors shall serve for three (3) year terms, and until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified. After having served two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms, Directors shall not be eligible for re-election for a period of one (1) year after the close of their second $\left(2^{\text {nd }}\right)$ three (3) year term, provided that, any such person who is the retiring president of the corporation may serve as a voting Director in accordance with Section 2 of this Article. This limitation to two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms shall apply retroactively to any Board member serving on the Board at the time of the adoption of these By-Laws.

VACANCIES. The Board shall fill vacancies in its membership occurring between elections.

REMOVAL WITHOUT CAUSE. A Director without cause may be removed from the Board by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all of the Directors in office. All Directors in office shall be given at least fifteen (15) days written notice of the meeting of the Board at which the issue of removing a

Director without cause is to be placed before the Board and such Director shall have an opportunity to appear before the Board to explain why he or she should not be removed without cause from the Board.

Section 7.

Section 8.

Section 1.

Section 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meetings may be held at the call of the President, or at the call of any three (3) Directors, and by giving at least five (5) days notice by mail to all Directors in office.

Section 3.

Section 1. The officers of this corporation shall consist of a president, a vice president, a secretary and a treasurer who shall be members of the Board.

| Section 2. | ELECTION OF OFFICERS. The president, vice president, secretary and treasurer shall be elected by the Board at a meeting of the Board in November or December of each year. |
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| Section 3. | TERM. The officers shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board, for a period of one year, commencing immediately following the election of officers, and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. |
| Section 4. | CONSOLIDATION OF OFFICERS. Any two or more officers, except those of president and secretary, may be held by one and the same person. |
| Section 5. | VACANCIES. A vacancy in any office for any reason shall be filled by the Board at any meeting for the unexpired portion of the term of that office. |
| Section 6. | REMOVAL. The Board may remove any officer at any time with or without cause. |

## ARTICLE IX

## DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. GENERAL POWERS. The officers of the corporation shall have such power and authority in the control and management of the property and business of the corporation as is usual and proper in the case of, and incident to, such corporate offices, except in so far as such power and authority is limited by these Bylaws or by resolution of the Board.

Section 2.

Section 3.

Section 4.
PRESIDENT. The president shall be the principal executive officer of the corporation and shall, in general, control and manage the property and business of the corporation. The president shall preside at all meetings of the Board and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board from time to time. The president shall sign all notes, agreements, conveyances or other instruments in writing made and entered into for or on behalf of the corporation.

VICE PRESIDENT. The first vice president shall perform all of the duties of the president in the event of the death, disability or absence of the president, and shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to the first vice president by the president or the Board.

SECRETARY. The secretary shall perform the following duties: keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the meetings of the Board; give Directors as required by law and by these Bylaws notices of any meetings of the Board; shall countersign all contracts, shall attach the corporate seal thereto, and to all other instruments requiring it; and shall
perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office of the secretary or as may be assigned to the secretary from time to time by the president or by the Board.

Section 5.

Section 6.
TREASURER. The treasurer shall have the charge of and maintain an accurate account of all financial transactions of the corporation, and of all monies received and paid out, and shall deposit or cause to be deposited all funds of the corporation in the corporation's name, in such banking institution or institutions as may be designated by the Board, and shall make reports to the president and the Board when so directed by the president or the Board. All checks, disbursements, investing or transfers of the corporation's funds shall be signed by one of the corporation's then serving: president, treasurer, or secretary.

COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS. No officer shall receive any salary or other compensation for services rendered as officers other than Board approved expenses incurred on behalf of the corporation.

## ARTICLE X

## FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of this corporation shall begin on January 1 (inclusive) in each year and shall end December 31 (inclusive) of that year, unless and until otherwise fixed, from time to time by the Board.

