



Grain Belt Express

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January 12, 2022

NATALIE P. ROSEBERRY
PIKE COUNTY CLERK
121 E. WASHINGTON STREET
PITTSFIELD, IL 62363

**RE: Grain Belt Express Transmission Project
Pike County, IL
Notice of public meeting – Phase 1**

Dear Clerk Natalie Roseberry,

In accordance with 2020 ILCS5/8-406, Invenergy Transmission LLC, an affiliate of Invenergy LLC, hereby provides notice to the Pike County Clerk of the first of three phases ("Phase 1") of public meetings for the Grain Belt Express project. The Phase 1 meeting will be conducted on **February 15, 2022, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Pike Senior Citizen Center at 220 W Adams St, Pittsfield, IL 62363.**

Enclosed with this letter are copies of the public meeting advertisements that will be published in the *Pike County Express* on January 27, February 3, and February 7, 2022, as well as a copy of the primary and alternate routes being considered in your county.

Project Background

Grain Belt Express is a proposed long-distance transmission line that will carry more affordable, reliable power to consumers in Illinois and other states, connecting more Americans to domestic, clean electricity sources. The project is expected to be built at no cost to Illinois consumers.

In 2018, Invenergy Transmission LLC ("Invenergy Transmission") signed an agreement to buy the Grain Belt Express project from Clean Line Energy Partners. In early 2020, Invenergy Transmission became the full and sole owner of the Grain Belt Express project. Invenergy Transmission is an affiliate of Invenergy, an Illinois-based company with a successful track record building clean energy projects. Invenergy Transmission and Invenergy have no affiliation with Clean Line Energy Partners.

Having secured project siting approvals in the three other states where the project is located (Kansas, Missouri, and Indiana), Grain Belt Express is now beginning the process of pursuing state regulatory approval before the Illinois Commerce Commission. As part of this process Grain Belt Express is seeking input through public meetings on the primary and alternate routes that will run approximately 200 miles through Central Illinois, from Pike County on the Mississippi River to Clark County on the Indiana state line. The primary and alternate routes being considered are substantially similar to those presented to the Illinois Commerce Commission in 2015 when Clean Line Energy Partners previously applied for a siting permit in Illinois.

Public Meeting Process

Following the Phase 1 meeting in February, we anticipate holding a Phase 2 meeting in March and a Phase 3 meeting in April in Pike County. As required by statute, you will receive a notice letter prior to each of these meetings in Pike County.

The Phase 1 meeting will be an open house format and attendees can come and go as they please. No formal presentation will be given during the meeting. Your safety is important to us. Accordingly, the meeting will be conducted in a manner consistent with current applicable COVID-19 guidance from federal, state, and local authorities. Any persons that are medically at-risk or otherwise do not feel comfortable attending in person are encouraged to participate virtually, along with those who may need to



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isolate due to COVID or other reasons at the time of the meeting. The self-paced, virtual meeting will be available between February 7 and February 21, 2022, and will be accessible on www.GrainBeltExpress.com.

Powering Economic Growth in Illinois

In Illinois, Grain Belt Express will create an estimated 2,200 jobs, bring at least \$1.2 billion in new economic activity for Illinois, and provide \$33 million in new tax revenue to local communities over the next 20 years. Once completed, the line will deliver cost savings and improve reliability for consumers across the region.

