

**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

JOINTLY PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURES

COME NOW Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC; Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission; Office of the Public Counsel; David McKnight; IBEW Local Unions 2, 53, and 1439; Infinity Wind Power; Kansas City Power & Light Company; KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company; Matthew and Christina Reichert; Missouri Division of Energy; Missouri Farm Bureau; Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers; Missouri Landowners Alliance; Randall and Roseanne Meyer; Rockies Express Pipeline; Show Me Concerned Landowners; Sierra Club; The Wind Coalition; Tradewind Energy, Inc.; Transource Missouri, LLC; United for Missouri; and Wind on the Wires and, in response to the Commission’s May 28, 2014, order directing them “to file a joint proposed procedural schedule no later than June 5, 2014,” jointly propose the following:

1. The following events occur on the following dates:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Application	Wednesday, March 26, 2014
Intervention Deadline	Friday, April 25, 2014

Procedural Conference	Wednesday, May 28, 2014
Additional Direct Testimony	Friday, June 27, 2014
The response time for all data requests changes to 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.	Friday, June 27, 2014
Local Public Hearings	To be determined.
Rebuttal Testimony	Monday, September 15, 2014
Surrebuttal/Cross-Surrebuttal Testimony	Tuesday, October 14, 2014
Settlement Conference	Friday, October 24, 2014
Discovery Cutoff	Monday, October 27, 2014
Issues/Witness Lists	Monday, October 27, 2014
Order of Witnesses/Proof	Monday, November 3, 2014
Joint Stipulation of Facts	Wednesday, November 5, 2014
Position Statements	Friday, November 7, 2014
Evidentiary Hearing	Week of November 10-14, 2014
Post-Hearing Briefs	Friday, December 5, 2014
Reply Briefs	Monday, December 22, 2014
Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law	Tuesday, December 23, 2014

2. The Commission order the parties to follow these procedures for this case:

(a) All parties shall provide copies of testimony (including schedules), exhibits and pleadings to other counsel by electronic means and in electronic format essentially concurrently with the filing of such testimony, exhibits or pleadings where the information is available in electronic format (.PDF, .DOC, .WPD, .XLS, etc.). Parties are not 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 pm will be considered served on the next business day.

(d) Workpapers prepared in the course of developing a witness’ testimony (including schedules) and exhibits shall 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 shall 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 outputs, if available in that original format, the party providing the workpaper or response shall provide such information in original format with formulas intact. Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC shall deliver its workpapers to Staff in electronic format by e-mail or, if not practical, by electronic storage medium.

(f) Documents filed in EFIS shall be considered properly served by serving the same on counsel of record for all other parties via e-mail.

3. The parties were unable to agree to the number or locations for local public hearings. Those who desire to do so will file separate pleadings with their recommendations for local public hearings.

WHEREFORE, the parties jointly request the Commission order the schedule and procedures set forth above.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document, *Jointly Proposed Procedural Schedule and Procedures*, was served via e-mail on all counsel of record this 5th day of June, 2014.

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