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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Good morning. It's
3 September 7, 2023, at 8:01 a.m. We will go back on
4 the record for Iowa Utilities Board Docket
5 HLP-2021-0001.

6 Mr. Dublinske and Mr. Jorde, I think you
7 were going to come to an agreement on exhibits. We
8 are under the impression all of the exhibits are
9 already submitted, but we want to make sure that we've
10 got --

11 MR. DUBLINSKE: All the deposition exhibits
12 were used in those depositions subject to the
13 protective order and those are all confidential.

14 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: So we've got
15 everything in?

16 MR. DUBLINSKE: And I believe that that is
17 how they are currently uploaded into the system.
18 Correct? Yeah, Deposition Exhibits 6, 7, 8, and 9 are
19 confidential, and I believe that's how they're
20 currently uploaded in the system.

21 MR. JORDE: So my clarification there,
22 Mr. Dublinske, you're still claiming that the org
23 chart, which is just a visual representation of
24 everything that's already been discussed in open
25 session, is still confidential?

1 MR. DUBLINSKE: We are.

2 MR. JORDE: Oh, wow. Okay. Well, we would
3 dispute that. I mean, those are public entities,
4 we've already talked about them, there's nothing
5 confidential about it. And, if there was, they waived
6 it by not objecting during my questioning the last two
7 case days.

8 So we would object and request a ruling to
9 have the confidential designation removed from the
10 organizational chart.

11 MR. DUBLINSKE: We have no objection to --
12 they were used that way in the deposition. We think
13 it makes sense to maintain them that way. But, to
14 remove just the org chart from confidential treatment,
15 we don't have any particular objection to.

16 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Okay. If there's no
17 objection, the org chart, and org chart alone, will be
18 removed from confidential classification. Summit, we
19 will need you to file that publicly, please.

20 Okay. We left off yesterday with Farm
21 Bureau about to question Schovanec. However,
22 Mr. Dublinske, I think you also mentioned Mr. Phillips
23 needs to get on and off today.

24 MR. DUBLINSKE: We don't anticipate, given
25 where we are in the list with Mr. Schovanec, that that

1 would be a problem. So, if the Board wants to finish
2 Schovanec first, we think that we'll still be able to
3 get Mr. Phillips on and off.

4 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Okay. I think that
5 makes the most sense.

6 Come on back.

7 ERIK SCHOVANEC,
8 called as a witness by Summit Carbon Solutions, LLC,
9 being previously duly sworn by Board Chair Helland,
10 was further examined and testified as follows:

11 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Mr. Schovanec, just a
12 quick reminder, you are still under oath.

13 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

14 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: With that,
15 Ms. Gruenhagen.

16 MS. GRUENHAGEN: Thank you, Your Honor.

17 CROSS-EXAMINATION

18 BY MS. GRUENHAGEN:

19 Q. Mr. Schovanec, we met during depositions.
20 My name is Chris Gruenhagen representing the Iowa Farm
21 Bureau Federation, and I have a few questions here for
22 you today.

23 In your role with Summit, what are your
24 responsibilities with regard to Exhibit Hs?

25 A. So, in regards to the Exhibit Hs, I was

1 involved working with our attorneys and outside
2 counsel on compiling those, you know, QA/QC-ing those.
3 You know, I worked with the survey company that helped
4 compile those and the RPLS that stamped those.

5 So generally involved with all the
6 different parties that were involved compiling them,
7 checking them, and submitting them.

8 Q. So are you also a primary stakeholder in
9 the routing team for Summit?

10 A. I am.

11 Q. So are you team lead or are you just one of
12 the major stakeholders?

13 A. I wouldn't say that there's a team lead.
14 It's more of a collaborative effort. So, you know, in
15 my testimony, it kind of, you know, outlines all the
16 detail involved with the routing process.

17 But, since the preliminary route was
18 established, you know, we have an internal what we
19 call route variance process that we manage the route
20 with. And there are environmental stakeholders,
21 right-of-way stakeholders, engineering, construction,
22 et cetera, that review every single route proposition
23 change.

24 And then, ultimately, I sign off as the
25 last person approving it or not approving it.

1 More major reroutes would go to an even
2 higher level. To Jimmy's level, for example.

3 Q. So on page 5, lines 1 through 12 of your
4 direct testimony, you state that the pipeline route
5 modifications -- or I think you just said
6 variations -- what was the word that you just used?

7 A. We call it just the route variance process.

8 Q. Variance process. You said that they were
9 made, in part, to minimize impacts and risk to public
10 safety as well as land use conflicts.

11 Can you give me two examples of where there
12 was a variance approved or the route was modified
13 which minimized the impacts and risk to public safety?

14 A. Yeah, I think I testified yesterday that
15 we've made over 200 route changes at the request of
16 landowners. Many of those were landowners asking that
17 we move the pipe further away from their house or, you
18 know, their barn, for example. So I think those are
19 examples that meet that question.

20 You know, I brought up the example
21 yesterday about Merrill. We routed further around the
22 city to get further away from existing planned
23 developments.

24 You know, to me, safety is not only to the
25 public but the design of the pipe itself. So, you

1 know, constructability issues and things like that
2 that may cause an unsafe construction or unsafe
3 operation of the pipe, we mitigated those.

4 Q. What would be an example of that?

5 A. You know, just looking at the topography
6 of -- you know, of the route, making sure that we're
7 not installing the pipeline on steep side slopes. You
8 know, over existing infrastructure. You know,
9 immediately adjacent to a power line or a wind
10 turbine. You know, several different things like
11 that.

12 And, you know, the other thing that we've
13 done that I think helps, you know, from a
14 constructability standpoint, from a safety standpoint,
15 would be that we conducted a geohazard analysis of the
16 entire pipeline. It was a phase one analysis. Which
17 means it was a desktop analysis.

18 And so we collected data from the Iowa
19 Geologic Survey and from the U.S. Geologic Survey as
20 well as the Department of Agriculture and Natural
21 Resources and assessed the entire route for
22 geohazards. There were actually three locations that
23 were identified as having some risk and those were
24 three karst features.

25 So what we're going to do is do a phase two

1 assessment and do field investigation at those
2 locations. That's the difference between the phase
3 one and the phase two. Is field investigations.
4 We'll go out to those locations, we're going to have
5 geotechnical experts there to verify if there is karst
6 features on the actual route. And, if there is, we'll
7 adjust the route slightly to avoid those.

8 So those types of things, to me, are all in
9 the interest of safety and building a constructible,
10 safe pipeline.

11 Q. Can you explain a couple of examples of
12 what you meant by the types of land use conflicts that
13 Summit avoided by modifying the route?

14 A. Yeah, so land use conflicts, to me, would
15 be an airport, a cemetery, things of that nature. So
16 whenever we were doing the route, there's a detailed
17 list of avoidance features and land uses that we would
18 avoid. So those are just a few examples.

19 Q. Thank you. Do you recall a couple months
20 ago when we sat down for the depositions that you and
21 I had some discussions about the routing software?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Do you recall that? And, at that time, you
24 had mentioned that Pivvot was your contractor, but I
25 think yesterday you testified that Terracon was the

1 contractor.

2 Did that change in process?

3 A. So Terracon is the owner of the Pivvot
4 software. I think it's a subsidiary company. So
5 Pivvot is the software. And the company itself --
6 from my understanding, it used to be owned a company
7 called TRC. I believe it was sold to Terracon. And
8 then there's a team, a company, Pivvot, within
9 Terracon. So it's the company and the software is my
10 understanding. But it's owned by Terracon.

11 Q. So Terracon is your contractor.

12 A. I think we're contracted directly with
13 Pivvot, but I could be mistaken there.

14 Q. And Pivvot is a subsidiary of Terracon.

15 A. I believe so.

16 Q. I was just trying to understand that.
17 Because there's a little bit of difference between
18 your deposition and what you testified to yesterday.

19 A. I believe the software is called Pivvot as
20 well. And I can research that and get a
21 clarification, if needed.

22 Q. Thank you. Appreciate that. And, with the
23 Pivvot routing software, was there a structures
24 database that was used as a layer in that software?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Did the Pivvot routing software also
2 include a GIS layer from the Iowa DNR of animal
3 feeding operations?

4 A. I believe so, yes.

5 Q. Was there a GIS layer of high-consequence
6 areas included with the software?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And did that also include high-population
9 areas?

10 A. I believe we've got a layer, or data, that
11 has all the high-population areas, other populated
12 areas, all those different areas.

13 Q. I believe in a data request -- and I'm not
14 going to make it an exhibit here, but, in a data
15 request that was provided to OCA, there was a list of
16 things that was included in the software that you
17 considered?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Were there some of those things listed that
20 said "Avoid" and some of them that said "Low
21 Avoidance" or some categories that were established on
22 those?

23 A. That's correct.

24 Q. So, like, on animal feeding operations, I
25 believe it said "Avoid." What did that mean when it

1 said "Avoid" in that list?

2 A. For something such as an animal feeding
3 operation, that would be avoid going directly through
4 the actual feedlot or feeding operation, you know,
5 et cetera. So there wasn't a set setback distance
6 from that, for example. It was just the physical --
7 you know, going through the actual operation.

8 Q. So the physical footprint of it.

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Okay. Thank you. Did the routing team
11 consider the results of the vapor dispersion modeling
12 at all when you were looking at the route?

13 A. So this was discussed with Mr. Powell and
14 again yesterday with Mr. Jorde. The dispersion
15 modeling wasn't used during the routing process. It's
16 a tool to inform risk. So, no, it was not used.

17 Q. So, if you're looking at public safety, how
18 is that not informing of the risk?

19 A. So it does inform risk and allows us --
20 and, again, I'd have to defer detailed conversation on
21 this to some of our witnesses that are coming up
22 behind me, such as Ken Muhlbauer, but it allows us to
23 verify valve spacing, for example.

24 It also allows us to make decisions to
25 mitigate risk further, such as going deeper, which we

1 have. You know, higher than the federal standard.

2 We've made the decision, which I don't
3 believe this has been stated, that we're going to
4 increase the design factor in HCA direct-effect areas.
5 So the design factor for normal main line points is
6 .72. We're going to use a .6 design factor for HCA
7 direct-affect areas.

8 So things such as that that help us layer
9 on additional mitigations and protections to reduce
10 risk further.

11 Q. So what you're saying is that, in your
12 opinion then, the dispersion modeling results wouldn't
13 be helpful in determining safety from locating, say,
14 200 feet, 250 feet from a residence?

15 A. I'm not necessarily saying that. I'm
16 saying that it was not used in our preliminary
17 routing. Or any routing, for example. It just allows
18 us to layer additional mitigations on to reduce the
19 risk further. It's not a routing tool.

20 Q. You talked about doing your initial
21 routing. During -- there's been a couple of different
22 distances that you've talked about in your direct
23 testimony and the deposition and then also some of the
24 responses to data requests. And so I just want to get
25 some clarification.

1 A. Okay.

2 Q. You've mentioned an initial routing of
3 1,500 feet screen distance. Can you explain how that
4 was used?

5 A. So I believe, from my testimony, I said
6 that there were several different routes considered.
7 We did an analysis of that and determined what our
8 preliminary route was. And then we did a detailed
9 route assessment that was 1,500 feet wide on that
10 selected preferred route and then we refined that.

11 And that route assessment essentially
12 consisted of flying the entire route with a team of
13 subject matter experts with environmental expertise,
14 engineering, construction, et cetera.

15 And then, after that 1,500-foot, you know,
16 swath exercise was completed, then that established
17 kind of our base route.

18 MS. GRUENHAGEN: I have an exhibit here to
19 hand out. And it's been emailed. It's going to be
20 IFBF Hearing Exhibit 4.

21 And I've just provided one of the data
22 responses. The intervening Counties did a follow-up
23 to our initial one and our initial data request is
24 quoted here. So, rather than having two exhibits, I'm
25 just consolidating it into one here.

1 BY MS. GRUENHAGEN:

2 Q. Did you assist in preparing the response to
3 this data request?

4 A. I did.

5 Q. And, in the preface, can you read the
6 language -- just to back up. This is a data request
7 that the Counties asked as a follow-up to a data
8 request that we had submitted. That Iowa Farm Bureau
9 had submitted.

10 Is that correct?

11 A. Yes, that's my understanding.

12 Q. Can you read the language in the first
13 introductory paragraph starting with "Four hundred
14 feet."

15 A. So "The use of a 400-foot setback from
16 structures. In response, Summit stated as follows:
17 Four hundred feet was the number selected by Summit as
18 the initial screening offset distance from structure
19 boundary lines. This distance was used for macro
20 routing to establish general parameters and to require
21 that location of the route closer to structures would
22 require manual review."

23 Q. So, in your direct testimony, and we just
24 got done talking about the 1,500-foot distance, and
25 then in here you talk about a 400-foot distance.

1 So can you explain the difference between
2 those two?

3 A. Yeah, no problem. So the 400 foot that's
4 identified here was the setback identified for
5 structures themselves. And the 400 foot was a number
6 that was identified and used on other large
7 infrastructure projects such as DAPL.

8 Some of the Pivvot personnel were actually
9 the same personnel that routed the Dakota Access
10 pipeline.

11 So that was the screening number used, and
12 essentially any structure within 400 foot during that
13 routing analysis was flagged and looked at
14 individually. And then, you know, manually adjusted
15 the route accordingly, if possible, based off of that.

16 So it's essentially just a more detailed
17 analysis looking 400 feet from the pipeline just for
18 structures themselves. As opposed to the large or
19 kind of more macro looking at the route from
20 constructability, water features, wetlands, critical
21 habitats, things like that, that weren't analyzed as
22 detailed as the structures themselves.

23 Q. So the 1,500 distance, when you say that
24 was the macro view of it, did that only look at
25 environmental features or -- I guess what did you look

1 at in the 1,500 -- weren't structures included in that
2 also?

3 A. I mean, essentially, we started very wide
4 and just kept getting more narrow and looking at more
5 detailed features as we got closer and the route got
6 more refined. So there was a series of different
7 steps where we looked at the route more specifically.

8 In that routing analysis, we specifically
9 went to all structures within 400 foot and zoomed in
10 on those.

11 You know, the detailed analysis looking at
12 all the other layers -- I mean, there's hundreds of
13 data sets with a lot of different considerations. And
14 so really flying 680 plus miles of pipe looking at
15 those other -- constructability, environmental land
16 use issues are easier to identify just kind of flying
17 at a higher level.

18 You know, zooming in and looking at the
19 detailed structures was done at a more refined level.

20 Q. So you looked at structures at the
21 1,500-foot distance, but then you looked at it more
22 closely at the 400-foot distance?

23 A. We looked at every structure within
24 400 feet. Zooming in, looking at it, identifying it,
25 seeing if we can adjust the route, et cetera, things

1 like that. So specifically zooming in and looking at
2 and talking about each individual structure.

3 Q. But you did not do that at the 1,500-foot
4 distance?

5 A. No. I think there was thousands or --
6 there was a very large number at that level.

7 Q. And then on the second page of that
8 exhibit, in paragraph D, there's a chart there.

9 Could you describe what that chart
10 represents?

11 A. Yeah. So the 400-foot setback buffer from
12 the pipeline center line, this was the quantity of
13 structures that were identified and a breakdown of
14 those structures. So basically showing, of the 495
15 that were identified, that there were 112 houses, you
16 know, 130 sheds, abandoned structures, et cetera,
17 et cetera.

18 Q. And are these the structures that are
19 within 400 feet of the current route? Is that what
20 that is? Or is it only those that are in Exhibit Hs?
21 What does that represent?

22 A. I would venture to guess that these were
23 the structures at the time of the data request within
24 400 feet.

25 Q. So --

1 A. They may have adjusted slightly. I'd have
2 to look at the date of this. It's relatively recent.
3 So, in the last couple months -- you know, we are
4 still making micro reroutes to adjust the pipeline to
5 accommodate landowners. So I can't say for certain
6 that this hasn't slightly changed, but it should be
7 very close, very accurate.

8 Q. So is this the list of structures within
9 400 feet as of June 19 of 2023? Of the route.

10 A. I believe that's correct.

11 Q. Thank you.

12 MS. GRUENHAGEN: Your Honor, I would like
13 to offer IFBF Hearing Exhibit 4 into evidence.

14 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Are there any
15 objections?

16 MR. LEONARD: No objection, Your Honor.

17 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: With no objections,
18 the exhibit will be admitted as IFBF Hearing
19 Exhibit 4.

20 MS. GRUENHAGEN: Thank you, Your Honor.

21 BY MS. GRUENHAGEN:

22 Q. Now, amongst those parcels there, are there
23 some of those parcels that are -- I'm sorry, are there
24 some of those structures located on parcels that are
25 not included in the route?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Were the owners of those structures ever
3 consulted?

4 A. I don't believe so.

5 Q. Were they ever notified?

6 A. They would have been notified, you know,
7 during the initial notification process for the
8 informational meetings.

9 Q. Would they have been notified after the
10 route was established?

11 A. Potentially. You know, we did have a
12 300-foot wide survey corridor. And we've surveyed
13 300-feet. So 150 foot on each side of the pipe. So,
14 if we were hugging a property line, for example, and
15 the survey corridor extended over the property line,
16 then they would have been notified as to the survey
17 activities.

18 Q. Were they ever told that the route was
19 actually planned for that distance from their
20 residence or structure?

21 A. I can't say for certain whether each
22 individual landowner was told. I would say, most
23 likely, no.

24 Q. When your routing team did the examination
25 of those structures within 400 feet, what would have

1 caused the routing team to leave the route where it
2 was if it was closer than 400 feet from the proposed
3 route?

4 A. You know, obviously we're connecting to
5 ethanol plants. And a lot of the ethanol plants are
6 in more highly populated areas, and we have to get to
7 the ethanol plant with our pipeline.

8 So that would be one example of probably a
9 lot of these where we have to get to the ethanol plant
10 and there's structures and other houses, buildings,
11 et cetera, in the near vicinity of the ethanol plant.

12 Another example would be following existing
13 infrastructure. We tried to follow existing pipeline
14 corridors and power line corridors where we could.

15 And then, you know, there's other locations
16 where there's just physical constraints to build the
17 pipeline and cross a river, for example, at a certain
18 location, cross a railroad at a certain location, that
19 would constrain us to leave the pipeline really where
20 it's at.

21 Q. You've been here off and on the last couple
22 of weeks listening to the non-intervening landowners
23 testify; is that correct?

24 A. I haven't been here in person for the
25 non-intervening landowners, but I did listen in to the

1 majority of that through the live stream.

2 Q. So, in addition to hearing their testimony,
3 I would assume you also may have evaluated the route
4 around their structures and things at that time?

5 A. Yeah. I certainly, you know, listened to
6 their concerns and was looking at opportunities to see
7 what we could do to try to accommodate their concerns.

8 Q. I'm going to have the IUB staff bring up a
9 couple of examples that we heard. And I'm going to
10 use the examples from the testimony just because
11 that's already been made public. But just as examples
12 to get an idea of the considerations that your routing
13 team went through.

14 A. Okay.

15 MS. GRUENHAGEN: So if the staff could pull
16 up PA-013. On the KMZ file.

17 BY MS. GRUENHAGEN:

18 Q. Were you able to listen to Mr. Fehr
19 testifying regarding his property and his sons'
20 properties?

21 A. I did not, but I am aware of this.

22 Q. You're aware of the situation?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And I'll try to paraphrase the testimony,
25 I'm not going to get it perfect, but the farmstead

1 there that's not red.

2 A. Yep.

3 Q. There was testimony that he has
4 approximately 70 H-2A workers that live there. And he
5 also testified that the pipeline, I believe, is about
6 250 feet from that area.

7 What considerations would your routing team
8 have made to leave that route that close to that
9 population?

10 A. So our original route actually hugged the
11 south part of that property all the way across. It
12 was a straight line on the south part of those
13 parcels.

14 After the route was established and after
15 easement documents were presented to the landowner,
16 that section that's not red was subdivided. And
17 there's, I believe, a large barn that's been
18 constructed on the far south side of that property.

19 So it forced us to adjust the route long
20 into the process. I think we were well over a year
21 and a half into the process and over a year into the
22 process before that property was subdivided or any
23 construction activities took place. We'd already
24 submitted Exhibit Hs and we had to file an amendment
25 to adjust the route.

1 Because the route was going right in that
2 little red sliver, which I think is only about 80 foot
3 wide. It's not even wide enough to construct there.
4 And it would be, I think, tens of feet from the
5 existing barn that they had just built. So that's
6 what forced us to adjust the route in the manner that
7 we did.

8 Certainly, we could adjust the route even
9 slightly further north, if needed, and requested by
10 the landowner to get an easement signed.

11 But originally the route was hugging the
12 far south side of that property, we were much further
13 away from any inhabitable structure and encumbering
14 the property as little as possible by hugging the
15 property line, and then the lot was subdivided in the
16 fashion that it was, which is rather odd looking, and
17 forcing us to move the route almost two years into the
18 process.

19 Q. So why was it moved so that it was so close
20 to a home there and a significant -- scratch that,
21 with the population of 70 H-2A workers plus the other
22 workers that are there? Instead of moving it
23 somewhere else.

24 A. I'm not aware of any structure that has 70
25 workers -- can you identify where on that property the

1 70 workers are living?

2 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: So, just real quick
3 to clarify, Ms. Gruenhagen and Mr. Schovanec, those
4 are two different parcels. And so instead of just
5 saying "the green spot," can we just make sure we're
6 talking about the green spot on the east and the west
7 side of the road?

8 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

9 BY MS. GRUENHAGEN:

10 Q. So the green area on the east side of the
11 road, I believe Mr. Fehr testified that there were two
12 hog buildings, two hog barns, that were built there?

13 A. Uh-huh.

14 Q. And that's what you're referencing, that
15 those barns --

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. -- would have conflicted with the route.

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. How long does it take to build a hog barn?

20 A. I don't know the answer to that.

21 Q. But, because it's a structure, it took some
22 time to build, I would assume.

23 A. Correct. I know that the construction
24 started after -- I believe after the Exhibit Hs were
25 filed and the route had been set, and that's why we

1 had to file an amendment to adjust the route as shown.

2 Q. And the Exhibit Hs were, I think, completed
3 in September of 2022?

4 A. That's right.

5 Q. And so these barns were built after
6 September of '22?

7 A. I believe so. You know, I don't know the
8 exact timeline of this specific parcel. So, if that's
9 untrue, then I stand to be corrected.

10 But I know that we were aware of activities
11 that were taking place. We were aware of this for a
12 long period of time and trying to see if we could work
13 this out. And trying to see if that was a more
14 favorable location. Still hugging the south side of
15 the property near a hog confinement barn versus closer
16 to their residence.

17 And, ultimately, I believe we didn't get
18 any direction from them, so we made the decision to
19 route further away from the existing barns that were
20 built and, you know, go to the north side of the
21 residence. Which I believe we're four or five hundred
22 feet away from at this point.

23 Q. I believe, during testimony, it was
24 measured at 250 feet.

25 MS. GRUENHAGEN: And if we could zoom in on

1 the west parcel that's in green.

2 BY MS. GRUENHAGEN:

3 Q. And I may get this wrong, but he did
4 identify which buildings they were living in on the
5 site. And I believe the one that has the rounded roof
6 was their church, I think he even showed a video of it
7 there, and they also stayed in some of the buildings
8 on the site as well. We'll have to go back to that
9 testimony as to exactly which buildings.

10 A. So that large building is the building that
11 seventy-plus people live in?

12 Q. Yes, that's what he identified. Yes.

13 A. And that's measured as 250 feet from the
14 pipeline?

15 Q. That is what the testimony was, yes.

16 A. Is there any way that we can measure that?
17 So 310 feet. Okay.

18 Q. And I believe there were people also in the
19 other building that's a little bit closer as well.

20 A. You know, so this is, you know, kind of
21 a -- I mean, that looks like a dilapidated structure.
22 But this is an example of a location where, you know,
23 landowners would be concerned that, "Hey, this is a
24 little too close to me. Would you mind adjusting the
25 route further to the north." And we certainly have

1 done that every single time it's been requested.

2 If landowners are not willing to work with
3 us or give us any feedback, we don't just arbitrarily
4 move the route without any kind of direction.

5 Q. So it seems that this particular one was
6 changed after September of 2022?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. And so were there any conversations with
9 the landowners after September of '22 about the move?

10 A. Certainly there would have been
11 communications. I'd have to defer to our right-of-way
12 team on what those would be, but we've got a
13 communications log of all correspondence with
14 landowners.

15 Q. Thank you.

16 MS. GRUENHAGEN: Could we also pull up
17 SI-076. And then zoom out just a little bit. To the
18 south of that red parcel, there's another hog
19 building. If you can zoom in on that.

20 BY MS. GRUENHAGEN:

21 Q. Do you recognize that as a livestock barn?

22 A. Yes.

23 MS. GRUENHAGEN: Can you measure the
24 distance between the pipeline and the livestock barn?

25

1 BY MS. GRUENHAGEN:

2 Q. Can you read that distance?

3 A. Yeah. Sixty feet.

4 Q. Would your routing team view that as a land
5 use conflict?

6 A. I mean, not necessarily. You know, there's
7 instances -- you know, very few instances like this.
8 Where landowners would have requested us to, you know,
9 hug their property line, which would put the pipeline
10 closer to the adjacent landowner's structures for
11 example.

12 You know, we certainly tried to mitigate
13 issues there. If there was a dwelling, if there was a
14 hog confinement barn, for example, we didn't
15 necessarily adjust that further away.

16 You know, it's one of those things where
17 we're working with the landowner in question that has
18 the pipeline on their property. Obviously adjacent
19 landowners have impacts as well.

20 But, as I stated earlier, we didn't reach
21 out or discuss all route changes with existing
22 adjacent landowners.

23 There are instances of, "Well, my neighbor
24 doesn't want this," or whatever, and we've adjusted
25 the route to accommodate neighbors' concerns on

1 individual landowners' properties. I don't recall
2 this being one. That doesn't necessarily mean that
3 the landowner is not concerned though.

4 Q. So Summit would not have had discussions
5 with the owner of this building. In all likelihood.

6 A. I can't say that they would have. I know
7 that there are situations like this where our
8 construction management team did go reach out to these
9 landowners and talk to them and see if they were
10 concerned, but I don't have a detailed analysis on
11 this one to know what was done or not done.

12 Q. Thank you.

13 A. And I believe this was Mr. Utesch; correct?

14 Q. Yes.

15 A. So, if Mr. Utesch requests that we move
16 this route, we certainly can.

17 Q. So what we learned was the Mr. Utesch that
18 owns the parcel for Exhibit H is not the same
19 Mr. Utesch that owns the hog building. It's something
20 we learned during testimony.

21 A. And I think that was maybe part of the
22 confusion with something like this. Where we're
23 hugging a property line, the landowner seems to be
24 more agreeable with this alignment, and it is the same
25 last name assuming that it could be the same person or

1 family member, et cetera.

2 Q. In this instance, that wasn't the case.

3 A. Okay.

4 Q. Because we had that conversation with him.

5 A. Yep.

6 Q. Because I was curious about that.

7 MS. GRUENHAGEN: Let's look at WO-041.

8 BY MS. GRUENHAGEN:

9 Q. Do these parcels look familiar?

10 A. Generally.

11 Q. There was testimony that there's irrigation
12 systems on both of these parcels as well as a parcel
13 to the north that's owned by the same owner. But I
14 guess what I want to ask about is there's quite a few
15 residences in this area as well.

16 A. Uh-huh.

17 MS. GRUENHAGEN: The one specifically that
18 is to the north of the, I guess, east parcel with the
19 irrigation circle, if you could measure from that
20 house to the pipeline.

21 BY MS. GRUENHAGEN:

22 Q. Can you read that distance?

23 A. Yeah, 160 feet.

24 Q. So is this another instance where the pipe
25 is pushed up against the boundary line, but the

1 adjoining parcel was not -- they're not an easement
2 grantor and they're not an Exhibit H -- you know, were
3 they consulted about the pipeline being that close to
4 their home?

5 A. I would say that's most likely correct.
6 You know, it was again, you know -- if you zoom out, I
7 believe that there's houses on the south side of the
8 property.

9 So obviously the landowner does not want us
10 just bisecting the middle of his pivot irrigation.
11 They prefer that we hug more of a property line. And
12 so you've got competing and conflicting priorities and
13 interest there.

14 Q. But Summit still decided to route the
15 pipeline through this area.

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. And why would that be?

18 A. Well, you know, I don't know the macro look
19 at this area, but I'm sure you'd have similar issues
20 across this entire area.

21 And I can't speak to all the other existing
22 factors that were identified in this specific location
23 on the route. I know that there's existing pipeline
24 infrastructure in this general location. There's
25 power lines.

1 And, again, as I mentioned yesterday,
2 pipelines can co-locate. You know, we've done an
3 analysis, and there's tens of thousands of structures
4 within vicinities of this close to a pipeline existing
5 right now in Iowa.

6 So, you know, although not ideal, these
7 instances are happening every day all day in Iowa.
8 Across the United States as well.

9 So we try to mitigate these issues where we
10 can, but there are select locations where this is
11 occurring.

12 Q. In fact, there's 112 of those locations
13 according to the list.

14 A. One hundred twelve that are within 400
15 feet, and I can't identify how many of those are
16 actually immediately adjacent to an ethanol plant or
17 other location that we have no choice on how we route
18 it to.

19 Q. With this particular parcel, is it in the
20 vicinity of an ethanol plant?

21 A. It is not.

22 Q. We're going to pick one more example and
23 then we'll move on to a different topic here.

24 MS. GRUENHAGEN: Could you pull up WR-002
25 and WR-019. They're adjacent parcels. WR-002 and

1 WR-019.

2 BY MS. GRUENHAGEN:

3 Q. There was also testimony regarding this
4 parcel. And this is not a structure issue question
5 here. I just want to show the two parcels, and we may
6 need to pull up the landowner's exhibits, but there
7 was testimony regarding some very large county tile
8 going through here and -- multiple laterals and county
9 tile going through these properties.

10 A. Okay.

11 MS. GRUENHAGEN: And so can we pull up -- I
12 believe it was Ritter Hearing Exhibit 1.

13 BY MS. GRUENHAGEN:

14 Q. I just want to show you what the parcels
15 look like and then he has a tile map that he shows
16 some of that detail.

17 A. Okay. And, just for you're information, we
18 digitized all of the drain tile maps that have been
19 given to us. And we've overlaid that within our GIS
20 platform. We've also got all the county publicly
21 available digital county tile information.

22 So we do know where the majority of the
23 county tile is located, and we have made adjustments
24 to the design and the route to try to accommodate that
25 where we can.

1 Q. And I believe Summit has been provided this
2 map. But this is the pattern tile. And you can see
3 there's a line that traverses -- I don't know how to
4 describe it. On the east side of the west parcel
5 going north and south.

6 A. The one that heads in the northwesterly
7 direction to the north of the parcel?

8 Q. Yes.

9 A. Yeah.

10 Q. So he identified that as -- Mr. Ritter
11 identified that as a county main. And then, in that
12 same parcel going from -- I guess up in the northwest
13 corner there's also a county lateral going through
14 there. At a diagonal.

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And then there's also another one on the
17 south side as well. On the southeast side.

18 A. So all the tile that leaves his parcel, or
19 their parcel, are the county mains is what you're
20 saying?

21 Q. Yes. Yes. With this many county mains on
22 the property, how does your routing team usually
23 accommodate that?

24 A. Well --

25 Q. I'm sorry. I believe it's like a 28-inch

1 pipe, 18, and 16 are the sizes of the drainage tile.
2 If that helps.

3 A. Okay. You know, so that is one factor
4 obviously is the size. I know that one of the other
5 landowners testified to a 48-inch tile. You know,
6 something of that magnitude would very likely be a
7 drill. And we would drill that.

8 You know, the depth of the tile obviously
9 is part of the consideration as well. If the tile is
10 4 or 5 foot deep, certainly we're going to go under.
11 If the tile is 10, 12, 15 foot deep, then, based on
12 the diameter of the pipe and the depth of cover and
13 the expected separation between the tile and the pipe,
14 in my estimation it's less impactful to go over the
15 top of the tile.

16 So I think it's really site specific and
17 location and tile specific.

18 You know, whenever we start our
19 construction process, we're going to identify large
20 tile such as this. And we're certainly working with
21 the drainage districts to identify concerns like this
22 and coming up with the most practical and reasonable
23 solution for constructing across these locations.

