

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Why are you building this project?

A: Regulators have warned that aging energy infrastructure in the Midwest is struggling to keep pace with demand. Grain Belt Express will provide access to affordable, clean power for consumers across the Midwest and deliver billions in energy cost savings to Missouri, Illinois and the Midwest.

Q. What is Grain Belt Express? Where does the power go?

A: Grain Belt Express is a long-distance transmission line that will deliver renewable electricity generated in Kansas to neighboring “power pools” that serve consumers in Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and elsewhere across the Midwest. By delivering more affordable power into each “pool,” all consumers connected to that grid benefit, regardless of whether your local utility purchases power from Grain Belt Express.

Q. Who owns Grain Belt Express?

A: Invenenergy Transmission, an affiliate of Invenenergy, a Midwest-based company with 20 years of experience solving energy challenges for our customers and communities.

Q. When will you begin construction?

A: Phase 1 (All parcels in Missouri on the approved HVDC route from the Kansas-Missouri border to the Missouri converter station proposed in Monroe County) will be ready to start full construction as soon as the start of 2025. A schedule for Phase 2 (All parcels on the approved HVDC route between the Missouri converter station proposed in Monroe County to the Missouri-Illinois border) has not yet been announced but will follow Phase 1. Land representatives began working with Phase 2 landowners on easement agreements in 2023.

Q. Who are your customers? Who pays for Grain Belt Express?

A: The cost of Grain Belt Express is expected to be primarily paid for by customers of the line, including local utilities or large power purchasers. In Missouri, Grain Belt Express has signed transmission service agreements with 39 Missouri municipal utilities that are a part of the Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission (MJMEUC), bringing power to at least 350,000 electric customers in Missouri. Grain Belt Express has seen strong interest in the market and expects to secure additional customer agreements serving more local energy customers in Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and across the Midwest, prior to construction beginning.