

**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 345kV Transmission Line )

**Case No. EA-2016-0358**

**PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULES AND PROCEDURES**

**COME NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, on behalf of itself and the other parties (except the Office of the Public Counsel, Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers, Missouri Retailers Association, and Missouri AFL-CIO) and, in response to the presiding officer’s direction to the parties “to file a joint proposed procedural schedule no later than October 5, 2016,” presents the following procedures and alternative schedules:

1. That the following events occur on the following dates:

Event	Grain Belt Express Alternative	Missouri Landowners Alliance Alternative
Application	Tuesday, August 30, 2016	Tuesday, August 30, 2016
Intervention Deadline	Wednesday, September 14, 2016	Wednesday, September 14, 2016
Procedural Conference	Wednesday, September 28, 2016	Wednesday, September 28, 2016
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.	The date of the order setting the procedural schedule in this case.	The date of the order setting the procedural schedule in this case.

Local Public Hearings	During Monday, December 5 through Friday, December 9, Monday December 12, and Tuesday, December 13, 2016, specific dates, times and locations to be determined.	During Monday, December 12, 2016, Tuesday, December 13, 2016, Wednesday, January 4, 2017, and Thursday, January 5, 2017, specific dates, times and locations to be determined.
Rebuttal Testimony	Monday, December 19, 2016	Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2017
Surrebuttal/Cross-Surrebuttal Testimony	Thursday, January 19, 2017	Monday, March 20, 2017
Settlement Conference	Thursday, February 16, 2017	Thursday, March 30, 2017
Discovery Cutoff	Monday, February 27, 2017	Tuesday, April 4, 2017
List of Issues and Witness	Monday, February 27, 2017	Tuesday, April 4, 2017
Order of Openings, Witnesses/Proof, Cross	Wednesday March 8, 2017	Monday, April 10, 2017
Joint Stipulation of Facts	Friday, March 10, 2017	Tuesday, April 11, 2017
Position Statements	Monday, March 13, 2017	Thursday, April 13, 2017
Evidentiary Hearing	Week of March 20-24, 2017	Week of April 17-21, 2017
Initial Post-Hearing Briefs	Monday, April 10, 2017	Monday, May 8, 2017
Reply Briefs	Monday, April 24, 2017	Monday, May 22, 2017
Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law	Tuesday, April 25, 2017	Tuesday, May 23, 2017
Report and Order	Monday, May 15, 2017	

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

- a) All parties will provide copies of testimony (including schedules), exhibits and pleadings to other counsel of record by electronic means and in electronic form essentially concurrently with the filing of such testimony, exhibits or pleadings where the information is available in electronic format. Parties are not required to put information that does not exist in electronic format into electronic format for purposes of exchanging it.

- b) Parties must try to not include in data request questions either highly confidential or proprietary information. If either highly confidential or proprietary information must be included in data request questions, the highly confidential or proprietary information will be appropriately designated as such pursuant to rule 4 CSR 240-2.135.
- c) When serving a data request, the party serving the request will send to counsel for each party 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 is 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 shall 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 will 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 assumes responsibility for compliance with any restrictions on confidentiality. Data request responses shall be served electronically, if feasible and not voluminous as defined by Commission rule, on counsel for the requesting party, unless counsel for the requesting party requests otherwise in writing. Responses to Staff data requests must be submitted in EFIS, if feasible, or in electronic format on compact disc or by other means agreed to by Staff counsel, if infeasible. All data requests to Staff must be submitted in EFIS.
- d) For data requests issued prior to the order that establishes the procedural schedule in this case, the response time for all data requests shall be 20 calendar days, and 10 calendar days to object or notify that more than 20 calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information. For data requests issued after the order that establishes the procedural schedule in this case issues, the response time for data requests shall be 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. Data requests issued after 5:00 pm will be considered served on the next business day.
- e) Workpapers that were prepared in the course of developing a witness’ testimony will not be filed with the Commission, but copies of them will be sent to each party within 2 business days following the filing of the particular testimony without further request. Workpapers containing highly confidential or proprietary information shall be appropriately marked. Since workpapers for certain parties may be voluminous and generally not all parties are interested in receiving workpapers or a complete set of workpapers, a party shall be relieved of providing workpapers to those

parties indicating that they are not interested in receiving workpapers or a complete set of workpapers. If there are no workpapers associated with testimony, the party's attorney shall so notify the other parties within the time allowed for providing those workpapers.

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

3. The parties presently are evaluating locations for local public hearings to propose to the Commission.

4. The following parties endorse Grain Belt Express's proposed procedural schedule: Grain Belt Express, Wind on the Wires, The Wind Coalition, IBEW Locals 2 and 53, Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission, Infinity Wind Power, Walmart Stores, Inc., Natural Resources Defense Council, Sierra Club, Renew Missouri, Consumers Council of Missouri, and Rockies Express Pipeline L.L.C.

5. The following parties endorse Missouri Landowners Alliance proposed procedural schedule: Missouri Landowners Alliance, Charles and Robyn Henke, R. Kenneth Hutchinson, Randall and Roseanne Meyer, Matthew and Christina Reichert, Show Me Concerned Landowners, and Missouri Farm Bureau Federation.

6. The following parties endorse neither proposed procedural schedule: Missouri Department of Economic Development.

7. The following parties find either proposed procedural schedule acceptable: Staff.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff, on behalf of all of the parties, requests the Commission to select a schedule and order the parties to comply with it and the procedures set forth above.

Respectfully Submitted,

**/s/ Nathan Williams**

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document, *Proposed Procedural Schedules and Procedures*, was served via e-mail on all counsel of record this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

**/s/ Nathan Williams**