24 Q. A couple follow-up questions to what you
25 just said.

1 How deep does the drainage tile need to be
2 for the carbon pipeline to go over top of it? Rather
3 than underneath it. Is there a threshold?

4 A. I would say, you know, it's obviously
5 specific to the diameter of the pipe. A 6-inch pipe
6 is going to be buried -- the ditch for the 6-inch pipe
7 will be less deep than a 24-inch pipe.

8 So, taking a worst case largest diameter
9 scenario, we've committed to four foot minimum from
10 top of pipe to top of soil. Typically, when you're
11 cutting your ditch, you'll cut the ditch six inches or
12 a foot deeper than is actually needed so that you can
13 pad the ditch with good soil when you backfill. Or
14 when you're fixing to lower in the pipe. So just
15 doing some math there.

16 And then on top of the fact that we want to
17 keep a minimum of one foot of separation between the
18 tile and our pipe. Preferably 18 inches or more.

19 So four foot deep plus two foot of pipe
20 plus an extra foot on the ditch depth plus another
21 foot of separation. Eight foot deep would probably be
22 the minimum depth. That we would try to tile over --
23 or put the pipe over the top of the tile.

24 Q. Does it matter whether it's perforated tile
25 or non-perforated tile?

1 A. I wouldn't think so.

2 Q. You may not know the answer, but do you
3 know the difference between -- the functions of
4 perforated tile versus non-perforated tile?

5 A. You know, I don't. The -- so, whenever
6 we're actually cutting the ditch -- you know, the
7 surface impacts above that tile will be very minimal.
8 I don't know if the concern was that -- you know, for
9 example, in the travel lane, if you're driving over
10 the top of the tile, there's ground disturbance.
11 Those types of concerns, I think, would not be there
12 for cutting the ditch over the top of the tile and
13 laying the pipe.

14 Q. I'm going to try not to testify, but I'm
15 just going to explain very briefly.

16 So perforated tile performs a drainage
17 function. Non-perforated tile is more just transport
18 of the water.

19 A. Okay.

20 Q. And so the perforated tile -- that's why I
21 was asking about that is because it performs a
22 drainage function and pulls water from the soil.

23 A. Yeah, I'm familiar with perforated tile.
24 You know, we certainly have a drain tile expert that's
25 going to testify, I believe, later today. So more

1 detailed questions would need to go to him. But
2 thanks.

3 Q. That's why I was just asking if the
4 depth -- if there was a difference in consideration
5 for the depth of the tile for the pipe to go over it
6 as to whether it was perforated or non-perforated.

7 Would it be better to ask Mr. Ellingson
8 that question?

9 A. I believe so, yes.

10 Q. Okay. We'll do that.

11 Okay. We'll switch subjects here. In your
12 rebuttal testimony on page 7, you stated that
13 pipelines are consistent with the vast majority of
14 land uses.

15 Do you recall that?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Is there any land use that you would
18 consider to be inconsistent with the pipeline?

19 A. Some of the ones I mentioned earlier. Such
20 as an airport, a cemetery. You know, a school. You
21 know, there's, I think, a long list of those that are
22 on the tables that were provided.

23 Q. And you provided some rebuttal exhibits.

24 Do you recall those?

25 A. Correct.

1 Q. With those examples that were provided in,
2 I believe, both the case study that was done and -- do
3 those example pipelines transport substances that are
4 used by people? Such as natural gas and petroleum?

5 A. I would state that, yes, some of them do,
6 and I can't testify to exactly what the uses are of
7 those pipelines and -- what the end uses are, for
8 example.

9 You know, Dakota Access transporting crude
10 oil from North Dakota to Illinois, you know, somebody
11 is going to be using that, but I wouldn't -- you know,
12 I don't think you can say that that's going to be used
13 by anybody in the vicinity of that pipeline per se.

14 Q. Would it make sense to you that in a
15 community that maybe uses natural gas as a heating
16 source, that there would have to be a natural gas
17 pipeline go to that community?

18 A. I would say that a large diameter
19 transmission line for natural gas does not have to be
20 near the vicinity of development, but they do exist in
21 that way.

22 The small diameter distribution lines that
23 go to individual residences certainly need to go to
24 those houses, but the large diameter pipelines do not
25 need to be in the near vicinity of any major

1 establishments from what I can tell.

2 Q. Wouldn't there need to be a transmission
3 pipeline to come to the community in order to put it
4 into distribution lines?

5 A. Certainly, but it doesn't necessarily have
6 to be in developed areas. Which they do exist to the
7 tune of tens of thousands of structures just in Iowa
8 alone.

9 Q. Do any of the examples that you provided in
10 your rebuttal exhibits transport liquefied carbon
11 dioxide?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Do communities ever use liquefied carbon
14 dioxide for their homes or anything?

15 A. No. Communities don't use liquefied CO2
16 for their homes.

17 Q. Were any of those pipelines in your
18 Rebuttal Exhibits 2 and 3 intentionally located in
19 close proximity to those occupied structures? Or did
20 those occupied structures come later?

21 A. I have no knowledge of exactly which
22 structures were there when the pipelines were
23 constructed.

24 Q. I believe your exhibits identify that. So
25 just one second.

1 A. Are you referring to the three pipelines in
2 the Harris pipeline case proximity study or the
3 exhibits?

4 Q. Yes, and there were photos identifying that
5 the structures were built afterwards in your exhibits.

6 A. Yes, on those specific pipelines, yes, the
7 development did occur after the pipelines were
8 installed. But those were a micro snapshot of the
9 locations where the development did occur. I can't,
10 you know, state what other infrastructure or
11 structures were in the near vicinity of those
12 pipelines outside of the locations identified in that
13 study.

14 Q. Isn't there a difference between choosing
15 to locate your home somewhere versus having something
16 come in when you didn't ask it to come into the
17 neighborhood?

18 A. I would say, yes, there is a difference.

19 MS. GRUENHAGEN: I have another hearing
20 exhibit. And we'll just -- this is going to be IFBF
21 Hearing Exhibit 5. There's more pages to this one.

22 BY MS. GRUENHAGEN:

23 Q. On page 6 of your direct testimony -- while
24 they're handing that out, we can just -- starting on
25 line 21 of page 6.

1 You identify an Environmental Construction
2 Plan?

3 A. Correct.

4 Q. And that's to -- in the testimony, it's
5 used to mitigate environmental impacts during
6 construction?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. Were you involved in reviewing this
9 document?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Have you had a chance to look at it in
12 front of you there?

13 A. So this is just a copy of our Environmental
14 Construction Plan.

15 Q. Is that the document that you were
16 referencing in your direct testimony?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. And I believe it's dated January of 2022.

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. Is there a more recent draft of that
21 document?

22 A. Not that I'm aware of. I believe that this
23 is the most recent version, but I could certainly
24 check on that.

25 Q. And when will Summit finalize this

1 Environmental Construction Plan? Approximately. If
2 you know.

3 A. I would say that it's probably in final
4 form at this point. The only thing that I would say
5 that could lead to changes in this -- and Jon Schmidt,
6 who will testify later, is certainly better versed in
7 all the environmental construction best management
8 practices and everything else that's detailed in this
9 document, but, to me, this is a final form.

10 If we get some sort of guidance or
11 recommendations on changes here from the Army Corps of
12 Engineers, the Department of Natural Resources,
13 U.S. Fish and Wildlife, for example, then we would
14 incorporate those changes at that time.

15 Q. Is Summit willing to include this document
16 as a part of its pipeline permit?

17 A. Certainly. Yes.

18 Q. And I'm going to ask you a couple of
19 questions about the document. If it's not something
20 that you're familiar with, then just let me know who I
21 should talk to about it. But I'm not going to get too
22 in depth on this because I understand you're more of
23 the overview guy on this; right?

24 A. Yeah, and, just to put it into perspective,
25 so this Environmental Construction Plan will be used

1 in conjunction with the AIMP. And, if there's
2 anything that's conflicting between the two, we'll use
3 the more stringent requirements, which is usually the
4 AIMP. This touches on obviously some additional items
5 that the AIMP does not get into.

6 Q. Just for the record, what does AIMP stand
7 for?

8 A. Agricultural Impact Mitigation Plan.

9 Q. And that was submitted as Exhibit I with
10 the permit application?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. And it was last revised, I believe,
13 August 22? Do I have the date right?

14 A. Yeah, I think there were some simple
15 revisions, one of which was just updating the list of
16 county inspectors.

17 Q. So, with the Environmental Construction
18 Plan, on page 19 under section 5.0.

19 A. Okay.

20 Q. In that first sentence there, it says
21 "Wetland delineations will occur before construction."

22 Has that occurred already?

23 A. Correct. So part of the surveys that we
24 conducted were what I call bio surveys. Biological
25 surveys. And part of what they're doing are wetland

1 delineations.

2 So I believe we surveyed well over
3 97 percent, it could be as high as 99 percent, of the
4 Iowa route. And we've done the wetland delineations
5 as required.

6 We've presented all that information to the
7 Army Corps of Engineers. I believe they had
8 additional wetlands that were layered on, and we've
9 incorporated those into our design.

10 And, in the engineering design of our
11 workspace, for example, we nicked down the
12 right-of-way in those locations. We're required to
13 place mats at those locations, for example.

14 So we have completed wetland delineations
15 for the vast majority of the pipeline route.

16 Q. So, when you said you did a survey for
17 wetland delineations, is that just involving talking
18 to the Corps or was there visual?

19 A. It's in-person field surveys walking the
20 entire route. With biologists.

21 Q. Did Summit only consult with the Army
22 Corps of Engineers regarding the wetland delineations
23 or did Summit also talk to the NRCS?

24 A. I'd have to defer to Jon Schmidt on that.
25 I would imagine that we did talk to NRCS and other

1 regulatory agencies, but I don't have the specifics on
2 that.

3 Q. Okay. We'll talk to him about that.

4 Then, on page 24, at the top of the page it
5 talks about seed mixing. I may have the wrong page.
6 Because I don't see it.

7 MS. GRUENHAGEN: Scroll down just a little
8 bit more. Still page 24, just scroll down a little
9 bit more. There we go. It's at the bottom of the
10 page.

11 BY MS. GRUENHAGEN:

12 Q. According to this Environmental
13 Construction Plan, Summit is going to be reseeding the
14 areas that are not in crop production; is that
15 correct?

16 A. That's correct.

17 MR. DUBLINSKE: Can I jump in for just a
18 second? Just to clarify the record, there are
19 actually three different page numbers on every page of
20 this document. And I believe, on the prior question
21 when Ms. Gruenhagen referred to page 19, she was
22 talking about the number at the bottom. SCS-SC and
23 then the number. And, on this one, I believe we're
24 using the page number from the top. The IFBF hearing
25 exhibit.

1 So, just for clarity of the record, I just
2 want to make sure we use the same page numbering, or
3 explain which page numbering we're using, when we're
4 moving through the document if we could. Thank you.

5 MS. GRUENHAGEN: Thank you, Mr. Dublinske,
6 I appreciate that.

7 And I believe I may have put page numbers
8 down in my notes before I labeled them here for the
9 exhibit.

10 So why don't we scroll down to the SCS
11 page 24 at the top of the page. So just scroll to the
12 next page here. There we go.

13 BY MS. GRUENHAGEN:

14 Q. And it talks about specific seed mixes
15 there in the beginning. The first paragraph of SCS
16 page 24.

17 And so it requires the seed mixes to be
18 consistent with the type of habitat, county, or state
19 regulation.

20 Do you see that in the first sentence
21 there?

22 A. I do.

23 Q. If a federal contract requires a certain
24 time of vegetation, such as pollinator habitat for
25 CRP, will Summit use the appropriate pollinator seed

1 mix for the federal regulations?

2 A. We will.

3 Q. Is Summit willing then to amend the ECP to
4 include also federal contracts guidance and
5 regulation?

6 A. We can.

7 MS. GRUENHAGEN: Thank you. That's all I
8 have for that document.

9 Your Honor, I would like to offer into
10 evidence IFBF Hearing Exhibit 5.

11 MR. LEONARD: No objections.

12 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Hearing no
13 objections, the Board will admit IFBF Hearing
14 Exhibit 5.

15 MS. GRUENHAGEN: Thank you, Your Honor.

16 A. Is this one not titled Exhibit 5 as well?
17 Oh. So we're admitting it. Sorry. Okay.

18 BY MS. GRUENHAGEN:

19 Q. Yes. The ECP, we were just discussing
20 admitting that into evidence.

21 A. So we can make those amendments, as you
22 suggested, and then I will check to see if we can deem
23 this final and then have that part of the record.

24 Q. Thank you. I appreciate that.

25 We're going to switch topics again and talk

1 more a little bit about land restoration activities.

2 In your direct testimony on page 9,
3 starting on line 4, you state that "Successful
4 restoration and revegetation of the project workspace
5 is important for landowner relations, maintaining
6 productivity, and protecting the underlying soil from
7 potential damage."

8 Does that sound familiar?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. What do you think are the most important
11 aspects of achieving successful restoration of
12 agricultural land?

13 A. You know, certainly separation of the
14 topsoil and the subsoil prior to construction
15 starting, I think, is one of the most critical items
16 that can take place. Protecting the drain tile.
17 Properly repairing the drain tile. I think those are
18 some of the critical items.

19 And then stabilization of the topsoil
20 during the construction process. And, you know, I
21 know that since the Dakota Access pipeline was
22 installed, that there were a lot of changes to the
23 Chapter 9 Board rules to address, I believe, all of
24 those items.

25 So those, to me, are the largest

1 restoration considerations.

2 Q. Prior to Dakota Access, wasn't topsoil
3 already required to be separated from the subsoil and
4 stabilized?

5 A. I believe that the stabilization was not a
6 requirement. I'd have to defer to Aaron DeJoia who's
7 got the specifics on that who will be testifying later
8 today or tomorrow. But I believe that there was some
9 enhanced language around topsoil stabilization.

10 Q. But topsoil was already required to be
11 separated from the subsoil.

12 A. I believe so, yes.

13 Q. And weren't tile lines -- they were already
14 required to be repaired?

15 A. They were required to be repaired. I know
16 that, in my experience working on projects that
17 involve tile, best practices are to telescope the tile
18 on both sides of the right-of-way to make sure that
19 the tile wasn't crushed during restoration activities
20 through travel -- you know, through the travel lane,
21 for example.

22 My understanding is that telescoping of the
23 tile was not a requirement for Dakota Access and it
24 now is. So that would be another example of enhanced
25 kind of requirements.

1 Q. When you state there on page 9 that you
2 will protect the underlying soil from potential
3 damage, do you mean both the topsoil and the subsoil?
4 Or what did you mean by that?

5 A. You know, so the subsoil, to me, is -- the
6 damage that occurs there -- and, again, I'm not a soil
7 expert, I would defer to Mr. DeJoia on that, would be
8 compaction of the subsoil.

9 And, you know, we're certainly going to
10 de-compact as required by the Board rules and the
11 AIMP. So that, to me, is a way to mitigate the issues
12 from the subsoil compaction.

13 Q. Part of the AIMP talks about wet
14 conditions. Construction in wet conditions. And I
15 believe it provides an option for Summit to remove the
16 topsoil in the traveled way to be able to continue
17 construction.

18 Am I paraphrasing that correctly?

19 A. I believe that's correct. And I believe
20 the language is verbatim from the Board rules.

21 Q. So, if that was done and it's in wet
22 conditions and that subsoil is also saturated, can you
23 explain why running heavy construction equipment over
24 the subsoil won't cause compaction?

25 A. I'd have to defer to Mr. DeJoia. I know

1 that there are things you can do to mitigate
2 compaction. Such as placing mats down in wet
3 conditions, you know, and other means to mitigate
4 those issues. But we need to defer to Mr. DeJoia on
5 specifics.

6 Q. Okay. We'll talk to him about that.

7 In your testimony, and I believe this is
8 the direct testimony, page 3, lines 12 through 14, you
9 talk about an easement of 110 feet wide for
10 construction.

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. And I believe the statute talks about
13 75 feet.

14 Can you explain why that additional amount
15 of feet is necessary for construction?

16 A. So the construction footprint does range
17 from 100 to 110. I believe the breaking point for the
18 increased additional ten feet is 16-inch pipe and
19 above.

20 So the 12-inch pipe and below, the
21 temporary easement is only 50 foot wide. It's 60 foot
22 wide for the larger pipe.

23 The width of the easement is needed
24 primarily due to the topsoil. When you strip off, you
25 know, 18 inches, two feet, three feet of topsoil, you

1 have a very large topsoil pile that takes up a very
2 large footprint.

3 So that's the primary reason on the width
4 of the temporary easement.

5 Q. And so you need more than the 75 feet under
6 the statute in order to store topsoil and subsoil?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. At the top of page 4 of your rebuttal
9 testimony, you provide an example of why Summit
10 might -- and we talked about this a little bit
11 already. I just want to make sure we're clear on it.

12 You provide an example of why Summit might
13 install pipe above a drain tile. Are there any other
14 reasons why that might occur?

15 A. No, the reasons I mentioned earlier are the
16 reasons.

17 Q. Are you also in charge of hiring the
18 contractors for this project and overseeing them?

19 A. I am.

20 Q. Can you name who the primary contractors
21 are for this project?

22 A. I can. So we're using three contractors in
23 the state of Iowa. They're all union contractors.
24 Which means that they're going to be required to hire
25 50 percent local. So there'll be a lot of local jobs

1 utilizing union contractors.

2 So our three contractors are Precision,
3 Rockford, and Associated.

4 Q. Were any of those contractors used during
5 the Dakota Access project to your knowledge?

6 A. Precision was.

7 Q. Were you involved in the topsoil surveys or
8 would you be familiar with that? Or would that be a
9 different witness?

10 A. I'm certainly aware of them and involved
11 from a high-level standpoint. Specific questions
12 about what those are would need to be directed to
13 Mr. DeJoia.

14 Q. I'll ask a couple of high-level questions.
15 And, if I get too detailed, then just feel free to
16 tell me that.

17 Okay?

18 A. Certainly.

19 Q. Once Summit has conducted the topsoil
20 survey and has the results of that and they share it
21 with the landowner, what is the process, I guess, for
22 sharing it with the landowner? Can you describe what
23 that is going to be like?

24 A. I don't know if that's been fully flanged
25 up yet, but certainly we'll follow the Board rules and

1 the AIMP.

2 You know, my understanding is that the data
3 and the results of that will be presented to us from
4 the company conducting those, which is actually Soil
5 and Eco. Which Mr. DeJoia is involved with. So he
6 can give you the exact details. But whatever is
7 typical through the Board rules and the process there
8 is what we'll do.

9 Q. Has Summit thought through how they're
10 going to handle the situations where landowners may
11 not agree with that topsoil survey?

12 A. Certainly. We've had several landowners
13 that have requested that we strip less topsoil than
14 what was identified in the topsoil survey without them
15 seeing the results. We've included clauses in our
16 easement docs that reduces the depth of the topsoil to
17 an identified amount, for example.

18 If the landowner says, "Hey, I just want
19 you to strip one foot of topsoil and I don't care what
20 the topsoil survey says," then we're going to abide by
21 what the landowner wants us to do.

22 It will be a part of the construction line
23 list, which is given to the contractor, and they'll
24 know exactly what depth of topsoil that they'll need
25 to strip off. And the construction line list will be

1 made available to the county inspectors as well.

2 But those types of instances are being
3 documented in the easement themselves.

4 Q. So, if a landowner is a landowner for which
5 an Exhibit H has been filed, so there's not an
6 easement on file at this point, are they going to be
7 able to indicate their wishes for topsoil depth to be
8 put in your line list?

9 A. I would say yes. At the time that the
10 easement is executed, I would expect that they would
11 want that language in the easement. If there was
12 another mechanism for us to document that, we
13 certainly would incorporate that.

14 But my expectation would be that those
15 landowners would be treated the same as all other
16 landowners that have signed easements.

17 Q. So, if a landowner wasn't aware that this
18 was going to be an issue and their easement is
19 condemned, will they still be able to have a say in
20 how much topsoil gets stripped off their property?

21 A. Specific easement language, conversations,
22 and how that works through condemnations is not my
23 wheelhouse. So I would defer those conversations and
24 those questions to Mr. Rorie.

25 But, in my opinion, we certainly will work

1 with all landowners to the very last day to
2 incorporate language and things in the easement that
3 are concerning and important to them.

4 Q. On page 9, line 21, of your direct
5 testimony, you talk about 38 access roads that are
6 going to be built.

7 Does that number sound correct?

8 A. Sure. There's a lot of numbers, but, if
9 that's what I wrote, then, yes, at the time there was
10 38 access roads.

11 Q. And I believe you also testified that
12 gravel is going to be used on those access roads?

13 A. Potentially, yes.

14 Q. In the instances that gravel is used on
15 those access roads across the property, will Summit
16 agree to remove all of the gravel even if it's smaller
17 than three inches in diameter?

18 A. Yes. So our intent is to -- you know, for
19 any access roads, temporary access roads I should say,
20 we're going to restore them to original condition.
21 And a lot of -- at least in my experience, in a lot of
22 situations, the landowner wants to us leave the
23 improved road, and we'll certainly do that when
24 requested. If not, we'll restore it to its original
25 condition.

1 Q. And then I just have two final questions
2 here so that you'll get to have the rest of your day
3 back here.

4 During your deposition, we talked a little
5 bit about staging areas.

6 Do you recall that?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. Could you describe what a staging area is?

9 A. You know, to me, a staging area would be
10 either a pipe yard, a mat yard, or a contractor
11 construction laydown yard.

12 Q. And about how many acres would that take
13 up?

14 A. They vary in size. I think they're
15 anywhere from 5 to 15 acres with the high end being
16 for the pipe storage.

17 Q. And have those locations been identified?

18 A. Preliminarily. I don't believe that we've
19 secured -- or leased any of those yet, but I believe
20 that we've identified all of them in Iowa and are
21 working towards coming to terms with the owners of the
22 properties.

23 Q. And you're going to have lease arrangements
24 with those owners?

25 A. Correct.

1 Q. And you're not looking at eminent domain
2 for that.

3 A. We are not.

4 Q. Okay. Very good. And then also during
5 deposition, and I believe you also have some testimony
6 as well, would you agree that each individual property
7 along the route may have different crop yield outcomes
8 as a result of the pipeline construction?

9 A. I would say yes. You know, I would defer
10 to Mr. DeJoia on his expertise in that field.

11 MS. GRUENHAGEN: That's all the questions I
12 have. Thank you.

13 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

14 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Thank you.

15 The Board has several questions. So,
16 before we get to that, we will take a quick 15-minute
17 break and be back at 9:35.

18 (Recess taken at 9:20 a.m.)

19 (Hearing resumed at 9:37 a.m.)

20 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Okay. It is 9:37.
21 We are back on the record.

22 I see Ms. Kohles has her name tent up. And
23 Mr. Fallon.

24 Before we get to that, we need to get some
25 clarification from Mr. Fallon.

1 Are you seeking to represent Bold Iowa?

2 MR. FALLON: Yes.

3 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: You were requested to
4 make that motion in writing by the Board. And that
5 did not happen. Are you making that motion now to
6 represent Bold Iowa?

7 MR. FALLON: Yes. I spoke with somebody
8 about this last week. Originally, I was probably
9 going to be out of town. But, due to a family
10 illness, my schedule changed and I was able to be
11 here.

12 There were two other reps from our
13 organization that were going to speak, but -- one of
14 them now has health issues, the other one is wrapped
15 up in some major farm equipment changes. So that
16 leaves me.

17 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: The motion is
18 granted.

19 MR. FALLON: Thank you.

20 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Ms. Kohles, proceed.

21 CROSS-EXAMINATION

22 BY MS. KOHLES:

23 Q. Good morning. Mr. Schovanec, I'm Jean
24 Kohles with Kohles Family Farms.

25 A. Good morning.

1 Q. I'll make it simple. I want to know do you
2 have equity ownership, or any ownership, in the
3 applicant or any related Summit industries or
4 entities?

5 A. I do.

6 Q. Can you name what they are? I don't know
7 if you can or not.

8 A. You know, I have equity in the company. I
9 guess that's all I can say.

10 Q. And Summit. Does it also include the
11 Midwest Carbon Express?

12 A. Yes. I have equity in the Summit Carbon
13 Solutions project.

14 MS. KOHLES: Okay. Thank you. No further
15 questions.

16 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Mr. Fallon.

17 CROSS-EXAMINATION

18 BY MR. FALLON:

19 Q. Good morning. I've been following the
20 proceedings online, so I haven't missed too much, but
21 I missed a bunch coming up this morning on the drive
22 here. But I'm going to assume that what I'm going to
23 discuss and ask hasn't been addressed yet.

24 One concern I have -- again, my background,
25 my personal background, is as a state legislator who

1 worked heavily on eminent domain law. In fact, the
2 one bill that I floor managed as a legislator was on
3 eminent domain.

4 And why only one bill? Well, Democrats
5 didn't get to manage bills when Republicans were in
6 control. And that usually works vice versa.

7 And that was because there was a pretty
8 strong public opinion, agreement, across the political
9 spectrum that there were concerns about eminent
10 domain.

11 I want to get back to that, but, first, you
12 mentioned -- you talked a lot about soil. And the
13 other thing I've done was back in 2015 I walked from
14 southeast Iowa to northwest Iowa --

15 MR. LEONARD: Objection, Your Honor.

16 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: State your objection.

17 MR. LEONARD: I'm going to object to the
18 lengthy narrative. This is a time for
19 cross-examination. If he has a question for the
20 witness, I'd like to hear the question.

21 BY MR. FALLON:

22 Q. Sure. The question is that, again, as I
23 made my way across Iowa, I met with a lot of people
24 with concerns about what they were being told by the
25 Dakota Access pipeline agents.

1 And I know that -- I've heard you say that
2 things are different now, but I also notice you have
3 the exact same counsel that Dakota Access had, and a
4 lot of the concerns that were expressed to me back
5 then have kind of been borne out.

6 For example, concern of separation of
7 topsoil --

8 MR. LEONARD: Objection.

9 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: State your objection.

10 MR. LEONARD: The same objection I made.
11 It hasn't been ruled upon. I'm going to object to the
12 lengthy narrative. He's been speaking for a couple
13 minutes now without a question.

14 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Okay. So
15 Mr. Fallon -- Mr. Fallon. Mr. Fallon. Thank you. So
16 not the house floor. By that, I mean when we have an
17 objection, they'll state their objection and you can
18 reply to their objection --

19 MR. FALLON: Sure.

20 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: -- and then we will
21 rule on the objection --

22 MR. FALLON: Ah.

23 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: -- and then you can
24 get back to your question.

25 MR. FALLON: Gotcha. So, again, I think

1 some of the background is providing for context of the
2 questions I'm planning to ask.

3 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Appreciate that.
4 Please get to your question.

5 BY MR. FALLON:

6 Q. All right. So, for example, there's a
7 landowner in Mahaska County. I got a photograph of
8 the topsoil that was thrown back into the trench. So,
9 even if it was separated partially, it was thrown back
10 in the trench.

11 I mean, is that -- is that -- how do we
12 have assurance that that's not going to happen again?
13 Because this landowner was told that wouldn't happen.
14 It did happen.

15 What confidence can people have that these
16 types of offenses aren't going to occur again?

17 A. I would say that the confidence is that
18 we're going to have third-party county inspectors that
19 are representing the counties and the landowners. And
20 we're going to follow the AIMP. They're going to
21 enforce the AIMP. So that will prevent instances,
22 such as you mentioned, of putting topsoil in the
23 ditch.

24 Q. But, again, that same promise was made
25 before. What's different this time that's going to

1 allow people to have confidence that the topsoil will
2 be treated with the respect due to it?

3 A. Again, you know, the expectation is that
4 the county inspectors are going to do their job. Our
5 contractors are certainly going to do their job.

6 Not only are there going to be county
7 inspectors, but Summit will have third-party pipeline
8 inspectors, agricultural inspectors, environmental
9 inspectors that are going to ensure that we follow
10 what we said we will do and follow the AIMP. You
11 know, respect all of the wishes of the landowners and
12 the easements that will be captured in the
13 construction line list, follow the Environmental
14 Construction Plan and all the best management
15 practices, et cetera, et cetera.

16 Q. Is much of the pipeline route slated to go
17 through forestland?

18 A. I don't have that exact figure. I know
19 that the vast majority of our pipeline route goes
20 through ag land.

21 Q. Sure. But there will be some that would go
22 through forested land?

23 A. There are some forested areas that we go
24 through. We do nick down the construction easement in
25 those locations to mitigate impacts. And some

1 different construction practices and techniques takes
2 place in those areas.

3 And certainly a lot of those areas are just
4 going to be directionally drilled because a lot of the
5 forested areas are immediately adjacent to large water
6 bodies.

7 So those are some of the ways that we're
8 trying to mitigate clearing of forested areas.

9 Q. And I ask that because there were couple --
10 several actually instances of forestland on the DAPL
11 route that weren't treated according to the directions
12 that the landowners were given.

13 One was a big swath was cut out of that
14 forest, and the landowner was told that the logs would
15 be saved for lumber, the smaller stuff for firewood,
16 and then the brush would be burned. And one night he
17 saw a big fire and everything was burned.

18 So, I mean, is there any precaution that
19 you would be taking to assure that if you do have to
20 cut through a big swath of timber, that that
21 destruction of valuable lumber would not occur?

22 A. So the typical practice would be to haul
23 off cleared trees. We certainly ask the landowners if
24 they would like us to give them the trees or -- you
25 know, there's other things that can be specific within

1 the easement.

2 But the typical practice is to clear -- to
3 haul off the cleared debris. If the landowner wishes
4 to do something different with those trees, we
5 certainly can agree to that and have agreed to that on
6 numerous locations.

7 Q. And, again, that happened in the DAPL
8 situation where the landowner was promised two of
9 those different types of wood and it was all burned.

10 I guess I'm just hoping that people could
11 have real confidence that wouldn't happen again.

12 A. Yeah, so what I can tell you is we will go
13 through every single easement, and specific requests
14 or things that were a part of that easement will be
15 captured in what we call a construction line list that
16 has the specific requirements on that individual
17 parcel.

18 That construction line list will be given
19 to our inspectors, it will be given to the contractor,
20 it will be given to the county inspectors, and then
21 the contractor will know exactly what they're to do on
22 every single parcel, including the depth of topsoil,
23 et cetera.

24 So I can't speak for Energy Transfer and
25 what they did or didn't do. All I can say is that

1 we're going to follow the rules and the processes that
2 are in place.

3 Q. How familiar are you with eminent domain
4 law dating back, say, 25 years?

5 A. I am not familiar.

6 Q. So this was a big debate back in 1999,
7 2000, 2005, '6, and a lot of changes were made to
8 eminent domain law. And there was a general sense
9 that --

10 MR. LEONARD: Objection.

11 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: State your objection.

12 MR. LEONARD: Your Honor, Mr. Fallon is
13 testifying as to what's happened in eminent domain law
14 apparently over a period of decades. This is a time
15 for cross-examination of a witness. If he has a
16 question, he should ask a question.

17 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Do you have a
18 response, Mr. Fallon?

19 MR. FALLON: Again, just a little bit of
20 background in order to frame the question seemed
21 appropriate to me.

22 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Please try to stick
23 to cross-examination. There may be a very small
24 amount of foundation for that question.

25

1 BY MR. FALLON:

2 Q. So the small amount of foundation is that
3 there's been a consensus that eminent domain should be
4 used for public purposes.

5 How do you see this as a public purpose?

6 MR. LEONARD: Objection to the extent it
7 calls for a legal conclusion.

8 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Do you have a
9 response to that objection, Mr. Fallon?

10 MR. FALLON: I don't even understand what
11 the objection is, I'm afraid.

12 MR. LEONARD: He's asking a lay witness to
13 provide a legal opinion.

14 MR. FALLON: I mean, this is a quasi-legal
15 proceeding, and it's not -- I mean, yeah, I guess he
16 could have a legal opinion on it, but there's also
17 public opinion, and opinions from everybody in
18 between, and it seems like it's a very important and
19 relevant question given the extent to which eminent
20 domain would be used to build a pipeline.

21 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: You may answer the
22 question if you know the answer.

23 A. I certainly do not think I'm qualified to
24 answer that question.

25

1 BY MR. FALLON:

2 Q. So I guess my -- and maybe it's a -- would
3 you do me a favor and inquire within the company if
4 there's someone with the expertise who could answer --
5 you know, give the company's perspective on how
6 eminent domain law has changed and whether or not this
7 qualifies as a public purpose.

