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In the Matter of the Application )
of Grain Belt Express LLC for an )
Amendment to its Certificate of )
Convenience and Necessity ) File No.
Authorizing it to Construct, Own, ) EA-2023-0017
Operate, Control, Manage, and )
Maintain a High Voltage, Direct )
Current Transmission Line and )
Associated Converter Station )

NANCY DIPPELL, Presiding CHIEF REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

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1	The following proceedings began at 8:35 a.m.:
2	JUDGE DIPPELL: We can go ahead then and go on
3	the record. Good morning. This is June 8, 2023. It is
4	Thursday. And we are here for another day of the
5	EA-2023-0017 hearing. And we left off with Staff's
6	witnesses. And the next witness has already taken his
7	place and so I will swear him in. Do you solemnly swear
8	or affirm that the testimony you're about to give at
9	this hearing will be the truth?
10	THE WITNESS: I do.
11	JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. If you could spell
12	your name for the court reporter.
13	THE WITNESS: Alan Bax, first name Alan,
14	A-l-a-n, last name Bax, B-a-x.
15	JUDGE DIPPELL: You're going to have to pull
16	that mike down just a little. There you go. And you
17	can go ahead, Mr. Pringle, when you are ready.
18	MR. PRINGLE: Thank you, Judge. Good morning,
19	Mr. Bax.
20	THE WITNESS: Good morning.
21	ALAN BAX,
22	having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified
23	as follows:
24	DIRECT EXAMINATION
25	BY MR. PRINGLE:



1 By who are you employed and in what capacity? Q. 2 Α. I'm an Engineer employed in the Engineering 3 Analysis Department of the Industrial Analysis Division 4 of the Missouri Public Service Commission. 5 And did you contribute to Staff's Report in 0. 6 this case which has been previously marked as Exhibit 7 109? 8 Α. Yes. 9 Did you submit rebuttal testimony in this case 0. 10 which has been previously marked as Exhibit 100? 11 Α. Yes. 12 At this time, do you have any corrections to Ο. 13 make to the Staff Report or your rebuttal testimony? 14 Α. I do not. 15 Ο. If I asked you the same questions today within 16 your rebuttal testimony, would your answers be the same? 17 Α. Yes. 18 Are those answers true and correct to the best 0. 19 of your knowledge and belief? 20 Α. Yes. 21 MR. PRINGLE: Thank you, Mr. Bax. Judge, at 2.2 this time I offer Exhibit 100 into the record. 23 JUDGE DIPPELL: Would there be any objection 24 Seeing none, I will admit Exhibit 100. to Exhibit 100? 25 (STAFF'S EXHIBIT 100 WAS RECEIVED INTO

1 EVIDENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS RECORD.) Thank you, Judge. At this time 2 MR. PRINGLE: 3 I tender Mr. Bax for cross-examination. 4 JUDGE DIPPELL: I'm sorry. Hang on just a 5 All right. Is there cross-examination from minute. 6 MLA? 7 No questions, Your Honor. MR. AGATHEN: 8 JUDGE DIPPELL: Agriculture Associations. 9 No questions, Judge. MR. HADEN: JUDGE DIPPELL: Is Mr. Hollander here this 10 11 morning? 12 MS. STEMME: No. 13 JUDGE DIPPELL: Ms. Stemme. No questions. 14 MS. STEMME: 15 JUDGE DIPPELL: Public Counsel. 16 MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you, no. 17 JUDGE DIPPELL: Associated Industries. 18 MR. ELLINGER: No questions, Judge. Thank 19 you. 20 JUDGE DIPPELL: I haven't checked if our other 21 attorneys are actually online. Sierra Club. 2.2 MS. RUBENSTEIN: Yes, we don't have any 23 questions. Thank you, Your Honor. 24 JUDGE DIPPELL: Renew Missouri. 25 No questions. Thank you. MS. GREENWALD:

