

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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

**CHERI MEADOWS’ RESPONSE TO GRAIN BELT LLC’S RESPONSE IN  
OPPOSITION TO STAFF’S LATE-FILED EXHIBIT**

I, Cheri Meadows, hereby file this response in response to Grain Belt Express, LLC’s (“Grain Belt Express”) response filed September 2, 2025 in opposition to Commission Staff’s late-filed exhibit filed on August 22, 2025. In support of my response, I state the following:

**I. Background**

1. On August 22, 2025, Commission Staff (“Staff”) filed a Motion to Late File Exhibit a map of a proposed alternate route I had submitted as one of several pertinent attachments to my November 26, 2024 Response to Grain Belt, LLC’s Response to Formal Complaint (Docket Item No. 8).

2. On September 2, 2025, Grain Belt Express filed a Response in Opposition to Staff’s Late-Filed Exhibit.

**II. What the Map Shows and Its Relevance**

3. The map, titled Proposed Alternate Route of Tiger Connector Line, (Docket Item No. 8, Exhibit 5) shows approximately where the current line is, as well as an alternative route that would put the line crossing slightly southwest of my property at the intersection of the southern property, my property, and the adjoining landowner to the west of me. While the alternative route would be off of me or less on me, possibly still requiring some trees to be removed for the easement, all of the potential harm and risks, including those from the line being across my drive and existing electrical line, would be eliminated.

4. This conversation and alternate route was referenced during Jason Brown's testimony at the August 20, 2025 hearing (Docket Item No. 92, pg. 152-153). It was also submitted as an exhibit by Grain Belt Express as a note I made on my calendar after my August 4, 2023 phone conversation with Jason Brown about moving the line "off or less on me" (Exhibit 104, Tab C).

5. This Proposed Alternate Route of Tiger Connector Line map also coincides with the comment card that Grain Belt Express also entered into evidence (Exhibit 104, Tab J), discussing a possible alternate route that Jason Brown and I had discussed during our conversation at the July 2022 public meeting.

6. As noted above, this Proposed Alternate Route of Tiger Connector Line map shows the alternative route that Jason Brown and I discussed at the July 2022 public meeting and he recommended I put on my comment card that Grain Belt Express entered into exhibit. Per his recommendation, I included the statement, "It would be simple to move the line off of my proposed property line to the intersection, cutting the properties affected from 4 to 2." on my comment card that I submitted. This statement is a bit confusing as I wrote it very hastily and in distress after unexpectedly having to walk past someone standing in the doorway that I have a

frightening history with and required me to need to fill out my card as quickly as possible so I could rush home to make sure my unattended animals weren't harmed or taken again. (See reference to this in Staff's Exhibit 201C). I intended to say "It would be simple to move the proposed line off of my property to the intersection of my property, the landowner to the south, and adjoining landowner to the west of me, ....". Also, in my anxious state, I inadvertently incorrectly listed the number of properties affected by the alternate route. I stated, "...cutting the properties affected from 4 to 2.". The correct number of properties affected would only be decreased by one, from four properties affected to three.

7. While the line may not be exact, many details, such as residences, trees, and the pond to the south of my property, remain static. Overall, the map is sufficiently accurate to help the Commission see the area and recognize a possible alternate route that would not be detrimental to my health, safety, or property. It is also the only option available for a visual reference of another possible scenario for this route that has ever been presented and that is based upon a recommendation of a Grain Belt Express Routing Team Member. That is despite Grain Belt Express having more than ample time and opportunity to create a version of my alternate route using engineering knowledge and survey data they've collected or have at their disposal.

## **II. Why Lack of Parcel Boundaries and Outdated Map Reasons are not Relevant**

8. Grain Belt Express cites a lack of parcel boundaries shown as a reason why Staff's request to admit their late-filed exhibit of my proposed alternative route map should be omitted from the list of exhibits. However, their own most current map of the route from Staff DR 0003 (My Exhibit No. 20) that they produced lacks parcel boundaries as well, including on the two properties south of mine. With no parcel boundaries shown on their map, it appears the

line could be moved over to avoid my property without affecting another landowner, as it is all wide open and looks as if it could be owned by the same landowner.

9. On Grain Belt Express's very own MTC Route map referenced above (Exhibit No. 20), they show the property south of me with three large mature trees. That outdated map does not reflect the current vegetative state of that property as shown by my drone picture (Exhibit No. 26) taken just a couple of days prior to the August 20, 2025 hearing. Those three large trees that their map depicts are no longer there and have not been there for several months.

10. As was discussed during the hearing, requests do come up for the route to be altered slightly, causing the exact route to be in a fluid state until all easements are signed. No map will be exact until that process is complete.

### **III. Chair Hahn's Questions Regarding the Proposed Alternate Route Map**

11. During the hearing and Jason Brown's testimony, Chair Hahn specifically referenced the Proposed Alternative Route of Tiger Connector Line map in her questions to Jason Brown (Docket Item No. 92, Pg. 172-174). She also referenced it in her questions to Kevin Chandler (Docket Item No. 92 Pg. 205-211).

12. During some of her questioning of Mr. Brown and Mr. Chandler, Chair Hahn didn't need exact line details, just a general overview of the layout of the existing line, the alternate line, and the surrounding area, to form her questions about moving the line.

### **IV. Conclusion**

13. Although Grain Belt Express may want to dissect the accuracy of this map, the fact remains that it is the only visual option available of a possible alternate route that was discussed at the hearing and that I have been requesting be considered from the beginning. Despite not being perfect, this map is still very relevant to my case and provides a visual picture

of how it is possible to alter the route in a way that the many risks associated with this line being over my drive and existing electrical line are all eliminated.

14;. While it is to Grain Belt Express's advantage to point to their existing unaltered map and list all the possible negative details, assumptions, and scenarios to the surrounding properties as fact, having the proposed alternate map balances those claims. While there will possibly be some negatives associated with moving the line to this or a similar route, the Commission will at least have a comparison of two possible line options to weigh in their decision.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully request that the Commission (1) admit Grain Belt Express's response to Staff DR 19 as a late-filed exhibit in support of this response; and (2) deny Grain Belt Express's request to have the Proposed Alternate Route exhibit excluded from evidence.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Cheri Meadows  
Cheri Meadows