8 MR. DUBLINSKE: Your Honor, that clearly is
9 a legal argument, and we will address that in our
10 post-hearing briefs.

11 MR. FALLON: Got it.

12 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Thank you.

13 MR. FALLON: That's all I have, sir.

14 Thanks.

15 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Thank you.

16 Ms. Kohles, I see your placard is back
17 up -- okay. There we go.

18 I don't see any other questions from the
19 parties.

20 Oh. I'm sorry. Mr. Meyer.

21 MR. MEYER: Your Honor, I didn't know if it
22 was out of order to ask for a clarification derived
23 from the two exhibits that were entered in his
24 testimony.

25 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: A clarification is

1 fine. Go ahead.

2 FURTHER CROSS-EXAMINATION

3 BY MR. MEYER:

4 Q. Your surveying and your route planning.
5 You talked about structures, and then there were other
6 cultural concerns, things that you were trying to
7 identify in your surveying; is that right?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. Did that include identification of any
10 pioneer cemeteries in Hardin County?

11 A. Not that I can recall or am aware of.

12 Q. If a number of those cemeteries are on
13 older plat maps, but, as new plat maps have been
14 created, they've not been reidentified on newer plats,
15 would you believe it would be a good idea for Summit
16 to have access to current information about where
17 pioneer cemeteries are located in Hardin County in the
18 event that this proposed route might disturb those
19 grounds?

20 A. Certainly. If there's, you know, updated
21 data sets that we may not have, we would certainly
22 like to have those to analyze that versus our route.
23 And, to the extent that those need to be avoided, I'd
24 have to defer to Mr. Schmidt on his expertise there.

25 MR. MEYER: Thank you. No other questions.

1 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: I believe Board
2 Member Byrnes has questions.

3 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: Is it Schovanec or
4 Schovanec?

5 THE WITNESS: Schovanec.

6 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: Schovanec. Thank
7 you.

8 All right. We've got a lot of questions.

9 So, the first thing, I just want to
10 piggyback on something that was talked about, I
11 believe, yesterday. I found it interesting.

12 We had an individual here from the Charles
13 City Area Development Corporation. And I believe
14 yesterday, and I just want to clarify, you stated that
15 you had multiple conversations with him? Or the
16 group? Or all of the above?

17 THE WITNESS: I personally went to one of
18 their -- I don't know if it's a board meeting or
19 whatever there is. We went with our right-of-way team
20 and some of the other project managers.

21 I know that two of the project managers
22 that report to me met with the Charles City board
23 numerous times. I don't know the exact quantity of
24 times. It might have been four, five, six times.

25 I know that there was continued

1 correspondence for a very lengthy period of time with
2 multiple parties involved.

3 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: Do you remember
4 what -- or do you remember when that board meeting
5 was?

6 THE WITNESS: I would say probably three or
7 four months ago.

8 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: Was anybody else in
9 this room part of that board meeting that's here
10 today?

11 THE WITNESS: I do not believe so.

12 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: Who else from Summit
13 was with you at that meeting?

14 THE WITNESS: I believe that Kylie Lange,
15 who is a project manager, was there. Jeremy Peroni
16 (phonetical), who is one of the right-of-way
17 supervisors. And I believe two other right-of-way
18 agents were there.

19 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: And I believe
20 yesterday you said you thought you had a verbal
21 agreement.

22 Can you expand on that just a little bit?

23 THE WITNESS: Yeah. So, you know,
24 Mrs. Lange, again, had been meeting with Charles City
25 members continuously. And, you know, there was

1 several meetings that she attended, ultimately they
2 presented an offer, and I believe that there was a
3 counteroffer from the Charles City board that we
4 honored.

5 And then my understanding is there was a
6 verbal agreement that that would go to the board for
7 final approval and that we would execute an easement.
8 And then something changed and then they no longer
9 were wanting to move in that direction. And then they
10 came back with a different offer that was
11 substantially higher.

12 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: Thank you. On
13 April 13, 2022, Summit Carbon also filed a response to
14 Board staff questions. In Summit Carbon's response,
15 it states it does not intend to perform construction
16 in the winter.

17 Is that still a true statement?

18 THE WITNESS: Yes. That is correct.

19 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: So if we had a -- I
20 mean, you just don't know in Iowa. What if we had a
21 mild winter? Or there's a hard stop date regardless
22 or --

23 THE WITNESS: I think that -- you know, my
24 understanding is that a winterization plan can be
25 developed. And I believe that was the case on Dakota

1 Access.

2 Our current plans are to end construction
3 really probably in late November and start
4 construction probably around April. You know, it's
5 all weather dependent.

6 I can't say that certain construction
7 activities may not take place during the winter, you
8 know, such as testing of pipe and things like that.
9 But major disruptive construction activities currently
10 we are not planning to conduct through the winter.

11 You know, I think it would be prudent to
12 develop a winterization plan in the event that we
13 elected to do that and that was given as an
14 opportunity.

15 And, just for the record, I would state
16 that in other states we have contemplated working
17 through the winter. Just Iowa is not one of them.

18 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: And you would be
19 willing to file a winter construction plan if you were
20 to continue through if it was allowable?

21 THE WITNESS: Yes.

22 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: I believe Farm Bureau
23 asked you some questions about seeding, a weed
24 management plan. I want to expand on that a little
25 bit.

1 Has Summit conducted an outreach to NRCS
2 on --

3 THE WITNESS: I believe so. I would defer
4 to Mr. Schmidt on specifics there.

5 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: I have a couple other
6 questions for that, but we'll save them for
7 Mr. Schmidt.

8 I'm going to get into just the wet
9 condition conversation a little bit. OCA witness
10 Bents in his direct testimony on page 20 -- I don't
11 know if we want to pull that one up so you can
12 reference. So Bents direct testimony, page 20,
13 recommended that the Board establish an objective
14 standard or test for the term "wet condition."

15 Do you have a proposed objective standard
16 or a test for "wet condition"?

17 THE WITNESS: I believe that Mr. DeJoia,
18 our certified professional soil scientist, does have
19 some recommendations, and he will be testifying after
20 me.

21 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: So he'd be the best
22 individual for anything related to wet conditions.

23 THE WITNESS: Correct.

24 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: Then I will save
25 those questions for Mr. DeJoia.

1 So, on page 3, lines 18 through 19 of your
2 direct testimony, you state Summit Carbon intends to
3 commence construction in 2024 and have the pipeline
4 operational by the second quarter of 2025.

5 Are there any updates to this timeline
6 based on the time you did your direct to where we're
7 at today?

8 THE WITNESS: You know, I would state that
9 obviously other states are going to, you know, factor
10 in to when we start construction. So it's going to be
11 dependent on state permits in other states.

12 But, at this time, we're still intending to
13 start construction in 2024 with an in-service date of
14 mid 2025.

15 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: So there was an
16 interesting item, and it said that land which produces
17 sorghum was listed as places to avoid.

18 Why is that?

19 THE WITNESS: Where specifically was that
20 listed?

21 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: I don't have it
22 listed right here. L3 attachment.

23 THE WITNESS: I would have to defer to
24 Mr. Schmidt on that one.

25 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: Okay. And

1 Ms. Gruenhagen talked about some of these individual
2 buildings or homes that -- the distance from where the
3 pipeline ran. And, just for clarification purposes,
4 can you explain how you determined that appropriate
5 minimum distance?

6 THE WITNESS: Well, you know, obviously
7 we're trying to exceed greatly the PHMSA requirements
8 of the 50-foot, and others, depth of cover
9 considerations there. And, again, it's a balance of
10 trying to accommodate individual landowners' requests.

11 I understand the concerns that
12 Ms. Gruenhagen brought up about adjacent landowners
13 and the impacts there.

14 So, where possible, we try to have the
15 pipeline be hundreds of feet away from structures,
16 houses primarily, where we can. You know, you have a
17 conflict, obviously, with that one example brought up
18 on the pivot irrigation where you either have to be
19 adjacent to the road -- which, in my experience, is
20 not uncommon for utilities to run parallel with a
21 road. I think a lot of gas utilities, fiber lines as
22 an example. Power lines obviously run adjacent to a
23 road.

24 So I think most of the examples where we're
25 close to houses are primarily in those types of

1 situations.

2 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: We hear from a lot of
3 people, so sometimes I'm unsure who said what without
4 going back to the record, but I know we've talked
5 about high-consequence areas.

6 So being 400 feet from a home is not a
7 high-consequence area by definition?

8 THE WITNESS: That's correct.

9 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: And, again, just for
10 clarification of the record, what is the definition of
11 a high-consequence area?

12 THE WITNESS: I'd have to defer to some of
13 the other witnesses on the specific definition of
14 that. You know, obviously that is defined in the
15 PHMSA regulations.

16 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: All right. We're
17 going to talk about roads here just quickly.

18 So Farm Bureau talked about the 38
19 temporary roads. I just want to expand on that a
20 little bit.

21 So what are those temporary roads used for?

22 THE WITNESS: So the temporary roads are
23 used to access the right-of-way to build the pipeline.

24 Generally, we like to traverse across
25 county roads or township roads from the right-of-way

1 on one side to the right-of-way on the other side.
2 There's obviously locations where that's not possible.
3 If there's a railroad, if there's a river, or
4 something of that nature.

5 So I would say the vast majority of those
6 are where we have a directional drill and we need to
7 immediately access the location where the drill is
8 exiting or entering. And it's to get access to that
9 location so we can again start construction and
10 traverse our way.

11 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: And I know there's
12 been a lot of comments from landowners and concerns on
13 construction equipment, heavy equipment, going up and
14 down the gravel roads. Or just even the secondary
15 blacktop roads in general.

16 So how do you guys -- how does Summit
17 Carbon, how do you mitigate that, how do you work with
18 the county on making sure that those roads are
19 repaired if damaged due to heavy use?

20 THE WITNESS: Yep. So a couple of things.

21 One is that we're going to enter road use
22 maintenance agreements with all counties is my
23 assumption. I think that is the case across all the
24 counties. Which, you know, is typical. I mean, I've
25 done that on other projects.

1 And so what we will do is --
2 preconstruction we will have videographers essentially
3 videotape and document the condition of all of the
4 roads that we're going to use.

5 We'll get all the haul routes from the
6 contractors and all the roads that they intend to use,
7 and I believe those will all be part of the road use
8 maintenance agreements.

9 We'll document the roads preconstruction,
10 we'll document the roads post construction, and then
11 we'll work with the counties to resolve all the
12 locations that have been impacted that need to be
13 repaired.

14 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: And so there's 78
15 permanent roads that are necessary to access proposed
16 Summit Carbon locations. We added up and we got a
17 number of 64.

18 Why would there be a discrepancy on that?

19 THE WITNESS: You know, all I can say is
20 that, you know, the permanent access roads are used
21 for all of the main line block valves. There's a
22 quantity of individual main line block valves, and
23 then there's main line valves at launcher/receiver
24 sites, pump stations.

25 All of the permanent access roads that I'm

1 aware of are all either a main line valve, a
2 launcher/receiver site, or a pump station. Or to a
3 capture facility.

4 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: On page 10, line 6,
5 of your direct testimony, you stated that no homes
6 will be displaced along the project.

7 How about any structure, in general, being
8 displaced.

9 THE WITNESS: I'm not aware of any
10 structures at all that would be displaced.

11 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: Over the last two
12 weeks -- and you said you listened to a majority of
13 these landowners. Many, some, I guess, had plans to
14 build structures, potentially homes, that would no
15 longer be possible with construction of the pipeline.

16 I guess how has Summit responded to these
17 concerns? And there's three that -- or two for sure
18 that come to mind, I guess. There's one, Nelva
19 Huitink, I believe, I might be mispronouncing her name
20 and I apologize if I am, talked about a new dairy
21 building. And Mr. David Wildin, he talked about and
22 showed us two unsold residential lots in which the
23 pipeline is running through the front of those two
24 lots.

25 So what kind of conversations have you had

1 with those individuals where they have situations like
2 that? Where it's a development, they have plans. How
3 do you try to accommodate?

4 THE WITNESS: So I think I've mentioned it
5 several times, but in the 1,500 or so route
6 adjustments that we've made, there's been hundreds of
7 those that were done at the request -- solely at the
8 request of landowners to accommodate their existing
9 and future plans.

10 I can't think of a single situation where a
11 landowner has said, "Hey, I've got plans to put a
12 house here," or whatever, and we haven't tried to
13 accommodate that to the best that we can.

14 The example that you gave, and I don't
15 recall how to pronounce her last name. Huitink. But,
16 you know, the alignment of our pipeline is following
17 both Dakota Access and a Northern Natural pipeline.
18 So there's two large-diameter pipelines through the
19 same alignment that we're following.

20 If she has a different alignment on her
21 property that suits her better, we're more than
22 willing to consider that and to work with her on that.

23 And then Mr. Wildin. Again, you know, I'd
24 defer to Mr. Rorie on the right-of-way negotiations,
25 but my understanding is that there was a counteroffer

1 that he had offered up. And I believe it included
2 compensating him for those two parcels, or the two
3 lots that he claimed he would not be able to sell, and
4 then when we told him we would honor that
5 counteroffer, then he changed his mind again.

6 So, you know, again, that was another
7 situation where we thought we had come to an agreement
8 and obviously we did not.

9 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: I know, on that
10 parcel, he had shared with us, like, an alternative
11 route that would go through more of like a county -- I
12 believe like a recreational area, I think, more to the
13 north and west of his property.

14 Do you recall any conversations around that
15 alternative route with him?

16 THE WITNESS: I don't recall that. I mean,
17 he's immediately adjacent to a railroad and a river.
18 And we're drilling the entire property.

19 So, in my recollection, to either get off
20 of that property -- and I believe he owns additional
21 properties as well. But getting off of that property
22 was going to be very problematic and result in a large
23 reroute that I believe was going to get us entirely
24 out of our notice corridor.

25 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: On page 10, lines 20

1 through 21 of your direct testimony, you described
2 open trenching through roads.

3 In what situations do you need to open
4 trench the road versus drilling under?

5 THE WITNESS: Yeah, so every county has got
6 different requirements, you know. So we'll open cut
7 certain roads. You know, if it's a dirt road and the
8 county allows it, we may open cut it.

9 I think the vast majority of our
10 contractors are wanting to drill every road anyway.
11 And I know that the vast majority of them we are
12 planning to drill and will drill. And it may be all
13 of them.

14 There's a very high percentage of roads
15 that we're going to drill just because, if you open
16 cut, if there's any kind of settlement issues or other
17 issues that happen post construction, then the
18 contractor has to go back, and it's really in their
19 best interests just to drill it as well.

20 So the vast majority of the roads we are
21 drilling.

22 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: So priority number
23 one would be to drill them versus open trench.

24 THE WITNESS: Correct.

25 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: If you did open

1 trench, or had to, how long could the county expect
2 that road to be out of service?

3 THE WITNESS: I think they can get that
4 done in as quickly as a day. A day or two days.
5 They'll have a dedicated crew to be there to get that
6 done very quickly.

7 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: So we're going to get
8 into -- we're going to start to get into some
9 landowner specifics here.

10 Are you familiar with the Mosers' witness
11 Jamie Moser direct testimony -- and we can pull this
12 up for you. On page 3, lines 16 through 18, they
13 describe flooding and erosion. So I guess we can stay
14 high level and talk about flooding and erosion.

15 How do you account for those events during
16 and after pipeline construction?

17 THE WITNESS: Yeah, so there's a number of
18 different things that we do. For one, we're going to
19 do -- we've done buoyancy calculations to ensure that
20 the pipe is not going to float up after it's installed
21 and before it's filled and then after it's filled in
22 any kind of major rain event, flood event. You know,
23 if the soils are saturated, et cetera, et cetera.

24 So all of those calculations have been
25 done, and, in my understanding, there's no buoyancy

1 concerns because of the wall thickness and the
2 heaviness of the pipe.

3 Additionally, we've done a hydrotechnical
4 assessment of our entire pipeline route in Iowa, and
5 that was performed by Geosyntec, where they've
6 analyzed all the rivers and streams and creeks to
7 identify any kind of scour concerns, lateral migration
8 concerns.

9 And I can tell you that we did get a
10 preliminary draft report back from them. There were a
11 couple areas of concern. We've extended drills, we've
12 changed the route to incorporate -- you know, reducing
13 the risk on those concerns, and then they've reissued
14 the report to us basically stating that every single
15 location across the state of Iowa is deemed below risk
16 in their estimation.

17 But we did incorporate some design changes
18 to make sure that everything was low risk.

19 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: So we had some
20 landowners that talked about irrigation systems.
21 We've had a conversation about one of them already
22 today. I believe we had one where a landowner was
23 concerned about the way the pipeline goes through and
24 their irrigation system.

25 And, I mean, you can have kind of a

1 windshield wiper type of irrigation system, you can
2 have -- basically it's on a pivot or you can have
3 others that go across the entire field.

4 How do you work around those systems? And
5 what if it creates a situation where -- obviously, you
6 have a trench going through. The irrigation system
7 can't come to part of that field. Obviously, you're
8 going to have yield differences and there's going to
9 be an impact. How does Summit Carbon handle those
10 situations?

11 THE WITNESS: You know, I think Mr. Rorie
12 would be able to speak better to this, but my
13 understanding is that if we cross pivot irrigation and
14 we're crossing at an angle that orphans some portion
15 of that property from being irrigated, that we'll pay
16 full crop damages for the area. Not only within the
17 easement, but the full extent of the property that was
18 not able to be irrigated.

19 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: Do you do the same
20 accommodations if you had pastureland that was
21 segregated due to pipeline construction?

22 THE WITNESS: I'd have to defer to
23 Mr. Rorie on that one.

24 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: All right. We're
25 going to get into some specific landowners here.

1 We'll try to pull up the KMZ maps so that you have a
2 visual so you can take a look at this.

3 So, on page 41, and this is of Jorde
4 Landowner Jennifer and Paul Berge testimony, it
5 recommends rerouting the pipeline north to the county
6 right-of-way on county road B53.

7 And I don't know -- this will be our first
8 one here. So we'll see how we get these pulled up.

9 Is there a way to pull them up? There is
10 not. Just one second.

11 All right. We'll do the best we can with
12 just the verbal, I guess.

13 So, on page 41 of Jorde Landowner Jennifer
14 and Paul Berge, their testimony recommends rerouting
15 the pipeline north to the county right-of-way on
16 county road B53.

17 Why is Summit Carbon not utilizing county
18 right-of-ways?

19 THE WITNESS: Yeah, so there's a number of
20 reasons. You know, for one, you know -- and my
21 understanding is a lot of counties will not allow us
22 to lay in their right-of-ways.

23 Secondly, you know, you still have to get
24 landowner consent to do that.

25 But, more importantly, being able to lay

1 this pipeline in the county right-of-way is just not
2 feasible or practical or safe. You know, most of
3 these -- most of the area between the actual road
4 itself and the fence line for the farm, for example,
5 will be a bar ditch. Trying to lay in a saturated bar
6 ditch that has tile dumping into it, has existing
7 utilities, such as fiber, telephone poles. There's
8 just a laundry list of reasons. Let alone the safety
9 aspect of having major construction equipment, you
10 know, building immediately adjacent to all roads
11 across the entire project.

12 So there's a long list of reasons why we
13 didn't consider that. We did look at it, but it was
14 quickly ruled out for all the reasons I mentioned.

15 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: On pages 43 through
16 44 of Jorde Landowner Timothy -- I'm probably not
17 going to say his last name correctly, Baughman, it
18 recommends moving the valve to the other side of the
19 road where Summit Carbon already has a voluntary
20 easement and is where the Harrison County REC already
21 has an electric line.

22 Further, the testimony requests a
23 modification of boring under the road and locating the
24 pipeline as near as possible to the edge of the field.

25 As it relates to this request, is it

1 possible to accommodate the requested modification?

2 THE WITNESS: Without seeing the specifics,
3 I can state generally that, you know, we have to place
4 valves in certain locations. There's generally some
5 flexibility on where exactly those have to go from a
6 spacing standpoint.

7 If a landowner signed a voluntary easement
8 and the valve was not on their property and the valve
9 was across the street on an adjacent landowner, you
10 know, we can't just move it back onto that other
11 landowner -- and I can tell you that we've moved
12 valves around countless times to try to place them on
13 landowners that are willing and wanting them.

14 That's not always the case. You know,
15 there's very specific requirements on how those valves
16 can be spaced just from the PHMSA guidelines.

17 So I can tell you that we have moved valves
18 to try to accommodate placing them on willing and
19 wanting landowners numerous times. This may be an
20 example where that was not possible or the other
21 landowner in question did not want it either.

22 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: So, specific to this
23 parcel, you don't recall?

24 THE WITNESS: I don't have specifics on
25 this one, no.

1 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: Page 44 of Jorde
2 Landowner Delmar Baines and Dillon Baines, in their
3 testimony it recommends route deviation along 140th
4 Street west for about a mile and a half, then north
5 for about a mile, then west for a mile and a half,
6 then north until reaching Summit Carbon's current
7 route. This is referenced as Attachment 22 of this
8 direct testimony.

9 As it relates to this request, is it
10 possible to accommodate the requested modification?

11 THE WITNESS: Again, without having the
12 specifics to look at, I would imagine that's certainly
13 well out of our existing notice corridor and pipeline
14 corridor. And it looks like it impacts certainly
15 several other landowners that were not the one you
16 mentioned.

17 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: On page 41 of Jorde
18 Landowner Cletus Elbert Revocable Trust, they
19 recommended the pipeline be located on the south end
20 of the property instead of the north end.

21 THE WITNESS: You know, all I can say is
22 that, you know, there's a lot of situations where
23 we've already signed easements for the point of entry
24 and the point of exit. That may be on the north side
25 of this property. I don't recollect this property in

1 particular.

2 We've tried to accommodate landowners where
3 we can. You know, certainly a lot of these landowners
4 hadn't mentioned these reroutes until easements were
5 secured on both sides of their property. And that
6 makes it very difficult to adjust at that point.

7 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: Just a second. I
8 apologize. I know it's difficult for my words to
9 translate into something visually, especially when
10 we're talking these maps. So I believe we're going to
11 try to get this so you can see it on the KMZ.

12 What parcel is this right now? I'm just
13 asking my staff. And my vision is horrible so can one
14 of you -- all right.

15 So this is the Cletus Elbert parcel. So,
16 as I referenced before, the pipeline -- they
17 recommended the pipeline be located on the south end
18 of the property instead of the north end.

19 THE WITNESS: Yeah. So, obviously, if we
20 secured easements in the vicinity of his property,
21 you'd have to do a complete U shape going all the way
22 south and then all the way back up and around the
23 perimeter of his house as well, and it's just not
24 feasible for us to do that.

25 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: So, for this

1 particular, these two parcels, I believe there's two
2 of there -- I believe I've seen other parcels where
3 there have been bends in the line. There's been
4 90 degrees.

5 Every time you have a 90-degree like that,
6 and I'm not an engineer, does this do anything to the
7 integrity or the movement of product through the
8 pipeline?

9 THE WITNESS: I would say yes. I mean,
10 there are some hydraulic -- minimal hydraulic impacts.
11 Certainly lengthening the pipe considerably, which is
12 what this would do, would greatly increase the
13 impacts. If you hug the entire perimeter of that
14 property, you'd be more than doubling the amount of
15 pipe that's crossing this property at that point.

16 And there are integrity concerns. Every
17 time you put in a 90-degree fitting there's -- you
18 know, there's a physical fitting that has to be
19 installed and tied into the pipeline.

20 And, historically, failure points on
21 pipelines are generally at fittings and other types of
22 locations like that comparative to installing 80-foot
23 joints of pipe. You're adding more welds, you're
24 adding more x-ray, you're adding -- it just compounds
25 the quantity of issues when you start doing things

1 like that.

2 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: We're going to go to
3 Vicki -- again, I'm going to try the best I can on
4 these last names -- Koeppe's testimony. Page 40 of
5 her testimony recommended moving the pipeline to the
6 edge of the field.

7 And, again, we will get you a KMZ here.

8 So my understanding is they want this moved
9 to the edge of the field instead of what we see here
10 as more of a kind of diagonal.

11 Could that be an accommodation?

12 THE WITNESS: Again, you know, it's hard to
13 make any kind of determination without knowing -- it
14 looks like we've executed easements -- well, I guess I
15 can't tell from this. If it's red, then it's an
16 Exhibit H parcel, and if it's not, then -- so we've
17 executed easements on the north and south part of this
18 property. So the point of entry and the point of exit
19 are pretty well established at this point. So it
20 would be very difficult to adjust the route.

21 And, at the end of the day, too, some of
22 the landowners are saying that, "Well, can you adjust
23 this route," and we have, and then they still won't
24 sign the easement. So it doesn't make sense to make
25 arbitrary changes in that situation. But, you know --

1 you said that she would like it on the far west side
2 of her property?

3 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: That's how I'm
4 interpreting it, yes, correct.

5 THE WITNESS: So you'd have to do a
6 U-shaped situation where you would put in four
7 90-degree bends, add additional impacts, additional
8 pipe on the property, additional disturbances. Every
9 time that you do one of those tie-ins you have to do a
10 big bell hole, and, I mean, it just adds additional
11 impacts and encumbrance on the property.

12 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: So, I mean, to that
13 easement language -- let's say that you have the
14 property to the north, the property to the south. You
15 secured them through a voluntary easement. So the
16 points of entry or exit are specifically laid out is
17 what you're saying.

18 THE WITNESS: I don't believe that is the
19 case with our typical easement. So I'd defer that to
20 Mr. Rorie.

21 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: All right. We're
22 going to go to Jorde Landowner Joan -- and again --
23 Centlivre. And on page 41 and 42 of her direct
24 testimony, they recommended the pipeline be moved
25 across the road onto property owned by the Kossuth

1 County Conservation Board.

2 So how does that -- one question would be
3 is how does that work when it's county property? What
4 have you encountered with that? And then, specific to
5 this parcel, is that something that can be done or was
6 that looked into?

7 THE WITNESS: You know, a lot of these
8 requests -- I mean, I've never seen these requests.
9 My understanding is that Mr. Jorde has requested that
10 all correspondence go through him for any of his
11 landowners. And I don't recall seeing any requested
12 reroutes from Mr. Jorde on any of his landowners. So
13 I can't speak to any specifics on this one.

14 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: All right. We're
15 going to go to Jorde Landowner Della Curtis. And on
16 pages 39 and 40 of Ms. Curtis's direct testimony, she
17 recommended the pipeline be routed straight north on
18 property owned by Craig & Company which already signed
19 a voluntary easement with Summit Carbon.

20 And, again --

21 THE WITNESS: So a lot of these are not
22 even asking for individual reroutes on their property.
23 They're saying, "Just put it on my neighbor." So, you
24 know, we can't just accommodate those types of
25 requests.

1 You know, an easement was signed for a
2 certain landowner. We can't just automatically assume
3 that we're just going to route as much pipe on that
4 person as we possibly can just because their neighbor
5 doesn't want it.

6 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: So, if the individual
7 had signed a voluntary easement, though, that doesn't
8 weigh in on --

9 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I can tell you that we
10 have made a lot of changes for that specific reason
11 where we look at the alignment, we look at the
12 ownership around the pipeline, and we say, "Okay,
13 well, Mr. Smith owns all of these properties that are
14 immediately over the property line from where the
15 pipeline is located now and we can stay on him for an
16 extra three or four parcels."

17 And so we'll follow up with Mr. Smith and
18 say, "Mr. Smith, you've signed an easement. Would you
19 be interested in us putting more pipe on you?"

20 And that has happened a lot, and we've done
21 that numerous times to try to get off of landowners
22 that don't want the pipe as well as putting more pipe
23 on agreeable landowners.

24 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: All right. We're
25 going to move to Jorde Landowner Tom and Susan

1 McDonald. And pages 40 and 41 of their direct
2 testimony, they proposed to relocate Summit Carbon's
3 proposed hazardous liquid pipeline on the west side of
4 their property.

5 THE WITNESS: Yeah. So, again, this would
6 be the same example where you would just have to do a
7 U-shaped, you know, structure hugging the entire
8 perimeter of their property adding extensive length of
9 pipe, fittings, additional disturbances on unsurveyed
10 property. So it's just another of those types of
11 examples.

12 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: So, to a certain
13 extent, it would appear this is kind of a recurring
14 theme. To a certain extent, the options for one
15 landowner become limited by voluntary easements signed
16 by neighbors.

17 THE WITNESS: Yeah, so there's -- the
18 voluntary easements, you know, securing the location
19 of the pipeline, certainly we're well within the
20 permitting process with the Army Corps of Engineers,
21 we've conducted field surveys. There's just a lot of
22 reasons why the pipeline becomes more difficult to
23 move the further you get into the process. And
24 especially when we don't have any direct requests on
25 these individual properties that I'm aware of on a

1 route that they would be agreeable to.

2 So these are all -- you know, requests that
3 have been made in the field by landowners, a lot of
4 which have signed, have been accommodated where
5 possible. Coming in at this point in the process and
6 saying, "Well, I'd like this route, I'd like this
7 route," when it was never requested previously is very
8 difficult to accommodate.

9 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: So, more or less, if
10 a voluntary easement is executed, that parcel is
11 removed from the bucket. And so, if you get a
12 situation where there is an opportunity with
13 consecutive properties where a different route may
14 open up, is there a mechanism within the easement to
15 go back and visit?

16 THE WITNESS: Yeah, and we've done that
17 before too. Where this landowner had signed an
18 easement, their neighbor was not good with the
19 location that it entered their property, so we've
20 entertained -- and we've changed the route advising
21 with their neighbor and said, you know, "Your neighbor
22 is asking that, you know, we adjust the route in this
23 fashion and it would impact you in this way, and you'd
24 have to sign an amendment to your easement for that to
25 happen. Would you be willing to do that?" And they

1 have said yes in a lot of different scenarios.

2 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: All right. So
3 continue to bear with me here. I have 29 more parcels
4 that we're going to go through.

5 On page 41 -- and we're talking about Jorde
6 Landowner Jody Wilson's direct testimony. They
7 proposed to relocate the proposed hazardous liquid
8 pipeline northeast from its current location as shown
9 in Attachment 22 of the direct testimony.

10 Maybe the previous was better. I believe
11 that would show the pipeline.

12 So to the north and to the east movement.

13 THE WITNESS: To the north -- do you know
14 exactly where?

15 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: Northwest. My bad.
16 So north and to the west. So I'm assuming --

17 THE WITNESS: So slightly moving it --
18 yeah, things like that can be accommodated. So,
19 again, it goes back to the -- and I'd have to defer to
20 Mr. Rorie, but I don't recall -- and typically the way
21 the process works is the right-of-way agents would
22 meet with the landowner, the landowner may say, "Hey,
23 I've got concerns about this or that and a more
24 preferred placement of the pipeline is here." And
25 then we look at it and then we try to accommodate that

1 where we can.

2 I don't recall ever seeing any reroutes
3 being provided to us as a suggestion through
4 Mr. Jorde. And I stand to be corrected there, but I
5 don't recall ever seeing anything come from our
6 right-of-way team for Mr. Jorde's clients.

7 BOARD MEMBER MARTZ: Josh, can I clarify?

8 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: I heard a voice come
9 in and I didn't know where it was coming from.

10 BOARD MEMBER MARTZ: Just a process
11 question. If someone does not want to sign a
12 voluntary easement but they had a suggestion for a
13 different route, would you have moved the route by
14 now?

15 THE WITNESS: Again, if the suggested route
16 was possible -- because not all of them are even
17 possible or practical or feasible for a number of
18 different reasons, but if there was -- all I can say
19 is we've made hundreds of changes at the request of
20 landowners.

21 BOARD MEMBER MARTZ: Have you made changes
22 for landowners who have not signed easements?

23 THE WITNESS: We have. We've made changes
24 with landowners that they say, Hey, if you change this
25 route, I'll sign the easement," and we've changed it

1 and they still haven't signed. So, yes, we have.

2 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: All right. We're
3 going to go to Mersch Farms direct testimony. And
4 they have Attachment 22. And they have a preferred
5 construction method. And I believe they are asking
6 for -- they have an alternate path and then it looks
7 like they're requesting boring under some berms. If
8 granted the permit.

9 THE WITNESS: You know, I'm not aware of
10 this specific parcel again. I know that we have
11 accommodated, you know, specific requests such as
12 doing small drills underneath, you know, deep drainage
13 locations on certain properties or agreeing to bury it
14 deeper there in those specific locations. This, to
15 me, would fit that category.