1	JUDGE DIPPELL: Clean Grid Alliance.
2	MR. BRADY: No questions. Thank you.
3	JUDGE DIPPELL: MEC.
4	MS. WHIPPLE: No, Your Honor. Thank you.
5	JUDGE DIPPELL: And Grain Belt.
6	MR. SCHULTE: No questions. Thank you.
7	JUDGE DIPPELL: All right. Are there any
8	Commission questions?
9	COMMISSIONER HOLSMAN: No questions, Judge.
10	Thank you.
11	JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you, Commissioner
12	Holsman.
13	JUDGE DIPPELL: All right. I've got just a
14	couple here.
15	QUESTIONS
16	BY JUDGE DIPPELL:
17	Q. Okay. In Mr. Rodriguez's surrebuttal on pages
18	9 to 10, he responds to some of the concerns that you
19	raised about interconnection costs in your rebuttal.
20	Did his response address your concerns?
21	A. Well, Mr. Rodriguez, as I recall, testifies
22	that Ameren Missouri customers are not going to be
23	assessed; that Invenergy was going to be paying for the
24	Invenergy may be paying for perhaps the bulk of the
25	interconnection costs for which I was referring to but



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with that statement that Ameren Missouri customers would
not be allocated any none of the costs associated
with the MISO, what the needed system improvements that
MISO would require

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- Q. So you reviewed those interconnection costs to see if, or did you review those interconnection costs to see if they were included in the Project costs?
- A. Well, I think Mr. Rodriguez had mentioned studies H104, H105 approximately \$300 million, but those haven't been -- yeah, MISO is -- he also said that MISO was reviewing a possible transmission connection agreement with them. So that's an outstanding evolution let's say.
- Q. So those costs in MISO haven't yet been determined and so they're not included?
  - A. Right, not officially.
- Q. In Mr. White's surrebuttal on page 4 he responded to your request in your rebuttal that the Commission require Grain Belt to provide as-built plans. And is his response that Grain Belt would be open to providing this information provided it's consistent with 20 CSR 4240-20.045(5) satisfactory?
  - A. My understanding was Mr. White was willing to provide the Commission with as-built drawings after the



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- Project became operational, was energized. I had suggested that the Commission in view that the CCN rule requires that drawings be provided with the application, and drawings were provided with the applications that were identified as preliminary, and there's been testimony that says that they're working on these -they're working on the drawings for the HVDC line, the converter station, the Tiger Connector, so forth, as those and presuming that the construction will be -- the construction personnel will be handed drawings prior to the beginning of such that I suggested that in addition to the as-built afterwards that these drawings as they become finalized that are presumably going to be available to construction be provided, a set of those drawings also be provided to the Commission at that time.
- Q. And did he respond to the request to have them basically as you go?
- A. Yeah. There seemed to be some confusion as to what exactly I was requesting. And in attempting to what I was requesting was that as drawings are finalized in regard to Project construction installation that those drawings in the beginning that would be provided to the construction personnel would also be provided to the Commission in addition and then after the in



1 addition to the as-built drawings after the Project 2 becomes operational. And so is Staff asking the Commission to 3 Q. 4 include that as a --5 As a condition to the, yes. Α. 6 Okay. Just wanted to make sure I had that Ο. 7 clear, the timing. Also in Mr. White's surrebuttal on 8 pages 4 to 5 he responded to concerns you raised about 9 bidirectional operation, and did that response address 10 Staff's concerns? 11 Α. For the most part, yes. 12 Okay. All right. JUDGE DIPPELL: That is all 13 the questions that I had. Would there be any further 14 cross-examination based on my questions from MLA? 15 MR. AGATHEN: No, Your Honor. 16 JUDGE DIPPELL: Aq Associations. 17 MR. HADEN: No, Judge. JUDGE DIPPELL: 18 Ms. Stemme. 19 MS. STEMME: No questions. 20 JUDGE DIPPELL: Public Counsel. 21 MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you, no. JUDGE DIPPELL: Associated Industries. 2.2 23 MR. ELLINGER: No questions, Judge. 24 you. 25 JUDGE DIPPELL: Sierra Club.