ARTICLE XI

## STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. An Executive Committee shall be composed of the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and immediate past president of the corporation. The executive committee shall have those duties, powers and responsibilities, and shall observe such directions and restrictions, as the Board may from time to time confer or impose upon such committee, but to the extent not specifically restricted by resolution of the Board. The executive committee shall have between meetings of the Board the entire management and control of the corporation's business and property and may act in lieu of and instead of the Board on all things which the Board can do. Regular meetings of the executive committee may, but shall not be required to be held, at such times as the committee may from time to time provide. Such regular meetings may be held without any notice other than the resolution or action taken at such meetings. Special meetings of the executive committee may be held at any time upon the call of any member of the executive committee. Notice of all special meetings
of the committee shall be given by telephone, in person, in writing, or any other reasonable way to each member of the executive committee, which notice shall state the time, place and purpose of such meeting, and shall be given at least one (1) day before such meeting. Attendance of a member of the executive committee at such meeting, whether regular or special, shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a member attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Any member of the executive committee may in writing waive notice, whether he or she attends the meeting or not. A majority of the executive committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The act of the majority of the executive committee members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be valid as an act of the executive committee, and as a corporate act, except as may otherwise be specifically provided by any of the following: law; the corporation's Articles of Incorporation; or these Bylaws. The executive committee cannot amend the corporation's Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws. The executive committee shall keep regular minutes of its proceedings and shall report such proceedings to the Board at the Board's next meeting. When any action is required to be taken at any meeting of the executive committee, such action may be taken without a meeting if written consent or approval setting forth the action so taken shall be given by all members of the executive committee.

## ARTICLE XII

## INDEMNIFICATION

To the extent authorized by applicable statute the corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party to or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, other than an action by or in the right of the corporation, by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, against expenses including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with such action, suit, or proceeding, if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful.

## ARTICLE XIII

## AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS OR ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

These Bylaws and the corporation's Articles of Incorporation may be amended at any meeting of the Board by a majority vote of all of the Directors then in office provided that written notice of the proposed changes in the Bylaws or Articles of Incorporation shall have been provided to all Directors then in office not less than fifteen (15) days in advance of the meeting in which the amendments are to be considered.

Adopted on June 23 2014


## ATTEST:

Buwilyn Olbenen secretary

Missouri Secretary of State
MY ACCOUNT HOME SEARCH $\sqrt{\text { MISCINFO }}$ UCC FILING

Nonprofit Corporation Details as of 12/23/2022

File Documents - select the filing from the "Filing Type" drop-down list, then click FILE ONLINE.
File Registration Reports - click FILE REGISTRATION REPORT.
Coples or Certificates - click FILE COPIES/CERTIFICATES.


## Registration of Fictitious Name

(Submit with filing fee of $\$ 7.00$ )
(Must be typed or printed)
This information is for the use of the public and gives no protection to the name being registered. There is no provision in this Chapter to keep another person or business entity from adopting and using the same name. The fictitious name registration expires 5 years from the filing date. (Chapter 417, RSMo)
Please check one box:

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> New
> Registration $\square$ Renewal
> - Amendment
> $\square \quad$ Correction Charter number

The undersigned is doing business under the following name and at the following address:
Business name to be registered: Show Me Concerned Landowners
Business Address: 17234 Route M
(PO Box may only be used in addition to a physical street address)
City, State and Zip Code: Madison, MO 65263

## Owner Information:

If a business entity is an owner, indicate business name and percentage owned. If all parties are jointly and severally liable, percentage of ownership need not be listed. Please attach a separate page for more than three owners. The parties having an interest in the business, and the percentage they own are:

| Name of Owners, Individual or Business | Charter \# |  |  |  | If Listed, Percentage of Ownership Must Equal 100\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Required If |  |  |  |  |
|  | Business |  |  |  |  |
| Entity | Entity | Street and Number <br> 211 N Williams P.O. Box | City and State | $65270-$ |  |
| Eastern Missouri | N01391232 | $916$ | Moberly, MO | 0916 |  |

## All owners must affirm by signing below

In Affirmation thereof, the facts stated above are true and correct:
(The undersigned understands that false statements made in this filing are subject to the penalties of a false declaration under Section 575.060 RSMo)
$\left.\begin{array}{lll}\begin{array}{l}\text { Eastern Missouri Landowners Alliance - Phillip C }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { EASTERN MISSOURI LANDOWNERS } \\ \text { Brown }\end{array} & \text { ALLIANCE - PHILLIP C BROWN }\end{array}\right] \quad$ 05/20/2019