16 I don't recall this specific request or who
17 it would have come through.

18 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: So I think we could
19 even generalize here just a little bit. Not specific
20 to this parcel, but, in general, landowners that
21 may -- and I do know we had an individual that had
22 testified before us that had some preferences in terms
23 of -- I believe he wanted maybe even three different
24 piles of soil based on the soil types and had some
25 concerns over the bore pit and where the bore pit was

1 located based on bringing big semis and whatnot into
2 the field driveway.

3 So I guess in terms of construction --
4 big-picture construction practices, how open is Carbon
5 Summit to accommodating those requests?

6 THE WITNESS: Yeah, so like you mentioned,
7 we have accommodated requests. Such as different
8 construction practices. You know, slightly
9 lengthening drills to get out of -- I know we've done
10 that for certain landowners to get out of their CRP
11 land or to go under some deep drainage or for a number
12 of different reasons.

13 So we have altered our design and
14 construction practices to accommodate landowners we
15 can within reason where practical.

16 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: So we're going to go
17 to Jorde Landowner Douglas Gunion. And I apologize
18 again if I am mispronouncing the last name. On
19 pages 4 and 5 of the direct testimony, they have a
20 parcel that's H-GR-003. And they stated that they
21 would be unable to access that parcel during
22 construction.

23 So how will Summit address issues such as
24 this?

25 THE WITNESS: Yeah, so what we're intending

1 to do is -- you know, we'll have the topsoil stripped
2 and piled up on the side of the right-of-way. We'll
3 install what I would call a farm plug or a trench
4 plug. Essentially, it will be a gap in the topsoil
5 pile that will allow access to both sides of the
6 parcel. So that's what we'll do.

7 We'll have a minimum of one of those on
8 every single parcel. And, for large parcels, we'll
9 have them, I think, roughly every 500 feet or so.

10 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: And we're going to
11 stay with Mr. Gunion. So they recommended an
12 alternative route shown in Attachment 22. So it looks
13 like, on this attachment, that they want it moved to
14 the far west side from where it currently is at.

15 So same question as we've been asking. As
16 it relates to this request, is it possible to
17 accommodate? Why or why not.

18 THE WITNESS: If you go back to the other
19 snapshot of the parcel, I believe that both easements
20 have been signed on both the north and south. And the
21 southern parcel right there, you can see that there's
22 some wind turbines. If that's what those are. We
23 obviously -- we can't hug the road and be in the near
24 vicinity of those. And I think the landowner to the
25 south specifically requested the alignment that we

1 have now.

2 And, again, I don't recall seeing any of
3 these Jorde-related route changes ever. So I can't
4 speak to whether or not we considered them because I
5 never saw them.

6 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: If staff could go
7 down just a little bit further to the south. So I'm
8 assuming -- there's the ethanol plant. Okay. All
9 right.

10 We're going to go to landowner -- Jorde
11 Landowner Debra LaValle. And she proposed an
12 alternative route. Again, she has an Attachment 22.

13 And I would just ask the same question. Is
14 it possible to accommodate the requested modification?

15 THE WITNESS: The black line is the
16 proposed?

17 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: And, like I stated
18 earlier, my vision is not the best. So I believe,
19 yes, black is the alternative route being proposed.

20 THE WITNESS: And the landowner in question
21 owns which parcels? The red ones?

22 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: The red one for sure.

23 THE WITNESS: Yeah. So, I mean, this is a
24 request basically asking that we get off of that
25 property entirely and impact even new landowners that

1 have never been impacted before.

2 So, you know, again, in situations like
3 this, we've tried to adjust the route on existing
4 landowners to either mitigate -- or to reduce the
5 amount of impacts or pipe on a certain property, but
6 just a wholesale, "Get off of my property, get on my
7 neighbor's," is not something we generally
8 accommodated if that landowner wasn't impacted.

9 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: Jorde Landowner Craig
10 and Patricia Beyer. They propose an alternative
11 route, which is also an Attachment 22, where the
12 proposed hazardous liquid pipeline would run along the
13 edges of their property.

14 So I believe the items that are circled or
15 square boxed in blue. And it looks -- again, from
16 what I can tell, but just to describe it for the
17 record, it looks like the pipeline would be running a
18 diagonal and they're looking for an alternative route
19 that's more like a stairstep around.

20 THE WITNESS: Yeah, and it looks like
21 they're also getting off of their properties and
22 putting pipe on their neighbors as well. So that same
23 situation. On both the east and west side.

24 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: Jorde Landowner
25 Andrew and Kayla Corcoran. They stated that Summit

1 Carbon's proposed route is extremely close to their
2 home. They wanted to know if Summit Carbon is aware
3 of this new development and how do you propose to
4 address the proximity of the new home to the proposed
5 project. And we will get you a visual on this.

6 THE WITNESS: So that's the location of the
7 new home is what they're saying?

8 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: So the understanding
9 is the home is not on the KMZ map. But it's where the
10 hand is.

11 THE WITNESS: And that landowner has signed
12 an easement?

13 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: No.

14 THE WITNESS: Is there a reason that it's
15 not red?

16 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: Do not know.

17 They stated it was filed this way. So
18 we're just using how it was filed.

19 THE WITNESS: So, again, that's why we have
20 been trying to engage with landowners for two years
21 now is to understand situations like this that aren't
22 available by looking at it on aerial imagery on what
23 their future plans are.

24 I haven't seen any kind of specific
25 concerns or requests about anything from Mr. Jorde's

1 clients. So that's all I can say to that.

2 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: We're going to go to
3 Jorde Landowner James and Margaret Fetrow. And they
4 also have a proposed alternative route as shown in
5 Attachment 22.

6 So it would appear their suggested route,
7 instead of going diagonally across the property, would
8 go to the north and then 90 degree down to the east.

9 THE WITNESS: Yeah, so, I mean, is there
10 any way that this could be pulled up on the KMZ as
11 well?

12 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: We have some very
13 talented individuals. I bet they can find that.

14 THE WITNESS: I can't tell what's on the
15 far west side of that property. It appeared from that
16 last image that there may have been a washout area or
17 a creek or something right at the far east side of
18 that property. It's hard to tell there. Maybe that's
19 not the case.

20 But, again, I haven't seen any of these
21 requested changes. And, again, it's -- we can't just
22 make changes to the route and then no easement gets
23 signed either. So I haven't seen the change. And
24 that's all I can say to that.

25 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: The next Jorde

1 Landowner, Lance and Sandra Kleckner. I really don't
2 even think we need a map on this. They brought up
3 that the county road which goes by them the county
4 does not maintain, and so their concern was will
5 Summit Carbon regrade it and use erosion control
6 measures to make sure the road is in the same
7 condition or better after construction is complete.

8 THE WITNESS: We will. As I mentioned
9 earlier, we'll have road use maintenance agreements,
10 we'll document the condition of all the roads prior to
11 construction, and then we'll leave the roads in better
12 condition than before we came.

13 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: And I think the
14 maintain component here was that it's currently a
15 non-maintained road. So I'm assuming like a Level B
16 type of road.

17 So, even if it's not one that the county
18 maintains, you will make every effort?

19 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I would think that
20 would be something that we would consult with the
21 county on and what their request is for the
22 improvements for that road, but yes.

23 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: So we will stay with
24 the Kleckners. They also have an Attachment 22 with a
25 proposed alternative route.

1 THE WITNESS: Is there any way that this
2 could be brought up on the KMZ?

3 Yeah, so you've got the pipeline alignment
4 that essentially hugs the section lines all the way
5 up. This is causing the pipeline route to bisect the
6 property in the wrong direction. So it's just not
7 possible to accommodate that.

8 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: So the other concern
9 they have is you can see this there's a lot of wooded
10 area here.

11 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.

12 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: And there's concerns
13 with the trees on the property. And there is a
14 question about the ability to directional drill
15 underneath of those trees if possible to.

16 THE WITNESS: You know, we've adjusted the
17 route for situations like this where you would go
18 further into the farm field, for example, to try to
19 mitigate the trees. Like cut diagonal to the
20 northeast and then try to skirt around the trees and
21 then cut back to mitigate tree clearing.

22 Drilling an entire parcel is not something
23 that we've considered there.

24 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: Can you drill
25 under -- is that a common practice, though, to drill

1 under trees?

2 THE WITNESS: It's not common practice to
3 drill under the trees because -- if we don't {sic}
4 drill under the trees, then the construction crews
5 essentially have to stop, backtrack out, you need an
6 access road to get back to a road, load up all the
7 equipment, go all the way around the trees, and it
8 just becomes very -- it inhibits productivity in
9 construction, we'll be out there longer, and it
10 just -- for a lot of reasons, it doesn't make sense to
11 do that.

12 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: All right. On
13 page 40, and this is Jorde Landowner Randy Merle
14 Trotter, they proposed an alternative route within the
15 right-of-way on Davis Avenue on the western edge of
16 this property. And I believe this would probably --
17 you addressed the right-of-ways of roads already.
18 Would this be the same situation?

19 THE WITNESS: Yes.

20 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: Jorde Landowner
21 Martin and Wanda Maher. They state they will not be
22 able to terrace or install tile as the easement
23 indicates no aboveground activity can be built above
24 the pipeline.

25 So, under Summit Carbon's proposed

1 easement, would a landowner be prohibited from doing
2 the above actions on their property?

3 THE WITNESS: My understanding is that that
4 is not the case. I know that we've allowed landowners
5 or told landowners that they can build terraces, they
6 can tile over the top of the pipe.

7 You know, obviously we'd like to know about
8 the tiling activities, future tiling activities. And
9 we have agreed to go deeper. Bury the pipeline
10 deeper. If -- you know, the tile is going to be
11 typically three or four foot deep. And, if our
12 pipeline is at four feet, obviously that's a conflict.

13 So, for landowners that have been working
14 with us and have said, "Hey, I've got some future tile
15 plans. Would you go five foot deep so that we can
16 have the separation that we need? My contractor has a
17 design and the tile is three foot deep," we've
18 accommodated that every single time.

19 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: So, in a
20 hypothetical, if a permit was granted, will you still
21 work with these landowners on these requests?

22 THE WITNESS: Certainly. You know, the
23 only reason I would state that somebody cannot tile
24 over the top of the pipe is -- if the pipeline is
25 installed at four foot deep top of pipe to top of soil

1 and their tile plan says that that tile needs to be
2 four feet, then that's a conflict.

3 So they can't -- if they wanted to go over
4 the top of the pipe, we'd just request that they have
5 a foot of separation. But that would obviously
6 disturb their tile design.

7 So, again, we'd rather just go deeper now,
8 and we've granted that hundreds, if not thousands, of
9 times across the entire footprint.

10 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: And these individuals
11 also propose an alternative route, which is their
12 Attachment 22.

13 THE WITNESS: Can you flip back to the KMZ,
14 please. Yeah, so -- I think I know who this landowner
15 is in particular.

16 The original alignment did go from the
17 PI on -- well, the point of intersection on the south
18 side of that road. Right there on the southeast
19 corner. And it went diagonal from that point straight
20 all the way to that location.

21 He requested that we move the pipeline to
22 the location that it's currently located, and we
23 accommodated his request to move it there. Because,
24 as you can see now, that alignment does not make
25 sense. There's no reason it needs to be that way. We

1 accommodated his request to move the pipeline in the
2 fashion that it is.

3 And I believe we actually accommodated him
4 twice. Two different reroutes.

5 And then, by the time that we were told --
6 I believe Board staff asked, "Why did you route the
7 pipeline this way? Can you move it in a straighter
8 line?"

9 You know, Exhibit Hs were filed and all of
10 that was already done. We didn't have an Exhibit H
11 for the parcel in question to bisect from the south
12 side of the road to that north location so our hands
13 were tied to where we couldn't make the change.

14 It's preferable for us to cut diagonal. It
15 shortens the pipe, it lessens the impact, it gets it
16 further away from structures, all these reasons. But
17 the only reason we did implement that change was at a
18 request of the landowner.

19 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: Jorde Landowner
20 Kathleen Hunt. She proposed an alternative route
21 along the eastern boundary of her property. It does
22 not say there's an Attachment 22 here, but I'm
23 guessing --

24 THE WITNESS: I mean, this is something, I
25 think, that could be easily accommodated. You know,

1 if we could work with the landowner to the south and
2 they would be willing to sign an amendment, you could
3 change the angle crossing their property to migrate
4 toward the eastern part of her property and then cut
5 even further to the east and then go up the property
6 line.

7 But those are requests that we've made --
8 this is going to require a change on not only the
9 southern landowner but the northern landowner, who
10 have already signed easements.

11 But, again, I've never seen a single route
12 request from Mr. Jorde's clients.

13 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: We have Jorde
14 Landowner Kruthoff Farms. Again, if I mispronounce, I
15 apologize. They recommended an alternative route
16 along the fence line. And I am not aware of where
17 their fence line is at.

18 THE WITNESS: So, if the fence line is on
19 the east side of their property, and, again, they're
20 just wanting us to scoot over, we've done that on
21 countless locations. To, you know, adjust the
22 alignment of the pipe, to have the edge of the
23 temporary construction easement or permanent easement
24 at the property line, we've done that numerous times.

25 Again, we can't make a change if we've

1 never seen the request.

2 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: And then they also
3 asked if Summit was able to reroute the proposed
4 hazardous liquid pipeline off of parcel H-CR-009
5 completely.

6 THE WITNESS: Which parcel is that one?

7 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: So it looks to be
8 that parcel where it jogs over and then up.

9 THE WITNESS: I would venture to guess that
10 there's a reason that it jogs over. We wouldn't just
11 do that for no reason.

12 It looks to me like there may be existing
13 foreign pipelines -- I know there's a lot of pipeline
14 corridors through Iowa. And, when we cross them, we
15 have to cross them with angles like that. So there
16 may be existing pipeline infrastructure in that area
17 crossing through there that we have to cross to get
18 over.

19 If there was no other reason, there's no
20 reason we couldn't continue to the north outside of
21 the fact that easements have been signed by the
22 landowner to the north. So you would ultimately have
23 to clip the corner of that property in question, but
24 you could certainly reduce impacts if there's not
25 another reason why we are crossing.

1 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: Jorde Landowner Nancy
2 Erickson. She has a recommendation of an alternative
3 route on Attachment 22.

4 And if we could get her Attachment 22 to
5 see what she proposed as an alternate. Could we
6 scroll back up to the words.

7 And then if we can go back to the KMZ.

8 THE WITNESS: I think is the fence even
9 further to the south from there -- well, maybe that --
10 so is there a fence line right there?

11 If the fence line is right there, then, you
12 know, obviously you'd be crossing over a creek or a
13 stream twice additionally that you wouldn't have
14 otherwise and you'd be running kind of parallel to
15 that, which obviously can introduce some
16 hydrotechnical risks, you know, if that stream starts
17 to migrate in any given direction which would expose
18 the pipe. So that's not a preferred location.

19 But I don't recall ever seeing this
20 requested change either.

21 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: All right. Jorde
22 Landowner Raymond and Kathy Stockdale. They have an
23 alternative route shown in Attachment 22.

24 THE WITNESS: So that's getting it entirely
25 off of the parcels basically and following -- is that

1 a railroad or -- so that's not something that we can
2 accommodate when it looks like they're asking to get
3 entirely off of their property onto other adjacent
4 landowners that are not part of the project.

5 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: And then they also
6 had a question if the proposal route is within your
7 notice corridor, their alternative route if it's still
8 within the corridor.

9 THE WITNESS: In my understanding, it
10 shouldn't matter at this point. For one, because we
11 don't have Exhibit Hs on any of those other parcels in
12 question there. And those properties have never been
13 surveyed or anything. And there's no, obviously,
14 guarantee that those landowners are agreeable.

15 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: The next Jorde
16 landowner, pages 51 and 52, would be Eric and Gayle
17 Palmquist. And they also have an attachment with an
18 alternative route, I believe.

19 THE WITNESS: What was the alternative
20 route that was suggested?

21 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: We are pulling that
22 up. In my notes, it says Attachment 28. That might
23 be still a 22.

24 THE WITNESS: It looks like the blue line
25 is what's being suggested. Which is getting entirely

1 off of their property? Is that right?

2 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: Yes, that's correct.

3 THE WITNESS: Yeah, so that's not possible.

4 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: All right. Jorde
5 Landowner Betty Nolan and Megan Kennedy. On pages 41
6 and 42, they have a proposed alternative route shown
7 in Attachment 22. And this is where the pipeline
8 would stay on the neighbor's property longer before
9 coming onto their property. They would like to know
10 if this could be an accommodation.

11 THE WITNESS: Could this be pulled up on
12 the KMZ?

13 So, I mean, this is something that we could
14 certainly explore by asking the landowner to the north
15 if they would be willing for us to run their property
16 line on the southern boundary.

17 Again, you know, there's situations like
18 this where landowners have said, you know, "Okay,
19 yeah, I signed the easement because you're only
20 clipping the corner of my property, but now you're
21 asking to put 3,000 feet of pipe on my property. I'm
22 not okay with that."

23 So, in that situation, this would not be
24 possible. But we can certainly explore it.

25 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: And it does look like

1 there are wind turbines there on that parcel to the
2 north.

3 THE WITNESS: Yes.

4 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: Do you recall -- I
5 know there was a conversation earlier, it may have
6 been last week -- the distance that you need to be
7 from wind turbines?

8 THE WITNESS: I don't know if there's a set
9 distance. I'm sure that it's specific to the wind
10 turbine company, but I know Avangrid, I think,
11 requested 400 feet from the tips of the turbine
12 blades. And we did have a conference call with them,
13 I believe yesterday, to follow up with them to try to
14 work towards an agreement.

15 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: Jorde Landowner Kathy
16 Carter. On pages 4 and 5 of her direct testimony, she
17 states that Summit Carbon promised to bore under all
18 trees on the property.

19 Is this still the case?

20 THE WITNESS: So, yes, we -- I'm aware of
21 that landowner. We are boring her entire property.
22 So there'll be no surface impacts. So that is being
23 accommodated. And was accommodated.

24 So, based on the depth of that river and
25 where the drill should come out, it should be on her

1 property. In the middle of her property. But, to
2 accommodate her request, we extended that drill into
3 the landowner to the west who has signed an easement.
4 And she still has not been willing to sign an easement
5 or negotiate.

6 So that's an example of a request that was
7 granted that did not result in a signed easement.

8 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: Jorde Landowner
9 George Cummins. Pages 10 and 11 of his direct
10 testimony states he has a shed, fruit trees, and a
11 garden in the area where Summit Carbon proposes to
12 locate its hazardous liquid pipeline.

13 Would Summit Carbon agree to bore under
14 this area?

15 THE WITNESS: Yeah, so the original
16 alignment was going through what I believe he called
17 an orchard. We adjusted the pipeline route to move it
18 to the east to avoid that area altogether. And that's
19 reflected in the current alignment. And an amendment
20 for an Exhibit H was filed accordingly.

21 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: Jorde Landowner
22 Marilyn Arndorfer -- again, I apologize if I messed up
23 that last name -- on page 3 of her direct testimony
24 stated that Summit Carbon's proposed hazardous liquid
25 pipeline would be only 295 feet from the house across

1 the road.

2 Would Summit be willing to move the
3 pipeline further south to be further away from that
4 stated home?

5 THE WITNESS: You know, as Ms. Gruenhagen
6 questioned me earlier on, there's examples of this.
7 And this sounds like a prime example of we would have,
8 and will, adjust the route to get further away from
9 her neighbor's house.

10 But we've never seen the request from
11 Mr. Jorde.

12 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: And, just out of
13 curiosity, if staff could just take a measurement from
14 that home to the pipeline. It's stated it's 295.

15 And you guys will have to read that out
16 loud for me because I cannot see that.

17 292 for the record.

18 All right. Jorde Landowner Nancy Conrad.
19 Page 4 of her direct testimony states there's no place
20 on her property where she would recommend the proposed
21 hazardous liquid pipeline be located.

22 Is it possible to continue straight on the
23 property to the south of Ms. Conrad's property to
24 avoid her property?

25 THE WITNESS: I mean, obviously, I'm not

1 aware of the ownership to the south. I can tell you
2 that we have contacted adjacent landowners numerous
3 times to see if they would be agreeable to the
4 pipeline traversing their property and have adjusted
5 the route countless times to accommodate that.

6 This request obviously would impact
7 multiple landowners in all directions. And there's no
8 Exhibit Hs or anything for those properties, so that
9 wouldn't be possible at this time.

10 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: Jorde Landowner
11 Jennifer and Paul Berge, page 4 of their direct
12 testimony stated that the route will maximally affect
13 their land.

14 Would Summit Carbon be willing to move the
15 proposed pipeline to the south to reduce the impact to
16 their parcels?

17 THE WITNESS: We certainly would be willing
18 to consider that.

19 Again, have never seen that request from
20 Mr. Jorde.

21 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: Jorde Landowner
22 Michael and Candace White. Their direct testimony,
23 page 4, stated that they have concerns about location
24 of the proposed pipeline as it relates to the
25 proximity of their home.

1 Has Summit Carbon considered routing the
2 proposed hazardous liquid pipeline further away from
3 the house potentially along the far western side of
4 the property?

5 And maybe zoom out so we can see --

6 THE WITNESS: I can't state exactly why
7 that pipeline is located where it's at, but this would
8 be a situation we certainly would accommodate the
9 landowner's request to move it if we have seen the
10 request. So we would be more than willing to move
11 that over and to seek an amendment for the southern
12 landowner.

13 Can't guarantee that we would hug the far
14 west property and follow property lines, but would be
15 more than willing to move the alignment in the
16 vicinity of their property. Or their home.

17 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: Gordon Garrison,
18 direct testimony on page 3, stated there will be
19 aboveground infrastructure on the property.

20 Is Summit Carbon proposing an aboveground
21 structure on this property?

22 THE WITNESS: I don't know that for
23 certain. If anything, it would be right at the road
24 on the far southwest corner of the property.

25 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: Also, with Gordon

1 Garrison direct testimony, pages 4 through 11, it
2 describes the west fork Des Moines River water trail.

3 Will the pipeline disrupt the water trail
4 currently in use on the west Des Moines River?

5 THE WITNESS: I don't recall -- I don't
6 know exactly where that would be located. Is it on
7 his property?

8 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: The detail is not to
9 that extent. I'm assuming it's --

10 THE WITNESS: I can't speak -- if I knew
11 exactly where that water trail was located, I could
12 investigate that, but I don't currently know where
13 that's at.

14 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: So, on something like
15 the west fork Des Moines River, that would be a bore;
16 correct?

17 THE WITNESS: Correct. That would be a
18 directional drill, yes.

19 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: And then Mr. Garrison
20 also wondered if Summit Carbon's proposed pipeline
21 would disrupt the existing mature riparian forest
22 tracts adjacent to the west Des Moines River. And,
23 again, I don't know for sure where on the map that is
24 located. It does not provide that detail.

25 THE WITNESS: I mean, I can tell you that

1 if it was a directional drill, I would venture to
2 guess we're going to be outside of the extent of where
3 the trees are located near the river.

4 And so, whenever that happens, we'll do
5 minimal hand clearing and minimal clearing to just lay
6 a wire line to guide the drill. And we won't do the
7 full clearing and crossing of that river through a
8 directional drill. So it would be minimal tree
9 clearing as required to safely complete the drill.

10 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: And I believe this is
11 my last one.

12 On page 1 of Naomi Senn Revocable Trust,
13 witness Naomi Senn recommended rerouting the proposed
14 hazardous liquid pipeline off of the property.

15 As it relates to this request, is it
16 possible to accommodate the requested modification?

17 THE WITNESS: No. So it's just that one
18 property in question right there?

19 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: So, yeah, just that
20 corner down there.

21 THE WITNESS: I mean, this -- I would say
22 for something like this where there's a corner clip,
23 we have in situations like this gone to the adjacent
24 corner to say, "Hey, would you be willing for us to
25 clip a corner of your property?"

1 Obviously, in this situation, you've got
2 three impacted parcels that all have Exhibit Hs that
3 would all need to be changed. So it's not even
4 possible at this point to investigate that.

5 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: All right. And I
6 appreciate your time in going through those parcels
7 with me.

8 I don't believe I have any more questions,
9 but I do believe Board Member Martz -- yeah, that's
10 all I have. So thank you.

11 BOARD MEMBER MARTZ: Thanks. I'm going to
12 go back briefly to the 400-foot criteria that you
13 talked about with Ms. Gruenhagen.

14 In the Farm Bureau Hearing Exhibit 4, the
15 table with the structure type, how was the structure
16 type determined?

17 THE WITNESS: I believe that they were
18 individually investigated through our GIS program with
19 our GIS team. So zooming in. You know, our platform
20 allows us to -- all roads that we cross, and all roads
21 that were in the near vicinity, we had aerial -- or we
22 had videographers drive those roads kind of like
23 Google Maps and document video street views on both
24 sides.

25 So, you know, most of the structures are

1 probably pretty easily identifiable from zooming in on
2 Google Earth. However, if that wasn't acceptable to
3 see what it was, then you can drop a person at the
4 road and visually see both sides of the road.

5 So that would be how it was identified.

6 BOARD MEMBER MARTZ: So was there any
7 determination here for businesses, for example, of
8 what the occupancy of the building was like? Whether
9 it was a 24/7 operation with 30 employees or a 9 to 5
10 with two employees.

11 THE WITNESS: I don't think that level of
12 investigation was done, no.

13 BOARD MEMBER MARTZ: And then for the
14 structures that were within the 400 feet, you said
15 that a manual review was completed, and you kind of
16 described that as looking closer at it, but what does
17 that specifically entail?

18 THE WITNESS: So we looked at each of the
19 visual property. And, you know, we tried to shift the
20 route at that time where we could to get it further
21 away from those properties. But, again, there's
22 ethanol plants and there's other constraints in
23 certain locations that required that the pipeline be
24 where it's located. Or if we were following an
25 existing pipeline right-of-way, for example.

1 And then, further, again, we've made
2 hundreds of route changes and the route has changed
3 1,500 times from surveys and other things. So the
4 route may have been, you know, 400 or 450 feet away
5 and then we found something that required the route to
6 shift.

7 So the route has shifted since then because
8 of surveys and other landowner requested shifts.

9 BOARD MEMBER MARTZ: Did the structure type
10 dictate what you would do when a structure is within
11 400 feet?

12 THE WITNESS: Yes. If it was a dwelling,
13 that obviously was given additional consideration. If
14 it was a dilapidated shed or small barn, that was
15 considered differently.

16 BOARD MEMBER MARTZ: And this might be for
17 Mr. Rorie, but, in earlier testimony from landowners,
18 we heard from several that they had received a verbal
19 offer that they indicated may have been acceptable but
20 then never received the follow-up written offer.

21 Can you explain why that happened?

22 THE WITNESS: I'd have to defer to
23 Mr. Rorie.

24 BOARD MEMBER MARTZ: I've got a couple more
25 questions relating to the testimony we heard earlier

1 in the hearing from Exhibit H landowners.

2 So the first is in Merle Shay's testimony
3 earlier in the hearing he stated that he had asked
4 Summit about moving the pipeline west to his
5 neighbor's parcel. And he said that his neighbor was
6 willing to sign a voluntary easement.

7 I don't know if we can pull up --

8 THE WITNESS: Yeah, so I'm familiar with
9 this property. This is, I believe, leaving the
10 ethanol plant. I think the ethanol plant may be right
11 there. Plymouth Energy.

12 So we're needing to head north out of the
13 ethanol plant based on the location of our capture
14 facility. I believe we actually have a pump station
15 here. Or this may be one of the locations of the pump
16 stations.

17 The landowner -- I believe we had a verbal
18 agreement with this landowner. We've made some
19 accommodations. I can't remember if it was through
20 language or route changes. But, to get over to the
21 west side to a new landowner, I don't recall ever
22 seeing that request.

23 You know, we could certainly explore that
24 if that was possible and agreeable by the Board. I
25 believe we'd still have to cross at least a small

1 portion of his property on the south and the north to
2 get back into the alignment of existing easement
3 holders, but we could try to get across the street and
4 back over if that was the case.

5 You know, you're adding two more additional
6 road bores, you're adding additional things as well,
7 so -- but I am familiar with this property. I don't
8 recall any request about moving it to the west.

9 And, generally, it's hard to try to
10 accommodate that request when they say, "Just get off
11 my property and get on my neighbor's."

12 BOARD MEMBER MARTZ: In Verl Tate's
13 testimony earlier in the hearing, he stated that if
14 the pipeline were to be built, he would want the route
15 through his property to be straightened. I believe
16 it's kind of a little bit off of north to south.

17 Could this be accommodated?

18 THE WITNESS: Certainly. We can adjust the
19 route and straighten it out. I've spoken with
20 Mr. Tate on the phone several times.

21 BOARD MEMBER MARTZ: In Richard Davis's
22 testimony earlier in the hearing, he stated that he
23 planned on building a house on H-CK-014 on the south
24 of the parcel and recommended moving the route to the
25 east.

1 THE WITNESS: So he owns the one southern
2 parcel only?

3 BOARD MEMBER MARTZ: He owns all four of
4 these parcels, but he was going to build a house on
5 the southernmost parcel, I believe.

6 THE WITNESS: If he's asking can we cross
7 the road at a more northern location, I think that
8 would be difficult, but if he's asking that we have
9 the pipeline change angles to start to move further
10 away from where his house would be, that could be
11 accommodated.

12 BOARD MEMBER MARTZ: So you're saying
13 crossing the road further north would not be --

14 THE WITNESS: We can certainly investigate
15 that. If the adjacent landowner was willing to sign
16 an amendment and we could get to that far northwest
17 corner of that landowner's property and then cross and
18 presumably move five, six, seven hundred feet further
19 away from his future development, then we could
20 explore that as well.

21 BOARD MEMBER MARTZ: In Robert Ritter's
22 testimony earlier in the hearing, he stated he wanted
23 a trench plug on the south end of his parcel for easy
24 access to the rest of the field. I think you did
25 mention that trench plugs were planned.

1 So would this be accommodated?

2 THE WITNESS: It would. Some landowners
3 have asked that we put that specific language in the
4 easement. And we've got a standard plug for that.
5 But we're going to do it regardless of whether they
6 ask for it or not. We'll put at least one trench plug
7 on every single parcel.

8 BOARD MEMBER MARTZ: In testimony for
9 Avangrid Renewables, the Board heard testimony about
10 crossing near a wind farm.

11 Has Summit Carbon worked to address the
12 concerns raised at the hearing?

13 THE WITNESS: We have. I think literally
14 immediately after they testified, Mr. Powell sent an
15 email to our director of engineering copying the
16 gentleman from Avangrid. There's been multiple emails
17 going back and forth on them providing the maps and
18 overlaying that versus the route, and there was a
19 conference call yesterday on that specific topic and I
20 think we're working towards getting an agreement in
21 place.

22 BOARD MEMBER MARTZ: In testimony provided
23 earlier in the hearing by Linda Frideres, H-KO-060,
24 she recommended staying on the south side of the route
25 and routing the pipeline through property owned by the

1 Kossuth County Conservation Board and the United
2 States of America.

3 Is it possible to accommodate this request?

4 THE WITNESS: I don't think so. I mean,
5 not only for the practical reasons of not having
6 Exhibit Hs and not having any correspondence, but
7 crossing federally owned property is not something
8 that we are trying to do.

9 BOARD MEMBER MARTZ: And is that because of
10 permit?

11 THE WITNESS: I believe so. You know, I
12 think it's a multiyear permitting process if you could
13 even get the permit. Mr. Schmidt would be better
14 equipped to speak to that.

15 BOARD MEMBER MARTZ: So are there
16 prohibitions on crossing that land or is it just more
17 difficult and time intensive?

18 THE WITNESS: I don't want to misspeak
19 here. So I'd defer to Mr. Schmidt.

20 BOARD MEMBER MARTZ: In testimony provided
21 by Chris Wittkopf, he recommended moving the route
22 northwest 100 feet off his property and onto property
23 owned by an already participating landowner.

24 Is it possible to accommodate this?

25 THE WITNESS: Yeah, so this is --

1 Mr. Wildin's property is right there. I did look at
2 this whenever this landowner was testifying.

3 We can -- this is a drill across the
4 railroad and the river. So you could move the drill
5 exit on the east side further to the northwest in that
6 direction, and I believe you could redesign the drill
7 to where you would not only not clear those trees on
8 that property of that landowner but that you could
9 avoid that corner clip.

