### STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

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, Control, Manage, and Maintain a High Voltage, Direct Current Transmission Line and Associated Converter Station

File No. EA-2023-0017

# **ORDER GRANTING APPLICATIONS TO INTERVENE**

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Issue Date: October 26, 2022

Effective Date: October 26, 2022

On August 24, 2022, Grain Belt Express LLC filed an application seeking an order amending its certificate of convenience and necessity granted in File No. EA-2016-0358. The Commission directed notice and set a deadline of September 30, 2022, for requests to intervene and October 11, 2022, for any responses to the requests to intervene.

On August 12, 2022, Norman Fishel, Missouri Landowners Alliance, and Eastern Missouri Landowners Alliance dba Show Me Concerned Landowners (collectively referred to as the "Early Intervenors") filed motions to intervene. On August 22, 2022, Grain Belt Express filed a response in opposition to the requests to intervene of The Early Intervenors. Grain Belt Express argued that those requests were premature but did not object to the substance of those intervention requests. The Commission's order directing notice stated that the Early Intervenors' requests would be considered timely filed and directed that responses in opposition should be filed by October 11, 2022.

The Commission also received timely requests to intervene by David and Patricia Stemme, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri, Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission d/b/a Missouri Electric Commission, Renew Missouri Advocates d/b/a Renew Missouri, Gary and Carol Riedel, William W. Hollander and Amy Jo Hollander, Dustin Hudson, Sierra Club, Clean Grid Alliance, Missouri Farm Bureau Federation, Missouri Cattlemen's Association, Missouri Pork Association, Missouri Corn Growers Association, Missouri Soybean Association, and Associated Industries of Missouri. On October 11, 2022, Grain Belt Express filed a response to the request to intervene of Missouri Farm Bureau Federation, Missouri Cattlemen's Association, Missouri Pork Association, Missouri Corn Growers Association, and Missouri Soybean Association (collectively referred to as the "Agriculture Associations"). No other responses to the requests for intervention were received.

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.075(3) states the Commission *may* grant intervention if the proposed intervenor "has an interest which is different from that of the general public and which may be adversely affected by a final order arising from the case" *or* if granting the "intervention would serve the public interest." In its response to the requests to intervene of the Agriculture Associations, Grain Belt Express argues that the Agriculture Associations demonstrate no interest different from the general public and it will not serve the public interest for the Agriculture Associations to be granted intervention. The Commission disagrees. The intervention requests of the Agriculture Associations satisfy the requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.075 and they have shown their interests as associations of various groups of agriculture producers and farmers are different from those of the general public. Further, the Commission finds having the specific interests of the Agriculture Associations represented during this proceeding will serve the public interest.

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Additionally, after considering the unopposed applications to intervene, the Commission finds that requests to intervene of Norman Fishel, Missouri Landowners Alliance, and Eastern Missouri Landowners Alliance dba Show Me Concerned Landowners, David and Patricia Stemme, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri, Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission d/b/a Missouri Electric Commission, Renew Missouri Advocates d/b/a Renew Missouri, Gary and Carol Riedel, William W. Hollander and Amy Jo Hollander, Dustin Hudson, Sierra Club, Clean Grid Alliance, and Associated Industries of Missouri satisfy the requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.075, have interests which are different from those of the general public, and allowing them to intervene will serve the public interest.

Therefore, in accordance with Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.075(3), the Commission will grant the requests to intervene.

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The application to intervene of Norman Fishel is granted.

2. The application to intervene of Missouri Landowners Alliance is granted.

3. The application to intervene of Eastern Missouri Landowners Alliance dba Show Me Concerned Landowners is granted.

4. The application to intervene of David and Patricia Stemme is granted.

5. The application to intervene of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri is granted.

6. The application to intervene of Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission d/b/a Missouri Electric Commission is granted.

7. The application to intervene of Renew Missouri Advocates d/b/a Renew Missouri is granted.

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8. The application to intervene of Gary and Carol Riedel is granted.

9. The application to intervene of William W. Hollander and Amy Jo Hollander is granted.

- 10. The application to intervene of Dustin Hudson is granted.
- 11. The application to intervene of Sierra Club is granted.
- 12. The application to intervene of Clean Grid Alliance is granted.
- 13. The application to intervene of Missouri Farm Bureau Federation is granted.
- 14. The application to intervene of Missouri Cattlemen's Association is granted.
- 15. The application to intervene of Missouri Pork Association is granted.
- 16. The application to intervene of Missouri Corn Growers Association is

granted.

- 17. The application to intervene of Missouri Soybean Association is granted.
- 18. The application to intervene of Associated Industries of Missouri is granted.
- 19. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Rupp, Coleman, Holsman, and Kolkmeyer CC., concur.

Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge

# 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.



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

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