STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 19th day of October, 2016.

In the Matter of the Application of Grain Belt Express	
Clean Line LLC for a Certificate of Convenience and	
Necessity Authorizing it to Construct, Own, Operate,	File No. EA-2016-0358
Control, Manage and Maintain a High Voltage, Direct)
Current Transmission Line and an Associated Converter)
Station Providing an Interconnection on the Maywood -)
Montgomery 345kV Transmission Line)

ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND OTHER PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

Issue Date: October 19, 2016 Effective Date: October 19, 2016

On October 5, 2016, the Commission's Staff, on behalf of itself and other parties¹, filed a proposed procedural schedule. Ten days have elapsed and no party has objected to the proposed procedural schedule.² The proposed procedural schedule contained two alternate schedules, each one supported by different groups of parties. The Commission will establish a procedural schedule that best accommodates the Commission's current hearing calendar and will order additional procedural requirements.

To ensure that discovery disputes can be promptly resolved, the Commission will exercise its authority under Section 386.240, RSMo 2000, by delegating its authority to the presiding regulatory law judge to rule on discovery disputes and to rule on all motions to

¹ The filing was joined by all parties of record except for the Office of the Public Counsel, Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers, Missouri Retailers Association, and Missouri AFL-CIO.

² Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(13) provides that parties shall be allowed ten days from the date of filing in which to respond to any pleading unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

compel discovery. The Commission will address the scheduling of local public hearings in a separate order.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The following procedural schedule is established:

Date	Event	
January 24, 2017	Rebuttal testimony	
February 21, 2017	Surrebuttal/cross-surrebuttal testimony	
March 7, 2017	Last day to issue discovery requests	
March 7, 2017	Joint list of issues and witnesses	
March 9, 2017	Joint order of witnesses, order of parties for	
	cross-examination, order of opening statements	
March 13, 2017	Position statements	
March 15, 2017	Last day to file motion to compel discovery	
March 20-24, 2017	Evidentiary hearing	
April 10, 2017	Initial briefs	
April 24, 2017	Reply briefs	
April 25, 2017	Proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law	

- 2. The evidentiary hearing is scheduled for March 20-24, 2017, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The hearing will be held in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. The hearing will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person requiring additional accommodations to participate in the hearing shall call the Missouri Public Service Commission's Hotline at 800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.
- 3. The parties shall comply with the following additional procedural requirements:
 - A. All parties shall provide copies of testimony (including schedules), exhibits and pleadings to other counsel by electronic means and in electronic form essentially concurrently with the filing of such testimony, exhibits or pleadings where the information is available in electronic format. Parties shall not be required to put

- information that does not exist into electronic format for purposes of exchanging it.
- B. Whenever possible, data request questions should not contain either highly confidential or proprietary information. If either highly confidential or proprietary information must be included in data request questions, the highly confidential or proprietary information should be prominently marked and appropriately designated as such pursuant to 4 CSR 240- 2.135.
- C. Data request responses will be served on counsel for the requesting party and on the requesting party's employee or representative who submitted the data request and shall be served electronically, if feasible and not voluminous as defined by Commission rule. When serving data requests, counsel for each party shall send to counsel for each other party an electronic copy of the text of data request "descriptions." If the description contains highly confidential or proprietary information, or is voluminous, a hyperlink to the EFIS record of that data request shall be considered a sufficient copy.
- D. Any party seeking the response to a data request that has been issued by another party shall request a copy of the response from the party answering the data request.
- E. Data requests, objections, or notifications respecting the need for additional time to respond shall be sent via e-mail to counsel for the other parties. Counsel may designate other personnel to be added to the service list but shall assume responsibility for compliance with any restrictions on confidentiality.
- F. Responses to Staff data requests must be submitted in EFIS, if feasible, or in electronic format on compact disc or by other means agreed to by Staff counsel, if infeasible. All data requests to Staff must be submitted in EFIS.
- G. For data requests served after October 19, 2016, the response time for all data requests shall be 10 calendar days to provide the requested information, and 5 business days to object or notify that more than 10 calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information. Data requests sent after 5:00 p.m. will be considered served on the next business day.
- H. Workpapers that were prepared in the course of developing a witness' testimony (including schedules) and exhibits should not be filed with the Commission but shall be submitted to each party

within 2 business days following the filing of the particular testimony, unless a party has indicated that it does not want to receive some or all of the workpapers. Workpapers containing highly confidential or proprietary information should be appropriately marked. Counsel shall undertake to advise other counsel if the sponsored witness has no workpapers related to the round of testimony within the time allowed for providing those workpapers.

