

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

In the Matter of the Application of Grain)
Belt Express, LLC for a Siting Permit for the)
Construction of Two 345 kV Transmission) Docket No. 24-GBEE-790-STG
Lines and Associated Facilities through)
Gray, Meade, and Ford Counties, Kansas.)

**MOTION TO ADOPT PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND FOR EXPEDITED
TREATMENT**

Grain Belt Express, LLC (“Grain Belt Express”) by its undersigned counsel, hereby moves the Kansas Corporation Commission (“Commission”) to adopt the proposed Procedural Schedule listed below on an expedited basis, and in support of its Motion, states the following:

1. On Friday, May 31, 2024, Grain Belt Express filed its Application for Line Siting Permits (“Application”). Pursuant to KSA 66-1,178(d), the Commission must issue a final order on the application within 120 days after the date the application was filed. The statutory deadline falls on September 28, 2024, which is a Saturday, and thus, a final order in this matter is due on the next business day, Monday, September 30, 2024.

2. In consultation with the Staff of the Kansas Corporation Commission (“Staff”) and the Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection (“PACP”), Grain Belt Express has prepared a Procedural Schedule (beginning on the next page) for the Commission’s consideration.

3. As set forth at K.S.A. 66-1,178(b), the Commission is required to hold at least one local public hearing in one of the counties through which the electric transmission lines are proposed to traverse. Through consultation with PACP, Grain Belt Express understands PACP favors holding an in-person local public hearing (“Local Public Hearing”) in Dodge City, Kansas at the Dodge City High School Auditorium, 2201 Ross Boulevard Dodge City, KS 67801, with an opportunity for landowners to participate remotely in that hearing by Zoom. The Local Public

Hearing is proposed to begin at 6:00 PM and will be preceded by an Open House beginning at 3:00 PM.

4. In light of the limited timeframe to complete all of the required steps in this line siting review process, and pursuant to K.S.A. 66-106, Grain Belt Express requests the Commission establish a deadline of June 6, 2024 for parties to respond to this Motion. This expedited timeline is needed to ensure that Grain Belt Express has enough time to provide statutory notice to landowners to participate in the Local Public Hearing. Given that parties will still have four days (including today) to review and consider this Motion, no party will be prejudiced by this expedited schedule.

5. Grain Belt Express further requests that the Commission issue an Order on the Procedural Schedule by June 11, 2024, including details on the time, date, location, and format of the Local Public Hearing. Such Order will allow Grain Belt Express to prepare and mail notice to landowners at least 20 days in advance of the Local Public Hearing, as required by K.S.A. 66-1,179, as well as newspaper notice required by the same statute.

Proposed Procedural Schedule

Deadline for mailing notice of Local Public Hearing to Landowners	June 20, 2024
Staff and Intervenor Direct Testimony	July 3, 2024
Deadline for final newspaper notice of Local Public Hearing	July 5, 2024
Grain Belt Express Affidavit Regarding Notice	July 9, 2024
Local Public Hearing	July 10, 2024
Public Comment Period Ends	July 15, 2024
PACP Report on Public Comments	July 24, 2024
Grain Belt Express Rebuttal to Staff & Intervenor Testimony	July 26, 2024

Grain Belt Express Response to Public Comments (from public hearing and PACP Report)	August 2, 2024
Staff & Intervenor Response to Public Comments	August 7, 2024
Grain Belt Express Rebuttal to Staff/Intervenor Response to Public Comments	August 14, 2024
Prehearing motion and discovery cutoff; list of disputed issues due	August 19, 2024
Prehearing Conference	August 21, 2024
Evidentiary Hearing	August 26-28, 2024
Simultaneous Initial Briefs	September 6, 2024
Simultaneous Reply Briefs	September 13, 2024
Order Due	September 30, 2024

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WHEREFORE, Grain Belt Express respectfully requests that the Commission: (i) limit the response time to this Motion to June 6, 2024; (ii) issue an Order by June 11, 2024, adopting the Procedural Schedule listed above with necessary details regarding the date, time, location and format of the Local Public Hearing; and (iii) grant such other and further relief as may be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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