10 The implications of that would be that you
11 would need to get an amendment signed by his
12 neighbor -- which it sounded like he was agreeable. I
13 think his name is Mr. Hoover. But then you'd also
14 need to be adjusting the alignment on Mr. Wildin and
15 the other parcel that's shown in red to the
16 southeast -- or southwest because the pullback is on
17 that property. The pullback for the drill.

18 So, if we could adjust the Exhibit Hs and
19 amend those in a way that allows that, we could
20 accommodate that and get off of that landowner's
21 corner clip.

22 BOARD MEMBER MARTZ: Thank you. That's it
23 for me.

24 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: If we can just stay
25 there for a second, because I know that through the

1 testimony, I believe, of both of them they talked
2 about going further to the north. Because there's
3 some county park maybe.

4 If we could zoom out just a little bit. I
5 don't know if it pops up -- Smith Wildlife Area.

6 I know that that was a recommendation when
7 they were on the witness stand. I don't know if you
8 heard them when they brought that up as an option. I
9 don't know if it is an option.

10 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I can't state whether I
11 know whether that's even in the corridor or not. It
12 probably isn't. But, even if it was a wildlife refuge
13 or wildlife area, it is something that we would not
14 intentionally go through. Mr. Schmidt can speak to
15 the specifics of that and who would be involved with
16 that if we were to try to arbitrarily go through a
17 wildlife area.

18 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: And I apologize. I
19 missed one question that I needed to have answered.

20 On page 5, line 77, through page 6, line
21 97, of Murray Landowner Gregory Kracht's,
22 K-r-a-c-h-t-'-s, direct testimony, it describes a
23 negotiation between the landowner and Summit Carbon
24 where the landowner and Summit Carbon identified a
25 more preferable route yet Summit Carbon reversed

1 course back to the original.

2 Do you know why Summit backed out of that
3 agreement?

4 THE WITNESS: Not particularly. I know
5 that, as Commissioner Martz mentioned earlier or asked
6 about, that there were landowners that we adjusted the
7 route and said, you know, "We can accommodate this
8 route, but we can't guarantee that it stays that way
9 because the additional landowners around you may sign
10 their easement based on the other alignment and we're
11 not going to make a wholesale change to every
12 interested party. But, if you will sign the easement,
13 we will work on that."

14 And so there were a number of situations.
15 And the other one with the extension of that drill
16 where they just never signed. There were situations
17 like that where we added additional length of pipe and
18 arbitrarily swung out and did things that don't
19 practically make a lot of sense to accommodate
20 landowners, and then they came back and said, "Well,
21 no, I'm not going to sign anyway."

22 So we said, "Well, if that's the case,
23 we're going to move the pipeline back to the original
24 alignment."

25 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: So would Summit

1 Carbon revise the Exhibit H to match what the
2 landowner and Summit Carbon agreed to as discussed?

3 THE WITNESS: Is there any way to pull that
4 up on the KMZ? If it's possible and the landowner is
5 willing to sign an easement on that alignment, then --
6 I think I do recall this one.

7 But I believe he was wanting us to go
8 further to the west through all the trees maybe and
9 through more, you know, hazardly {sic} constructible
10 areas with streams and washout areas and creeks. And
11 going through the middle of the pastureland further
12 away from the neighbor's house was much more agreeable
13 for us.

14 And so, when the landowner was not willing
15 to sign the easement, then we said, "Well, we're going
16 to put this in a safer location further away from your
17 neighbor's property."

18 And so that was the reason that this was
19 adjusted back.

20 MR. MURRAY: If I may suggest -- over here
21 to your right. Mr. Murray. Over here.

22 It may help as a mapping mechanism to show
23 that, we have an exhibit to our direct testimony if I
24 can direct the Board member to that.

25 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: I think we've got the

1 information we need, but thank you for the offer.

2 MR. MURRAY: Thank you.

3 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: One last thing. So
4 we were talking about some of these landowners, or
5 some of these different accommodations, and you did
6 mention some of the inconveniences that may have
7 happen or prohibits productivity by making some of
8 these changes.

9 I'm just going to ask you a question. Does
10 this project also prohibit productivity and create
11 challenges for the landowners?

12 THE WITNESS: I would say that, yeah, it
13 does present challenges to the landowners. And,
14 again, we've tried to accommodate their potential
15 issues and things in question as much as we possibly
16 can within easement language, with routing, with
17 adoption, obviously, of the new Board rules that are
18 more favorable for landowners.

19 So, yeah, I certainly don't dismiss the
20 additional challenges that it gives the landowners.

21 BOARD MEMBER BYRNES: Thank you. I have no
22 further questions.

23 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Thank you.

24 Summit.

25 MR. LEONARD: Just one redirect.

1 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

2 BY MR. LEONARD:

3 Q. Mr. Schovanec, with respect to all the
4 parcels you've been shown here today during the
5 Board's questions, in addition to simply looking at
6 the white line on the screen, in general terms would
7 it be helpful to Summit in evaluating potential
8 reroutes to have access to the property to do surveys?

9 A. Certainly. I mean, again, you need to be
10 able to survey the route to know if it will ever work.
11 So any one of these additional requests to move the
12 route -- for any of the route changes that we've
13 implemented into the route, we've asked the landowner
14 that, hey, for us to consider this reroute, we need to
15 go out and survey the alignment with our bio crews,
16 our cultural crews, and our civil crews to make sure
17 that there's not a power line or a cultural site or
18 any other kind of species, habitat area.

19 So, yeah, certainly we need to be able to
20 survey any route that is changing the alignment of
21 where we're at today.

22 MR. LEONARD: Nothing further. Thank you.

23 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Thank you,

24 Mr. Schovanec. You may step down.

25 THE WITNESS: All right. Thank you very

1 much.

2 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: But you're not
3 excused.

4 THE WITNESS: I'm not excused?

5 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: You can step down,
6 but we may need to recall you so you're not excused.

7 MR. JORDE: I'm sorry. Was there a
8 redirect question from Mr. Leonard?

9 MR. LEONARD: Yes.

10 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Yes.

11 MR. JORDE: Well, then sorry. I've got a
12 question.

13 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Just a quick
14 reminder, it's limited to the redirect question.

15 MR. JORDE: Yes. I got that.

16 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Go ahead. Sorry. I
17 didn't see your tag up.

18 MR. JORDE: No, it wasn't. It was my
19 fault.

20 RECROSS EXAMINATION

21 BY MR. JORDE:

22 Q. So you just said you need to survey the
23 route to make sure it works in regards to a requested
24 reroute on a property you're already targeting.

25 Is that your statement?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Okay. So you would agree that if you've
3 already surveyed in that immediate area, you'd have a
4 good idea if there's cultural resources; right?

5 A. No. I mean, the cultural resources could
6 be at any location. So you have to survey the actual
7 location of the pipeline construction. Our survey
8 corridor is 300 foot wide. So we've surveyed a wider
9 swath to allow for adjustments. But, if you get
10 outside of that survey corridor, we would need to
11 resurvey the new corridor.

12 Q. Okay. And you think you'd have to do all
13 of those surveys you've mentioned? Even the geotech?
14 I mean, isn't it fair that you know the soils in a
15 given area, you've done all the research, and it
16 wouldn't be as intensive as you suggest.

17 A. If this parcel was adjacent to a river, and
18 geotech had been completed already, I certainly would
19 agree we wouldn't need to go back out if it was a
20 slight adjustment. However, the cultural resources
21 are specific to the actual location. And cultural
22 resources are heavy around a river, for example.

23 So we would need to complete generally just
24 a foot traffic survey. The cultural surveys, the bio
25 surveys, and the civil surveys.

1 Q. And, on the cultural surveys, when you say
2 foot traffic, basically if you walk around and you
3 don't see an arrowhead laying on the ground, then does
4 that satisfy the cultural survey?

5 A. I'd defer to Mr. Schmidt. They do shovel
6 tests where they do just very shallow holes where they
7 sift and look at the dirt. I'm not an expert on that.
8 I'd have to defer to him on the specifics.

9 MR. JORDE: That's fine. Thank you.

10 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Thank you.

11 You may go.

12 We would like to call Mr. Phillips and then
13 get him sworn in and started, but we do plan on taking
14 lunch from noon to 1. So we've got 20 minutes to get
15 started.

16 MR. DUBLINSKE: Thank you, Your Honor.

17 Summit Carbon calls Andrew Phillips.

18 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Good morning. Go
19 ahead and get yourself comfortable. Put the mic where
20 you like as long as we can hear you.

21 Can you raise your right hand, please.

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1 ANDREW PHILLIPS,
2 called as a witness by Summit Carbon Solutions, LLC,
3 being first duly sworn by Board Chair Helland, was
4 examined and testified as follows:

5 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Mr. Dublinske.

6 MR. DUBLINSKE: Thank you, Your Honor.

7 DIRECT EXAMINATION

8 BY MR. DUBLINSKE:

9 Q. Mr. Phillips, are you the same Andrew
10 Phillips who caused to be filed in this matter direct
11 and rebuttal testimony and two exhibits?

12 A. I am.

13 Q. I don't believe your microphone is on.

14 A. I am.

15 Q. Thank you. Do you have any corrections to
16 your testimony before we begin this morning?

17 A. No, I don't.

18 Q. And, if I asked you the questions in your
19 testimony on the stand today, would your answers be
20 substantially similar?

21 A. Yes, they would.

22 MR. DUBLINSKE: Your Honor, we move
23 admission of Phillips direct, rebuttal, and Exhibits 1
24 and 2.

25 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Are there objection?

1 MR. JORDE: Yes, Your Honor. As to the
2 exhibits, object. Hearsay, hearsay within hearsay,
3 lack of foundation, and relevance.

4 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Thank you.

5 MR. DUBLINSKE: For all the reasons we've
6 discussed many times, but here, since Mr. Phillips was
7 directly involved in the study, I don't know what the
8 objection would be.

9 Again, technically, it is hearsay because
10 it was a statement out of court, but there are several
11 exceptions that would apply, not least of which is the
12 administrative procedures act allowance of hearsay.

13 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Thank you. The
14 objection is overruled. It will be admitted as named
15 previously. Thank you.

16 MR. DUBLINSKE: Your Honor, with that, we
17 tender the witness for cross-examination.

18 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Thank you.

19 I believe Mr. Taylor had his tag up first.

20 MR. TAYLOR: Thank you.

21 CROSS-EXAMINATION

22 BY MR. TAYLOR:

23 Q. Mr. Phillips, I'm Wally Taylor. I
24 represent the Sierra Club.

25 And, in looking at your report --

1 MR. TAYLOR: We can get that up. It would
2 be Phillips Exhibit 1, I think. And if we go to
3 page 3, the executive summary. There we go.

4 BY MR. TAYLOR:

5 Q. The first line says "Summit Carbon
6 Solutions commissioned Ernst & Young to analyze its
7 economic and tax contributions from the construction
8 and operation of its vertically integrated carbon
9 capture transportation and sequestration project?"

10 So is it fair to say that your analysis
11 only looks at economic contributions; is that correct?

12 A. That's correct.

13 Q. It doesn't consider any economic costs or
14 detriments; correct?

15 A. That's correct.

16 Q. And is it fair to say that many, if not
17 most, of the inputs of information you used to prepare
18 your report came from Summit?

19 A. That's correct. We received budget
20 information, information about employment, payroll,
21 local suppliers, et cetera.

22 Q. And you did nothing to verify the accuracy
23 or correctness of the information that Summit gave
24 you.

25 A. For budget information related to the

1 capital expenditure program, no, we relied on
2 information supplied by Summit. For certain other
3 parameters in the analysis, we did independently check
4 reasonableness. But this was not in any way an audit
5 of that information.

6 Q. Which brings up an interesting point.
7 Ernst & Young, among other things, is an accounting
8 firm; correct?

9 A. That's right.

10 Q. You're not an accountant. Or are you?

11 A. No.

12 Q. So, if an investor were going to consider
13 investing in Summit, the investor probably would not
14 rely on this report entirely?

15 A. I'm not sure this report would provide any
16 basis for an investment decision, but we would not
17 advise anyone to rely on this report for an investment
18 decision in Summit.

19 Q. In fact, if we can go to the second page of
20 the report. It's not numbered, but it's just after
21 the cover page. The next page.

22 Down at the bottom it says "Limitations and
23 restrictions." And in that disclaimer, I'll call it,
24 it says "Certain analyses and findings in this report
25 are based on estimates and/or assumptions about the

1 cost of construction and operation of the Summit
2 Carbon Solutions pipeline project."

3 So it's based on a lot of estimates and
4 assumptions; correct?

5 A. That's right.

6 Q. Economists like to use assumptions, don't
7 they.

8 A. And we try to state them in the report.

9 Q. And farther down it says "Ernst & Young has
10 no future obligation to update the report."

11 And you have not updated the report, have
12 you?

13 A. Since the report was issued about a year
14 ago, we have received updated budget information from
15 Summit and we were asked to update the analysis, but
16 we have not updated the report. So we do have new
17 estimates.

18 Q. But we, the public, would not have access
19 to that updated report.

20 A. We have not yet prepared any updated
21 report.

22 Q. And this Board would not have access to
23 that.

24 A. Because we have not prepared an updated
25 report.

1 Q. And then the disclaimer goes on to say
2 "While we," Ernst & Young, "believe the work performed
3 is responsive to Summit's request pursuant to the
4 scope of work, we make no representation as to the
5 sufficiency of the report or our work for any other
6 purposes."

7 And then the important part goes on to say
8 "Any third parties reading the report should be aware
9 that the report is subject to limitations, and the
10 scope of the report was not designed for use or
11 reliance by third parties for investment purposes or
12 any other purpose. We," Ernst & Young, "assume no
13 duty, obligation, or responsibility whatsoever to any
14 third parties that may obtain access to the report."

15 So you're saying there, aren't you, that
16 anyone who wants to make a decision based on this
17 report is advised to be very cautious about using this
18 report to make that decision; correct?

19 A. I think the disclaimer sort of notes that,
20 you know, we're not liable for financial decisions
21 that are made based on this report. We were hired to
22 conduct a process on the data that was given to us.
23 Which was to transform the budget information into
24 estimates of employment and economic activity.

25 Q. But doesn't the disclaimer say the scope of

1 the report was not designed for use or reliance by
2 third parties for any purpose?

3 A. That is what the disclaimer says.

4 Q. And you stick by that.

5 A. This is standard language that appears in
6 most of our reports. We were commissioned to do this
7 work with the understanding that it would be made
8 public and it would be used for this purpose.
9 Nonetheless, this is a standard disclaimer that
10 appears in EY reports.

11 Q. But the disclaimer goes to anybody who
12 might want to rely on this report; correct?

13 A. That is what it says.

14 Q. You used a model called IMPLAN; is that
15 correct?

16 A. That's correct.

17 Q. And I think you said in your rebuttal
18 testimony at page 5 that the IMPLAN model only
19 considers positive economic impacts.

20 Is that correct?

21 A. If you were to input a negative event, it
22 would consider the sort of ancillary effects of that
23 negative event. In this case, we were looking at two
24 positive spending-type impacts. One is from the
25 construction of the pipeline and the other is from the

1 operation of the pipeline. And, given both of those
2 were positive, the end result is positive based on the
3 way IMPLAN works, yes.

4 Q. So it's not a cost-benefit analysis; is
5 that a fair statement?

6 A. It is not a cost-benefit analysis. There
7 are other benefits also that we did not include in
8 this analysis, including environmental benefits.
9 That's right.

10 Q. Nor any environmental impacts. Adverse
11 impacts.

12 Right?

13 A. That's true. We don't look at
14 environmental issues per se in this report.

15 Q. And is it fair to say that your report, or
16 your analysis, is simply a prediction? You can't say
17 that things will happen or make conclusive statements
18 from your analysis?

19 A. It's a prediction because the pipeline
20 hasn't been built yet.

21 Q. But, in your report, you repeatedly say
22 that the project will provide so many secondary, even
23 tertiary, jobs, it will provide so much tax revenue --
24 you know, you use the word "will" all the way through
25 even though it's a prediction.

1 So really would you agree that maybe "will"
2 was not the proper word to use?

3 A. One could say "is expected to" or "is
4 projected to" or "is estimated to" as substitutes for
5 "will."

6 Q. Wouldn't that be more accurate?

7 A. I'm not sure. I think the purpose was to
8 convey the result in the report. Whether it's "will"
9 or "is expected to" or "estimated to," you know, I
10 would leave it to the reader to sort of know that this
11 is a projection.

12 Q. And you said the report doesn't look at
13 negative impacts. For example, we've heard testimony
14 that this project may increase the price of corn, but
15 that would make it more expensive for livestock
16 producers to buy feed for their animals.

17 And would you agree the livestock industry
18 is an important economic aspect of Iowa's economy?

19 A. As you noted, it's not something that we
20 looked at in the report.

21 Q. So that could be a negative impact from
22 this project that doesn't appear in the report.

23 A. In the example you just provided, there
24 were two impacts you mentioned. There's a positive
25 impact for corn producers and a potential secondary

1 negative impact for livestock producers. And what the
2 net of those two would be, I don't know, because it
3 wasn't something we looked at in the report.

4 Q. Either way.

5 A. Either way.

6 Q. We've also heard testimony that an
7 important aspect economically of the Summit project
8 are the 45Q and 45Z tax credits.

9 Are you familiar with those?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And I think your report specifically said
12 that you were not factoring those into your analysis;
13 correct?

14 A. The amount of the credit is included in the
15 report. From the perspective of Iowa economic impact,
16 other than making the project more financially
17 feasible, there's no impact from that credit that we
18 would have estimated.

19 Q. Is a part of your analysis what you would
20 consider indirect and induced jobs from the Summit
21 project?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. For the record, explain what you mean by
24 indirect and induced jobs.

25 A. So indirect jobs relate to supply

1 chain-related activity where to the extent Summit has
2 purchases from in-state suppliers of goods or
3 services, those purchases then support some amount of
4 additional in-state activity. Employment, GDP, and
5 otherwise.

6 The induced economic impact is related to
7 employee re-spending of income within the state
8 economy. And that employee income includes both the
9 direct employees, meaning Summit employees in Iowa, as
10 well as indirect employees, meaning employees of
11 vendors, contractors, and suppliers.

12 Q. And, in your report, you don't distinguish
13 full-time jobs from part-time jobs when you're
14 considering indirect and induced jobs; is that
15 correct?

16 A. That's correct. The employment numbers are
17 based on an average number of hours worked. Which is
18 a mix based on industry averages between full-time and
19 part-time.

20 Q. But wouldn't full-time jobs be more
21 economically beneficial to the economy than part-time
22 jobs?

23 A. If you have the same number of them.

24 Q. We've heard testimony in this case about
25 the alleged impact on the ethanol industry in Iowa.

1 And if we can go back to page 3 of your report.

2 MR. TAYLOR: Scroll down just a little bit.

3 Right there.

4 BY MR. TAYLOR:

5 Q. The very last sentence in the first
6 paragraph says "The project will reduce the carbon
7 footprint of ethanol production and enhance the
8 long-term economic viability of the ethanol,
9 agricultural, and other industries."

10 But, as near as I could tell, after making
11 that statement there's nothing in the report that
12 analyzes the impact on the ethanol industry.

13 Is that correct?

14 A. That's correct.

15 Q. So the Board would not have the benefit of
16 your analysis regarding the ethanol industry and the
17 economic impacts; correct?

18 A. That's correct.

19 Q. We've heard from some landowners that they
20 had investment plans that they have put on hold or
21 maybe even abandoned because of this project.

22 Did you figure any of that into your
23 analysis?

24 A. No. We did not. We did not have that
25 information and it wasn't part of our approach.

1 Q. And we've heard testimony about the impacts
2 of the construction, and perhaps operation, of the
3 pipeline on farmland and reduced crop yields.

4 Did you factor any of that into your
5 analysis?

6 A. No. We're just looking at the spending
7 impacts from construction and operation.

8 I should note the other thing we're not
9 factoring in are the payments to landowners.

10 Q. Thank you. In your rebuttal testimony at
11 page 4, line -- it starts at line 7 -- I'm sorry. It
12 starts at line 8. You say "However, due to the
13 increased length of the project, average annual jobs
14 have decreased 42 percent."

15 So doesn't that indicate that the economic
16 contribution, in terms of jobs at least, has
17 decreased?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Why not?

20 A. Because you're supporting half as many jobs
21 for twice as long. Essentially. So, in terms of the
22 overall contribution to labor in Iowa, it's roughly
23 the same.

24 Q. So, for those workers who were 50 percent
25 of the original jobs who won't have a job now, if I

1 understand your testimony correctly, that's quite an
2 impact to them, isn't it.

3 A. Yes, and it's offset by the other half of
4 the workers that now get to work twice as many years.

5 Q. Well, if I understand you correctly, you're
6 going to have fewer workers, they're just going to
7 work longer.

8 Right?

9 A. They're going to have jobs for roughly six
10 years instead of roughly three years, yeah.

11 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Mr. Taylor. We're at
12 noon and I don't want to interrupt you. So we can --

13 MR. TAYLOR: That's fine. We can break.

14 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Is it a good time?

15 MR. TAYLOR: Yes.

16 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Very good. We'll
17 take a quick break and be back at 1:00. We'll be off
18 the record till 1:00.

19 (Recess taken at 12:00 p.m.)

20 (Hearing resumed at 1:01 p.m.)

21 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: It's 1:01 p.m. We're
22 ready to go back on the record.

23 Mr. Taylor, I believe we were with you.

24 MR. TAYLOR: Thank you. Can we bring
25 Mr. Phillips' report back up on the screen.

1 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Just a quick
2 reminder, Mr. Phillips, you're still under oath.

3 THE WITNESS: Yes.

4 MR. TAYLOR: And go to page 4. Page
5 number 4. Not the exhibit page number, but the number
6 on the -- sorry. Keep going down. Keep going down.

7 There you go. Oops. There you go. Right
8 there.

9 BY MR. TAYLOR:

10 Q. Mr. Phillips, we're looking at page 4 of
11 your report. And, in bold letters, it says "The
12 largest economic contribution from Summit's capital
13 expenditures will occur in South Dakota, North Dakota,
14 and Iowa." In that order.

15 So Iowa is third; is that correct?

16 A. In terms of the gross economic output, yes.

17 Q. And that's the bottom line here, isn't it?

18 A. We present several economic impact metrics
19 in the report. Employment, personal income, value
20 added, and gross economic output. Gross economic
21 output is sort of roughly equivalent to sales for most
22 industries. Some people would put a lot of value on
23 jobs and income as well.

24 Q. But the economic contributions are really
25 what your scope of work was designed to come up with,

1 wasn't it?

2 A. Economic contributions, yes, in terms of
3 jobs, income, GDP, and gross economic output.

4 Q. One final topic here before I quit. In the
5 Navigator pipeline hearing in South Dakota, they had
6 an economist, Navigator did, who was doing the same
7 kind of analysis you are, but he used an economic
8 analysis tool called REMI. R-E-M-I.

9 Are you familiar with that?

10 A. I am.

11 Q. Have you ever used it?

12 A. I have.

13 Q. What I understood from that testimony was
14 that REMI layers econometric modeling techniques onto
15 the basic input-output modeling and models the impact
16 of the project over time and also has a population
17 impact model. It's also easier to separate out the
18 initial construction impacts that diminish over time
19 from ongoing impacts.

20 Do you agree with that description of REMI?

21 A. I agree with the first portion. Because
22 that's directly from the way they describe the model
23 themselves. And I think it's accurate.

24 The second portion about -- could you say
25 the last sentence again?

1 Q. Sure. "REMI models the impact of the
2 project over time and also has a population impact
3 model. It is also easier to separate out the initial
4 construction impacts that diminish over time from
5 ongoing impacts."

6 A. So I would sort of dispute the last
7 sentence. Because IMPLAN actually, I would argue, is
8 much more transparent in terms of the way impacts
9 occur.

10 REMI, because it's a system of equations,
11 has lots of secondary and tertiary interactions, which
12 are actually quite difficult to sort out, and it's a
13 far less transparent model.

14 Q. But it is more in depth, so to speak, in
15 analyzing some of this data? Would you agree with
16 that? Compared to IMPLAN.

17 A. Implan is a simpler model, yes.

18 MR. TAYLOR: Thank you. That's all the
19 questions I have.

20 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Thank you.

21 Mr. Whipple.

22 MR. WHIPPLE: Thank you, Your Honor.

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1 CROSS-EXAMINATION

2 BY MR. WHIPPLE:

3 Q. Mr. Phillips, my name is Tim Whipple. I
4 represent seven counties.

5 In your direct testimony at page 4,
6 line 15, you explain in some detail what the IMPLAN
7 model is and you talk about the social accounting
8 matrix.

9 Is it accurate to say that that data set
10 attempts to estimate secondary and tertiary economic
11 activity?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. So, generally speaking, is it accurate to
14 think about IMPLAN as a tool that attempts to estimate
15 economic ripple effects of large industrial
16 developments?

17 A. It can certainly be used for that, yes.

18 Q. Wouldn't you agree that the benefits
19 estimated for this project through the IMPLAN model
20 would also be produced by other large industrial
21 projects?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. So, in terms of the model, a similar large
24 capital expenditure would generate a similar estimate
25 of economic activity.

1 A. Generally, yes, with some caveats that it
2 would have to sort of look the same in terms of the
3 nature of the inputs that are purchased and use of
4 labor, but yes.

5 Q. Within the same large industry
6 classification, for example, they generally would;
7 right? As long as we're not comparing a small retail
8 establishment to this project, we could expect similar
9 results; is that right?

10 A. So, in some ways, yes. The way that we
11 actually modeled this was to build up the input
12 purchases by understanding purchases of pipe, lumber,
13 all of the different materials and services that go
14 into actually building the pipeline.

15 But, you know, if you had another
16 industrial activity that had that same purchasing
17 profile, then, yes, it would have the same impact.

18 Q. In your direct testimony at page 6 starting
19 at line 1, you talk about indirect and induced
20 effects. And I believe you already defined those for
21 Mr. Taylor.

22 Do you recall that?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. How much of the total impact of this
25 project is attributable to indirect effects?

1 A. A good portion. We classify -- for the
2 capital expenditures impacts, we classify all of the
3 construction contractors and construction employees as
4 indirect. And that is, in fact, where a very
5 significant portion of the activity sits.

6 Q. When you say "very significant portion,"
7 can you quantify that?

8 A. At least half, I would think.

9 Q. At least half for indirect.

10 A. Yes, I believe that's true.

11 Q. Thank you. How much of the total impact of
12 this project is attributable to induced effects?

13 A. I'm just estimating here based on memory,
14 but I would say probably about a third. Because
15 what's left is the direct effect, which would be
16 actual Summit employees. Of which there are many, but
17 not of the scale that we see construction contractors
18 and businesses that support spending by employees.

19 Q. So if you could -- and I'm not going to do
20 the math for you, but estimate the remaining direct
21 effects.

22 A. Oh. Again, this is an estimate based on my
23 sort of rough memory of the results, but 10 to 15,
24 maybe 20 percent.

25 Q. Thank you. What is the magnitude of error

1 of the IMPLAN modeling tool?

2 A. That isn't -- you know, so in a typical,
3 like, stochastic environment you would have a known
4 error. In IMPLAN, there is no published known error.
5 The question is how close you can align the inputs and
6 the data in the model to the actual activity that
7 you're trying to model.

8 Q. Help me understand. Is what you're saying
9 that there's no good way to compare it to what happens
10 in the real world afterwards?

11 A. One could go back and look ex post at an
12 impact and try to untangle, for instance, the effect
13 of a given project on employment from all of the other
14 things that are happening in the economy. That's not
15 something that obviously we could have done for this
16 project since it hasn't happened yet.

17 Q. And the developers of the IMPLAN model
18 don't do that either; is that right?

19 A. Not that I'm aware.

20 Q. What is a computable -- well, are there
21 similar economic impact modeling tools available other
22 than REMI? You talked about REMI with Mr. Taylor.

23 A. There are. So the basic foundation of all
24 of these models; REMI, IMPLAN, the CGE model that you
25 started to ask about, is an input-output matrix from

1 the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. And that's the
2 matrix that essentially follows the purchase of inputs
3 through the economy as it goes from one business to
4 the next sort of down the supply chain.

5 On top of that, you can put other
6 additional information. IMPLAN has a social
7 accounting matrix. A general equilibrium model has
8 sort of additional elasticities that are built in to
9 reflect labor capital substitution, price adjustments,
10 those types of things.

11 Q. Good. And that's where I wanted to head.
12 As you can tell. You anticipated me a little bit.

13 But, just for the record, what is a
14 computable general equilibrium model?

15 A. It is a system of equations that finds a
16 new economic equilibrium after a shock. And the main
17 sort of distinction between IMPLAN, which is a static
18 input-output model, and a CGE model is the supply side
19 effects essentially.

20 Q. So you just now characterized IMPLAN as a
21 static model.

22 Does that mean a CGE model is what you
23 might call dynamic?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And are there advantages to a dynamic

1 model?

2 A. Dynamic models are most advantageous for
3 policy evaluation where you have, for instance,
4 changes in the cost of capital or cost of production
5 or really significant changes in relative prices.
6 Those are the types of dynamic effects where you would
7 really need a CGE model.

8 Q. That seems to be what we're doing here in
9 this proceeding, doesn't it?

10 A. I don't think so.

11 Q. So why wouldn't you use a CGE in this
12 application? Why choose IMPLAN for this application?

13 A. IMPLAN is a sort of more transparent model
14 that allows greater customization. Right? So we can
15 actually -- there's no industry in REMI, or some other
16 off-the-shelf CGE model, for a carbon pipeline.

17 Within IMPLAN, we have granularity of
18 inputs to actually model purchases of steel and timber
19 mats and drain tiles and all of these things that
20 together sort of comprise the package of inputs that
21 is what we're modeling. Right?

22 We're not simply modeling a carbon
23 pipeline. We're modeling this package of purchases
24 that are being made from the Iowa economy.

25 Q. Package of purchases from the Iowa economy

1 or from the regional economy?

2 A. Both.

3 Q. How granular does the model develop those
4 packages?

5 A. So IMPLAN has about, approximately, 440
6 commodity and service categories.

7 Q. Sorry. In terms of geography. Does it get
8 down to individual cities and counties and
9 jurisdictions or does it stop at the state level?

10 A. Counties.

11 Q. So it stops at the county level.

12 A. Yeah.

13 Q. Thank you. Sorry. That was a bad
14 question.

15 I want to talk a little bit about the
16 "Interpretation of results." On page 17 of your
17 Direct Exhibit 1 --

18 MR. WHIPPLE: And I actually mean page 17
19 by the exhibit numbering. Thank you.

20 BY MR. WHIPPLE:

21 Q. Here you say "All of the results presented
22 in this report are based, to some degree, on data
23 provided by Summit which has not been independently
24 audited or validated by Ernst & Young. As such,
25 Ernst & Young offers no opinion on the validity of the

1 data provided by Summit."

2 Shouldn't the Board attempt to validate the
3 data?

4 A. I have no opinion on that. As part of our
5 exercise, because we're not engineers or construction
6 cost consultants, we had no kind of role in validating
7 the construction cost data.

8 Q. Elsewhere here on page 17 you say that
9 "Total employment figures presented in this report are
10 not necessarily net new jobs" and that "the net change
11 in employment will likely be smaller than the gross
12 employment impacts shown in this report."

13 Why doesn't the report show the net new
14 jobs?

15 A. We don't have estimates of the net new
16 jobs. So construction workers, for instance, who
17 would be employed in the construction of the pipeline
18 may have had another job prior to that. And so, when
19 comparing the sort of level of employment with the
20 project as opposed to before the project, the change
21 may be smaller than the number of people actually
22 employed to build the pipeline.

23 Q. Don't we really care in the real world
24 about the net new jobs?

25 A. Yes. There are very few models that will

1 give you an accurate estimate of the net new jobs. So
2 that's why we have this limitation in the report.

3 Q. So this is the best you can do.

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. On page 18 of Exhibit 1, you say "Economic
6 output reported in this report includes double
7 counting."

8 Why does the report double count economic
9 output?

10 A. Because, by definition, total gross
11 economic output when you look at it, including direct,
12 indirect, and induced effects, includes double
13 counting. Right?

14 So, if you have a firm that sells \$100 of
15 goods and purchases \$50 from another firm, there's
16 \$150 of total transaction there. And so the total
17 gross economic output, as would show up in every one
18 of the models we've talked about, would include the
19 double counting of that \$50 of purchased inputs.

