

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

Missouri Landowners Alliance, Eastern Missouri )  
Landowners Alliance d/b/a Show Me Concerned )  
Landowners, and John G. Hobbs, )  
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Complainants, )  
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v. )  
)  
Grain Belt Express, LLC, and Invenergy )  
Transmission, LLC,, )  
)  
Respondents. )

**File No.: EC-2021-0059**

**ORDER CANCELLING BRIEFING SCHEDULE  
AND DIRECTING FILING**

Issue Date: December 23, 2020

Effective Date: December 23, 2020

On December 16, 2020,<sup>1</sup> the Commission issued its Order Directing Additional Briefing based upon the parties’ Joint Motion to Suspend Deadlines and Establish Briefing Schedule. The Commission’s order stated that in their briefs the parties could cite to any portion of the record in this case and in File No. EA-2016-0358 and stated that “[i]f any party believes additional evidence needs to be presented to fully respond to this order, that party may request such relief as the party deems necessary.” The order required the parties to file initial briefs no later than January 7, 2021, and reply briefs no later than January 14. It also set January 14 as the deadline for requests for relief as to the need for further evidence. On December 17, Complainants filed a Motion to Revise Procedural Schedule (Motion to Revise), and on December 18 the Commission issued an Order Shortening Response Deadline. Complainants’ Motion to Revise asked the Commission

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<sup>1</sup> All date citations will be to 2020 unless otherwise indicated.

to suspend the briefing schedule until pending discovery questions had been answered or otherwise resolved. Respondents filed their Response to Complainants' Motion to Revise Procedural Schedule on December 22. They asked the Commission to deny the Motion to Revise and direct the Parties to file briefs on the schedule established in the Commission's Order Directing Additional Briefing.

Based upon all pleadings filed in this case, the Commission finds it unlikely that the current procedural proposals will lead to a disposition of this case on briefs without an evidentiary hearing. The Commission finds that administrative efficiency and resources will be better served by cancelling the briefing schedule and ordering the parties to file a procedural schedule suggesting an evidentiary hearing date and a post-hearing briefing schedule.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The briefing schedule set out in the Commission's December 16, 2020 Order Directing Additional Briefing is cancelled.
2. No later than January 4, 2021, the parties shall consult and file a proposed procedural schedule suggesting an evidentiary hearing date and a post-hearing briefing schedule.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Paul T. Graham, Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
under Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2020.