

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Grain Belt)
Express LLC for an Amendment to its)
Certificate of Convenience and Necessity)
Authorizing it to Construct, Own, Operate,) File No. EA-2023-0017
Control, Manage, and Maintain a High)
Voltage, Direct Current Transmission Line)
and Associated Converter Station)

ORDER ADMITTING ADMISSION 7 AND LATE-FILED EXHIBIT 307

Issue Date: June 26, 2023

Effective Date: June 26, 2023

During the evidentiary hearing, the Missouri Landowners Alliance (MLA) requested that the Commission accept as evidence its attorney's reading into the record of two admissions made by Grain Belt Express LLC employee Brad Pnazek during discovery. Grain Belt objected. The regulatory law judge read the two admissions (referred to as #6 and #7) on the record at the hearing on June 8, 2023. Grain Belt withdrew its objection to admission #6.

In the written response to the request for admission #7, Grain Belt stated, "Admit. See Grain Belt Express' Response to MLA DR No. G43 for clarification." At the hearing, the regulatory law judge allowed MLA to late-file the referred to MLA DR No. G43 and Grain Belt's response to it. MLA filed DR No. G43 on June 12, 2023, as an attachment to a motion to admit DR No. G43 into evidence along with admission #7. MLA DR No. G43 has been marked for identification as Exhibit 307. On June 16, 2023, Grain Belt filed an objection to receiving admission #7 and Exhibit 307 into evidence.

The Commission has reviewed the motion and objections as well as the arguments at hearing. The Commission will overrule the objections and admit into evidence admission #7 and Exhibit 307.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The admission #7 set out here is admitted into evidence:
 7. During the “zoom conference” on January 25, 2023 concerning the Environmental Impact Statement being prepared for the Grain Belt line by or for the U.S. Department of Energy, Mr. Pnazek make [sic] a statement to the effect that Invenergy has not yet decided whether or not the Grain Belt line is a merchant project.

RESPONSE: *Admit. See Grain Belt Express’ Response to MLA DR No. G43 for clarification.*

2. Exhibit 307 - MLA DR No. G43 is admitted into evidence.
3. The objections to admission #7 and Exhibit 307 are overruled.
4. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell".

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Nancy Dippell,
Chief Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 26th day of June, 2023.

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 26th day of June, 2023.



Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell
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