

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

**In the Matter of the Application of Grain)
Belt Express Clean Line LLC for Certificate)
of Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it)
to Construct, Own, Operate, Control,)
Manage and Maintain a High Voltage,)
Direct Current Transmission Line and an)
Associated Converter Station Providing an)
Interconnection on the Maywood-)
Montgomery 345 kV transmission line.)**

Case No. EA-2016-0358

**OBJECTIONS OF GRAIN BELT EXPRESS
TO EXHIBITS OFFERED AT LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC (“Grain Belt Express” or “Company”), submits the following objections and other responses to exhibits offered by members of the public at the local public hearings conducted on December 14, 2016 in Polo and Carrollton:

Objections

LPH Exhibit 50: Grain Belt Express objects to the admission of LPH Exhibit 50, an article in The Boston Globe entitled "Tax board sides with state in National Grid dispute," as it is hearsay in that it is an out-of-hearing statement offered for the truth of the matter asserted.

LPH Exhibit 51: Grain Belt Express does not object to the admission of this exhibit.

LPH Exhibit 52: There is no LPH Exhibit 52 filed on EFIS.

LPH Exhibit 53: Grain Belt Express does not object to the admission of this exhibit.

LPH Exhibit 54: Grain Belt Express objects to the admission of certain portions of LPH Exhibit 54 which contains the following articles and/or reports:

- "Living near overhead high voltage transmission lines as a risk factor for childhood acute lymphoblastic leukemia: a case-control study"

- "Childhood cancer in relation to distance from high voltage power lines in England and Wales: a case-control study"
- "Health Effects of Electro-Magnetic Radiation"
- "Pooled analysis of recent studies on magnetic fields and childhood leukaemia"
- "Magnetic fields exposure and childhood leukemia risk: a meta-analysis based on 11,699 cases and 13,194 controls"
- "Is living near power lines bad for our health?"
- "Power line pollutants pose health risks"
- "Risk of hematological malignancies associated with magnetic fields exposure from power lines: a case-control study in two municipalities of northern Italy"
- "Childhood cancer and exposure to corona ions from power lines: an epidemiological test"
- "EM Watch: Electromagnetic Radiation Health and Safety, Living Close to Power Lines"
- "Safespace: Health Risks - Power Line Studies"
- "Exhibit from Sherry Christopher RN, BSN"

All of these articles and documents are hearsay in that they are out-of-hearing statements offered for the truth of the matter asserted.

LPH Exhibit 55: Grain Belt Express does not object to the admission of LPH Exhibit 55.

LPH Exhibit 56: Grain Belt Express does not object to the admission of LPH Exhibit 56.

LPH Exhibit 57: Grain Belt Express does not object to the admission of LPH Exhibit 57.

LPH Exhibit 58: Grain Belt Express does not object to the admission of LPH Exhibit 58.

LPH Exhibit 59: Grain Belt Express does not object to the first six pages of LPH Exhibit 59. The Company does object to the following articles starting on page 7 of LPH Exhibit 59 as hearsay as they are out-of-hearing statements offered for the truth of the matter asserted:

- Bureau County Republican, "Court of Appeals sides with Farm Bureau in RICL case"
- "The Future is Here: HVDC Light Underground Technology"
- "Tax board sides with state in National Grid dispute"

LPH Exhibit 60: Grain Belt Express does not object to LPH Exhibit 60.

LPH Exhibit 61: Grain Belt Express does not object to LPH Exhibit 61.

LPH Exhibit 62-68: Grain Belt Express objects to the admission of LPH Exhibits 62 through 68 which are, according to the witness, photographs of agricultural land impacted by the construction of Ameren's "Illinois River Project." The Company objects to the admission of these photographs of an unrelated transmission line's construction impact which are not relevant to the specific project proposed by Grain Belt Express and are unduly prejudicial to the Company.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was served upon all counsel of record in this case on this 3rd day of January 2016.

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