[^0]Name: Phillip C Brown
Address: Email: terriljohnson56@gmail.com
City, State, and Zip Code:

## Exhibit 3

# BYLAWS <br> OF <br> Missouri Landowners Alliance 

A Missouri Nonprofit Corporation

## ARTICLE I: OFFICES

The corporation may have offices at such places as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine or the business of the corporation may require. The primary address is:

309 N. Main Street<br>Cameron, MO 64429

## ARTICLE II: DIRECTORS

1. The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors. The number of Directors to constitute the Board of Directors shall be determined by the Board of Directors, provided, however, that there shall always be at least three Directors. Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Directors to serve for a term of three years or until his or her successor shall have been elected and qualified. Directors may be removed, with or without cause, by the vote of at least two-thirds of all the Directors at a meeting of the Directors called expressly for that purpose. Any vacancy created by such removal shall be filled for the unexpired term in respect of such vacancy by majority vote of the Directors present at such special meeting or, in the absence of such action at such special meeting, by resolution of the Board of Directors.
2. If the office of a Director becomes vacant for any reason, other than by removal of the Director in the manner described in paragraph 1 hereof, the remaining Directors shall choose a successor or successors which successor(s) shall hold office for the unexpired term in respect of which such vacancy occurred or until the next election of Directors.

## ARTICLE III: COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS

Directors, as such, shall not receive any stated salary for their services, but by resolution of the Board, reasonable out of pocket expenses, if any, may be reimbursed.

## ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

1. The annual meeting of the Board shall be held at such time and place as shall be determined by the Board. Regular meetings of the Board may be held without notice at such time and place as shall from time to time be determined by the Board.
2. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President, the Secretary, or 25 percent of the Directors on not less than two days' notice to each Director, either personally or by first class mail, email, telegram, telephone or facsimile.
3. A Director's attendance at or participation in a meeting waives any required notice of the meeting unless the Director upon arriving at the meeting or prior to the vote on a matter not noticed in conformity with the law, the Articles or Bylaws, objects to lack of notice and does not vote for or assent to the objected to action. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors need be specified in any notice or waiver of notice of such meeting.
4. At all meetings of the Board, a majority of all the Directors in office shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the act of a majority of the Directors present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Board of Directors, unless the action is one upon which, by express provision of the statutes, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws, a different vote is required, in which case such express provision shall govern and control. If a quorum shall not be present at any meeting of Directors,
the Directors present thereat may adjourn the meeting, from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall be present.
5. Members of the Board of Directors may participate in a meeting of the Board by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment whereby all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and participation in a meeting in this manner shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.
6. Action required or permitted by law to be taken at a Board of Directors' meeting may be taken without a meeting if the action is taken by all members of the Board. The action shall be evidenced by one or more written consents describing the action taken, signed by each Director, and included in the minutes filed with the corporate records reflecting the action taken. Such action shall be effective when the last Director signs the consent, unless the consent specifies a different effective date.

## ARTICLE V: NOTICES

1. Whenever, under the provisions of the statutes, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws, notice is required to be given to any Director, such notice may be given orally or in writing. Notice may be communicated in person; by any form of wire or wireless communication such as telephone or telegraph; by mail or private carrier; by electronic mail; or if the preceding forms of personal notice are impracticable, by a newspaper of general circulation in the area where published; or other form of public broadcast communication such as radio, or television.
2. Whenever any notice is required to be given, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to said notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, and filed with the minutes or corporate records, shall be deemed equivalent thereto.

## ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS

1. The officers of the corporation shall consist of a President, a Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as may be elected by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may also elect a Vice Presidents who may be identified as "Senior" or "First" or by other appropriate title. The officers shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.
2. The officers of the corporation shall hold their offices for a term of one year, or for such other term not exceeding three years as shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors. Officers may be reelected to successive terms. Any officers may be removed at any time by the Board of Directors. An officer may resign at any time by delivering notice to the corporation. A resignation is effective when the notice is delivered unless the notice specifies a future effective date. If the office of any officers becomes vacant for any reason, the vacancy may be filled by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE VII: PRESIDENT

1. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation and shall preside at all meetings of the Directors at which he or she is present. He or she shall perform such duties as the Board of Directors may prescribe and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board are carried into effect.

## ARTICLE VIII: VICE PRESIDENT

The Vice President, if any, in the order of their seniority shall, in the absence or disability of the President, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President, and shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

## ARTICLE IX: OTHER VICE PRESIDENTS

Other Vice Presidents, if any, in the order of their seniority shall, in the absence or disability of the President and Vice President, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President, and shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

## ARTICLE X: SECRETARY

1. The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept a record of all meetings of the Board of Directors and shall record all votes and the minutes of all proceedings in a book to be kept for that purpose. He or she shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all special meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or President, under whose supervision he or she shall be.

## ARTICLE XI: TREASURER

1. The Treasurer shall have the custody of the corporate funds and securities, shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the corporation, shall deposit all moneys and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the corporation in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors and shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors may prescribe.
2. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the corporation as may be ordered by the Board, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements, and shall render to the President and Directors, at the regular meetings of the Board, or whenever they may require it, an account of all his or her transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the corporation.

## ARTICLE XII: CHECKS

All checks or demands for money and notes of the corporation shall be signed by such officer or officers or such other person or persons as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate. All checks over $\$ 1,000$ USD will be countersigned by 2 officers. Checks less than $\$ 1,000$ USD may be signed by one officer. All checks will be approved at a board meeting before they are issued, except in the case of an emergency as determined by the Treasurer. Emergency checks may be issued prior to a board meeting if less than $\$ 1,000$ USD. They will appear in the treasurer's report as "already issued."

## ARTICLE XII: FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the corporation shall begin the first day of January in each year.

## ARTICLE XIV: SEAL

The corporation shall not have a seal.

## ARTICLE XV: ALTERATION, AMENDMENT OR REPEAL OF BYLAWS

These bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed at any regular or special meeting of the Directors by the affirmative vote of a majority of all the Directors in office.

## ARTICLE XVI: RECORDS

1. The corporation shall keep as permanent records minutes of all meetings of its Board of Directors, a record of all actions taken by the Directors without a meeting, and a record of all actions taken by committees of the Board of Directors.
2. The corporation shall maintain appropriate accounting records. A copy of the following records shall be kept at the corporation's principal office: the Articles of Incorporation and all amendments to them currently in effect, these Bylaws and all amendments to them currently in effect, a list of the names and business or home addresses of the current Directors and officers, the most recent annual report delivered to the Secretary of State, and appropriate financial statements of all income and expenses.

## ARTICLE XVII: MEMBERSHIP REVOCATION

1. The Board retains the right to revoke the membership of any member if the interests of that member appear to the Board to conflict with those of the Missouri Landowners Alliance. If the Board does so within 30 days of membership, it shall refund the amount contributed to the Missouri Landowners Alliance by that member (if any).

## Exhibit 4

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI 

In the Matter of the Application of Grain Belt )<br>Express LLC for an Amendment to its Certificate )<br>of Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it to )<br>Construct, Own, Operate, Control, Manage, and )<br>Maintain a High Voltage, Direct Current )<br>Transmission Line and Associated Converter )<br>Station )

File No. EA-2023-0017

## RESPONSES AND OBJECTIONS TO FIRST SET OF DATA REQUESTS FROM GRAIN BELT TO THE MLA

MLA 1: Please provide a copy of MLA's most recent certificate of good standing issued by the Missouri Secretary of State.

Objection: The MLA objects to this request as it is not relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence with respect to any issue in this amendment proceeding.

Response: Without waiving the foregoing objection, see document attached.
MLA 2: Please provide a current list of MLA's officers and/or board of directors, the length of time each person has held such office, and the time remaining in such office.

