

**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)

File No. EA-2016-0358


NOTICE OF EXTRA RECORD CONTACT

Issue Date: August 3, 2016

On August 3, 2016, the judge issuing this notice received a letter concerning this file. The letter is attached to this notice.

The letter appears to be an extra record communication regarding a pending case, as defined by Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-4.020. This notice is given pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-4.020(6).

BY THE COMMISSION



Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Ronald D. Pridgin, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 3rd day of August, 2016.



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June 21, 2016

Mr. Morris L. Woodruff, Secretary
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Dear Mr. Woodruff:

The Grain Belt Express is a proposed transmission line in Northern Missouri. This letter is not written in support or defense of the project, but rather an overview of the impact on infrastructure investments to rural school districts in the state.

The Grain Belt Express will deliver 500 megawatts of low-cost clean power to the electric grid in Missouri. It is my understanding that this is enough energy to power about 200,000 Missouri homes each year. A group of 67 Missouri municipalities, some of which service rural school districts in our association, have agreed to purchase transmission service on the Grain Belt Express. The public power agency expects the agreement to save Missouri municipal utilities at least \$10 million annually.

The Grain Belt Express will invest \$500 million in new energy infrastructure in Missouri. Besides the impact of the jobs that it will take to construct the line, the Grain Belt Express will also be a rare infusion of new property tax income to the counties along the route in North Missouri. A huge chunk of property taxes in these counties will go to support local school districts.

Often, utilities are the top property tax payers in a rural school district. Pipelines, electric cooperatives, etc. serve as one of the top sources of income for the school districts in our association. Typically, rural schools must go to the legislature or their own taxpayers to increase revenues to the school district as significant infrastructure development in rural areas is often rare.

Again, this letter is not written in support or opposition to this project, but rather to state that infrastructure investments do have a significant impact on rural school districts in the state with a school funding formula that is underfunded.

We appreciate the opportunity to weigh in on this issue and others that affect the quality of education in rural areas.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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