20 Value-added, by contrast, does not. And
21 that's the distinction between gross economic output
22 and value-added.

23 Q. Do you produce both of those figures in the
24 report?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Also, on page 18, you say "The gross
2 economic output should not be interpreted as gross
3 domestic product."

4 Can you explain that a little bit further?

5 A. Yeah, that's actually the exact distinction
6 I was just mentioning in the last point. Gross
7 domestic product and value-added are essentially the
8 same thing.

9 Q. What is a multiplier?

10 A. A multiplier, as generally used in this
11 context, is the relationship between the total impact
12 and the direct impact. So total impact divided by
13 direct impact.

14 Q. On page 18 of your Direct Exhibit 1, you
15 say the analysis is based on average multipliers
16 rather than marginal effects.

17 What are marginal effects?

18 A. So the IMPLAN model, and most of the models
19 that we've talked about, are based on data from the
20 Bureau of Economic Analysis that would describe things
21 such as output per worker. Right? So, for the
22 typical worker in a given industry, how much output is
23 produced.

24 An expansion of that industry may have a
25 slightly different ratio of output per worker or

1 productivity. Our model, and all of these models,
2 assumes an average for the industry. Right?

3 So, to the extent we are modeling the
4 purchase of steel pipe, we're using the average output
5 per worker and other sort of average industry
6 characteristics for the steel pipe industry because we
7 don't have any other information.

8 Now, were there to be a sort of significant
9 expansion of the steel pipe industry, it's possible
10 those ratios could look different.

11 Q. If that were available, would using
12 marginal effects be more accurate?

13 A. Yes. And they could be higher.

14 Q. But it would at least be more accurate.

15 A. I suppose if you knew how to accurately
16 estimate those prospectively.

17 Q. Is the analysis geographically limited, for
18 example, to a certain distance of the pipeline
19 corridor?

20 A. Yes. So, when we built the model, we -- as
21 I mentioned earlier, we built it up from county-level
22 models. And, within each state, the state was sort of
23 segregated into pipeline counties where there was a
24 pipeline alignment or a facility and then non-pipeline
25 counties.

1 So the pipeline county impacts were run in
2 a sort of multi-region framework. So input purchases
3 from one region to another region, meaning if you had
4 a purchase from a pipeline county of some inputs from
5 an area of the state that did not have a pipeline
6 alignment, those transactions between the regions
7 would be reflected in our model.

8 And so, for each of the states in our
9 analysis, we have one region which is pipeline
10 counties within the state and then we have the
11 non-pipeline counties within the state. And that's
12 how the models were run.

13 Q. So, if there's a transaction between
14 parties in two different counties, is that where
15 there's the double counting going on? Is it recorded
16 from each perspective? From each county's
17 perspective?

18 A. No. I mean, only -- so, for indirect
19 impacts; employment, personal income, value-added,
20 only get counted once. It's that gross economic
21 output which is where you see the accumulation of
22 intermediate input transactions.

23 And so, yes, that would happen if the two
24 parties are in different counties or even if they're
25 in the same county.

1 Q. So, just to try to summarize there, what
2 you're saying about the double counting isn't true as
3 to direct, only as to indirect and induced.

4 A. Yeah.

5 Q. So you told Mr. Taylor that the analysis
6 doesn't include any costs.

7 Could you have included an estimate of
8 total crop damage costs?

9 A. I'm not aware of such an estimate. And we
10 certainly didn't have access to one.

11 Q. If Summit had provided it, would you have
12 the tools to run it?

13 A. Yeah, perhaps.

14 Q. And you could have done the same with, for
15 example, an estimate of the cost to local governments
16 for permitting and compliance.

17 A. Perhaps.

18 Q. And the model would accommodate those
19 things.

20 A. It's not that the IMPLAN model would
21 accommodate them, but they could just be -- they're
22 sort of independent facts.

23 Q. So the report could have accommodated it
24 even if IMPLAN doesn't.

25 A. Yeah.

1 Q. Okay. But the point is you weren't
2 provided any estimates of costs.

3 A. That's right.

4 Q. Is there any mechanism after this
5 proceeding to verify whether these predicted effects
6 are actually realized afterwards?

7 A. Several years from now, many years from
8 now, after the pipeline is built, you know, one could
9 go back and do -- it would require a fairly
10 sophisticated econometric analysis to understand what
11 actually happened in terms of employment effects and
12 the other sort of economic impact metrics. Because
13 you would need to essentially control for changes in
14 the economy, changes in interest rates, changes in
15 crop prices, all of these -- changes in weather.
16 Right? All of these sort of exogenous variables.

17 That's why it's not done very frequently,
18 but it's certainly technically possible.

19 Q. In your direct exhibit at page 26, Direct
20 Exhibit 1, page 26, you've included a column for
21 "Direct contributions." Explain that, I guess. Is
22 that any different from direct effects?

23 A. So those are taxes we estimate would be
24 paid by Summit or Summit employees on their individual
25 income.

1 Q. Okay. So it is just slightly different.
2 But it's directly attributable to Summit. In the tax
3 context.

4 A. Right.

5 Q. In the "Federal" column, you indicate that
6 the direct federal income taxes contributed by Summit
7 would be \$9 million during the period 2022 to 2024.

8 Is that estimate still current?

9 A. We have slightly revised the tax estimates,
10 although they haven't changed by much. And that
11 particular number that you're referring to is the
12 estimate of federal individual income tax for Summit
13 employees.

14 Q. That's where I was headed next. I want to
15 be clear about that. That is the amount of W-2
16 withholding from employees; correct?

17 A. I believe that's correct, yeah.

18 Q. It's not the corporate income tax.

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. Corporate income tax is estimated to be
21 zero.

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. In the column labeled "Total
24 contributions," you've indicated a distinction between
25 direct, indirect, and induced.

1 Let's do the same thing there as we did
2 with "Direct contributions" a minute ago and explain
3 the significance of that at the top of that column
4 header.

5 A. You mean sort of define what it means?

6 Q. Yeah.

7 A. So the total contribution reflects the
8 following: First, it reflects everything in the
9 "Direct contribution" column. Second, it reflects the
10 contributions of Summit contractors. And then any
11 vendors of goods or services as well as the sort of
12 incremental taxes that would be generated by
13 businesses selling to Summit or contractor or vendor
14 employees.

15 Q. So I'm going to express to you my
16 understanding of that and you correct me if I'm wrong.

17 You've basically used IMPLAN's ability to
18 do indirect and induced effects to produce an estimate
19 of the taxes paid through those indirect and induced
20 economic transactions.

21 Is that right?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. So let's do the same thing with the tax
24 contributions that we did with the total economic
25 impact a few minutes ago.

1 How many taxes are you attributing to
2 indirect contributions here?

3 A. The vast majority. To indirect and
4 induced. And between the two, indirect and induced, I
5 would need to go back and check. I would imagine more
6 of them are indirect than induced. But I would need
7 to go back and check.

8 Q. I guess that matters less than the bottom
9 line. What's Summit's relative direct contribution of
10 taxes here?

11 A. It's shown -- it's a portion of the amount
12 shown in the first block. In the "Direct
13 contribution" block.

14 Q. Can you just read that number for us?

15 A. 70 of state and local and 9 of federal.

16 Q. 9 federal. Which is where we started.

17 And this table is specific to the capital
18 expenditures; correct?

19 A. That's right.

20 Q. So let's flip over to Table 4.3 on page 27
21 where we have a similar table for annual operations;
22 is that correct?

23 A. That's right.

24 Q. And in terms of operations, the direct
25 federal income tax is expected to be \$4 million; is

1 that correct?

2 A. That's right. For employees.

3 Q. Right. Again, from employees. And, again,
4 estimated corporate income tax is zero.

5 A. That's right. And the reason for that is
6 because Summit isn't operating as a corporation. It's
7 a pass-through.

8 Q. Well, some LLCs can choose direct taxation,
9 others can choose pass-through; correct?

10 A. That's correct. And we are working under
11 the assumption that Summit would choose to be a
12 pass-through for taxation purposes.

13 Q. So, at page 27 here, in the introductory
14 paragraph you indicate that the value of Summit's 45Q
15 credits is \$414 million just in 2025; is that right?

16 A. That's right.

17 Q. And is it true that those credits are
18 claimable for 12 years?

19 A. I believe that's the case.

20 Q. Do you happen to know what the estimated
21 value is in those future years?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Is it fair to assume that they would be
24 substantially similar? At least from operations?

25 Well, this isn't specific to operations, is

1 it.

2 Is it fair to assume, in the future, the
3 45Q credits would be substantially similar?

4 A. They're based on the volume of sequestered
5 carbon. And I believe that that volume would be
6 similar over the years. That's not something that we
7 looked at.

8 Q. You have no reason to think the volume
9 would be meaningfully more or meaningfully less.

10 A. I don't.

11 Q. So wouldn't you agree that Summit is
12 receiving far more in direct federal tax benefits than
13 they're contributing?

14 A. Yes. 414 million in credits.

15 Q. At page 18 of your Direct Exhibit 1, you
16 say "The direct property tax impact during the project
17 operation is provided by Summit based on its
18 preliminary estimates of operations from a specified
19 point in time, and Ernst & Young has not independently
20 validated the impact."

21 So just walk me through why you didn't try
22 to validate that impact.

23 A. So the property tax amount that we were
24 provided by Summit we understand KPMG had estimated.
25 We did -- although we did not sort of officially

1 validate that amount, we did review the computation in
2 the Excel spreadsheet that had been developed by KPMG
3 and found it to be generally consistent with the tax
4 rates and the property value, the PP & E value that we
5 saw in the Summit financial model. And we adopted
6 that as part of our result.

7 Q. But did you do any independent
8 investigation of local assessed value or local levy
9 rates?

10 A. We did, yeah.

11 Q. You did. And you did that per county?

12 A. We reviewed the property tax rates in the
13 largest counties. I believe KPMG was using
14 2.58 percent overall as the average. And we reviewed
15 the rates and found that to be generally consistent
16 with what we saw.

17 Q. Did you use the gross capital investment as
18 a proxy for the assessed value?

19 A. We used the PP & E investment. We excluded
20 soft costs. For lack of a better term. So we
21 excluded right-of-way payments, we excluded
22 capitalized interest and fees, and those types of
23 things.

24 Q. Did the estimate factor in depreciation of
25 that property?

1 A. This was for a point in time. So no.

2 Q. So would it be fair to say that counties
3 can't expect a million dollars every year of the
4 project? That, over time, the equipment will
5 depreciate and its assessed value will go down?

6 A. It's possible that the assessed value will
7 change. It's also likely that the assessment approach
8 would shift to something other than cost over the
9 future years.

10 Q. So, if you were a county supervisor, would
11 you build a public budget based on this estimate?

12 A. I would expect a significant amount of
13 property tax revenue to be generated.

14 Q. How confident are you in the figure though?

15 A. I think, given the costs that we've seen
16 that have actually escalated over the period that
17 we've been involved in this project, it's likely that
18 the overall cost of the project will actually
19 potentially be higher than what these numbers were
20 based on. Which, in that sense, makes those numbers
21 perhaps conservative.

22 As to the level of confidence in terms of
23 the actual property tax impact, I think, you know,
24 it's probably plus or minus 10 percent. Hard to say.

25 MR. WHIPPLE: That's all I have for now.

1 Thanks.

2 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Thank you.

3 Mr. Meyer.

4 MR. MEYER: Thank you, Your Honor.

5 CROSS-EXAMINATION

6 BY MR. MEYER:

7 Q. Good afternoon, sir. I'm Darrell Meyer,
8 Hardin County.

9 If we can turn to page 30 of Exhibit 1. I
10 want to just kind of drill down into the line in
11 Table 5.1.5 where you're talking about how this is
12 going to impact Hardin County.

13 And I apologize if some of these questions
14 are a little redundant, but there's some terms on
15 these columns I want to just make sure I understand
16 what they mean and help the folks in Hardin County and
17 the Board here understand what they mean.

18 So, if you look at the line for Hardin
19 County, it's going to have a pipeline in it obviously.
20 There's 35 miles of pipeline. At least that's what
21 the chart shows.

22 Is that right?

23 A. That's right.

24 Q. And "Total Capital Expenditures." Is this
25 56,706,000?

1 A. That's correct.

2 Q. And that number is derived by taking the
3 total estimated capital expenditure and prorating the
4 number of miles that are running through Hardin
5 County; is that right?

6 A. So the numbers in that column reflect the
7 sum of two amounts. One, if there's any kind of
8 facility in the county, then the capital expenditure
9 for that facility would be included there. And then,
10 two, yes, for the actual pipeline cost, it would be
11 based on the mileage in the county.

12 Q. And so, when you talk about a facility, you
13 mean something aboveground?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Could that be like a pump or a valve? Or
16 would this include a capture type of --

17 A. A capture facility, yeah.

18 Q. Okay. Now, help me understand the
19 difference between that 56 million as the total
20 expenditure and 65 million as the total output. Can
21 you define total output and explain the difference?

22 A. Yeah. So total output includes the direct,
23 indirect, and induced effects. So I would sort of
24 describe it as if you spend \$56 million on facilities
25 and pipeline in the county, there will be \$65 million

1 of total sales, including the value of the
2 construction activity that's happening there, the
3 value of supplies and materials that you're purchasing
4 from county vendors, and then also sales of businesses
5 that are selling to employees of the construction
6 contractors, vendors, et cetera.

7 Q. So how did you determine how much -- let me
8 just ask you. How much of this pipe is going to be
9 purchased from Hardin County vendors?

10 A. The pipe itself has barely any impact in
11 our model. I think for Iowa overall our model
12 estimates only 2 percent of the pipe value would be
13 supplied from any vendor in Iowa.

14 Q. So what constitutes the lion's share of the
15 56 million?

16 A. Purchases of other types of materials, the
17 induced effects, purchase services, freight, fuel,
18 utilities. All of the things that it takes to build a
19 pipeline.

20 Q. So what percentage of the 56 million are
21 going to be purchased from local contractors, vendors?

22 A. I don't have the exact percentage. I could
23 check that and come back, but I don't have it --

24 Q. Is it even half?

25 A. So overall, for materials, our model

1 estimates statewide about a quarter of materials would
2 be sourced from within the state. And then, for
3 services that are used in the construction process,
4 the percentages tend to be a little bit higher.
5 Somewhere around a half.

6 Q. So, just to manage the expectations of the
7 people back in Hardin County, they're going to see
8 perhaps 28 million new dollars flowing through our
9 economy just based on capital expenditures in Hardin
10 County?

11 A. Of that type of expenditure, yeah.

12 Q. And that is occurring -- I see on the chart
13 some of it talks about 2025, some '22 through '24.

14 Is this 56 million over the entire scope of
15 the construction of the project or the life of the
16 project?

17 A. It's over the scope -- the duration of the
18 construction of the project. Which, since we did this
19 report, has been extended to about five and a half,
20 almost six years.

21 Q. In the column "Total labor income," that's
22 a three-year window in this table. Has that been
23 modified? Are those years the same?

24 A. So the construction period overall has been
25 lengthened to -- I believe it's 5.67 years. And so

1 what was previously a three-year snapshot in this
2 table is now more like a six-year -- five-and-a-half-
3 or six-year snapshot. The dollar amounts would be
4 roughly the same. It's just on a per year basis they
5 happen to -- it's a smaller amount because they happen
6 over a longer period of time.

7 Q. So, over that period of time during
8 construction, there will be 22 million new dollars
9 earned by people in Hardin County that aren't being
10 earned right now?

11 A. That's right.

12 Q. How many of those are out-of-town,
13 transient, out-of-the-area contractors drawing a check
14 and sending it home, not spending it locally?

15 A. It's possible that some of that money would
16 be earned by non-residents. These would be -- these
17 numbers are establishment based. Right? So, if you
18 have a business that's selling to local workers, it's
19 possible that the employees of that business may not
20 reside within Hardin County.

21 Q. Do you know what percent of the 22 million
22 is based on contract labor that came into the county
23 from outside?

24 A. I don't know off the top of my head, no.
25 Sorry.

1 Q. It may not be off the top of your head, but
2 do those numbers exist somewhere?

3 A. Yes. So, in our updated analysis, which is
4 summarized in my rebuttal testimony, we do show that
5 it's around 55 percent of the total construction
6 workforce is assumed to be an Iowa resident. From
7 county to county, I'm not sure what that looks like
8 though.

9 Q. I want to kind of jump to the column on the
10 right. The "Property Tax Liability." And you did
11 provide some explanation. This, again, is sort of
12 just derived from a larger number and Hardin County's
13 portion.

14 Is that fair or not?

15 A. That's right. It starts with a state-level
16 total and is allocated based on the presence of a
17 facility or pipeline mileage. In proportion to
18 pipeline mileage.

19 Q. So, even though the table here, 5.1.5,
20 talks about property tax liability for 2025, what year
21 would that be now if you had to update this table?

22 A. 2027, I believe.

23 Q. So let's assume it's 2027. Is Hardin
24 County going to receive a check from Summit in the
25 amount of \$2,172,000 if your assumptions are correct?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And will the county assessor have to send
3 them a bill for that amount?

4 A. I believe there will be a central
5 assessment process where the value will be provided to
6 the county assessor. And then the bill would -- the
7 tax levy would be sent. I believe that would be the
8 mechanical process. But that's not something that we
9 looked at here.

10 Q. Do you know how Iowa property tax works?

11 A. Generally.

12 Q. Okay. What part of what is being assessed
13 is real property that the assessor is going to put a
14 valuation on?

15 A. I am under the assumption that the
16 assessment would happen centrally.

17 Q. What do you mean by that? Somewhere
18 outside Hardin County?

19 A. Yeah.

20 Q. So we've got to live with whatever somebody
21 else decides?

22 A. I believe that's the process.

23 Q. Because it's not really a property tax, is
24 it. It's a utility tax, isn't it.

25 Right?

1 A. I think that's a fair characterization.

2 Q. Will an updated table show that it's a
3 utility tax so that you don't mislead people about
4 what they can project and expect?

5 A. We can certainly, yeah, consider that edit.

6 MR. MEYER: Thank you. No other questions.

7 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Mr. Jorde.

8 MR. JORDE: Yes. Thank you.

9 CROSS-EXAMINATION

10 BY MR. JORDE:

11 Q. Sir, when did Ernst & Young get hired to do
12 any work on behalf of Summit?

13 A. I'm not exactly sure, but I believe it
14 would have been April, or summer sometime, last year.

15 Q. So your report is dated April 2022.
16 Certainly, to generate a report of that length, you
17 would have had to have been hired well before that.

18 Would you agree?

19 A. Yeah, let me correct that. I think it
20 would have been several months before that.

21 Q. Very good. And how many millions of
22 dollars to date has Summit, or any entity working with
23 Summit or promoting this project, paid to Ernst &
24 Young?

25 A. It has not been anywhere close to that

1 amount.

2 Q. Do you include that amount in your economic
3 analysis of the quote-unquote benefits of this project
4 based on either induced or indirect spending such as
5 your fees?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Now, in terms of what entities are covered,
8 did you only analyze Summit Carbon Solutions, LLC, or
9 did you look at all of the web of Summit-related
10 entities of what money may be spent or invested to
11 come up with the total numbers?

12 A. To the best of my knowledge, we're only
13 looking at Summit Carbon Solutions, LLC, but the way
14 that the analysis was done didn't require an explicit
15 assumption about that.

16 Q. Is Ernst & Young, any division or
17 department, working on R & D or research activity-type
18 credits or work opportunity credits or research or
19 advising Summit in those regards?

20 A. It's possible.

21 Q. Is Ernst & Young advising Summit in order
22 to be able to obtain any federal or state tax
23 incentives or grants of any kind related to this
24 project that you know of?

25 A. I don't know of that.

1 Q. You state that "other numbers." So that
2 some of the numbers were generated by Summit. I
3 believe you talked to Mr. Taylor about that and said
4 something to the effect that Summit used a customized
5 model.

6 Was that the IMPLAN model? Did Summit use
7 that? Or do you know what model they used?

8 A. I'm sorry, I don't recall what it was I
9 said.

10 Q. Okay. Well, did you testify that Summit --
11 you relied on Summit's numbers for a significant part
12 of your findings here; correct?

13 A. That's right.

14 Q. All right. And Summit's numbers. Do you
15 know if Summit used any type of proprietary model to
16 generate numbers they gave to you?

17 A. I don't believe so. There were no economic
18 impact numbers in anything that Summit provided.

19 Q. In terms of wages calculation, are part of
20 your wages numbers -- do they include like proprietor
21 fees or promoter fees that would be paid to
22 Mr. Rastetter for his efforts on behalf of this
23 project?

24 A. I don't believe so.

25 Q. Okay. And how would you know one way or

1 another? Did Summit break down those numbers or did
2 they just give you an estimate of a gross number for
3 wages?

4 A. We had gross numbers for wages and then for
5 benefits for employees.

6 Q. Is it true that Summit did not provide
7 Ernst & Young audited financial statements?

8 A. That's right.

9 Q. And they didn't provide any audited balance
10 sheets or equity compensation agreements?

11 A. That's correct.

12 Q. And they didn't provide you with any W-2s
13 or bank account statements to tie back any numbers or
14 make sure to audit the numbers provided to you?

15 A. Given that all of this data is prospective
16 based on a project that hasn't happened yet and
17 employees that aren't necessarily hired, I'm not sure
18 how we could have received W-2s.

19 Q. Well, but in terms of all the people that
20 have testified they are employees of Summit, you
21 didn't get from Summit any specific wage information
22 for their current employees, did you?

23 A. I don't believe so.

24 Q. And you didn't review or analyze any of the
25 ethanol plant offtake agreements in preparing this

1 report, did you?

2 A. No.

3 Q. And is the same Ernst & Young that you work
4 for the same one that was ordered to pay a
5 \$100 million penalty for employees cheating on CPA
6 ethics exams and misleading investigation?

7 A. I believe so.

8 MR. JORDE: Thank you. I don't have
9 anything further.

10 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Mr. Fallon.

11 MR. FALLON: Thank you, sir.

12 CROSS-EXAMINATION

13 BY MR. FALLON:

14 Q. A few questions. Just from the perspective
15 of federal tax credits, there's a group called
16 Taxpayers for Common Sense.

17 Are you familiar with that group?

18 A. I'm not sure I am actually.

19 Q. They put out a report indicating that the
20 ten-year cost estimate -- based on the U.S. treasury
21 department's information, the ten-year cost estimate
22 for the 45Q tax credits is now estimated at
23 30.6 billion. And there are some estimates that say
24 that's pretty conservative.

25 They consider their own -- their vice

1 president indicates that there's a lot of concern
2 about how that tax credit might be abused.

3 I guess my question is, again, any --
4 Congress can give and take away. And it may very well
5 be that the next generation of the U.S. Congress might
6 think differently about these tax credits --

7 MR. DUBLINSKE: Objection, Your Honor.

8 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: State your objection.

9 MR. DUBLINSKE: Same objection that
10 Mr. Leonard made this morning, in part, that
11 Mr. Fallon, if he wanted to testify, could have
12 submitted prefiled testimony on behalf of Bold Iowa by
13 the deadline to do so rather than building it in
14 question by question by question.

15 But I think it's also established that this
16 report does not analyze and does not account in the
17 IMPLAN model the use of 45Qs.

18 So these questions about policy or what
19 some entity that the witness has already said he's not
20 familiar with and may or may not think is well beyond
21 the scope and lacks foundation.

22 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Do you have a
23 response, Mr. Fallon?

24 MR. FALLON: Yeah, I don't think that we'd
25 even be here right now if it wasn't for these 45Q tax

1 credits. So I think it's pretty relevant.

2 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Please ask a
3 question.

4 MR. FALLON: Sure.

5 BY MR. FALLON:

6 Q. So, I mean, given the very political nature
7 of the foundation of the economic model we're looking
8 at here, what if that goes away? How does that affect
9 the economic projections you've come up with?

10 A. It's not something that we looked at in
11 terms of the financial feasibility of the operation of
12 the pipeline.

13 Q. So the 45Q tax credits have never even come
14 into consideration in putting together this structure?

15 A. In terms of the economic impact of spending
16 money to construct and then operate the pipeline, no,
17 they don't directly enter the equation.

18 Q. So another element of the economic model,
19 let's call it, is the state and local taxes that are
20 being paid to provide the services that make these
21 hearings possible. I mean, IUB is a creature of the
22 taxpayers. I mean, the county governments have all
23 these costs to incur.

24 Has that been factored into the economic
25 model at all? What impact on local and state

1 taxpayers this might have.

2 A. So we're quantifying our estimate of the
3 taxes that would be generated by the project. We have
4 not looked at any kind of incremental public service
5 costs.

6 Q. Well, I get that you would want to look at
7 the tax revenue potentially generated, but isn't it
8 reasonable to also look at the tax revenue spent to
9 accommodate for the project?

10 A. That's what I mean by public service costs.
11 We haven't looked at incremental public service costs.

12 Q. Right. And what I mean is how can you
13 really do a model about the economic impact without
14 factoring in the costs?

15 A. The costs are far less predictable. And
16 often, in this type of report, we don't look at the
17 costs.

18 Q. I would think the costs would actually be
19 more predictable. We know what it costs to finance an
20 IUB hearing. We can probably get estimates from
21 people here about what the counties are spending to
22 accommodate for their role in it. I mean, I would
23 think that would be fairly predictable.

24 No?

25 A. You know, typically, when you're looking at

1 things like required incremental school system
2 capacity or wastewater capacity, they tend to be
3 relatively, like, project and location specific. On
4 average, you could use a per capita cost level.

5 Q. Sorry. You lost me there. What does the
6 school system cost have to do with this?

7 A. You know, often you would have some
8 incremental population that might come to the area and
9 have some incremental enrollment in local school
10 systems.

11 Q. So kids who might accompany a parent
12 working on the pipeline? Is that what you mean?

13 A. Yeah. Or sort of a long-term employee,
14 yeah.

15 Q. That, to me, would seem to be secondary
16 with regard to some of the other concerns that are in
17 my mind. I mean, there's some real hard costs here.

18 I mean, would you consider looking into
19 that and adding that to the model?

20 A. It's certainly something we can consider.
21 Are there specific hard costs?

22 Q. I would just ask every county what they
23 have spent to try to accommodate Summit's plan. I
24 would ask the state to indicate what the IUB has spent
25 in terms of time. I mean, this has got to be a huge

1 burden on this agency. And what about the other state
2 agencies.

3 I would think you'd want to ask those
4 questions and factor that in.

5 A. We can certainly consider that.

6 Q. Okay. Noted.

7 So, regarding landowners, and particularly
8 farmers along the route. Again, based on the Dakota
9 Access pipeline experience -- and I don't think that's
10 at all irrelevant, especially since you've got the
11 exact same legal counsel, and are following -- I mean,
12 at least one of the other pipelines is going to be
13 following the DAPL route.

14 Issues of compaction. Issues of
15 mishandling topsoil. Heat from the pipe affecting
16 crops. You can look at charts showing where the
17 pipeline runs across land and how the crop yields are
18 significantly less.

19 Has that sort of impact been factored in?
20 I mean, not just for the year or two or three years
21 after the pipeline is laid, but the long-term impacts.
22 I mean, we're talking, for DAPL, this is already,
23 what, six, seven years after the pipeline was laid and
24 they're still seeing impacts.

25 Are you factoring those kind of economic

1 impacts into the model as well?

2 A. No. So we don't factor in payments to
3 landowners or any kind of costs that you're
4 describing.

5 Q. Well, I'm not talking about payments to
6 landowners. I'm talking about the loss of
7 productivity from impacts on their soil, on their
8 tile, compaction, that sort of thing.

9 Would that be factored in?

10 A. Well, the reason I mentioned payments is
11 because I -- although it's not something that we
12 looked at in the report, I understand there may be
13 payments to landowners to compensate for some of those
14 items.

15 Q. I guess, yeah, my point is that even
16 though, I mean, landowners and farmers along the DAPL
17 route were compensated, and in some cases for, I
18 think, two or three years, three years, I think, they
19 still saw impacts well after that.

20 I guess I'm wondering does your model
21 factor in the possibility or I would say probability
22 that there will be continued economic hardship to
23 landowners in the future?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Would you be willing to consider, again,

1 modifying the model to accommodate that probability?

2 A. It's something I can consider.

3 Q. So, regarding construction jobs, you said
4 that, what, 55 percent of the jobs will be from Iowa
5 workers?

6 A. That's the assumption, yes.

7 Q. Something similar was said with the
8 construction of the Dakota Access pipeline. And I'd
9 love to be able to obtain hard numbers, but those
10 don't seem to be available.

11 Anecdotally, I can recall at least 20
12 different times either myself or someone else
13 associated with our group or a landowner --

14 MR. DUBLINSKE: Objection, Your Honor.

15 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: State your objection.

16 MR. DUBLINSKE: Again, what Mr. Fallon
17 believes is an anecdote that he's heard or seen is not
18 evidence in this case and is not a proper predicate
19 for a question to the witness.

20 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Thank you.

21 Do you have a response?

22 MR. FALLON: Yes. For lack of any
23 information from the company as to -- in this case the
24 company that, I think, sets the precedent for this,
25 from DAPL, as to how many workers are actually from

1 Iowa, the best we have is anecdotal.

2 BY MR. FALLON:

3 Q. And my question simply is this: Are you
4 willing to commit in hard numbers that you will see --
5 you know, 55 percent of the workers on these
6 construction sites will be from Iowa?

7 MR. DUBLINSKE: Objection.

8 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: State your objection.

9 MR. DUBLINSKE: Clearly somebody that was
10 hired to run an economic impact study is not in any
11 position to control or make guarantees or bind the
12 company or what have you on areas outside of his
13 expertise. This is just political grandstanding.

14 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Respond to that and
15 then we'll rule on the objection, Mr. Fallon.

16 MR. FALLON: Sure. That's -- that's kind
17 of -- I feel bad for you right now. Because I don't
18 know what else you're going to base your model on.

19 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Mr. Fallon.

20 MR. FALLON: Yeah.

21 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: We need you to
22 address the objection.

23 MR. FALLON: The objection is that --
24 again, if I understood it correctly, that he's not
25 hired to respond to the question of how many people

1 will be working on this site who are from Iowa. Yet
2 he said 55 percent. So that's got to be based on
3 something.

4 BY MR. FALLON:

5 Q. I assume you didn't just pull that out of
6 the air. It's got to be based on something.

7 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Mr. Fallon. We are
8 sorting out this objection.

9 MR. FALLON: Sure.

10 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: And so you'll get a
11 chance to ask --

12 MR. FALLON: Okay.

13 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: -- the witness a
14 question when we sort out the objection.

15 MR. FALLON: So my objection to the
16 objection is that --

17 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Your answer to the
18 objection.

19 MR. FALLON: My answer to the objection is
20 his 55 percent has to be based on something he
21 received from the company.

22 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Mr. Dublinske.

23 MR. DUBLINSKE: And, Your Honor, I have no
24 objection to the question of on what did he base his
25 55 percent. But that is far from the question he

1 asked and he's misstating my objection.

2 What he asked was whether or not this
3 witness could guarantee a particular composition of
4 the workforce. And my objection is simply this is
5 clearly not the right witness for that question.

6 If he wants to ask the basis for the 55
7 percent in this witness's report, I have no objection.

8 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: So, Mr. Fallon --

9 MR. FALLON: Let's do that.

10 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Mr. Fallon.

11 MR. FALLON: Yes.

12 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: We need you to ask
13 questions of the witness from the information the
14 witness has tendered, and he may or may not know the
15 answer to that, but we need to you pose your --

16 BY MR. FALLON:

17 Q. So on what basis is the 55 percent -- on
18 what foundation is that based?

19 A. My understanding is that the 55 percent,
20 which was provided by Summit, is based on their
21 discussions with their construction contractors and
22 sort of project specialists as to the share they might
23 expect in each state. That percentage varies from
24 state to state. And, for Iowa, it's 55 percent.

25 Q. Do they have -- is that a commitment they

1 were willing to make in writing?

2 A. We did not have any discussion about that.

3 Q. Would you be willing to go back and talk
4 with them about whether that's something we could get
5 in writing?

6 A. I'm not sure I'm the right person for that.

7 Q. The only reason I brought it up again was
8 because our experience with DAPL was 10 percent were
9 actually from Iowa.

10 Another question. Relevant to farming.
11 Climate change is hitting everywhere hard, and it's
12 going to be very likely, I think, that farming
13 patterns in Iowa will change. That we may be probably
14 growing more food and less fuel.