Objection: The MLA objects to this request as it is not relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence with respect to any issue in this amendment proceeding.

Response: Without waiving the foregoing objection, annual elections occur each January. Each officer and director has a one-year term. Current list of directors and officers:

President - Don Lowenstein
Vice President - Loren Sprouse
Treasurer - Katie McKay
Secretary - Carolyn Schafer
MLA 3: Please provide a list of all current members of MLA.

Objection: The MLA objects to this request as it is not relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence with respect to any issue in this amendment proceeding.

MLA 4: MLA's Petition to Intervene in this proceeding states that its members "live on or in the general vicinity of the proposed route of the Grain Belt transmission line." Please provide a list of such members who live or own property within 2,000 feet of the centerline of the proposed route of the transmission line.

Objection: The MLA objects to this request as it is not relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence with respect to any issue in this amendment proceeding. Further, the MLA's records do not indicate the distance of the members' homes or property from the centerline of the proposed route of the line. Therefore, this item requests that the MLA create a study or analysis not currently in existence, and which would be unduly burdensome to compile, if it could be compiled at all.

Response: Without waiving the foregoing objection, without attempting to measure the distance of members' property to the centerline of the proposed route, the MLA believes that the following members live or own property within 2,000 feet of the centerline:

Charles Henke
Loren Sprouse
Donald Davies

MLA 5: Does MLA hold regular membership meetings? If so, please indicate: (a) how often such meetings are held; (b) how notice of such meetings is provided to members; and (c) whether minutes are taken or the meetings are otherwise recorded or transcribed.

Objection: The MLA objects to this request as it is not relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence with respect to any issue in this amendment proceeding.

Response: Without waiving the foregoing objection, the MLA does not hold regular inperson membership meetings.

MLA 6: If MLA meeting minutes are taken or membership meetings are otherwise recorded or transcribed, please provide such minutes, recordings, and/or transcripts for the prior three-year period.

Objection: The MLA objects to this request as it is not relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence with respect to any issue in this amendment proceeding.

Response: Without waiving the foregoing objection, the only record potentially responsive to this request would be the results of annual elections of officers, which results have been the same over the prior three-year period.

MLA 7: Do the officers and/or directors of MLA maintain regular communications with MLA's membership, either in the form of newsletters, e-mail blasts, social media posts, or any other type of monthly, quarterly or annual correspondence or communication?

Objection: The MLA objects to this request as it is not relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence with respect to any issue in this amendment proceeding.

Response: Without waiving the foregoing objection, communications with members are not maintained on a regular basis.

MLA 8: If the answer to question MLA 7 is yes, please provide such communications and correspondence for the prior three-year period.

Objection: The MLA objects to this request as it is not relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence with respect to any issue in this amendment proceeding.

Response: Without waiving the foregoing objection, the answer is "not applicable".
MLA 9: Please provide a copy of MLA's corporate bylaws, articles of incorporation, and organizational minutes.

Objection: The MLA objects to this request as it is not relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence with respect to any issue in this amendment proceeding. Further, the meaning of the term "organizational minutes" is vague, and not understood by the MLA.

Response: Without waiving the foregoing objection, copies of the MLA's bylaws and articles of incorporation are attached.

MLA 10: Please describe the role of MLA's membership in proceedings before the Missouri Public Service Commission. For example, do the bylaws require a vote by the membership, polling of the membership, or other notice and/or input to/from the membership prior to filing a petition to intervene in MPSC proceedings and/or before the filing of a complaint before the MPSC?

Objection: The MLA objects to this request as it is not relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence with respect to any issue in this amendment proceeding.

Response: Without waiving the foregoing objection, except in cases where members testify at local public hearings, or submit written comments to the Commission's website, or in rare instances testify at formal Commission proceedings, the MLA membership is not actively involved in proceedings before the Commission. The membership acts, instead, through its officers.

MLA 11: If the answer to MLA 10 is no, and a vote is not required by the membership for participation in MPSC proceedings, do the officers or the Board of Directors approve participation in MPSC matters? How many officers or Board members establish a quorum within MLA?

