

**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-2014-0207**

**STAFF'S RESPONSE TO ORDER**

**COMES NOW**, the Staff of the Public Service Commission of the State of Missouri ("Staff") and responds to the Commission's April 16, 2015, *Order Directing Filing of Recommendations for Supplemental Procedural Schedule* as follows:

1. In its *Order* the Commission stated:

In its previous order, the Commission stated that it would invite comments from the parties regarding a procedure for offering such additional information into the record, a time for responses or objections, and, if necessary, an opportunity for new testimony. The order also set a 30-day deadline for responses to the information. Before establishing a supplemental procedural schedule regarding the new information, the Commission will provide an opportunity for the parties to comment or make recommendations on an appropriate procedure for addressing the information filed by Grain Belt Express.

2. In ordered paragraph 1, the Commission directed, "Any party wishing to comment or make recommendations on an appropriate procedure for addressing the information filed by Grain Belt Express shall do so no later than April 22, 2015." Unless the Commission orders otherwise, Staff is prepared to comply with the Commission's order and file its substantive responses to the information Grain Belt Express filed on April 13, 2015, within the thirty days the Commission ordered, *i.e.*, by May 13, 2015. However, the Staff, having reviewed the response of the Missouri Landowners Alliance

filed this date, recommends to the Commission that it cancel the 30-day deadline for responses to the information filed by Grain Belt on April 13, 2015 and set an on-the-record procedural conference as soon as possible for the hearing officer presiding over this case to work out a supplemental procedural schedule.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff responds to the Commission's April 16, 2015, *Order Directing Filing of Recommendations for Supplemental Procedural Schedule* as set forth above.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or by electronic mail to all counsel of record on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2015.

**/s/ Nathan Williams**