1	Page 863 MS. RUBENSTEIN: No, thank you.
2	JUDGE DIPPELL: Renew Missouri.
3	MS. GREENWALD: No, thank you.
4	JUDGE DIPPELL: Clean Grid Alliance.
5	MR. BRADY: No, thank you.
6	JUDGE DIPPELL: MEC.
7	MS. WHIPPLE: No, Your Honor. Thank you.
8	JUDGE DIPPELL: Grain Belt.
9	MS. CALLENBACH: Just a couple, Judge. Thank
10	you. Good morning, Mr. Bax.
11	THE WITNESS: Good morning.
12	CROSS-EXAMINATION
13	BY MS. CALLENBACH:
14	Q. Did I hear you say just a minute ago in
15	response to the Judge's questions that you're not
16	comfortable with Mr. Rodriguez's statement that Ameren
17	won't be allocated any upgrade costs?
18	A. Yes.
19	Q. Have you reviewed Mr. Rodriguez's surrebuttal
20	testimony?
21	A. I've read it, yes.
22	Q. So you're aware that on page 9 of his
23	surrebuttal he discusses the fact that the MISO's tariff
24	is very clear that Grain Belt will be responsible for
25	all those costs?



- A. Yes, I read that.
- Q. Do you have any reason to disagree with that?
- A. That's just my understanding of the applicable MISO tariffs in regard to Projects of this nature.
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- A. That they would not be assessed any costs associated with this.
  - Q. So you've not identified any costs, you know, with specific dollar amounts that you believe will be allocated to Ameren?
    - A. I have not.
- Q. And is it customary for certain costs to be allocated to a transmission customer?
  - A. That's my understanding, yes.
- Q. Just a minute, Judge. Mr. Bax, just one more clarifying question. On page 6, line 12 of your rebuttal testimony in response to Grain Belt witness Aaron White, you recommend that the Company provide as-built drawings as they become available. Is that an accurate reading of your testimony?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Thank you. I believe you just said on the stand that you would like as-built drawings as they become final in advance of construction. Is it as they become available or as they become final in advance of

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- As they are -- as the Company, if you will, 2 3 finalizes contextual drawings that are provided to --4 that are presumably going to be provided to the 5 construction personnel in advance of installation that 6 such drawings would also be copied to the Commission. 7 In using the Company's words, if you will, since they 8 identified the drawings to the application as 9 preliminary, these would be the preliminary as-built 10 drawings that would be updated after the fact after the 11 Project becomes operational.
- MS. CALLENBACH: Okay. All right. Thanks. I appreciate that clarification. I have nothing else,

  Judge.
  - JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. Is there any redirect?
- MR. PRINGLE: Yes, Judge. Very brief.
- 18 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 19 BY MR. PRINGLE:
  - Q. Mr. Bax, Judge Dippell asked you a few questions about bidirectional flow?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Are you aware what are incremental costs?
- A. I am. Incremental costs would be costs that are -- they're talking about additional costs in the



- case of bidirectional whether the Project was going to include the incremental costs associated that would enable bidirectional flow.
- Q. And are there any incremental costs associated with this application today?
  - A. No.

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- Q. Would there be incremental costs with bidirectional flow?
- 9 A. Yes.
- MR. PRINGLE: Thank you, Mr. Bax. No further questions.
- JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. Thank you, Mr.
- 13 | Bax. That completes your testimony.
- 14 THE WITNESS: Thank you, Judge.
- 15 (Witness excused.)

next witness?

- JUDGE DIPPELL: Would Staff like to call its
- 18 MR. PRINGLE: Yes, Judge. Staff calls Michael
- 19 Rush.

- JUDGE DIPPELL: Would you please raise your
- 21 right hand. Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the
- 22 | testimony you're about to give at this hearing will be
- 23 | the truth?
- 24 THE WITNESS: I do.
- JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. Go ahead.



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1	Page 867 MR. PRINGLE: Thank you, Judge. Good morning,
2	Mr. Rush.
3	THE WITNESS: Good morning.
4	MICHAEL RUSH,
5	having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified
6	as follows:
7	DIRECT EXAMINATION
8	BY MR. PRINGLE:
9	Q. Could you please state and spell your name for
10	the record?
11	A. It's Michael Rush, M-i-c-h-a-e-l R-u-s-h.
12	Q. Mr. Rush, by who are you employed and in what
13	capacity?
14	A. The Missouri Public Service Commission as
15	Critical Infrastructure Security Engineer.
16	Q. Did you contribute to Staff's Report in this
17	case which has been previously marked as Exhibit 109?
18	A. Yes.
19	Q. Did you submit rebuttal testimony in this case
20	which has been previously marked as Exhibit 106?
21	A. Yes.
22	Q. At this time, do you have any corrections to
23	make to your contributions to the Staff Report or your
24	rebuttal testimony?



