

# 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**

## ORDER DENYING MOTION TO COMPEL

Issue Date: December 10, 2025

Effective Date: December 21, 2025

This order denies the *Motion to Compel Answers to Data Requests, and Conditional Request for Variance or Waiver of Discovery Rules* filed by Missouri Landowners Alliance and the Eastern Missouri Landowners Alliance (collectively “Missouri Landowners”).

On November 13, 2025, Missouri Landowners sent supplemental data requests to Grain Belt Express LLC (Grain Belt) seeking information regarding Grain Belt’s progress toward construction of the transmission line, to ascertain whether Grain Belt is exercising the authority granted in the certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN). Grain Belt responded stating that Missouri Landowners do not have a present right to discovery and Grain Belt has no obligation to provide discovery at this time. Subsequently, Missouri Landowners filed a motion with the Commission to compel Grain Belt to answer those data requests on November 25, 2025.

Missouri Landowners’ motion to compel recognizes that this case has already been decided: “The Report and Order granting the CCN in this case was issued on October 12, 2023, effective November 11, 2023.” That *Report and Order* was appealed in the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, where it was affirmed. The Missouri

Supreme Court subsequently denied transfer and the Commission's *Report and Order* became final and unappealable. There are no pending issues for the Commission to resolve, and the CCN has already been granted.

This case is not the appropriate forum in which to address Missouri Landowners' alleged concerns. Violations of law and/or the Commission's orders may be addressed in actions brought pursuant to Section 386.390, RSMo, and the related Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.070 governing complaints before the Commission.

Missouri Supreme Court Rule 56.01(b)(1), provides parties may obtain discovery regarding any matter, not privileged, that is relevant to the subject matter involved in the pending action. There are no pending actions in this case and the Commission's *Report and Order* is final and unappealable.

Therefore, the Commission will deny Missouri Landowners' motion to compel discovery or grant a variance or waiver of discovery rules.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. Missouri Landowners' *Motion to Compel Answers to Data Requests, and Conditional Request for Variance or Waiver of Discovery Rules* is denied.
2. This order shall be effective December 21, 2025.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

*Nancy Dippell*

Nancy Dippell  
Secretary

John T. Clark, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025.**



*Nancy Dippell*  
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**Nancy Dippell**  
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**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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

*Sincerely,*



**Nancy Dippell**  
Secretary

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