

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC)	
)	
Application for an Order Granting Grain Belt Express)	
Clean Line LLC a Certificate of Public Convenience)	
and Necessity pursuant to Section 8-406.1 of the)	
Public Utilities Act to Construct, Operate and Maintain)	Docket No. 15-0277
a High Voltage Electric Service Transmission Line and)	
to Conduct a Transmission Public Utility Business in)	
Connection Therewith and Authorizing Grain Belt)	
Express Clean Line Pursuant to Sections 8-503 and)	
8-406.1(i) of the Public Utilities Act to Construct the)	
High Voltage Electric Transmission Line.)	

**GRAIN BELT EXPRESS CLEAN LINE LLC’S REPORT OF THE
PARTIES’ DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING A PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

At the May 5, 2015, prehearing conference, the Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”) directed the parties to engage in discussions to establish a proposed procedural schedule for this docket and to make a filing reporting the results by the end of the day on Friday, May 8 (or, failing an agreement, to file their separate schedule proposals and explanations therefore by that time). The parties listed below (represented by their counsel listed in parentheses) have reached agreement on the procedural schedule (including the discovery schedule) set forth on Attachment A to this filing, and the agreed procedural schedule is hereby submitted to the ALJ. The parties request that the ALJ issue a notice or ruling setting forth and adopting the agreed procedural schedule, including the specific descriptions of each procedural event shown on Attachment A.

Parties Agreeing to the Procedural Schedule

Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC (Owen MacBride)
Commission Staff (Christine Ericson and John Sagone)
Concerned Citizens & Property Owners (Edward McNamara)
Landowners Alliance of Central Illinois, NFP (William Shay)
Illinois Agricultural Association (Charles Davis and Laura Harmon)
Rex Encore Farms, LLC and Rex Encore Properties, LLC (Glenn Rippie)
Mary E. Zotos (Paul Neilan)
Ameren Illinois (Geoffrey Grammer)
Environmental Law and Policy Center* (Justin Vickers)
Wind on the Wires* (Sean Brady)

*These entities have not yet filed petition to intervene.

ICC Docket 15-0277 – Proposed Procedural Schedule

Grain Belt Express Application filed	April 10 (Fri.)
Prehearing Conference	May 5 (Tues.)
Staff and Intervenors file verified pleading describing alternative routes (if any). The pleading should contain a complete description of the proposed alternative route, an explanation of the rationale for proposing the alternative, and the names and addresses of all landowners whose property would be crossed by the alternative route	June 8 (Mon.)
Status Hearing (Landowners on alternative routes notified)	June 22 (Mon.) or 23 (Tues.) ALJ to set time
Staff and Intervenor Direct TTY on all issues (including TTY by persons who proposed alternative routes on June 8 in support of their alternatives, by others in response to alternative route proposals) and Grain Belt Express TTY responding to alternative routes	July 10 (Fri.)
Staff and Intervenor Rebuttal TTY to each other on all issues including alternative routes and to Grain Belt Express TTY on alternative routes	July 24 (Fri.)
Grain Belt Rebuttal TTY	Aug. 4 (Tues.)
Status	Aug. 11 (Tues.) or 12 (Wed.) (if Aug. 11, 10:30 or later)
Evidentiary hearing	Aug. 17-20 (Mon.-Thurs.)
Initial Briefs	Sept. 11 (Fri.)
Reply Briefs	Sept. 18 (Fri.)
Draft/suggested orders	Sept. 22 (Tues.)
ALJ Proposed Order	Oct. 14 (Wed.)
Briefs on Exceptions	Oct. 21 (Wed.)
Reply Briefs on Exceptions	Oct. 28 (Wed.)
Deadline	Nov. 21 (Sat.)

Schedule for Motions on the Pleadings:

Motions on the pleadings	May 18 (Mon.)
Responses to motions	June 1 (Mon.)

Replies to responses

June 8 (Mon.)

Discovery:

Data requests issued in May will be answered within 21 days, except that data requests on the topic of the proposed and any alternative routes will be answered within 10 days

Data requests issued in June and in July prior to July 10 will be answered within 14 days, except that data requests on the topic of the proposed and any alternative routes will be answered within 10 days

Data requests issued from July 10 to July 23 will be answered within 7 days

Data requests issued from July 24 to August 3 will be answered within 5 days.

Data requests issued on and after August 4 will be answered within 4 days

If a due date is a weekend or holiday, it extends to next business day.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that he caused the foregoing document to be served on each of the persons on the Service List in Docket No. 15-0277 by electronic mail on May 7, 2015.

/s/ Owen E. MacBride

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