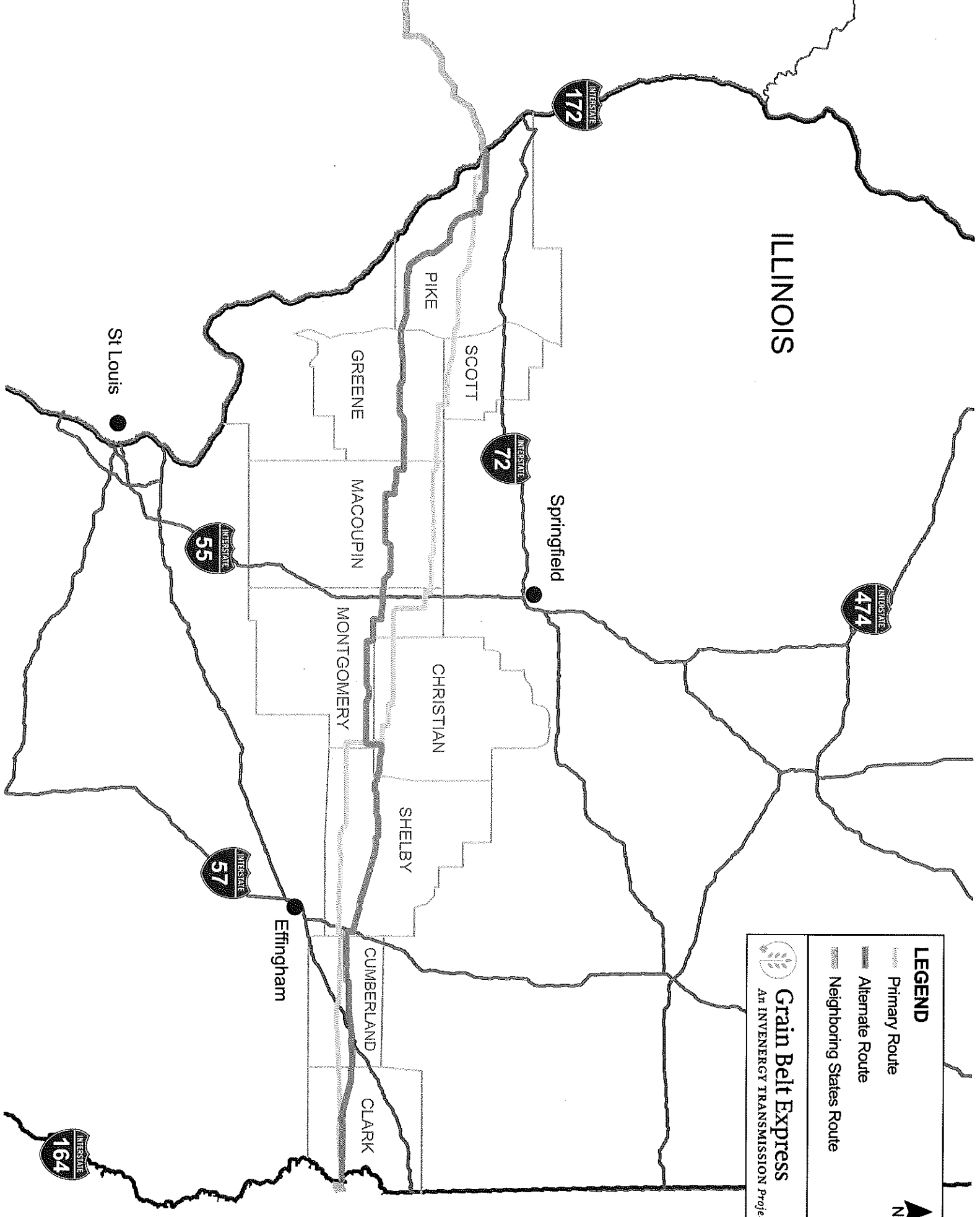
For additional information about the project, visit our website at www.GrainBeltExpress.com, leave a message on our hotline at 866.452.4082, or email us at connect@grainbeltexpress.com. Additionally, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at pwhitty@invenergy.com or 515.988.3650. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Patrick Whitty
Vice President
Invenergy Transmission

Enclosures:
Illinois State Route Map
Pike County Route Map
Newspaper Advertisements - Placement 1, 2, and 3

