

# What They're Saying: Grain Belt Express Strengthens America

"This \$1.7 billion investment is just a fraction of the massive \$11 billion being spent on the Grain Belt Express transmission line. President Trump's energy emergency declaration made it clear we need more power than ever before, and this project will help meet the demand."

**House Energy and Commerce Committee, X.com**

"This announcement shows once again how much Missouri can contribute to big infrastructure projects like this transmission line, which will help bring energy savings and reliability to 39 municipal utilities across the state. It's great to see Grain Belt Express continuing to invest in Missouri and support our workers, especially after their recent agreements with Hubbell Power Systems in Centralia and the Missouri Public Utility Alliance."

**Jon Patterson, Missouri Speaker of the House**

"Grain Belt Express is a multi-billion-dollar investment in Kansas and an essential American infrastructure project. The selection of contractors and suppliers with a local presence is just one of the many sizable economic benefits Grain Belt Express brings, in addition to greater energy cost savings and reliability."

**Ty Masterson, Kansas Senate President**

"Kansans working to balance household budgets and run businesses want energy that's affordable and reliable, and that's what we are getting with Grain Belt Express, all without ratepayers being forced to pay for it. I look forward to seeing the positive impact of the thousands of jobs and billions in investment that this project will bring to Kansas."

**Daniel Hawkins, Kansas Speaker of the House**

"The company responsible for this privately constructed project worked with landowners farmers, and local groups over several years to build consensus and enter into fair agreements for a limited amount of land."

**U.S. Congressman Ron Estes (R), Kansas Fourth Congressional District**

"[Grain Belt Express] will bring the interconnectivity to multiple regions to improve the reliability and resiliency of the grid for Missourians and in the interest of national security. This will help guard against price spikes and outages such as those experienced by Winter Storm Uri and Elliot."

**Missouri Public Service Commission**

"I will say that's one of the big benefits of something like the Grain Belt Express line. That's not a line being planned by those regional entities. That's what we call a merchant line, and it's DC, and it is only paid for by the people that are using it. So people are subscribing, mostly the offtakers that are on that eastern side, and they're saying, we are willing to pick up the tab."

**Andrew French, Chairman, Kansas Corporation Commission; Member, FERC Joint Federal-State Transmission**

"This transmission line is one of the largest economic development projects in the entire state and will help power our towns, while saving every family and business in our communities a total of more than \$12.8 million annually on our electric bills."

**Missouri Public Utilities Alliance**

"Lower energy costs are a major advantage for Missouri businesses, but it will only remain so if we can continue to increase our energy supply to meet demand and modernize the grid through state-of-the-art energy projects like the Grain Belt Express. The approval of this transmission line and the ability to bring five times as much power to Missouri as originally planned, will not only help us tap a significant source of domestic energy, but it will also help improve reliability and affordability for the Missouri business community. We applaud the Missouri Public Service Commission's action today that will benefit all Missouri consumers, including manufacturers and other businesses all across Missouri."

**Ray McCarty, President and CEO of Associated Industries of Missouri**

"The Exhibits are from the Grain Belt Express, an Invenergy Transmission Project, and they are a great example of guidelines and procedures essential for the respectful and fair treatment of landowners, as well as mitigation of impacts to agricultural land."

**Kansas Farm Bureau**

"As an elected voice in my county, I support hard working people and families as they navigate the issues that impact all of us, including energy savings and reducing electricity bills. Now, more than ever, it's time to support Grain Belt Express to spur economic growth, lower energy costs, protect our national security and create thousands of jobs across the region."

**Stan Falke, Presiding Commissioner,  
Carroll County, Missouri Commission**

"We do not see [the U.S. Department of Energy's conditional commitment on Grain Belt Express] as a partisan action. As a representative of large energy users, we are very supportive of many planned Trump Administration energy affordability and reliability reforms. We believe there are some important LPO projects that will be key drivers in meeting the Trump Administration's goals to strengthen grid reliability and control energy cost inflation."

**Karen Onaran, Electricity Consumers Resource  
Council (ELCON)**

"We are pleased to have this investment being made by Invenergy Transmission and Prysmian at the Williamsport plant. Prysmian is a great employer and corporate citizen in the community. This expansion will add another 27 family-sustaining jobs here with wages for 20 of the positions paying over \$50,000 and the remaining seven at more than \$70,000."

**Jason Fink, President/CEO, Williamsport/Lycoming,  
Pennsylvania Chamber  
of Commerce**

"By proceeding with this initiative, we can create jobs, attract investment, and maintain our competitive edge in a rapidly evolving energy landscape. Let's seize this opportunity to empower our communities and pave the way for a sustainable future."

**Jeffrey Martin, Executive Director,  
Carroll County, Missouri Chamber of Commerce**

"Grain Belt Express will help boost local economies throughout the state and ensure we can continue to provide domestic energy solutions throughout the Midwest."

**Joann Knight, Executive Director, Dodge City/Ford  
County, Kansas Economic Development  
Corporation**

"Grain Belt Express will generate billions more in economic activity regionally, create thousands of jobs and provide millions of dollars in new, local tax revenue for communities along the route."

**Hiawatha, Kansas Chamber and Visitors Bureau**

"You can't have a strong business climate if manufacturers are worried about the reliability and cost of their power supply. In providing billions in energy cost relief to Illinois energy consumers, [Grain Belt Express] will have a lasting, positive impact on our economy for the long-term, while creating new jobs and manufacturing capacity in the short-term."

**Mark Denzler, president and CEO of the Illinois  
Manufacturers' Association**

"The reduced costs this will provide us is vital in our ongoing efforts to provide reliable utilities."

**Nici Wilson, Odessa Missouri City Administrator**

"Infrastructure investments with Defense Critical Energy Infrastructure benefits can also support regulator decision making related to transmission projects at the state level. The Missouri Public Service Commission, for example, cited the national security benefit of the Grain Belt Express Transmission line as a factor in approving the line's construction in 2023, and completing a four-state, multi-year approval process."

**Association of Defense Communities & Converge  
Strategies, "Transmission Expansion for National  
Defense" report**

"Through our long-term supply agreement with Invenergy Transmission that will expand domestic manufacturing capacity of advanced transmission conductor technology, we are proud to support the unique Grain Belt Express transmission project. Making historic investments like this in America's infrastructure will bolster the competitive advantage of U.S. manufacturing today and in the future."

**Brian DiLascia, Senior Vice President of Power  
Distribution at Prysmian Group North America**