

[Month, Day 2020]

Landowner Name Address Address

Subject: Grain Belt Express Landowner Update

## Dear [Name, Name],

You are receiving this letter in order to provide you with project information and updates regarding the Grain Belt Express transmission line project.

# Increased Local Delivery to Kansas and Missouri

As you may be aware from recent news, Grain Belt Express has announced a proposed plan to increase the project's delivery capacity for Kansas and Missouri consumers. For many years before Invenergy Transmission acquired the project, local stakeholders called for more of Grain Belt's power to be delivered locally. This plan makes sense as demand for clean energy has grown in Kansas and Missouri. For the first time, this would open the option for Kansans to benefit from energy produced in-state, and in Missouri, it would expand access beyond the 39 communities across the state that are already contracted to receive service from the line.

Under this plan, up to 2,500 megawatts of Grain Belt's 4,000-megawatt capacity would be delivered to Kansas and Missouri consumers, who would see up to \$7 billion in energy cost savings over 20 years. This requires expanding the already-approved converter station in northeast Missouri, which would double the overall economic investment in Missouri to approximately \$1 billion.

Grain Belt Express will be seeking regulatory approval for this plan, which would also allow for project construction to proceed prior to approval in Illinois. In the meantime, as the proposed changes do not affect the approved route, project development activities are proceeding based on existing regulatory approvals.

## Additional Landowner Compensation from Use of Lattice Steel Structures

We've recently received questions related to transmission structure types that will be used for this project. In Kansas and Missouri, Grain Belt has moved from monopole to steel lattice structures, resulting in more compensation for landowners per structure. Landowners will receive \$18,000 for each lattice tower, as compared to \$6,000 for each monopole, based on payment levels approved by regulators.

Structures will typically range from 130 to 160 feet tall, with exact heights depending on several variables, including engineering requirements, topography, and span length. We anticipate approximately four structures per mile and tower footprints of roughly 40 feet by 40 feet.



Landowners will still be able to operate, plant, harvest, hunt, and engage in many more activities around the structures and the line. Please see the attached visualization as a reference.

# Ongoing Landowner Discussions and Input on Facility Design

Grain Belt Express, along with its land partner, Contract Land Staff ("CLS"), is in active dialogue with landowners along the route as our team continues to sign voluntary easements in Kansas and Missouri. Thank you to those who have signed agreements to date. We value open conversations with landowners and landowners' attorneys to provide timely, accurate, and useful information that will allow you to make the best decisions regarding your land. We recognize that structure placements are an important part of these decisions. Preliminary structure locations have now been prepared and are being reviewed by CLS with landowners in three Missouri counties. Preliminary structure locations for other counties along the route are being prepared and will be shared with landowners when available.

Our goal is to secure all easements voluntarily and to make informed facility design decisions related to your property. That is possible only with open communication. If we have attempted to contact you and we have not yet reached you or your legal representative, please contact your CLS representative at your earliest convenience. Their name and contact information is provided below:

## First Last Phone Email

## Positive Energy: Pass it Along

Finally, 2020 has brought some significant challenges to the world. We believe that Positive Energy is needed now more than ever. Grain Belt will bring affordable power for families and businesses, jobs for workers, and local investment in school districts, and public services – that's positive energy. With everything going on in 2020, we want to pass along positive energy to you, and hope you do the same. These days we all need it.

For more information about the project visit the project website at <u>www.GrainBeltExpress.com</u> and Follow us on Facebook at <u>https://www.facebook.com/GrainBeltExpress</u>.

Sincerely,

Eric Miller Vice President Invenergy Transmission