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Primary Route

Alternate Route

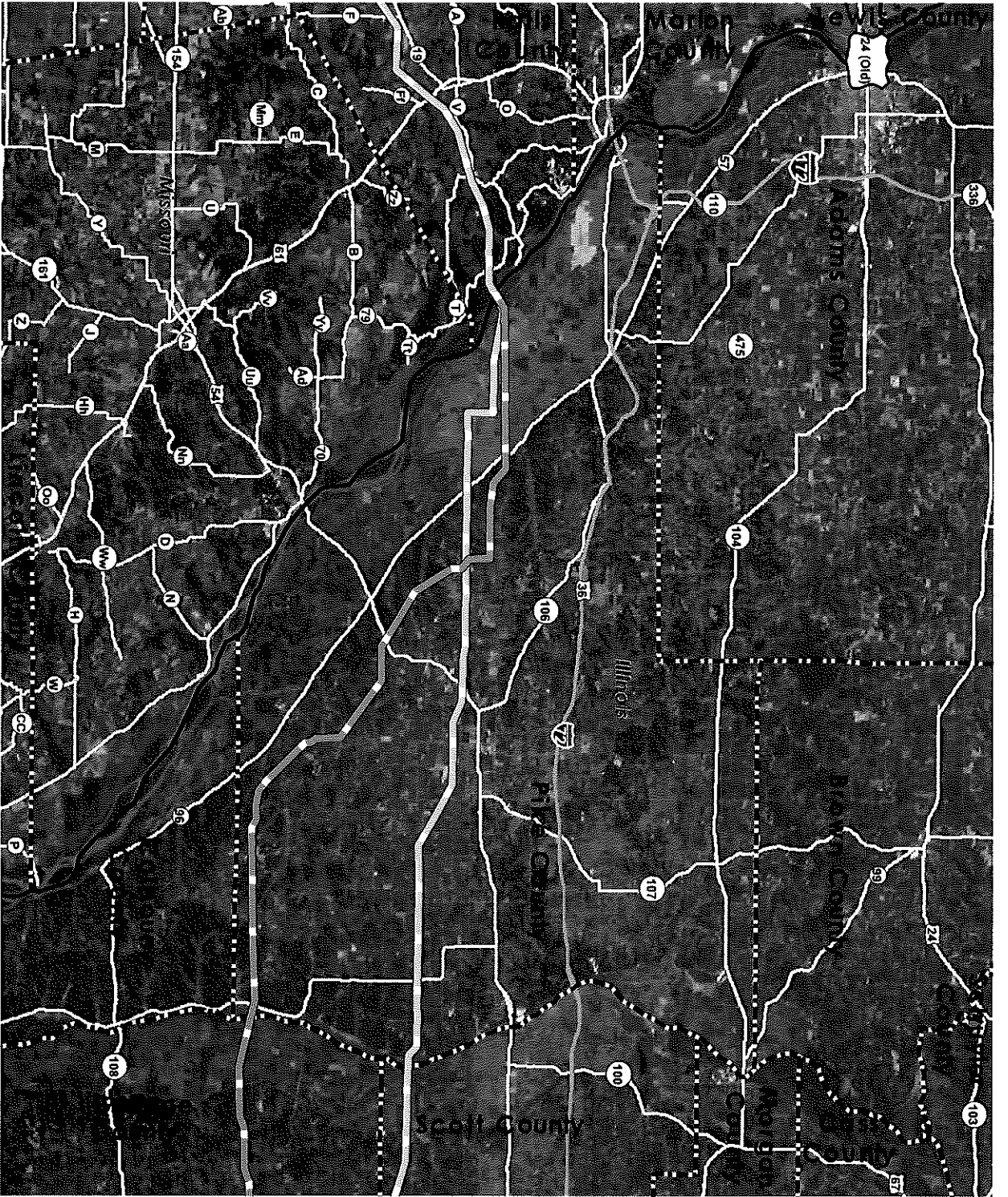
Neighboring States Route



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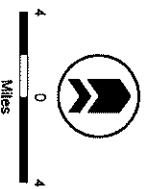
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Pike County

Illinois



- Legend**
- Primary Route
 - Alternate Route
- Road Classification**
- Interstate Highway
 - US/State Route
 - County Boundary



The Grain Belt Express & Illinois



Illinois-based Invenergy is seeking to invest billions in new energy transmission infrastructure through the Grain Belt Express clean energy transmission line.

What is the Grain Belt Express?

Grain Belt Express is a proposed long-distance transmission line that will carry more affordable, reliable power to Illinois consumers and other states – connecting more Americans to domestic, clean electricity. All at no cost to Illinois consumers.

Once completed, the line will improve service to consumers across the region and provide new opportunities to local communities along the route.

In Illinois, Grain Belt Express will generate:

- \$1.2 billion in new economic activity for Illinois
- 2,200 construction jobs
- \$33 million in payments to local governments

How do I know if I'm impacted?

Landowners with easements along the routes being considered have been notified by mail.

To learn more about this project, visit GrainBeltExpress.com/Illinois.



We Want to Hear from You!

Learn more about the project and provide comments and feedback in person:

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