

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

In the Matter of the Application of Grain Belt)
Express LLC for an Amendment to its Certificate)
of Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it to)
Construct, Own, Operate, Control, Manage, and)
Maintain a High Voltage, Direct Current)
Transmission Line and Associated Converter)
Station)

Case No. EA-2023-0017

MOTION FOR EXTENSION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, and for its *Motion for Extension* respectfully states as follows:

1. On April 3, 2023, the Commission issued its *Order Amending Procedural Schedule*, setting June 5 – 9, 2023 as the dates for the evidentiary hearing in this matter, and June 30 and July 7, 2023, for the dates of the initial brief and reply brief, respectively. The schedule provided the parties one week between the filing of initial and reply briefs.
2. Following the conclusion of the evidentiary hearing on June 8, 2023, the Commission verbally granted Grain Belt Express LLC’s request to extend the filing dates for reply briefs to July 14, 2023. The filing date for initial briefs remained June 30, 2023.
3. Transcripts covering the evidentiary proceedings on June 5 and 6, 2023 were filed with the Commission via EFIS on June 22, 2023. A transcript covering the proceedings on June 7, 2023 was filed with the Commission via EFIS on June 26, 2023. The transcript covering the proceedings on June 8, 2023 was filed with the Commission via EFIS today, June 27, 2023, earlier this afternoon.
4. Due to the unforeseen delay in the transcripts necessary for briefing, and the press of other Commission business, Staff respectfully requests an extension until July 7, 2023 to file initial briefs.

5. Extending the filing date for initial briefs will still provide the parties one week between the filing of initial and reply briefs, as originally proposed by the parties and contemplated in the Commission's *Order Amending Procedural Schedule*.

6. Staff has reached out to the parties regarding its request for an extension. The following parties have responded they have no objection to Staff's request: Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission d/b/a Missouri Electric Commission, Sierra Club, Renew Missouri Advocates, Clean Grid Alliance, Office of the Public Counsel, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri, Grain Belt Express LLC, Missouri Landowners Association, Agricultural Associations, and Associated Industries of Missouri.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests an extension until July 7, 2023 to file initial briefs.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served, either electronically or by hand delivery or by First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, on this **27th day of June, 2023**, to all counsel and parties of record as set out on the official Service List maintained by the Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission for this case.

/s/ Travis J. Pringle