

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

Cheri Meadows,)	
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Complainant,)	
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v.)	<u>Case No. EC-2025-0136</u>
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Grain Belt Express, LLC,)	
)	
Respondent)	

COMPLAINANT POSITION STATEMENT

COMES NOW the Complainant, and for her Complainant Position Statement, states as follows:

1. Did Grain Belt Express, LLC (“Grain Belt Express”) violate any applicable statutes, Commission rules, regulations, Commission orders, or Commission decisions arising from allegations in this Complaint?

Yes. As part of the Findings of Fact in the Report and Order EA-2023-0017 on page 42, line 138 states “The Project is designed to have a minimal impact to land.” Also violated on page 42, line 140 was the Finding of Fact, “The Routing Team for the Project also tried to avoid built-up areas, residences...”. By blatantly disregarding the Findings of Fact and any safety concerns minimized or eliminated by avoiding residences, Grain Belt Express intentionally chose to route the Tiger Connector Line across the only residence on a one-mile stretch of road. Evidence presented at the hearing will show that Grain Belt chose to avoid the open fields with no residences, structures, or potential harm to anyone, to specifically target Complainant’s wooded and underbrush-heavy residential property numerous risks will be endured by Complainant. By choosing to route the

Tiger Connector Line through Complainant's property and over her ¼ mile long driveway that is the only viable option for accessing the property, instead of an adjacent open cow pasture approximately 600 feet away with no residence or structures of any kind, Complainant's residence was clearly not avoided nor the impact to land attempted to be minimized. The numerous serious and potentially deadly safety risks that routing the Tiger Connector Line across Complainant's residential property, drive, and over her existing electrical line poses, make the violation of these Findings of Facts dire.

In addition to the two Findings of Fact that were so grossly violated, Commission order No. 9 on page 73 of the EA-2023-0017 Report and Order which states "Grain Belt shall comply with the Missouri Landowner Protocol (Attachment 3), including, but not limited to, a Code of Conduct (Attachment 4)..." was also violated. The evidence presented at the evidentiary hearing will show the Complainant's numerous and very valid safety concerns about the Tiger Express Line being routed through and over her drive, property, and existing electrical line going back to discussions in July 2022, were repeatedly ignored with no reason why ever given. Lack of any internal documentation requested via Data Requests during the course of this proceeding has shown the serious safety concerns were not even discussed at all by the routing team or anyone else. The evidence will also show Complainant was intentionally misled about Grain Belt Express's ability or desire to relocate the line off of her property, and the Grain Belt Express Representative she talked to on several occasions repeatedly used deceitful project construction start date projections in their discussions.

2. If the Commission determines that Grain Belt violated any applicable statutes, Commission rules, regulations, Commission orders, or Commission decisions arising from allegations in this Complaint, what relief, if any, is appropriate?

Appropriate relief would be for the Commission to require Grain Belt to move the Tiger Connector line off Complainant's property where it won't pose a risk to anyone's health, safety, or property.

WHEREFORE, Complainant submits her Complainant Position Statement for the Commission's information and consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Cheri Meadows

Cheri Meadows

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been electronically mailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 15th day of August, 2025.

/s/ Cheri Meadows

Cheri Meadows