Objection: The MLA objects to this request as it is not relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence with respect to any issue in this amendment proceeding.

Response: Without waiving the foregoing objection, participation in MPSC matters is approved by the MLA's officers. Three officers establish a quorum.

MLA 12: How do individuals become members of MLA?
Objection: The MLA objects to this request as it is not relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence with respect to any issue in this amendment proceeding.

Response: Without waiving the foregoing objection, an individual signs a membership form, either in person or through the internet.

MLA 13: What is required to maintain membership in MLA?
Objection: The MLA objects to this request as it is not relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence with respect to any issue in this amendment proceeding.

Response: Without waiving the foregoing objection, members remain members unless they send a cancellation notice to the MLA.

MLA 14: How many members have contributed money to MLA in the previous 36 months? How many in the previous 24 months? How many in the previous 12 months?

Objection: The MLA objects to this request as it is not relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence with respect to any issue in this amendment proceeding.

## VERIFICATION OF RESPONSES

The responses provided above have been collected from various sources at the MLA, and are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed: /s/ Donald Lowenstein

## Exhibit 5

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI 

$\begin{array}{ll}\text { In the Matter of the Application of Grain Belt } & \text { ) } \\ \text { Express LLC for an Amendment to its Certificate } & \text { ) } \\ \text { of Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it to } & \text { ) } \\ \text { Construct, Own, Operate, Control, Manage, and } & \text { ) } \\ \text { Maintain a High Voltage, Direct Current } & \text { ) } \\ \text { Transmission Line and Associated Converter } & \text { ) } \\ \text { Station } & \text { ) }\end{array}$

File No. EA-2023-0017

## RESPONSES AND OBJECTIONS TO FIRST SET OF DATA REQUESTS FROM GRAIN BELT TO SHOW ME

SHOW ME 1: Please provide a copy of SHOW ME's most recent certificate of good standing issued by the Missouri Secretary of State.

Objection: SHOW ME objects to this request as it is not relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence with respect to any issue in this amendment proceeding.

Response: Without waiving the foregoing objection, In lieu of the certificate of good standing, attached is a document from the Missouri Secretary of State, showing that as of 12/23/2022 (dated near the top) Show Me's status is "Good Standing" (in the column on the right).

SHOW ME 2: Please provide a current list of SHOW ME's officers and/or board of directors, the length of time each person has held such office, and the time remaining in such office.

Objection: SHOW ME objects to this request as it is not relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence with respect to any issue in this amendment proceeding.

Response: Without waiving the foregoing objection, annual elections occur each year. Current list of officers and board members:

President - David Carpenter
Vice President - Wiley Hibbard
Secretary-Treasurer - Marilyn O'Bannon
Board of directors:
Alan Morgan

Kent Dye<br>Jim Daniels<br>Phillip C. Brown

SHOW ME 3: Please provide a list of all current members of EMLA dba SHOW ME.
Objection: SHOW ME objects to this request as it is not relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence with respect to any issue in this amendment proceeding.

SHOW ME 4: SHOW ME Petition to Intervene in this proceeding states that its members "live on or in the general vicinity of the proposed route of the Grain Belt transmission line." Please provide a list of such members who live or own property within 2,000 feet of the centerline of the proposed route of the transmission line.

Objection: SHOW ME objects to this request as it is not relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence with respect to any issue in this amendment proceeding. Further, SHOW ME's records do not indicate the distance of the members' homes or property from the centerline of the proposed route of the line. Therefore, this item requests that SHOW ME create a study or analysis not currently in existence, and which would be unduly burdensome to compile, if it could be compiled at all.

Response: Without waiving the foregoing objection, without attempting to measure the distance of members' property to the centerline of the proposed route, SHOW ME believes that the following members live or own property within 2,000 feet of the centerline:

Toby Yoder
Mose Shetler
Stacey Whitaker
Donald Dickey
Dale Morgan
Greg Long
Bruce Johnson
James Edwards
David Roling
Joe Kroner
Randy Boots
Dennis Smith
Levi Shetler
Doris Brown

SHOW ME 5: Does SHOW ME hold regular membership meetings? If so, please indicate: (a) how often such meetings are held; (b) how notice of such meetings is
provided to members; and (c) whether minutes are taken or the meetings are otherwise recorded or transcribed.

