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Washington, DC 20585

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SUBJECT: FAST-41 Coverage Determination, Grain Belt Express Transmission Project

Dear Erin Lieberman,

We received your Title 41 of Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST-41) Initiation Notice for the Grain Belt Express Transmission Project on February 5, 2024. We have determined that Grain Belt Express project meets the definition of a "covered project" under FAST-41 (42 U.S.C. § 4370m(6)(A)). In consultation with the relevant parties, the U.S. Department of Energy's Loan Programs Office will develop a Coordinated Project Plan, including a Permitting Timetable, by April 22, 2024.

Sincerely,

Anna Eskridge, Ph.D.
Deputy Director, Environmental
Compliance
Loan Programs Office

cc:

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