15 And so I haven't thought this through, I
16 don't have a good answer myself, but I wonder if
17 you've thought through what the impact might be on
18 landowners and farmers affected by the pipeline if for
19 some reason the demands of the time, again given the
20 impacts of climate change in particular, they've got
21 to shift significantly how they farm, what they grow.
22 How might the pipeline affect, for example, turning a
23 cornfield into a potato field, beginning to grow other
24 food items for direct consumption.

25 Has that been considered at all as to how

1 it might be impacted?

2 A. We did not look at climate change
3 scenarios.

4 Q. And I get it. That's a hard one. It's
5 hard to know where it's going to go, but I think it's
6 a fair assumption to say that things will be changing.
7 There's certain parts of the world that might not be
8 as lucky as we are. In terms of growing food.

9 One last question relevant to the
10 U.S. Constitution. Article I, Section 8 states that
11 "The Congress shall have power to regulate commerce
12 with foreign nations and among the several states and
13 with the Indian tribes."

14 And you're probably aware that earlier this
15 year there was quite a battle over California's
16 Proposition 12 regarding how hogs are produced. And
17 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of Prop 12
18 against Iowa's hog history. It was a 5-4 vote. Very
19 easy to imagine that could have gone a different
20 direction.

21 There have also been a couple -- and this
22 is more specific to this issue. There have been a
23 couple lawsuits that I know of over the low-carbon
24 fuel standard, California's carb law, and those have
25 also ruled in favor of California. Again, problematic

1 for Iowa's ethanol producers.

2 But, given the whole volatility of the
3 interpretation of what the Constitution is trying to
4 say about commerce and specifically about some
5 agricultural products, what if that goes the other
6 way? Has that been something that has been considered
7 in the economic model? What happens if the courts
8 start ruling differently on the commerce clause?

9 A. We did not evaluate alternative policy or
10 judicial scenarios.

11 Q. Do you know if that's come up in
12 conversation at all?

13 A. Not a conversation I've been part of.

14 MR. FALLON: All right. Thank you.

15 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Thank you. Okay.

16 That's the end of questions from the parties.

17 The Board has a few.

18 According to your direct testimony, you
19 used 2022 dollars; correct?

20 THE WITNESS: That's right.

21 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Comparing page 5,
22 line 20, of your direct testimony and page 3, line 18,
23 of your rebuttal testimony, is it accurate to say that
24 estimated cost for the pipeline in Iowa increased from
25 987 million to a total cost of 1.9 billion?

1 THE WITNESS: That's right.

2 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Can you explain in
3 more detail why the increase in Iowa was higher than
4 in other states?

5 THE WITNESS: Yeah. So, at a high level,
6 in Iowa the new financial model reflects several
7 hundred million dollars of right-of-way payments that
8 were not in the original model, interest, and
9 significant project management costs that were not
10 part of the original model.

11 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Also, on page 5,
12 lines 20 through 22, you state EY reviewed the local
13 purchase percentages generated by the model and found
14 them to be reasonable, 62 percent on average.

15 With such a high increase, would you say
16 that's still reasonable?

17 THE WITNESS: So that's not an increase.
18 That is a level. Meaning when you look at all of the
19 goods and services and contracts for freight and
20 utilities and all of those expenditure categories,
21 62 percent of the dollars are spent with Iowa
22 businesses. I think that's probably about the same as
23 it was in the prior analysis.

24 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: So the percentage --
25 with the increased cost of the project estimate, the

1 percent to be spent in Iowa remains the same.

2 THE WITNESS: Approximately.

3 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: What other
4 differences are shown from the updated economic impact
5 analysis?

6 THE WITNESS: So, in terms of the model
7 inputs, there were several categories of changes. So,
8 one, there is sort of a scope change for the project.
9 More miles of pipeline for some of the reasons that we
10 heard about earlier today in terms of changes to the
11 pipeline route. Some diameter increases for the
12 pipeline itself which generated some additional costs.

13 There's also incremental inflation that's
14 now built into these numbers. We estimated that at
15 around 9 percent. That's happened over the sort of
16 two-year period from the first round of budget data we
17 got to the most current round.

18 There's also some incremental cost that is
19 now incorporated in the Summit financial and project
20 model that reflects essentially kind of an evolved
21 understanding of what the cost may actually look like
22 as they have continued discussions with contractors.

23 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: How will the
24 potential addition of other capture facilities change
25 the analysis?

1 THE WITNESS: There were additions and
2 deletions from the capture facilities. I think, on
3 net, it wasn't a very material change to the overall
4 Iowa impact.

5 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: On page 7, lines 16
6 through 18, of your direct testimony, you discuss
7 jobs, labor income, gross economic output for Iowa in
8 the first year of operations. So post construction.

9 What's the confidence level of these
10 estimates as the model ages?

11 THE WITNESS: If the level of operation
12 stays the same, I would imagine those level of impacts
13 would also stay the same with inflation sort of
14 running out each year.

15 But, you know, just like the first year of
16 operations, that operational profile was provided by
17 Summit. And so our role in the process was to
18 essentially translate that into the indirect and
19 induced effects.

20 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: And then one final
21 question. There have been substantial changes to
22 Iowa's tax codes. I think Mr. Jorde alluded to before
23 the report was published in April of 2022. So I
24 assume the model was built months before that.

25 Was the income tax estimate based on the

1 antiquated Iowa Code then?

2 THE WITNESS: It would have been based on
3 Iowa law -- it's actually based on aggregate tax
4 collection information from 2021.

5 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: So the income tax
6 component is likely no longer fully accurate?

7 Let me put it differently.

8 The model would need to be updated with
9 current income tax code.

10 THE WITNESS: That's right.

11 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Okay. So, in regards
12 to the income tax, state income, that's a less
13 reliable number compared to the other numbers?

14 THE WITNESS: That's correct.

15 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: So, for some of the
16 secondary and induced benefits, will that impact those
17 numbers as well?

18 THE WITNESS: Just the income tax portion,
19 yeah.

20 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: If possible, I'm sure
21 we would love to see those.

22 THE WITNESS: Okay.

23 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Thank you. I have no
24 further questions.

25 Mr. Dublinske do you have any?

1 MR. DUBLINSKE: I do, Your Honor, although
2 it may be just one line.

3 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

4 BY MR. DUBLINSKE:

5 Q. Mr. Phillips, Chair Helland asked a
6 question about what impact would it have on the model
7 if additional capture facilities were added. And I
8 believe your response was that some were removed, some
9 were added, and that the net impact was basically
10 unchanged.

11 Was that your testimony?

12 A. I believe so. In terms of comparing the
13 prior round of results to the current round of
14 results, I don't recall a significant net impact from
15 changes in the capture facilities.

16 Q. And I don't want to put words in the
17 Chair's mouth. So let me just ask it as a different
18 question. It may or may not have been what he
19 intended, but how I heard it, if, on a going-forward
20 basis, Summit were to obtain contracts with additional
21 facilities that resulted in additional investment in
22 capture and compression equipment, what impact would
23 you expect that to have directionally, magnitude,
24 whatever, on the results of the model?

25 A. They would be positive. And generally

1 proportionate to what already is in the model.

2 MR. DUBLINSKE: Nothing further, Your
3 Honor.

4 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Are there any
5 questions on the redirect?

6 (No response.)

7 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Thank you. You may
8 step down.

9 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

10 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Mr. Dublinske, you
11 may call your next witness.

12 MR. LEONARD: Thank you, Your Honor.

13 Summit would call Jeremy Ellingson.

14 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Good afternoon. Get
15 comfortable. You can move the mic around anywhere you
16 like as long as you can speak clearly into it so we
17 can pick you up.

18 Ellingson; right?

19 MR. ELLINGSON: Yes.

20 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Go ahead and raise
21 your right hand.

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1 JEREMY ELLINGSON,
2 called as a witness by Summit Carbon Solutions, LLC,
3 being first duly sworn by Board Chair Helland, was
4 examined and testified as follows:

5 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Mr. Leonard.

6 DIRECT EXAMINATION

7 BY MR. LEONARD:

8 Q. Mr. Ellingson, are you the same Jeremy
9 Ellingson who caused to be filed rebuttal testimony in
10 this docket?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. If I asked you those same questions today,
13 would your answers be substantially the same?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Do you have any corrections or
16 modifications to make at this time to that testimony?

17 A. No.

18 MR. LEONARD: Your Honor, I'd move
19 admission of Ellingson rebuttal testimony. There are
20 no exhibits to it.

21 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Are there any
22 objections?

23 MR. JORDE: Well, just to be clear, my
24 standing objection -- well, I don't know if I got it,
25 and that might clear it up, but I'd like a standing

1 objection for every offer of rebuttal testimony prior
2 to the person he reports to rebut testifies.

3 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Noted. Thank you.

4 Mr. Ellingson's testimony will be admitted.

5 MR. LEONARD: With that, Your Honor, we
6 tender the witness for cross.

7 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Thank you.

8 Who is first. Takers? Going once?

9 Mr. Jorde.

10 MR. JORDE: I guess so. Why not.

11 CROSS-EXAMINATION

12 BY MR. JORDE:

13 Q. Sir, are you the same Mr. Ellingson that
14 testified for Summit at the North Dakota PSC
15 proceedings?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And you and I had a chance to talk up
18 there; correct?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Very good. Did you do work, your company
21 do work, in Iowa in attempts to repair affected tile
22 on the DAPL project here?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And that didn't go very well for you, did
25 it?

1 A. It went fine.

2 Q. Did it? Okay. Would you be surprised if
3 landowners were to come and testify after you to talk
4 to the contrary and share opposite opinions of your
5 work?

6 A. Possibly.

7 Q. How many miles a day has Summit told you in
8 Iowa of pipe they plan to be laying if this project
9 were to get approved?

10 A. That's dependent on how many spreads, how
11 many contractors you're talking about working at one
12 time.

13 Q. Well, how many employees, permanent and
14 full-time employees, does Ellingson have as we sit
15 here today?

16 A. We have 400.

17 Q. And do you have enough presently -- well,
18 let me start over.

19 Are you under contract to work for Summit
20 in North Dakota if the project is approved there?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And do you have an active contract, a
23 signed, executed contract, to work in Iowa if it's
24 approved here?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. What about any other state?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Tell me all the states you're contracted
4 for.

5 A. Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota,
6 Iowa, and Nebraska.

7 Q. And what have they told you relative to the
8 spreads? Do they intend to go in a linear fashion, as
9 far as you're aware, or do you believe that
10 construction work could be taking place in all states
11 or more than one state at a time?

12 A. From what they've communicated to us,
13 they'll have construction work taking place in all
14 states possibly at the same time.

15 Q. And the 400 people you employ, are they all
16 folks that are able to repair tile, operate heavy
17 equipment, and be a part of the actual crew that would
18 be out in the field?

19 A. I would say half of them are.

20 Q. And is that 200, or approximate amount,
21 sufficient to perform all of the work based on
22 Summit's potentially being in multiple states at the
23 same time?

24 A. Yes. Between us and subcontractors that we
25 will be using on the project, there will be more than

1 enough to take care of the tile repairs.

2 Q. And that's what I was getting at. So
3 subcontractors. About how many subcontractors and
4 then their either employees or sub-subcontractors do
5 you think you're going to need to do the job you're
6 requested to do if this is approved?

7 A. It just depends on the timing of the
8 project and the permitting process that they're
9 currently going through and when the project kicks
10 off.

11 Right now we currently plan to use Jim
12 Blood with Iowa Drainage for sure on the project. And
13 there'll probably be several other ones from Iowa.

14 Q. Based on your work on the Dakota Access
15 pipeline, are you able at all to kind of ballpark how
16 many miles per day of pipe that might be laid in order
17 to better estimate the amount of workforce you're
18 going to actually need?

19 A. We've done projects like this in the past.
20 And, like I said, it just depends on how many spreads
21 are going at once, what the condition is, the pipe
22 size, the method of trenching. I mean, there's all
23 kinds of variables that go into that.

24 Q. Are you aware, on a pattern tiled field, of
25 roughly the typical spacing that tiles are apart?

1 Tile lines are apart?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And what is that?

4 A. Anywhere from 40 to 100.

5 Q. And let's just assume at about 50 foot
6 apart. Have you confronted fields that have as much
7 as approximately 158 tile lines? Or crossings, I
8 should say.

9 A. Depends on the size of the farm, but yes.

10 Q. How long would it take, or does it take,
11 your team to do work on a field like that that's
12 completely pattern tiled as an example?

13 A. Again, it depends on the conditions, the
14 situation, the tile sizes that are being repaired.
15 Several things that go into that determination.

16 Q. Well, what's the typical tile size that you
17 encountered on the DAPL work you did in Iowa?

18 A. I would say between 4- and 6-inch was
19 probably the most prominent tile size.

20 Q. So, if we assume that for purposes of my
21 question, and if we assume, say, ideal conditions, not
22 too wet or not too adverse weather-wise, can you give
23 me an idea of how many people, man or woman power, it
24 would require you to do the repair of a field with
25 approximately 158 tile crossings?

1 A. I'm not sure I can -- I mean, are you to do
2 it in a certain amount of time? Or what is your
3 question exactly?

4 Q. Well, yeah, the first question is I'm
5 trying to figure out generally how long, just in
6 hours, would that take a team. And then how many
7 people do you typically deploy for that type of work.

8 A. It just depends on the concentration of
9 drain tile in that area. We've partnered with Summit
10 early on this project and have a good idea of where
11 they're going to be, which is different than a lot of
12 projects we've worked on, and we're preparing and
13 planning for that based on the information that we're
14 gathering today.

15 Q. Are you familiar with the Prairie Pothole
16 Region?

17 A. There's lots of Prairie Pothole Regions
18 along this project.

19 Q. Okay. And have you done work in the Iowa
20 areas that are affected by the Prairie Pothole Region?

21 A. You'd have to clarify exactly the area
22 you're talking about. We've worked in a lot of
23 different places in the state of Iowa.

24 Q. And does that take longer generally, all
25 things being equal, to work in that type of an

1 environment?

2 A. No.

3 Q. No more complicated, from your view, than
4 an area without those characteristics? Is that what
5 you're saying?

6 A. Not when you're talking about repairing
7 tile in a trench.

8 Q. Has your company worked on tile near CO2
9 pipelines before? Existing pipelines?

10 A. We've worked on tile near pipelines for
11 years.

12 Q. But not carbon dioxide pipelines?

13 A. Not carbon dioxide pipelines, yes.

14 Q. So, related to the Iowa One Call, that's a
15 three-day turnaround.

16 Are you able to come back to a site within
17 three days, if necessary?

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. And, after this project or work would be
20 done by you, do you have people stationed in Iowa
21 ready to respond? Or is your home base in Minnesota?
22 Or where are you from?

23 A. We have offices in Minnesota and North
24 Dakota. We also have small satellite offices in Iowa.
25 We have offices in different parts of the country

1 also.

2 But, yeah, we've stationed dispatch crews
3 all over the Midwest. We currently work in the
4 five-state area.

5 Q. In terms of for locating tile, and I think
6 we might have talked about this before, would you
7 agree it's difficult to locate clay tile if you don't
8 have maps or some guide assisting you of where it
9 might be located?

10 A. It's definitely always easier to locate
11 tile if you have a map, but we locate lots of tile
12 without maps.

13 Q. Can you locate clay tile through the use of
14 LiDAR?

15 A. No.

16 Q. And what about in wet or swampy conditions.
17 Would you say that the ground-penetrating radar LiDAR
18 is not as effective, if effective?

19 A. Typically, if the ground is wet with water
20 in marshy areas, there's probably not tile there.

21 Q. If you were to get this work and this
22 project was approved, is it your job, Ellingson's job,
23 to go out and work with landowners, obtain tile maps,
24 set up that relationship? Or who, if anyone, would do
25 that?

1 A. Yeah, we've already been participating in
2 that with Summit.

3 Q. So does that mean -- I mean, do you have,
4 like, a call center? Or, when you say the word
5 "participating," are you going door to door? What's
6 your efforts?

7 A. We have a team of our in-house drainage
8 experts available to Summit's engineering project
9 management land team to help address any sort of
10 landowner drain tile issues that come up.

11 That's what's different on this project
12 than a lot of projects we've done, and I feel they've
13 went over and above in the way they're approaching it
14 on this project.

15 Q. Would you agree that water can sometimes be
16 carried and coming from a field over a mile away from
17 where you might be working, and that if you disrupt
18 the tile on the field you're working on, it could
19 affect everything upstream from there?

20 A. Potentially, yeah.

21 Q. And does Ellingson offer a contract
22 directly with the landowner or is it simply working
23 through Summit?

24 A. We're working for Summit.

25 Q. And Ellingson doesn't provide a warranty of

1 its work to any landowner or Iowa farmer, do they?

2 A. I would provide a warranty to Summit.

3 Q. Okay. So the answer is you do not warranty
4 the work directly to the landowner; correct?

5 A. It's directly with Summit.

6 Q. So you don't warranty anything directly to
7 the landowner; correct?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. Now, you say you won't cap tile. That you
10 will not cap tile.

11 So how do you handle flowing water
12 understanding that every tile line you're working on
13 isn't going to be dry?

14 A. Well, in order to keep the tile working,
15 you wouldn't cap them. You connect them back
16 together. I'm not sure I understand your question.

17 Q. Well, but in the meantime while you're
18 doing the repair. Do you have a solution while you're
19 doing the repair?

20 A. I'm not sure I follow your question.

21 Q. Okay. Well, when you sever the tile and
22 the water is flowing, what happens to the area where
23 the tile is severed?

24 A. There will be a temporary repair installed
25 if there's water flowing during construction.

1 Q. If you make initial repairs, how long is
2 the contract with Summit? Is it a lifetime? Are you
3 contracted or obligated to do repairs or follow-up for
4 the lifetime of that repair or are there any
5 limitations on your warranty to Summit?

6 A. I'd have to defer to the contract between
7 Summit and the landowner. I'm not sure exactly what
8 that is, how that reads.

9 Q. And I appreciate that, but that's the
10 contract between Summit and the landowner. I'm
11 wondering if you and Summit have agreed that your
12 company will be obligated to be the company that would
13 perform repairs if they are necessary in the future?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. All right. You believe that's part of your
16 contract?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And have you agreed to a lifetime
19 obligation, a lifetime warranty to Summit, that if the
20 landowner were to call Summit, Summit could say, "Hey,
21 Ellingson," in ten years, "get back out here"?

22 A. As I said before, we have a warranty with
23 Summit, and it is not a lifetime warranty, but I do
24 not understand exactly what the agreements say between
25 Summit and the landowners.

1 Q. And that's totally fine. I'm trying to
2 figure out if it's not lifetime, is there a term. For
3 instance, you know, "We stand by our work for a period
4 of five years" or "ten years" or fill in the blank.
5 What's the term that you've agreed to?

6 A. Typically, our standard workmanship
7 warranty at Ellingson is five years.

8 Q. And, if tile work is being done, is the
9 landowner able to be present and, "Oh, Mr. Ellingson,
10 we need to do this and this" or "I noticed that"? Are
11 they allowed to be part of the process or kind of be a
12 watchdog, if you will?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And, if the landowner says, "Okay, this is
15 how I want you to do that," do you take direction from
16 the landowner or do you have to defer to Summit since
17 that's who you're contracted to?

18 A. We work directly with the landowners. Our
19 role in this project is to ensure that the landowner's
20 tile is put back to exactly the way it was or better
21 from when it was broken by the pipeline company.

22 Q. Okay. So do you believe, therefore, that
23 you have leeway to make modifications or changes,
24 repairs based on what the landowner in the field is
25 telling you without double-checking that it's okay

1 with Summit?

2 A. Within the scope of the project, yes.

3 Q. You'll have to help me a little bit.

4 "Within the scope of the project." My example is --
5 you know, different landowners might have different
6 preferences. I'm sure you've come across that.

7 So I'm trying to figure out how far does a
8 landowner's wishes or concerns, are they taken into
9 account by you in the field in the moment without
10 having to go back to Summit?

11 A. As long as it has something directly to do
12 with the repair of their tile, we are there on
13 Summit's behalf to make sure that it gets repaired
14 correctly. Anything outside of that that's over and
15 above obviously would be handled between the landowner
16 and Summit.

17 Q. When you're doing repairs, do you cut the
18 ears off the connectors so that the trash coming
19 through the system doesn't catch and plug up?

20 A. I'm not sure I understand the question.

21 Q. Well, are you familiar with -- well, when
22 you connect two pieces of tile, what's your process
23 for doing that?

24 A. Just connecting two standard pieces of tile
25 or repairing something on this project?

1 Q. Well, let's do the repairing on this
2 project first. And let me just ask it this way: Have
3 you ever come across issues with tile by the way
4 they're connected that sometimes there can be parts of
5 the tile that affect the flow and sometimes allow
6 trash or other debris to build up thus affecting the
7 tile's effectiveness?

8 A. No.

9 Q. How would you connect a 7-inch tile? How
10 do you go about that?

11 A. Basically, you take the tile and, depending
12 on the material type, we use the correct coupler to
13 couple the tile back together and repair it as per the
14 spec in the AIMP provided by Iowa.

15 Q. Would you agree that clay tile is more
16 brittle and problematic and can chip or crush once
17 it's disturbed?

18 A. Depends on how long it's been in the
19 ground. I've dug up clay tile that's been several
20 years old that's as good as it was when it went in.

21 But, yeah, as clay tile ages, it's becomes
22 brittle. On several projects we've done in the Iowa
23 area, we've ran into tile that has been replaced with
24 plastic tile. And, unlike other projects with a drain
25 tile expert being involved, we're going to make sure

1 the landowner's clay tile is taken care. And their
2 new tile.

3 Q. So do you replace it as a routine basis?
4 Or, if you don't believe it was chipped or crushed,
5 you would leave that tile as is and replace as little
6 as possible? Or do you have a general policy when
7 confronted with a clay tile?

8 A. We replace whatever has been damaged.

9 Q. With new tile.

10 A. Yes. Correct. Yep.

11 Q. And you talk about a 150-foot zone. I
12 wasn't totally clear on that. Just describe -- what
13 does that mean? There's a 150-foot distance that you
14 operate in? Or what was that distance?

15 A. We operate within the pipeline easement
16 just the same as the rest of the contractors.

17 Q. So, if the pipeline easement is 110 feet,
18 whatever that is, that's the area that you work
19 within.

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. And so, if damages are caused -- if there
22 are, like, upstream damages that are caused that occur
23 in an area outside of that zone, how do you deal with
24 that? Are you allowed to go outside of the easement
25 zone to remedy issues that might have been caused

1 within the easement area?

2 A. I'm not sure how that would happen, but I'm
3 sure with communication with the landowner and Summit
4 that we would be able to take care of any issue the
5 landowner had.

6 Q. You talk about putting the tile inside a
7 pipe.

8 Do you use perforated pipe or solid pipe?
9 How does that work?

10 A. We replace it with the same as the material
11 that's there. So perforated pipe or non-perf. It
12 just depends on the area of the pipeline and the type
13 of pipe that's there.

14 Q. Do you use channel irons to support tile in
15 certain instances?

16 A. Not on this project.

17 Q. Why is that?

18 A. It's an outdated practice that doesn't work
19 very well.

20 Q. So what's your methodology if you're not
21 using channel irons?

22 A. We support it with a larger pipe with the
23 drain tile pipe inside of it. And, depending on the
24 width of the trench, we utilize sandbags for support
25 if the span is too wide.

1 Q. Does part of your contract also include the
2 responsibility for dewatering the trench or removing
3 water in the pits for boring?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Who does that work?

6 A. The general contractor.

7 Q. So whoever that is, they have to -- so when
8 you're in a particular area, then they would also need
9 to have a crew with you at the same time generally?

10 A. I'm not sure I follow the question.

11 Q. Well, if a general contractor does it,
12 wouldn't they have to do that pretty much in proximity
13 of the time that you got ready to do your work? Would
14 they need to be there on-site at the same time or can
15 they do that work well in advance?

16 A. They can do that work in advance.

17 Q. But, if there's an event where it fills up
18 with water after they leave, you would have to call
19 them back? I'm just trying to figure out the scope of
20 your responsibility. You wouldn't get involved with
21 that dewatering?

22 A. No. Our responsibility is to handle all
23 the agricultural drain tile impacts on this project
24 for Summit.

25 Q. If you're working and you see that the tile

1 is full of dirt, or half full of dirt, do you replace
2 the tile completely across the easement area or do you
3 just focus within the easement itself?

4 A. It just depends on the situation. And if
5 the tile is full of dirt because the line has been
6 abandoned and there's a new tile underneath it, then
7 it stays abandoned. If there's something in question,
8 we will get ahold of the landowner and ask how they
9 would like it handled.

10 Q. Do you have any leeway, when you are
11 repairing, to change the elevation in any way such
12 that the repaired tile would be above or below the
13 pipeline? Or how are those decisions made?

14 A. Tile is gravity flow. So there's really
15 nothing you can change.

16 Q. Okay. And that's kind of my point. So how
17 do you -- do you have leeway to determine whether or
18 not the gravity flow needs to become at a steeper
19 grade in order to make room for the 12-inch separation
20 for the pipe? Or who is making those kind of
21 decisions on the fly as you're going, if necessary?

22 A. On this project, because we're so involved
23 up front, we're analyzing and looking at it with
24 Summit's construction team early on in the project.
25 And I know that they've designed the pipeline deeper

1 than most tile in a lot of areas.

2 And, for the most part -- I mean, you can't
3 change the grade, as I stated before, of the existing
4 tile without going way off into the landowner's field
5 and trying to deepen it up.

6 So our goal is to make sure everything is
7 put back on grade, our crews have laser and GPS
8 technology to do that, and the pipeline should be
9 sufficiently below that.

10 Q. What are the financial terms of your
11 contract with Summit?

12 A. I'm not sure I understand the question.

13 Q. Well, are you paid on a state-by-state
14 basis? Are you paid by the mile repaired? Are you
15 paid on a per diem? Per hour? How is the
16 compensation structured?

17 A. We're paid on the project.

18 Q. And "the project" being the entire
19 footprint or each state is considered --

20 A. The entire footprint.

21 Q. So you've already negotiated a rate for the
22 entire footprint?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Okay. What's that?

25 A. That's between Summit and us.

1 Q. Well, the problem is you're here testifying
2 and it goes to bias of you testifying in support of
3 the project based on the financial incentives you have
4 to do the project.

5 MR. LEONARD: Your Honor, I'm going to
6 object to confidentiality with respect to what Summit
7 is paying its contractors.

8 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Mr. Jorde.

9 MR. JORDE: Well, yeah, I'll bet he told
10 Ernst & Young to put it in the report as incidental
11 benefits. And, also, it does go to bias.

12 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: The objection is
13 sustained.

14 Let's move on.

15 BY MR. JORDE:

16 Q. So, given that you've already negotiated --
17 is that a set rate? Like a project rate? Like, for
18 instance, "I'll put a new roof on your house for
19 \$10,000." Is it a set number?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Okay. So, therefore, because you've agreed
22 to a set number, your profit will be affected by how
23 long and how much subcontractor time and how much time
24 for equipment, rental, et cetera, housing, that you
25 would incur such that it would incentivize you to work

1 faster so that your profit margin doesn't slip away;
2 correct?

3 A. Not necessarily, no. I mean, we want to
4 perform the project as efficiently as possible and
5 ensuring that the landowners are getting the, as
6 stated before, replacement of their tile to or better
7 than it was before Summit and their team was there.

8 Q. Well, sure, but given that you've already
9 set in stone the total amount that you can make, you
10 don't have a lot of room to have delays because that's
11 going to affect your margins; correct?

12 A. Delays always affect margins on
13 construction projects, yes.

14 MR. JORDE: All right. Thank you. I don't
15 have anything further.

16 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Mr. Meyers.

17 CROSS-EXAMINATION

18 BY MR. MEYERS:

19 Q. Mr. Ellingson -- to your right. Back here.
20 My name is David Meyers. I'm an attorney here on
21 behalf of the Iowa Farm Bureau, and I just have some
22 questions for you. I kind of want to start off with
23 just a clarifying question.

24 If the permit is granted and construction
25 for the pipeline begins and there is damage to a

1 landowner's drain tile but that damage to the drain
2 tile is not observed, let's say, ten years into the
3 future, will Ellingson come onto that landowner's
4 property and fix the drain tile?

5 A. Yeah, if there was a drain tile that was
6 missed, we will take care of it.

7 Q. And, again, there's no time limit on that.

8 A. As stated before, if there's a problem with
9 the tile, I know Summit will take care of the
10 landowners.

11 Q. Perfect. Thank you. I just wanted to kind
12 of clarify that.

13 Have you read Summit's Agricultural Impact
14 Mitigation Plan?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And are you aware as kind of part of that
17 mitigation plan the requirement to televise the trench
18 on both sides?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And can you just explain to us how you plan
21 on going about televising the trench on both sides?

22 A. Basically, as we go through and repair
23 tile, if there's any indication that there has been
24 rutting or issues with drain tile that could be
25 crushed, we typically either replace a bigger stretch

1 across the right-of-way or we inspect them, as you're
2 speaking of, to ensure that there's no issues.

3 Q. And will this video be recorded?

4 A. It's typically not recorded, no. There's
5 inspectors on-site and landowners. And, if it's not
6 working or there's an issue, there'll be a wet spot.

7 Q. And, if a landowner requested for you to
8 record the video, would you be able to do that?

9 A. If, on a certain circumstance, they wanted
10 to see that, I'm sure we could arrange to have that
11 done.

12 Q. As part of your rebuttal testimony on
13 page 7, at line 20 you mention you will take a photo
14 of each repair.

15 Is that still accurate?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And would you be willing to share the photo
18 of the repairs with the landowner?

19 A. Yeah, we -- we've had to do that on a lot
20 of past projects. It's a really handy tool to ensure
21 the landowner that their tile is getting repaired the
22 way they want it done.

23 Q. And, just for clarification, that's a still
24 photo with a camera?

25 A. It's a photo taken with our crews. We have

1 field engineers on every site with every contractor
2 ensuring that the drain tile is getting documented,
3 GPS location shot in, station numbers identified, tile
4 size, tile type, and photos that we actually keep in a
5 live GIS database system for landowners to have access
6 to or see at any time they want.

7 Q. And, if a landowner wanted to take their
8 own photo of before or after the repair, would you be
9 okay with that?

10 A. Sure.

11 Q. On page 8 of your testimony, the rebuttal
12 testimony, up at the very top, you were asked "In your
13 experience, is it common for Ellingson to get called
14 back after the work is completed to fix your repair
15 work."

16 And your answer is "No, it is not common."

17 And my question to you is but it's happened
18 before where Ellingson has had to come back out to fix
19 something?

20 A. Obviously. All companies have certain
21 warranty issues. We like to take pride in doing good
22 work and hoping that that's not the issue and we can
23 do the best job the first time we're there. We don't
24 make money coming back.

25 Q. On page 7, lines 1 through 5, I'm kind of

1 focused on the specific language that "the drain tile
2 will work as good as or better after the pipeline is
3 built as it did before the pipeline came along."

4 We heard a lot of testimony in the past two
5 weeks about landowners being concerned about drain
6 tile. Can you just provide some -- scratch that.

7 Excuse me.

8 How can landowners trust your work just
9 beyond your word right now?

10 A. I mean, they can look at our experience. I
11 mean, we've been in the drain tile business for 53
12 years. We've done projects across the Midwest. As
13 you probably saw in my testimony, we install thirty to
14 forty million feet of tile in any given year, and
15 we've done this kind of repair on not only pipeline
16 projects but wind farms, solar farms all over the
17 state of Iowa.

18 Q. And what will happen if the drain tile does
19 not work as good or better after the pipeline was
20 constructed?

21 A. We will come back and meet with the
22 landowner and address any issues or concerns they have
23 until they're happy. I mean, we're here for the
24 growers.

25 Q. And, kind of along the same lines -- we've

1 heard some landowner testimony over the period of this
2 hearing. One individual named Paul Wacker, I hope I'm
3 pronouncing his last name correctly, described his
4 experience where he had a pipeline construction on his
5 property and there was soil settling underneath the
6 tile causing the tile line to bow and thereby prevent
7 water from flowing through the tile.

8 Can you just describe what Ellingson would
9 do to prevent this situation?

10 A. Well, we'd start by making sure that
11 there's no sags in the line. As he described. We're
12 supporting the trench with a pipe with the tile
13 inside, which gives it extra support, and we're also
14 using sandbag support to ensure that that doesn't
15 happen.

16 Q. On page 6 at the bottom of your testimony
17 there you note "we work with drainage authorities in
18 various jurisdictions."