- I. Where workpapers or data request responses include models or spreadsheets or similar information originally in a commonly available format where inputs or parameters may be changed to observe changes in inputs, if available in the original format, the party providing the workpaper or response shall provide this type of information in that original format with formulas intact. Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC shall deliver its workpapers to Staff in electronic format by e-mail or, if not practical, by electronic storage medium.
- J. All filings made through the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS) will be timely filed if filed before midnight on the date the filing is due. Documents filed in EFIS are considered properly served by serving the same on counsel of record for all other parties via e-mail essentially contemporaneously with the EFIS filing.
- K. Any pending written discovery motion may be ruled upon by the presiding regulatory law judge either on the record or in a written order.
- L. All data requests, subpoenas duces tecum, or other discovery requests, such as requests for admission, shall be issued no later than March 7, 2017. With respect to deposing witnesses, depositions must be completed at least three business days before the date that the witness will testify on the issue(s) in the evidentiary hearings, unless witness availability requires that a deposition be conducted within less than three days. All motions to compel a response to any discovery request shall be filed no later than March 15, 2017.
- M. Testimony shall be prefiled as defined in Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.130. All parties must comply with this rule, including the requirement that testimony be filed on line-numbered pages.
- N. The parties shall agree upon and Staff shall file a list of the issues to be heard, the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing,

the order in which they will be called, the order of party cross-examination for each witness, and the order of opening statements. The list of issues shall be stated with particularity. If the parties are unable to agree to an issues list, each party shall file a separate issues list.

- O. Each party shall file a simple and concise statement summarizing its position on each disputed issue.
- P. All pleadings, briefs, and amendments shall be filed in accordance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080. Briefs shall follow the same list of issues as filed in the case and must set forth and cite the proper portions of the record concerning the unresolved issues that the parties believe require decision by the Commission.
- Q. All parties shall bring an adequate number of copies of exhibits that they intend to offer into evidence at the hearing. If an exhibit has not been prefiled, the party offering it must bring, in addition to the copy for the court reporter, copies for the five Commissioners, the Presiding Judge, and all counsel.
- R. Exhibit numbers are assigned in the following manner:

Grain Belt Express Clean Line, LLC	100-199
Commission's Staff	200-299
Missouri Landowners Alliance	300-399
Show Me Concerned Landowners	400-449
Office of Public Counsel	450-474
Mo. Joint Municipal Elec. Utility Comm.	475-499
Missouri Farm Bureau	500-524
Missouri Dept. of Economic Development	525-549
Matthew and Christina Reichert	550-574
Randall and Roseanne Meyer	575-599
Charles and Robyn Henke	600-624
Rockies Express Pipeline	625-649
Sierra Club	650-674
The Wind Coalition	675-699
Wind on the Wires	700-724
Natural Resources Defense Council	725-749
IBEW Unions (2 and 53)	750-799
Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers	800-824
R. Kenneth Hutchison	825-849
Renew Missouri	850-874
Infinity Wind Power	875-899
Walmart Stores, Inc.	900-924
Consumers Council of Mo.	925-949

Missouri Retailers Association	950-974
Missouri AFL-CIO	975-999

If any party requires additional exhibit numbers, it may add a 1 to the beginning of its assigned numbers. For example, if Grain Belt Express has exhibits in addition to exhibit number 199, its next exhibit numbers would be 1100, 1101, 1102, etc.

- S. Each party shall prepare a list of its pre-filed, pre-marked exhibits and submit a copy of that list to every other party and to the regulatory law judge no later than March 16, 2017. The lists shall not be filed in the EFIS case file. Exhibits that may be offered during cross-examination, but which have not been pre-filed, need not be included on the list. However, when those documents are offered during the hearing, they will be assigned a number from that party's number group.
- 4. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L Woodry

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Hall, Chm., Stoll, Kenney, Rupp, and Coleman, CC., concur.

Bushmann, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 19th day of October 2016.

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

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