

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

In the Matter of the Application of Grain Belt)
Express LLC for an Amendment to its Certificate of)
Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it to)
Construct, Own, Operate, Control, Manage, and) File No. EA-2023-0017
Maintain a High Voltage, Direct Current)
Transmission Line and Associated Converter Station)

**JOINT INTIAL POST HEARING BRIEF
OF THE AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATIONS**

COME NOW the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation, Missouri Cattlemen’s Association, Missouri Pork Association, Missouri Soybean Association and Missouri Corn Growers Association (hereafter collectively referred to as the “Agricultural Associations”), by and through undersigned counsel, and for their Joint Initial Post Hearing Brief state the following:

To avoid repetitive argument and for the economy of the Commission and the parties, the Agricultural Associations hereby concur with, reiterate, adopt and incorporate by reference in total the legal arguments, evidentiary citations, and prayers for relief and remedy set forth in the Initial Post Hearing Brief of the Missouri Landowner Alliance filed in this matter on today’s date. The Agricultural Associations also stand on and reiterate by reference herein all evidentiary and procedural objections set forth by the Agricultural Associations at the hearing in this matter.

WHEREFORE, the Agricultural Associations respectfully move the Commission to reject in total the Application filed in this case by Grain Belt on August 24, 2022. In the alternative, if the Commission chooses not to do so, the Agricultural Associations respectfully request that the Commission as least adopt the MLA’s positions on the issue of “phasing”, and on Grain Belt’s proposed change to the payment schedule for landowners on the Tiger Connector line.

Respectfully submitted,

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ASSOCIATIONS")

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been e-mailed to all parties on the official service list for this case on this 7th day of July, 2023.



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