

**THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

Before Commissioners: Mark Sievers, Chairman
Thomas E. Wright
Shari Feist Albrecht

In the Matter of the Application of Grain)
Belt Express Clean Line LLC for a Siting)
Permit for the Construction of a High)
Voltage Direct Current Transmission Line in) Docket No. 13-GBEE-803-MIS
Ford, Hodgeman, Edwards, Pawnee, Barton,)
Russell, Osborne, Mitchell, Cloud, Washington,)
Marshall, Nemaha, Brown, and Doniphan)
Counties Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1,177, et seq.)

ORDER DESIGNATING PREHEARING OFFICER

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed the files and being fully advised of all matters of record, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

1. On July 1, 2013, the Commission designated Brian Fedotin to serve as Prehearing Officer in this docket.¹ The Commission further stated in its Order that the Commission, as it deems necessary, may designate other staff members to serve in this capacity.² The Commission now finds it necessary to designate another Prehearing Officer in this docket.

2. The Commission concludes that another Prehearing Officer should be designated for this proceeding to conduct or aid in any prehearing conferences that might be needed and to address any matters that are appropriately considered in a prehearing conference, including all items listed in the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act (KAPA) at K.S.A. 77-517(b). The Commission designates Jay Van Blaricum, Advisory Counsel, 1500 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka, KS 66604-4027, telephone number 785-271-3186, email address

¹ Order Adopting Procedural Schedule, July 1, 2013.

² *Id.* at ¶ 4.

j.vanblaricum@kcc.ks.gov, to act as Prehearing Officer in this proceeding. The Commission, as it deems necessary, may designate other staff members to serve in this capacity.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. The Commission designates Jay Van Blaricum, Advisory Counsel, to act as Prehearing Officer in this proceeding.

B. Parties have 15 days from the date of electronic service of this Order in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration.³

C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further orders as it may deem necessary.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Sievers, Chairman; Wright, Commissioner; Albrecht, Commissioner

Dated: **JUL 09 2013**

Jackie Montfoort Paige

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Acting Executive Director

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³ K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Order Designating Prehearing Officer was served by electronic mail this 9th day of July, 2013, to the following parties who have waived receipt of follow-up hard copies:

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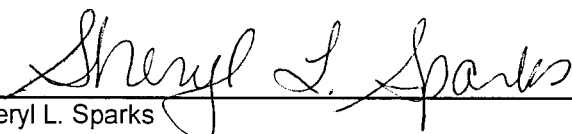
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