

**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) **File No. EA-2014-0207**
 Current Transmission Line and an Associated Converter)
 Station Providing an Interconnection on the Maywood –)
 Montgomery 345 kV Transmission Line)

**ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND OTHER
PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**

Issue Date: June 18, 2014

Effective Date: June 18, 2014

On March 26, 2014, Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC (“Grain Belt”) filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for a certificate of convenience and necessity. The Commission issued notice and established various filing deadlines, including a proposed procedural schedule. The parties jointly filed a proposed procedural schedule. The Commission will adopt the proposed procedural schedule with some modifications and order additional procedural requirements.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The following procedural schedule is established:

Date	Event
June 27, 2014	Additional direct testimony
June 27, 2014	Response time for data requests changes to 10 calendar days to provide requested information and 5 business days to object or notify that more than 10 calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information.
To be determined	Local public hearings

Date	Event
Sept. 15, 2014	Rebuttal testimony
Oct. 14, 2014	Surrebuttal/cross-surrebuttal testimony
Oct. 24, 2014	Settlement conference
Oct. 27, 2014	Last day to issue discovery
Oct. 27, 2014	Lists of issues and witnesses
Nov. 3, 2014	Joint order of witnesses, order of parties for cross-examination, order of opening statements
Nov. 5, 2014	Joint stipulation of non-disputed material facts
Nov. 7, 2014	Position statements
Nov. 10, 12-14, 21	Evidentiary hearing
Dec. 5, 2014	Simultaneous post-hearing briefs
Dec. 22, 2014	Reply briefs
Dec. 23, 2014	Proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law

2. The evidentiary hearing is scheduled for November 10, 12, 13, 14, and 21, 2014, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The hearing will be held in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. The hearing will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person requiring additional accommodations to participate in the hearing shall call the Missouri Public Service Commission's Hotline at 800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

3. The parties shall comply with the following additional procedural requirements:

- A. All parties shall provide copies of testimony (including schedules), exhibits and pleadings to other counsel by electronic means and in electronic form essentially concurrently with the filing of such testimony, exhibits or pleadings where the information is available in electronic format. Parties shall not be required to put information that

does not exist in electronic format into electronic format for purposes of exchanging it.

- B. Counsel for each party shall receive electronically from each other party serving a data request, an electronic copy of the text of the “description” of that data request contemporaneously with service of the data request. Regarding Staff-issued data requests, if the description contains highly confidential or proprietary information, or is voluminous, a hyperlink to the EFIS record of that data request shall be considered a sufficient copy. If a party desires the response to a data request that has been served on another party, the party desiring a copy of the response must request a copy of the response from the party answering the data request. Data requests, objections to data requests, and notifications respecting the need for additional time to respond to data requests shall be sent by e-mail to counsel for the other parties. Counsel may designate other personnel to be added to the service list for data requests, but shall assume responsibility for compliance with any restrictions on confidentiality. Data request responses shall be served on counsel for the requesting party, unless waived by counsel, and on the requesting party’s employee or representative who submitted the data request, and shall be served electronically, if feasible and not voluminous as defined by Commission rule.
- C. The response time for all data requests commencing with data requests served after the due date for additional direct testimony (Friday, June 27, 2014) is 10 calendar days to provide the requested information, and 5 business days to object or notify that more than 10 calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information. If a data request has been responded to, a party’s request for a copy of the response shall be timely responded to unless the responding party objects, in which case the responding party shall have 5 business days from the request to object. Data requests sent after 5:00 p.m. will be considered served on the next business day.
- D. Workpapers that were prepared in the course of developing a witness’ testimony (including schedules) and exhibits should not be filed with the Commission, but shall be submitted to each party within 2 business days following the filing of the particular testimony, unless a party has indicated that it does not want to receive some or all of the workpapers. Workpapers containing highly confidential or proprietary information should be appropriately marked.
- E. Where workpapers or data request responses include models or spreadsheets or similar information originally in a commonly available format where inputs or parameters may be changed to observe

changes in inputs, if available in the original format, the party providing the workpaper or response shall provide this type of information in that original format with formulas intact. Grain Belt shall deliver its workpapers to Staff in electronic format by email or, if not practical, by electronic storage medium.

- F. All filings made through the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS) will be timely filed if filed before midnight on the date the filing is due. Documents filed in EFIS are considered properly served by serving the same on counsel of record for all other parties via e-mail essentially contemporaneously with the EFIS filing.
- G. Testimony shall be prefiled as defined in Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.130. All parties must comply with this rule, including the requirement that testimony be filed on line-numbered pages.
- H. The parties shall agree upon and Staff shall file a list of the issues to be heard, the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing, the order in which they will be called, the order of party cross-examination for each witness, and the order of opening statements. The list of issues shall be stated with particularity. If the parties are unable to agree to an issues list, each party shall file a separate issues list.
- I. Each party shall file a simple and concise statement summarizing its position on each disputed issue.
- J. All pleadings, briefs, and amendments shall be filed in accordance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080. Briefs shall follow the same list of issues as filed in the case and must set forth and cite the proper portions of the record concerning the unresolved issues that the parties believe require decision by the Commission.
- K. All parties shall bring an adequate number of copies of exhibits that they intend to offer into evidence at the hearing. If an exhibit has not been prefiled, the party offering it must bring, in addition to the copy for the court reporter, copies for the five Commissioners, the Presiding Judge, and all counsel.
- L. The parties shall pre-number their hearing exhibits sequentially with individual party designation, as follows by example:
 - a.) Grain Belt Exhibit No. 1, Grain Belt Exhibit No. 2, Grain Belt Exhibit No. 3, etc.
 - b.) OPC Exhibit No. 1, OPC Exhibit No. 2, OPC Exhibit No. 3, etc.
 - c.) Staff Exhibit No. 1, Staff Exhibit No. 2, Staff Exhibit No. 3, etc.

M. Each party shall prepare a comprehensive exhibit list before the evidentiary hearing with the listed exhibits numbered sequentially as directed in paragraph L. Copies of the exhibit lists shall be provided to the Commissioners and the Regulatory Law Judge at least two days prior to the hearing and to the Court Reporter at the beginning of the hearing.

4. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

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 18th day of June, 2014.