Objection: SHOW ME objects to this request as it is not relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence with respect to any issue in this amendment proceeding.

Response: Without waiving the foregoing objection, SHOW ME does not hold regular in-person membership meetings.

SHOW ME 6: If SHOW ME meeting minutes are taken or membership meetings are otherwise recorded or transcribed, please provide such minutes, recordings, and/or transcripts for the prior three-year period.

Objection: SHOW ME objects to this request as it is not relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence with respect to any issue in this amendment proceeding.

Response: Without waiving the foregoing objection, the only record potentially responsive to this request would be the results of annual elections of officers, which results have been the same over the prior three years.

SHOW ME 7: Do the officers and/or directors of SHOW ME maintain regular communications with SHOW ME's membership, either in the form of newsletters, e-mail blasts, social media posts, or any other type of monthly, quarterly or annual correspondence or communication?

Objection: SHOW ME objects to this request as it is not relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence with respect to any issue in this amendment proceeding.

Response: Without waiving the foregoing objection, communications with members are not maintained on a regular basis.

SHOW ME 8: If the answer to question SHOW ME 7 is yes, please provide such communications and correspondence for the prior three-year period.

Objection: SHOW ME objects to this request as it is not relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence with respect to any issue in this amendment proceeding.

Response: Without waiving the foregoing objection, the answer is "not applicable".
SHOW ME 9: Please provide a copy of SHOW ME's corporate bylaws, articles of incorporation, and organizational minutes.

Objection: SHOW ME objects to this request as it is not relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence with respect to any issue in this amendment proceeding. Further, the meaning of the term "organizational minutes" is vague, and not understood by Show Me

Response: Without waiving the foregoing objection, copies of SHOW ME's bylaws and articles of incorporation are attached.

SHOW ME 10: Please describe the role of SHOW ME's membership in proceedings before the Missouri Public Service Commission. For example, do the bylaws require a vote by the membership, polling of the membership, or other notice and/or input to/from the membership prior to filing a petition to intervene in MPSC proceedings and/or before the filing of a complaint before the MPSC?

Objection: SHOW ME objects to this request as it is not relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence with respect to any issue in this amendment proceeding.

Response: Without waiving the foregoing objection, except in cases where members testify at local public hearings, or submit written comments to the Commission's website, SHOW ME membership is not actively involved in proceedings before the Commission. The membership acts, instead, through its officers.

SHOW ME 11: If the answer to SHOW ME 10 is no, and a vote is not required by the membership for participation in MPSC proceedings, do the officers or the Board of Directors approve participation in MPSC matters? How many officers or Board members establish a quorum within SHOW ME?

Objection: SHOW ME objects to this request as it is not relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence with respect to any issue in this amendment proceeding.

Response: Without waiving the foregoing objection, participation in MPSC matters is approved by SHOW ME's officers/board of directors. Four officers/directors establish a quorum.

SHOW ME 12: How do individuals become members of SHOW ME?

Objection: SHOW ME objects to this request as it is not relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence with respect to any issue in this amendment proceeding.

Response: Without waiving the foregoing objection, an individual signs a membership form, either in person or through the internet.

SHOW ME 13: What is required to maintain membership in SHOW ME?

Objection: SHOW ME objects to this request as it is not relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence with respect to any issue in this amendment proceeding.

Response: Without waiving the foregoing objection, members remain members unless they send a cancellation notice to SHOW ME.

SHOW ME 14: How many members have contributed money to Show Me in the previous 36 months? How many in the previous 24 months? How many in the previous 12 months?

Objection: SHOW ME objects to this request as it is not relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence with respect to any issue in this amendment proceeding.

The responses provided above have been collected from various sources of SHOW ME, and are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed: /s/Marilyn O'Bannon


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