BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Name Change of Grain Belt Express Clean Line LCC to Grain Belt Express LLC File No. EN-2020-0385

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through Staff Counsel's Office, and files this Staff Recommendation proposing approval of the application filed by Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC ("Grain Belt") and herein states it has no objection to Commission approval of Grain Belt's Request For Waiver Of Sixty-Day Notice, pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1)(D) and Request for Waiver of the Requirement To File An Adoption Notice, pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.060(5)(C) for good cause shown. In support thereof, Staff states as follows:

1. On May 27, 2020, Grain Belt filed with the Commission, pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.060(5), a cover letter containing the following: A) A statement that the old name is "Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC." and the new name is "Grain Belt Express LLC", B) A statement that the name "Grain Belt Express LLC." has been registered with the Missouri Secretary of State; and attached Attachment A: Certificate of Amendment – Indiana, and Attachment B: An Amendment of a Foreign Limited Liability Company – Missouri. Grain Belt also filed a request for a waiver of Commission rule 20 CSR 4240-2.060(5) (C).

2. On May 28, the Commission issued an Order directing Staff to file a recommendation no later than June 8, 2020.

3. Staff has reviewed Grain Belt's Request Waiver Of Sixty-Day Notice, pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1)(D)(for good cause shown), and has no objection to the Commission

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granting the requested waiver. Staff also reviewed the Request for Waiver of the Requirement To File An Adoption Notice, pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.060(5) (C), and as Grain Belt has no tariffs on file with the Commission, Staff has no objection to the Commission granting the requested waiver.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends approval of Grain Belt's application, and as Staff states above, Staff has no objection to the Commission granting the requested waivers of the sixty-day notice requirement and requirement to file an adoption notice for good cause shown.

Respectfully submitted,

<u>/s/ Nicole Mers</u>

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 8th day of June 2020, to all counsel of record.

<u>/s/ Nicole Mers</u>