



Grain Belt Express

An INVENERGY TRANSMISSION Project

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Summary Statement on Legal Notice Letters

As with any public utility project, every landowner has the opportunity to reach agreement on easement terms and compensation through voluntary negotiation with Grain Belt Express. In certain circumstances, for example when landowners have stated their intention not to engage in a voluntary negotiation process or have repeatedly rejected attempts to be contacted by the Project, the only option available to Grain Belt Express is to pursue a legal proceeding for right-of-way acquisition.

Missouri law requires landowners be notified in writing no less than 60 days in advance of the intended initiation of any right-of-way acquisition legal proceeding. Kansas has no requirement for prior notice; however, the Project intends to inform landowners prior to beginning any legal proceedings. The first of these notices were mailed to a limited number of landowners in June 2021. Grain Belt Express continues to advance voluntary negotiations with a substantial majority of unsigned landowners.

The Grain Belt Express compensation offer has several benefits not typical of transmission compensation offers, including: an easement payment premium of 110% of the market purchase price of land in the easement area; structure payments of \$18,000 per-structure; and options to receive both the easement and structure payments as either lump sums or annually escalating payment streams over the life of the Project, the latter of which significantly enhance value. These benefits are not otherwise part of transmission compensation offered by utilities or awarded by Kansas and Missouri courts in legal proceedings involving right-of-way acquisition.

Every landowner who receives a notice has previously been contacted in writing to be provided contact information of a Contract Land Staff (CLS) representative, and that representative has attempted multiple times to contact them previously, whether successfully or unsuccessfully. Voluntary negotiation can still be initiated by a landowner at any time after receiving a legal notice and prior to a legal filing by reaching out to their CLS representative or by contacting 816-683-7266 and leaving their contact information.

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