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Q. Please state your name and business address.

A. My name is Michael L. Stahlman, and my business address is Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102.

Q. Are you the same Michael L. Stahlman who filed rebuttal testimony in this case on September 15, 2014?

A. Yes.

Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?

A. I respond to a statement made in the Rebuttal Testimony of David Desmond, on behalf of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 2, AFL-CIO, concerning the number of workers Grain Belt Express anticipates it will employ to operate and maintain the proposed line in Missouri after it is built.

Q. How many workers did Mr. Desmond state Grain Belt Express would hire to operate and maintain the line?

A. In his rebuttal testimony David Desmond states, "After completion of construction, Grain Belt will continue to employ about 70 workers to operate and maintain the line."¹

¹ Rebuttal Testimony of David Desmond, p. 4, ll. 17-18.

1 Q. What is Mr. Desmond's source for his statement that Grain Belt Express will
2 employ 70 workers to operate and maintain the line?

3 A. Mr. Desmond's source is Paragraph 19, on page 8, of Grain Belt Express'
4 application in this case.²

5 Q. Is Mr. Desmond's understanding of that source correct?

6 A. No. The statement is describing the sum of the estimates of the direct, indirect,
7 and induced employment effects, based on a study performed by Grain Belt Express' witness
8 Dr. David G. Loomis.

9 Q. What are direct, indirect, and induced employment effects?

10 A. Formal descriptions are found on pages 10 and 11 of 46, in Schedule DGL-2,
11 of Dr. Loomis' direct testimony. In this context, direct employment effects are the jobs Grain
12 Belt Express will create for the purpose of operations and maintenance on the line, indirect
13 employment effects are the jobs created in the industries that provide inputs to Grain Belt
14 Express to do operations and maintenance on the line, and induced employment effects are the
15 jobs created due to the spending of households that receive a direct or indirect job because of
16 the line.

17 Q. How many jobs does Dr. Loomis' study estimate will be created by the Grain
18 Belt Express project?

19 A. 43 full-time equivalent jobs for Missouri.

20 Q. Is that number consistent with Grain Belt Express' projections?

21 A. No. As I discuss on page 15, at lines 11 through 18, of my rebuttal testimony,
22 Grain Belt Express estimates 7 jobs for line maintenance and 6-20 jobs for operations and

² Response to Staff Data Request No. 0183.

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1 maintenance at the converter station.³ However, as I testify, these are only estimates, as Grain
2 Belt Express has not yet completed the final engineering studies, and it is possible to operate
3 the converter station unmanned.⁴

4 Q. Please summarize your testimony.

5 A. In summary, Mr. Desmond states the proposed line will result in Grain Belt
6 Express hiring 70 workers, Dr. Loomis states the proposed line will result in Grain Belt
7 Express hiring 43 full time equivalent workers, but Grain Belt Express estimates hiring a
8 maximum of 27 workers once the proposed line is completed.

9 Q. Does this conclude your surrebuttal testimony?

10 A. Yes.

³ Response to Staff Data Request Nos. 0060 and 0061.

⁴ Response to Staff Data Request Nos. 0122, 0060, and 0061.