

**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 345 kV Transmission Line.)

Case No. EA-2016-0358

STAFF’S RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its response to the Commission’s *Order Directing Filing*, states as follows:

1. On December 6, 2018, the Commission directed Staff to “file a revised Staff Supplemental Rebuttal Report that provides a complete recommendation as described in the body of this order no later than 12:00 p.m. noon on December 10, 2018. If necessary and in lieu thereof, Staff shall file a motion to compel discovery requesting any information required for it to provide such a complete recommendation, no later than 12:00 p.m. noon on December 10, 2018.

2. At 8:30 a.m. this morning, Staff gained access for the first time to what it believes is the confidential financial information necessary for filing a “complete recommendation” in this case. Because Staff has not yet had time to complete its review and analysis of this information, Staff states that it will file a revised Staff Supplemental Rebuttal Report containing a complete recommendation as soon as it is able to do so.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will accept this response to its *Order Directing Filing*.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served, electronically or by First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, upon all parties or their representatives pursuant to the Service List maintained by the Commission's Data Center.

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