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I object to this bifurcation RICL keeps trying to pull. I contacted Chuck Grassley two years ago about this line. He said this was a state matter and there is a process and we have to follow that process. But RICL keeps trying to change the process. This would be like the Dallas Cowboys playing Des Moines West High School and they are being held at their fifteen yard line so they keep going to the officials to change the rules so they can win the game. I know this matter is not a game. The people that have not signed an easement are true FARMERS as they care for and respect the land. They don't want somebody coming in here telling them when they can and can't be on the land that they paid for and pay the taxes on every year. Our operation has seventy plus acres that would be on the back side of this RICL line that they could tell us we can't farm because they are here working on the line. Successful farming is timing. You need to get it in and out in a timely manner when the weather allows. Unlike RICL who will be out there if it's raining or not making a mess that we will have to try to fix. Thank you for your time. No bifurcation. No line.