

**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,) Case No. EA-2023-0017
Own, Operate, Control, Manage, and Maintain a)
High Voltage, Direct Current Transmission Line)
and Associated Converter Station.)

NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE

Grain Belt Express LLC (“Grain Belt Express”), for its Notice of Compliance to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) states as follows:

1. In compliance with Ordering Paragraphs 3 & 14 of the 2023 Report and Order granting Grain Belt Express’ application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity in the above captioned Case, and pursuant to its February 29, 2024 Notice of Compliance, Grain Belt Express submits its Annual Report attached hereto as Attachment A.

2. Certain information in the Annual Report is marked as Confidential pursuant to 20 CSR 4240 2.135 and RSMo 417.453 as it constitutes a trade secret and reveals relates to strategies employed or to be employed or under consideration in contract negotiations. The confidential commercial information is not otherwise available to the public and its release may would damage Grain Belt Express’ commercial interests and ability to negotiate future transactions relating to the Grain Belt Express Project. Confidential treatment of the information is also consistent with Sections II.j, III.a, and III.b of the Grain Belt Express Code of Conduct.¹

3. Thus, in compliance with Ordering Paragraph 3 & 14 of the 2023 CCN Order, Grain Belt Express submits its Annual Report attached hereto as Attachment A.

¹ Ex. 20, Surrebuttal Testimony of Kevin Chandler, Schedule KC-6 (“Code of Conduct”).

WHEREFORE, Grain Belt Express requests that the Commission take notice of its compliance with Ordering Paragraphs 3 & 14 of the 2023 CCN Order in its Annual Report attached hereto as Attachment A.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was served upon all parties of record by email or U.S. mail, postage prepaid, this 11^h day of November, 2024.

/s/ Andrew O. Schulte
Attorney for Grain Belt Express LLC



November 11th, 2024

Hon. Nancy Dippell
Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street, PO Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

RE: Grain Belt Express Annual Report

Dear MPSC Staff,

Pursuant to Exhibit 206 of the March 20, 2019 Report and Order on Remand in Case No. EA-2016-0358, the June 5, 2019 Amended Report and Order in Case No. EM-2019-0150, and the October 12, 2023 Report and Order in Case No. EA-2023-0017, Grain Belt Express LLC (“Grain Belt Express”) hereby submits an annual status update.

Economic Impact Data

Grain Belt Express is currently engaged in contractor selection efforts for Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC), as well as other services and materials suppliers. Once contractors have been identified, Grain Belt Express intends to instruct contractors on data reporting requirements to ensure regulatory compliance, including the economic impact reporting requirements of the Order in Case No. EA-2023-0017. This reporting is expected to be available in 2025, concurrent with anticipated staffing of the project to support construction.

Landowner Data

Landowner Payments

Phase 1

- To date, the Project has secured easements on approximately ***[REDACTED]*** of the route through Phase 1 in Missouri. The Project has already made payments to landowners totaling over ***[REDACTED]*** in upfront easement signing payments on agreements representing over ***[REDACTED]*** in total contract value including future easement and structure payments.

Phase 2



- To date, the Project has secured easements on approximately ***[REDACTED]*** of the route through Phase 2 in Missouri. The Project has already made payments to landowners totaling over ***[REDACTED]*** in upfront easement signing payments on agreements representing over ***[REDACTED]*** in total contract value including future easement and structure payments.

Protocol Complaints with Explanation of How Resolved/Addressed, Including Timeframe for Resolving/Addressing

- On October 15, 2024, Cheri Meadows, a landowner along the route of the Tiger Connector, filed a complaint with the Commission, noting her dissatisfaction with the route crossing her property. This complaint is docketed as MPSC Case No. EC-2025-0136. Grain Belt Express has been directed to file a response to Ms. Meadows’ complaint by November 15, 2024, and Staff will file its report and recommendation on or before January 17, 2025.

Eminent Domain Proceedings

Phase 1

- ***[REDACTED]***

Phase 2

- The Project has not filed Petitions for Condemnation on land in Phase 2 of the Project.

Damage Disputes

- The Project is not currently involved in any damage disputes in Missouri.

Landowner Obligations Tracked Pursuant to Section 6 of Landowner Protocols

As of the date of this report, Grain Belt Express is tracking 440 unique landowner obligations across ***[REDACTED]*** landowners.



Property Access Notice

Phase 1

- The Project has not yet needed to access any landowner's property for the purpose of constructing, modifying, or repairing Project facilities.

Phase 2

- The Project has not yet needed to access any landowner's property for the purpose of constructing, modifying, or repairing Project facilities.

Nearby Utility Facilities

Exhibit 206 to the CCN Order in Case No. EA-2016-0358 requires Grain Belt Express to file "annual status updates" on discussions with Staff, a summary of the results of any additional studies, and any mitigation measures that have been implemented to address underground metallic structures, telecom facilities and AC lines. Mitigation measures indicated by future studies must be implemented within three (3) months of discovery that additional mitigation measures are needed, or as quickly as reasonably practical thereafter.

Grain Belt Express's selected contractors and Grain Belt Express have developed a detailed crossing matrix that tracks rights-of-way, utilities, roads and other infrastructure to be crossed by the route. The matrix is being updated throughout the design process to ensure that appropriate clearances and approvals are in place for the different types of crossings. Grain Belt Express has been coordinating with the owners of nearby infrastructure to understand and satisfy their physical, electrical, and operational requirements. Grain Belt Express has conducted a general pipeline interference screening study to assess impacts to nearby parallel and crossing utilities. Grain Belt Express is conducting further detailed interference studies with pipeline owners to determine whether mitigation measures are required to address any identified adverse impacts to their facilities. Grain Belt Express is committed to continued coordination with Staff and the owners of nearby facilities.

Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Shashank Sane

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