

**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,) **File No. EA-2016-0358**
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)

**ORDER WAIVING THE APPEARANCE OF WITNESSES AND GRANTING
REQUESTS TO BE EXCUSED FROM EVIDENTIARY HEARING**

Issue Date: March 17, 2017

Effective Date: March 17, 2017

On March 15, 2017, the Commission’s Staff filed a *Waiver of Appearance of Certain Witnesses* on behalf of all parties, except for the Office of the Public Counsel, Missouri Retailers Association, and Missouri AFL-CIO. The pleading stated that Staff and the other joining parties intend to waive their right to examine certain witnesses at the evidentiary hearing and stipulate to the admission of the pre-filed testimony of each of those witnesses.

On March 15, 2017, the Commission issued an Order Directing Filing establishing a deadline for any party to object to waiving the appearance of the witnesses for examination and admitting the pre-filed testimony of each witness at the evidentiary hearing in this matter. That order was subsequently amended to include an additional witness. No party objected prior to that deadline. The Commission will waive the appearance of the following witnesses at the evidentiary hearing in this matter:

Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC
Dr. William H. Bailey

Eastern Missouri Landowners Alliance d/b/a Show-Me Concerned Land Owners

Charles E. Kruse

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Charles & Robyn Henke

Charles Henke

R. Kenneth Hutchinson

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Randall & Roseanne Meyer

Roseanne Meyer

The Commission has also received requests from the Missouri Retailers Association, IBEW Unions, Missouri AFL-CIO, Renew Missouri, Wind on the Wires, and The Wind Coalition to be excused from all or part of the evidentiary hearing. The Commission will grant those requests.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The appearance of the witnesses at the evidentiary hearing listed in the body of this order is waived.
2. The requests to be excused from all or part of the evidentiary hearing by the parties listed in the body of this order are granted.

3. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Michael Bushmann, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 17th day of March, 2017.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 17th day of March 2017.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

March 17, 2017

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



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