

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

In the Matter of the Application of Grain Belt Express)
Clean Line LLC for a 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 345kV Transmission Line.)

Case No. EA-2016-0358

POSITION STATEMENT OF THE CONSUMERS COUNCIL OF MISSOURI

COMES NOW the Consumers Council of Missouri (“Consumers Council” or “CCM”), and for its Position Statement, states as follows:

- 1. Does the evidence establish that Commission may lawfully issue to Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC (Grain Belt) the certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) it is seeking for the high-voltage direct current transmission line and converter station with an associated AC switching station and other AC interconnecting facilities?**

Yes.

- 2. Does the evidence establish that the high-voltage direct current transmission line and converter station for which Grain Belt is seeking a CCN are “necessary or convenient for the public service” within the meaning of that phrase in section 393.170 RSMo.?**

Yes. Since Grain Belt is bearing the upfront costs for this transmission project, Missouri ratepayers are not being forced to make the investment, and yet stand to reap significant savings if lower cost energy is made available in our state due to the project.

- 3. If the Commission grants the CCN, what conditions, if any, should the Commission impose?**

The Consumers Council take no position on this issue at this time.

- 4. If the Commission grants the CCN, should the Commission exempt Grain Belt from complying with the reporting requirements of Commission rules 4 CSR 240-3.145, 4 CSR 240-3.165, 4 CSR 240-3.175, and 3.190(1), (2) and (3)(A)-(D)?**

The Consumers Council take no position on this issue at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, emailed or hand-delivered to all parties listed on the official service list for Case No. EA-2016-0358 on this 14th day of March, 2017.

 /s/ John B. Coffman