19 Other than talking to landowners, can you
20 just describe where you look to obtain tile maps?

21 A. Typically, landowners, as we've discussed
22 already, but we talk with all the local NRCS or SCS
23 offices, local counties, and collect as many and
24 available drain tile maps or county main maps as we
25 can get. Iowa actually has a pretty good record of

1 them. So it makes it pretty easy.

2 Q. And, when you mentioned the "counties," is
3 that like the county recorder's office?

4 A. Yeah, whoever keep tracks of the county
5 mains. Or if there's group main easements between
6 landowners. And they have a GIS system, I think, in
7 some of the counties that track that.

8 Q. Can you just explain to us the difference
9 between perforated tile and non-perforated tile?

10 A. Perforated tile has small holes in it to
11 allow water to get into the tile for drainage, and
12 non-perforated tile is solid. It's typically used in
13 areas where there's trees or wetlands or areas that we
14 don't want drainage.

15 Q. And can you just describe the circumstance
16 when a larger pipe with perforated drain tile inside
17 would be used?

18 A. Ask that question again.

19 Q. Yes. Can you describe the circumstance
20 when larger pipe with perforated drain tile inside
21 would be used? Kind of what soil setting, what --

22 A. I'm not sure I'm following your question.
23 Typically, we don't put tile inside of tile. It's
24 just -- the repairs are encased in a pipe for support,
25 but, outside of that, it's just a tile line.

1 Q. Because I believe -- and I'm trying to get
2 a better understanding. It's a clarifying topic of
3 when you were talking with Mr. Jorde a few minutes ago
4 you mentioned something to that effect. Especially
5 with larger pipe.

6 Is that correct or am I misremembering?

7 A. Yeah, I'm not sure I'm following your
8 question.

9 Q. Can we go to page 8 of your rebuttal
10 testimony. On line 14 -- so the question on line 14,
11 "In terms of designing a different solution, what does
12 that mean?"

13 And, as part of your response in line 18,
14 you note "rather than underneath it."

15 What did you mean by that phrase?

16 A. In certain situations, if a landowner
17 requests it, we install header systems. Basically, we
18 remove all of the crossings in the field, except for a
19 couple, and we connect all the pipes on the upside and
20 we cap all the pipes on the downside. This gets most
21 of the tile out of the right-of-way. Except for the
22 two main crossings. But that's only on a landowner
23 basis.

24 Q. Can you just explain how a tile system
25 would drain the soil for crop production if it's

1 underneath the pipeline? So the tile is below the
2 pipeline.

3 A. It would really be no different than if it
4 was on top.

5 Q. How deep does the drainage tile need to be
6 for Summit to consider installing the pipeline above
7 the drainage tile?

8 A. I'm not sure that's -- I guess I'd have to
9 defer to the engineers on the depth of the pipeline to
10 see if they have that instance anywhere.

11 Q. And then on page 9 of your testimony,
12 towards the bottom, you note that Summit will pay for
13 a new drainage system.

14 Can you just explain what you mean by the
15 "new drainage system"?

16 A. Where is that? Where does it say that?

17 Q. We'll move on briefly. Are you aware of
18 the requirement that Ellingson or Summit will have to
19 pay for increased costs for new drainage tile work
20 because of -- let me start over. Excuse me.

21 Are you aware of the requirement that
22 Summit will have to pay for increased repair cost for
23 drainage tile repair?

24 A. I'm not sure I follow the question. Summit
25 is paying for all of the drain tile repair. I'm not

1 sure I follow the "increased" part. Can you explain
2 that a little more?

3 Q. I'll just move on to a different topic.
4 Along the same lines, different question.

5 Will Ellingson tell landowners they have
6 the ability to hire their own contractor to repair any
7 drainage tile caused by the pipeline?

8 A. Yeah, if a landowner would like to involve
9 his own tile contractor, part of our responsibility in
10 the project is working with them to work through the
11 feasibility of that and making sure it gets done
12 correctly and right and they can meet all the
13 requirements that are needed to do that.

14 Q. And then will Ellingson tell the landowner,
15 and the landowner's contractor, that Summit would be
16 responsible for the cost to repair the drain tile?

17 A. Yes, Summit is responsible for the costs of
18 repairing all the drain tile within the right-of-way
19 that's damaged.

20 Q. And I want to back up and circle back. I
21 wrote down the wrong page number. It is actually on
22 page 8 when we were talking about that new system.

23 So, as you'll see at the very bottom, you
24 were asked "Who pays for the work to install a new
25 system if the landowner chooses?"

1 And, as you repeated throughout your
2 testimony so far, "Summit pays for that work."

3 My question is what is meant by "new
4 system"?

5 A. A repair of the pipe -- of the tile
6 crossing. That's the way I interpreted it.

7 Q. And is that limited to the easement area or
8 is that for the entire parcel?

9 A. The easement area.

10 Q. And then still staying on page 8, you were
11 asked in line 19 "Who makes the decision about whether
12 to go forward with the repairs of each pattern tile
13 line or install a new system?"

14 Again, can you just explain what you mean
15 by "new system" to that question.

16 A. Again, I think I interpreted all the
17 questions to be related to repair work done within the
18 easement.

19 MR. MEYERS: Thank you. Those are all the
20 questions I have.

21 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

22 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Thank you.

23 Mr. Meyer.

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1 CROSS-EXAMINATION

2 BY MR. MEYER:

3 Q. Good afternoon, sir. I'm over here.

4 Darrell Meyer, Hardin County.

5 I'm going to stay on some of these same
6 pages around the same areas here. I just want to get
7 some clarification.

8 Many of your answers referred to
9 "landowners." Page 8, line 16, "want to work with the
10 landowners." Same page, line 22, "work with the
11 landowner," "the landowner decides," and then on
12 page 9, line 2, "the landowner" -- the question was
13 "Do landowners have to use your firm?" And the answer
14 is "No, the landowner can choose who they want."

15 And I just wanted to make sure we get a
16 clear understanding of how broad or narrow the term
17 "landowner" is. Particularly with respect to drainage
18 districts.

19 The tile in a drainage district is managed
20 by trustees. They can be private trustees named by
21 all the landowners in that district or the default is
22 county supervisors.

23 So, in working with individuals on this
24 project, would you include the drainage district
25 trustees, whether they're supervisors or private

1 trustees, since they are the agents of all of the
2 operators, the landowners, in that district?

3 A. Yeah. Sure. If there were questions or
4 issues that needed to be addressed by the district on
5 behalf of the landowners, more than happy to work with
6 whoever we need to work with to make sure the
7 landowner is happy.

8 Q. With your previous experience with the
9 Dakota line, did you work with any drainage districts
10 on that project?

11 A. We were in a little different role on that
12 project. So I'm sure we encountered drainage
13 districts throughout with questions and things, but --
14 I'm sure we repaired tile that were part of drainage
15 districts, but not directly like we have on this
16 project.

17 Q. You've heard the phrase "strong fences make
18 good neighbors"?

19 A. For sure.

20 Q. Well, if you've ever sat in a drainage
21 district meeting where there's a dispute, good tile
22 makes good neighbors too.

23 A. For sure.

24 Q. And so I guess I'm hoping when you use the
25 word "landowner," it's broad enough to include those

1 that are going to end up sharing the cost of any
2 repair or new tile, that sort of thing.

3 So can we operate under that assumption?

4 A. Yes.

5 MR. MEYER: Thank you. No other questions.

6 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Mr. Fallon.

7 MR. FALLON: Thank you.

8 CROSS-EXAMINATION

9 BY MR. FALLON:

10 Q. My main goal here is to get through this
11 without having Mr. Dublinske object more than once.
12 We'll see how it goes.

13 Thank you, Mr. Ellingson. So, first, a
14 little background again.

15 How long have you been doing this work?

16 A. Our company has been in business for
17 53 years.

18 Q. I think you said you lay between three and
19 four million miles of tile a year; is that correct?

20 A. Thirty and forty million.

21 Q. Thirty and forty. I dropped a zero.
22 Sorry. That's pretty impressive.

23 So do you know what percentage of the land
24 in Iowa that Summit has targeted for this pipeline,
25 what percentage of that land is tiled currently?

1 A. I would be speculating. I would guess
2 there's probably 50 to 70 percent of it. At a
3 minimum. A lot.

4 Q. So a majority of it.

5 A. Yeah.

6 Q. And what percentage of that again -- I know
7 this is just take your best guess. What percentage of
8 that tiled land would have the pipeline cut diagonally
9 across it?

10 A. I'm not sure -- I don't have an answer.

11 Q. And maybe a better way to figure that out
12 is to look at those maps and see where it looks like
13 it's going northwest or southeast instead of straight
14 up and down. But my guess is it's going to be a lot.
15 I know, with the Dakota Access pipeline, it was almost
16 always a diagonal cut.

17 Does that diagonal cut represent a -- I
18 mean, if a pipeline went straight across like that, I
19 imagine that would be an easier fix than a diagonal
20 cut; correct?

21 A. Not necessarily.

22 Q. No?

23 A. I think it depends on the design and the
24 lay of the farm. You could have diagonal lines in the
25 farm that follow a pipeline route and it would make it

1 better.

2 Q. So I'm trying to get an understanding, too,
3 at what point you come into play here. So the
4 machinery comes in, digs the trench, and I presume
5 they just cut through the tile. Do they actually
6 remove the tile with some care or is it just kind of
7 sliced through at that time?

8 A. So, typically, the pipeline contractor
9 excavates or trenches the trench open. Our
10 representatives identify the tile as that's happening.
11 They come through and lay their pipe. And, as they
12 begin to backfill in behind it, we come in and repair
13 the tile.

14 Q. So will that tile be kind of cut in a
15 jagged sort of way or will there be a clean cut on it
16 where the trench has been dug?

17 A. It's usually a pretty clean cut. It just
18 depends on the angle of the tile and the way it's cut.

19 Q. And the pipe -- I can't recall for sure,
20 with the Dakota Access pipeline, whether the pipe was
21 installed above or below the tile. I'm pretty sure it
22 was below. Will that be the case with the pipeline as
23 well? The pipeline will be below the tile?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Almost exclusively?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. So how easy is it to -- I mean, when you
3 consider compaction and soil settling and issues of
4 water affecting how the soil resettles into the
5 trench, how frequently can you expect to see the need
6 for you to come in and make repairs?

7 A. We repair every line that we find. Or
8 every line that the landowner has exposed.

9 Q. I'm trying to think of a comparable
10 situation. And what keeps coming to my mind is DAPL.
11 I don't know if you or anybody knows how frequently
12 landowners who had their tile cut and then repaired on
13 the DAPL route had to have someone come in a second
14 time and fix it because of changes in soil conditions.

15 Do you have any ideas about that?

16 A. No.

17 Q. What's your experience about the frequency
18 of land shifting under construction? I mean -- let me
19 back up.

20 With typical farming activities, yeah,
21 there's always going to be some action on the soil.
22 But this is a much bigger impact. This is a
23 significant trench with huge equipment.

24 So I'm guessing that the frequency of
25 disrupting that tile, of having it need to be

1 repaired, is probably going to be more often than in
2 any kind of normal repair job.

3 Would that be the case?

4 A. The size of this project will impact a lot
5 of tile. For sure. There's no question.

6 Q. But, I mean, it will impact it in ways that
7 are probably more significant than your usual type
8 repair work.

9 A. I wouldn't say that. We do a lot of
10 projects where -- whether it's cable or pipe or
11 irrigation lines or pipelines. I mean, tile is cut
12 quite often on a lot of projects that we work on.

13 Q. What else would cause a tile to be cut?

14 A. Some tile installed shallow and maybe a
15 farmer ripping his field too deep may cause a tile to
16 be cut.

17 Q. I can't imagine that happens too often.

18 A. Not a ton, but it has.

19 Q. Again, if you have any experience with
20 this, I'm curious about how often do you -- how many
21 years after the installation of the pipe would one
22 expect there to be shifts in soil conditions where
23 there might be a need to repair that tile.

24 A. I mean, our goal is is there's no issues
25 with the tile. When we leave the field, it's a good,

1 solid repair. We take extra precautions to ensure
2 that doesn't happen.

3 As far as how soil moves, I'd have to defer
4 to the soil scientist that is involved in the project
5 to answer that question.

6 Q. Now, I know some land is flatter than
7 others, and I think I saw what -- a farmer down in
8 Keokuk County showed me his land where it was -- I
9 think it was about a quarter mile across, a quarter
10 mile square, and it was so flat it drained, I think if
11 memory serves, only a couple inches from one side to
12 the other.

13 That seems like a really delicate operation
14 to install that tile in the first place. Repairing
15 tile like that would be pretty challenging, I would
16 think.

17 A. It's stuff we do all the time.

18 Q. Even something that flat with that low of a
19 grade?

20 A. Yep. We work -- we have an office in North
21 Dakota, and the Red River Valley is one of the
22 flattest areas around that we work in. And most of
23 the lines are installed on a tenth or a tenth and a
24 half grade, which is less than that.

25 Q. Have you heard of any stories yourself of

1 landowners, farmers, along the Dakota Access pipeline
2 route who had complaints about how their tile was
3 repaired after construction?

4 A. No.

5 Q. And, if I should have such stories, it
6 would be okay to share them with you at some other
7 time?

8 A. Sure.

9 MR. FALLON: Thank you.

10 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Thank you.

11 Mr. Taylor.

12 CROSS-EXAMINATION

13 BY MR. TAYLOR:

14 Q. Mr. Ellingson, I'm Wally Taylor. I
15 represent the Sierra Club. And I know very little
16 about drain tile, but fools rush in. So I'm going to
17 try it.

18 You submitted rebuttal testimony. Do you
19 know what intervenor testimony or evidence you're
20 rebutting?

21 A. Say that again.

22 Q. You submitted rebuttal testimony; correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Do you know what intervenor testimony or
25 evidence you're rebutting?

1 A. I'm assuming questions from landowners or
2 land agents or the IUB or whoever.

3 Q. But, otherwise, you don't know.

4 A. I'm going to have to defer to my attorneys
5 for that.

6 Q. Well, who drafted your rebuttal testimony?

7 A. Who drafted it?

8 Q. Yeah.

9 A. Myself and the Summit attorneys.

10 Q. On page 6, line 14, of your rebuttal
11 testimony. If we could get that up. You said that
12 Summit engaged you early in the pre-permitting design
13 phase and that allowed you to collect substantial
14 amounts of information.

15 Can you give us a better idea of what you
16 did to get that information and what kind of
17 information you were looking for?

18 A. We were gathering existing drain tile maps
19 not only from landowners but from counties, NRCS
20 offices, drainage districts, to make sure that we
21 understood the impact and made sure that the pipeline
22 was, you know, taking into consideration where the
23 drain tile was to have the least amount of impact as
24 possible.

25 And then being able to answer any landowner

1 questions along the way, provide input at public
2 hearings, any way we could support answering questions
3 about agricultural drain tile on the project.

4 Q. Did you go out to any landowners' land and
5 look to see what you could find?

6 A. We've had meetings with landowners. I
7 mean, it's really preliminary right now, as we're
8 still in the permitting process. But, yeah, we've
9 engaged and answered lots of questions along the route
10 with land agents.

11 Q. You mentioned drain tile maps. It's my
12 understanding from hearing from landowners that there
13 are some drain tile that was installed years ago, like
14 in the 1920s or '30s, that there's no map for and
15 nobody knows exactly where it is.

16 Is that your understanding?

17 A. Probably, yes.

18 Q. So what would you do to try to locate or
19 determine where that kind of tile might be?

20 A. Before the project starts, we use aerial
21 imagery. We do different analysis of low spots, talk
22 to landowner about where he feels the tile may be.
23 During construction, we have field engineers on-site
24 that are spotting tile as the trench is opened up.

25 Q. Do you think that's good enough to find

1 that unmapped tile?

2 A. I think so.

3 Q. Can you help me understand how you work
4 with the county inspectors in regard to trying to
5 avoid or at least minimize damage to drain tile?

6 A. We address any concerns or issues they have
7 in the county we're working in or areas they have
8 questions on. Work with them to ensure that anything
9 that they see as a problem or a potential issue for
10 landowners is addressed correctly.

11 Q. Is your agreement with Summit that you, or
12 your company at least, would be on-site as the
13 trenches for the pipeline are being dug and the pipe
14 is being put in the trench?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. All the way along the route?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. On page 8, line 11, of your rebuttal
19 testimony, I think you were talking about pattern tile
20 there; is that correct?

21 A. Yeah. I think the question was is, you
22 know, if there's a lot of repairs in a field that's
23 pattern tiled, how you handle that.

24 Q. That goes back to the previous question, I
25 think, and that was a follow-up about pattern tile.

1 So give us a better idea of, first of all,
2 how you could avoid perhaps any problems with the
3 pattern tile. And then, secondly, what challenges
4 there would be in trying to repair any damage.

5 A. I guess I'd ask for a little bit more
6 clarity on your first question.

7 Q. Okay. What challenges are there in trying
8 to avoid or minimize the damage to the pattern tile?
9 That wouldn't be there in some other kind of tiling
10 situation.

11 A. I guess I'm still not quite understanding
12 the question. I mean, the tile are going to be
13 damaged, they are going to be dug through where the
14 pipeline goes there, and we're there to ensure that
15 they get replaced and fixed to the same condition or
16 better.

17 Q. I guess what led me to the question was
18 that in that previous question it seems to infer that
19 there are particular issues or challenges with a
20 pattern tile that would not be present with other
21 kinds of tiling systems.

22 Is that a fair statement or am I misreading
23 that?

24 A. I think you're misreading that.

25 Q. Is it better to have the drain tile above

1 or below the pipeline or does it make any difference?

2 A. It's definitely better to have it above. I
3 think there's very few incidents where the tile would
4 be below.

5 Q. Okay. So you want the tile above the
6 pipeline.

7 A. Yeah.

8 Q. So you'd have to know how deep the tile is
9 in any particular location; is that correct?

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. And how do you do that?

12 A. Most tile systems are installed between
13 three and a half and four feet deep. On average.
14 Pretty common practice in the industry.

15 Q. Is it possible they might be deeper than
16 that and you wouldn't know it?

17 A. There could be some that could be deeper.

18 Q. And so is it possible or more likely that
19 that tile would be damaged by the installation of the
20 pipeline?

21 A. Yeah, no different than the rest of the
22 tile.

23 MR. TAYLOR: Can staff pull up 479B.31 of
24 the Iowa Code. If you have access to that.

25 I knew they could do it.

1 BY MR. TAYLOR:

2 Q. Can you read that, Mr. Ellingson?

3 A. Sure.

4 Q. Let me know when you're done reading it.

5 A. Okay.

6 Q. This is a section of the Iowa Code
7 regarding hazardous liquid pipelines and indicates a
8 procedure if the landowner installs new tile after the
9 pipeline is installed.

10 Do you understand that?

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. And that any additional costs for
13 installing that new tile system that would be caused
14 because of the presence of the existing pipeline shall
15 be paid for by the pipeline company.

16 Have you ever been involved as a consultant
17 or expert in a situation like that?

18 A. No.

19 MR. TAYLOR: Okay. Thank you. That's all
20 the questions I have.

21 THE WITNESS: Sure.

22 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Thank you.

23 Mr. Meyer, did you have a follow-up?

24 MR. MEYER: Oh. No.

25 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Just double-checking.

1 MR. MEYER: I'm bad at that.

2 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: I don't believe the
3 Board has any questions.

4 Mr. Leonard.

5 MR. LEONARD: Just a quick redirect, Your
6 Honor.

7 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

8 BY MR. LEONARD:

9 Q. Mr. Ellingson, there were a series of
10 questions related to page 8 of your testimony. And I
11 just want to ask for a clarification.

12 When you're talking about something like a
13 header system that you would put in ahead of time
14 prior to construction, is that something that Summit
15 would pay for?

16 A. Yes.

17 MR. LEONARD: Thank you.

18 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Okay. Any questions
19 on the redirect?

20 (No response.)

21 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Okay. Seeing none,
22 Mr. Ellingson, you are excused.

23 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

24 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: We will go ahead and
25 take a 15-minute break and then move on to -- we'll

1 find out.

2 MR. DUBLINSKE: As I suggested at the end
3 of the day yesterday, unfortunately Mr. Ellingson is
4 the last witness that we have available today. We
5 have several that will be here tonight that can be
6 ready for tomorrow. Aaron DeJoia who I think we need
7 to get in and out.

8 We are actually filing -- it should be
9 coming into the Board's system now, the ordered
10 dispersion information. And I would suggest that
11 Mr. Powell would be available if you want to put him
12 back on the stand tomorrow. He will be unavailable at
13 the beginning of the next week because of the start of
14 the South Dakota proceeding. And Micah Rorie will be
15 available tomorrow as well.

16 We were thinking we would run a little
17 later today, but the issue with Mr. Rorie is he
18 actually is participating late today in a mediation as
19 set up by the Board.

20 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Mr. Jorde.

21 MR. JORDE: Well -- yeah. So, I mean, I've
22 got a real problem with this. I mean, it's their
23 case, and they might have an order that they prefer,
24 but they're on the clock and they need to have
25 witnesses here.

1 So if they don't have a witness, I would
2 move that -- I'd request an order that their case in
3 chief be ordered closed, since they don't have a
4 witness and we're still here, and that their case
5 presentation be over and then we can move on to the
6 next party.

7 And, short of that, I want to discuss the
8 motion that I've filed on the scheduling. Again, I
9 mean, we have enough time to get a whole 'nother
10 witness done, but they're not here. Which puts
11 pressure on tomorrow which puts pressure on the rest
12 of the proceedings.

13 And it is no mystery, as it hasn't been for
14 six months, I have to be in South Dakota all next
15 week, Monday through Saturday, and I also need to
16 cross-examine all the Summit witnesses.

17 So I'm requesting that if we don't get done
18 with Summit witnesses tomorrow, Friday, that these
19 matters be stayed until such time as the South Dakota
20 proceedings conclude. In which case -- the same
21 Summit witnesses and myself are going to be up there.

22 So that's my request. None of this would
23 have been a problem if we would have stuck with what
24 was discussed and these matters would have been
25 scheduled in November or after.

1 And so it's a serious problem that the
2 Board, prior to the newly constituted Board, was aware
3 of and has been aware of and has never been a secret.

4 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Do you have a
5 statement?

6 MR. DUBLINSKE: Your Honor, we had
7 requested dates that would have been well before the
8 South Dakota hearing. Mr. Jorde, knowing when the
9 South Dakota hearing was scheduled, pushed for a
10 slower schedule in this proceeding. And he did that
11 knowing the South Dakota hearing was out there and
12 took that risk.

13 Contrary to Mr. Jorde's motion to stay, as
14 I mentioned yesterday when he was not in the room, we
15 neither had any advance notice of the proposed
16 schedule nor are particularly the non-party witnesses
17 at our, quote, beck and call.

18 I think the Board is aware that we've been
19 scheduling with very short turnaround. It was Labor
20 Day weekend and we couldn't necessarily get flights in
21 for some of these non-party witnesses.

22 We have tried to keep things moving despite
23 that as best as possible, but we don't have control
24 over how long each witness goes. That is largely in
25 the control of the other attorneys in the room.

1 We will have people in tomorrow. I would
2 note that Mr. Williams seems to have done a perfectly
3 fine job here in Mr. Jorde's absence and that staying
4 for the entire length of the South Dakota hearing is
5 impractical and simply is not necessary.

6 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: We are going to take
7 a 15-minute break and we will come back and address
8 these.

9 I will say, before we the break, it is
10 somewhat frustrating that we can't continue and that
11 we're leaving some perfectly -- oh. Mr. Long. Did I
12 cut you off?

13 MR. LONG: Thank you. I would just suggest
14 that we all think on the 15-minute break about the
15 witnesses after Summit. And we are willing to be
16 flexible if other parties have timing needs for their
17 witness.

18 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Thank you.
19 Appreciate that.

20 Okay. We'll take a quick 15 minutes and
21 discuss things with Board Member Martz and we will be
22 right back.

23 Mr. Long interrupted my complaint, but it
24 still stands.

25 So thank you. Appreciate it.

1 (Recess taken at 3:24 p.m.)

2 (Hearing resumed at 3:45 p.m.)

3 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Sorry. The break
4 went a little longer. We called Board Member Byrnes
5 to make sure we could discuss this as a whole group.

6 In regards to Mr. Jorde's motion, we have
7 waived the usual response time in the interest of
8 getting an order out quickly. That order should be
9 out tonight or tomorrow morning.

10 But, in the interest of scheduling and
11 making sure that we keep things moving, we will be
12 here tomorrow at 8:00. We plan to work until 3. We
13 will be here Tuesday at 8:00. And we intend to work
14 and we intend to address Summit's witnesses, and
15 Summit will be responsible for making sure witnesses
16 are available.

17 Because we are planning to continue to
18 work, I want to emphasize how important it is that you
19 continue to look at the Weekly Digest and let us know
20 if witnesses will not be available the next week so
21 that we can plan appropriately.

22 Mr. Long.

23 MR. LONG: I was just going to make an
24 offer and also ask for guidance. We can have our
25 witness here, Mr. Bents, in the afternoon, and I see

1 it looks like Summit has witnesses DeJoia and Rorie.

2 If we think that would take the whole day, I'd kind of
3 like to be told not to have Mr. Bents come here.

4 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: So the parties
5 control how long they're up there far more than we do.
6 I don't want them to be here waiting if they're not
7 going to be on the stand either. But I appreciate
8 that input.

9 Ms. Kohles. I believe you had a statement.
10 Did you have anything to say?

11 MS. KOHLES: Well, it was related to the
12 stay. Can I say something? My opinion?

13 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Sure.

14 MS. KOHLES: Okay. The scheduling for this
15 hearing has been very challenging to landowners. You
16 moved it up and it conflicts with the harvest and has
17 made it impossible for many affected by the pipeline
18 to attend these hearings.

19 Your inability or cooperation in providing
20 an advance schedule for affected landowners and short
21 notice has also made it impossible for out-of-state
22 travel arrangements and adjusting work commitments to
23 name just two examples.

24 To plan to proceed without Summit
25 representatives and landowners' representatives next

1 week is unacceptable. I feel it is a glaring example
2 of bias to Summit and not permitting landowners the
3 proper respect they deserve. We deserve to have all
4 witnesses or testimony.

5 I have put my life on hold and gone to
6 great expense to attend this hearing. Please stay
7 this hearing until at the beginning of next Monday
8 until the South Dakota hearing is concluded in all
9 fairness. It will also give landowners a chance to
10 participate more fully as is their right.

11 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Thank you.

12 Mr. Jorde.

13 MR. JORDE: Yes. And related to the logic
14 of moving to August, it was communicated that that
15 would be for landowners so that they wouldn't be
16 impacted during harvest.

17 And we've taken the non-intervening
18 Exhibit H landowners, at least the ones who were
19 scheduled, that's done, we've accomplished that, and
20 now we should be done and start back up the last week
21 in October, November, whenever it is.

22 So we've accomplished that goal, those
23 non-intervening folks are done, I guess, other than
24 apparently a couple that rescheduled for some later
25 date.

1 But, other than that, the proceedings
2 should be stayed. There's zero chance of them
3 concluding even if this goes on all month anyway. So
4 there's really no point to do that. And it's a
5 gigantic prejudice to 149 of our clients.

6 And as to, well, basically someone else can
7 do the work. I mean, Mr. Dublinske and Mr. Leonard
8 are sitting there. They each ask each witness three
9 questions. I mean, they're not even doing anything.

10 I'm the one that's prepared all the
11 witnesses, done everything, and am ready to cross all
12 the Summit witnesses. So that's just a completely
13 ridiculous statement that Mr. Dublinske made earlier.

14 My clients will be extremely prejudiced.
15 There's just nothing more to say than that.

16 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Okay. Thank you.
17 Appreciate it.

18 We will see everybody at 8:00 in the
19 morning.

20 Sorry. Mr. Dublinske.

21 MR. DUBLINSKE: Your Honor, just as we've
22 been doing each day and to try and make sure that we
23 do have enough people here -- I understand we're only
24 going till 3 and I understand we certainly can't do
25 enough to predict how long people will be here,

1 apparently because we don't actually do any homework
2 in our off-hours, but tomorrow we have DeJoia, we have
3 Micah Rorie. Again, we are offering Jimmy Powell to
4 come back to the stand. And we have Brad Dillon.
5 Which I believe will get us far enough, although we
6 would have no objection if OCA wants to have Mr. Bents
7 available.

8 MR. LONG: If we think we have enough to
9 occupy us, then I will not. But, just to clarify, I'm
10 not planning to ask him to come here unless you tell
11 us to because he wasn't listed on the Weekly Digest.

12 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Noted. Thank you.

13 Mr. Taylor and then Mr. Whipple.

14 MR. TAYLOR: Thank you. I just want to
15 make sure if Mr. Powell is here tomorrow to testify --
16 I'm assuming, from what I heard Mr. Dublinske say
17 earlier, that would be in closed session regarding the
18 dispersion modeling. So when do we get the dispersion
19 modeling results?

20 MR. DUBLINSKE: Basically just as soon as
21 this hearing adjourns and we can send out an email.
22 It has been uploaded to the Board's system, I don't
23 know if it's showed up yet, but we will email that to
24 the folks that have signed the appropriate agreement
25 literally just as soon as we are done here.

1 MR. TAYLOR: Thank you.

2 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Thank you.

3 Mr. Whipple.

4 MR. WHIPPLE: Your Honor, the one thing
5 that the Counties object to that's been discussed so
6 far here is that we would call Mr. Powell tomorrow.
7 We're not going to be ready by tomorrow for dispersion
8 modeling questioning. We don't want to interfere with
9 his schedule in South Dakota, but if we can recall him
10 after that, even if it's after intervening party
11 witnesses, we prefer that.

12 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Tomorrow I think it
13 makes the most sense to have DeJoia --

14 (Brief pause.)

15 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: They don't trust me.
16 I think tomorrow it probably makes the most sense to
17 not have Powell and to go with the three; DeJoia,
18 Rorie, and Dillon. That seems to be about the clip
19 we're working at.

20 Mr. Jorde, do you have anything more to
21 add?

22 Mr. Whipple, did you have any more?

23 MR. JORDE: Yes, I do. I'd like an
24 assurance on the record from Mr. Dublinske that none
25 of his witnesses are presently in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

1 MR. DUBLINSKE: The only one that I know of
2 that might be in Fort Dodge, Iowa, is Mr. Rorie who
3 has a Board-requested mediation starting shortly.

4 MR. JORDE: Okay. And then I'd like to
5 know the order of witnesses they intend to call or
6 that will be available tomorrow. Because, if they go
7 faster, I don't want to have another situation like
8 today with wasted hours.

9 MR. DUBLINSKE: Your Honor, we've already
10 said which witnesses we will have tomorrow. I believe
11 we are starting with DeJoia and then Micah Rorie and
12 then Rod Dillon.

13 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: I didn't know that we
14 established that as the order for sure, but I
15 appreciate that. Sounds like the order tomorrow is
16 DeJoia, Rorie, Dillon.

17 MR. JORDE: Well, okay, and then I guess I
18 would say anything on dispersion modeling, I would
19 request that that testimony, Mr. Louque or whomever is
20 going to be the witness on the dispersion modeling
21 analysis, that that not take place until the very end
22 of September. Or whenever we're back in October or
23 November or December whenever we're going to finish
24 this. That it not occur in the next three weeks.

25 MR. DUBLINSKE: Your Honor, as we've said

1 several times, despite having one day notice before
2 Labor Day and the fact that I was out of town on a
3 family matter all of Labor Day, we got everyone here
4 as quickly as we could.

5 All of those non-Summit professionals are
6 traveling to Fort Dodge next week. We will tender all
7 of them Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. And
8 particularly given the objections and the complaints
9 about what we apologize happened today, I think that
10 anybody who chooses not to have someone from their law
11 firm or their party here when those folks are tendered
12 just misses their chance to cross.

13 MR. JORDE: All right. Well, then I'll
14 call them back in our case. I'm going to call all
15 those witnesses back in our case. So just be on
16 notice of that.

17 MR. DUBLINSKE: He hasn't submitted them on
18 the witness list timely or filed testimony.

19 MR. JORDE: I don't have to. I can call
20 any witness on the list. It's not an individual list.
21 I can call any witness at any time.

22 BOARD CHAIR HELLAND: Okay. We'll we're
23 done for the day. So we will see everybody at 8:00.

24 (Hearing recessed at 3:56 p.m.,
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