

G43. During the DOE zoom conference referenced in the preceding item, did Mr. Brad Pnazak made a statement to the effect that Invenergy has not yet decided whether or not the Grain Belt line is a merchant project?

Objection: Grain Belt Express objects to this request as it is not relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence in this amendment proceeding, as the DOE’s EIS process is outside the scope of this proceeding.

Response: Without waiving the foregoing objection, the following statement made by Grain Belt Express in paragraph 85 of its Application remains accurate. That paragraph states “there is no change in Invenergy Transmission and Grain Belt Express bearing the financial risk of the Project and the cost of the Project will continue to be recovered through a merchant business model and not through SPP or MISO regional cost allocation.”

VERIFICATION OF RESPONSE

The response provided to the foregoing Data Request has been collected from various sources at Grain Belt Express, LLC and affiliated companies, and is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed: /s/ Brad Pnazek