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No.

- 1 If I asked you the same questions today within Q. 2 your rebuttal testimony, would your answers be the same 3 or substantially the same? 4 Α. Yes. 5 Are those answers true and correct to the best 0. 6 of your knowledge and belief? 7 Α. Yes. 8 MR. PRINGLE: Thank you, Mr. Rush. 9 time I offer Exhibit 106 into the record. 10 JUDGE DIPPELL: Would there be any objection 11 to Exhibit 106? Seeing none, I will admit that. 12 (STAFF'S EXHIBIT 106 WAS RECEIVED INTO 13 EVIDENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS RECORD.) 14
- Thank you, Judge. At this time MR. PRINGLE: 15 I tender Mr. Rush for cross-examination.
  - And I'm just going to ask JUDGE DIPPELL: generally is there going to be cross-examination for Mr. Rush? Seeing none. I will ask if there is any Commission questions? Mr. Chairman.
- 20 CHAIRMAN RUPP: No.
- 21 COMMISSIONER HOLSMAN: Judge.
- 2.2 JUDGE DIPPELL: Yes. Commissioner Holsman,
- 23 you had a question.

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24 COMMISSIONER HOLSMAN: I just have a couple 25 brief questions for him.



1 JUDGE DIPPELL: Go right ahead.

2 COMMISSIONER HOLSMAN: Okay. Thank you. Good

3 morning, Mr. Rush.

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THE WITNESS: Good morning.

QUESTIONS

## BY COMMISSIONER HOLSMAN:

Q. We heard from a witness Monken from the National Security Organization. In his testimony he indicated that the existence of Grain Belt would improve national security, improve the safety of Missouri citizens, and let's start there. Do you agree with those two statements that the existence of this Project would improve national security and improve safety of Missouri citizens?

A. I would like to start by talking about what national security is. And the Federal Code of Regulations has a definition and that definition is, I'll read it right here, refers to those activities which are directly concerned with foreign relations of the United States, protection of the nation from internal subversion, foreign aggression or terrorism. So while I would agree that critical infrastructure such as the electric grid is necessary to support national security, this particular line while it may as it gets included in critical infrastructure become part of



- national security, it as an individual Project doesn't necessarily make it a matter of national security.
- Q. Okay. Do you believe that the ability to flow bidirectional would improve the security of Missouri residents for natural disasters and extreme weather events?
- A. As it's necessary to move power from one place to another, if an infrastructure or piece of infrastructure were able to move power from one place to another to support the grid in either end or both ends, that would increase the stability of the grid and therefore as a functioning piece of equipment would increase the national security of the United States, yes.
  - Q. Would the addition of the second interconnection point with AECI enhance or improve the reliability and resiliency, mission assurance requirements and continuity of operations of Missouri's military installations such as Fort Leonard Wood or Whiteman?
  - A. So when you say the -- You're talking about the Tiger Connector change from one place to the other?
    - O. Yes.

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A. I will say that I have not investigated whether or not a particular change in the Grain Belt



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1	Page 871 line would better support the grid in any particular
2	fashion. That would be more appropriate for other Staff
3	witnesses to evaluate the effect of the change. My
4	position is that as an individual Project, what I think
5	that the decision on whether or not the Grain Belt is an
6	appropriate Project would be better suited for topics
7	such as is it going to do those things and that's not
8	part of my testimony.
9	Q. Okay. Last question. Monken witness
10	testified that the existence of the Grain Belt Project

would improve our standing for the BRAC. Do you agree that this Project would impact the BRAC process in any way?

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I am unsure of an answer to that question. Α. COMMISSIONER HOLSMAN: Okay. That's all the questions I have, Judge. Thank you.

JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you, Commissioner. Are there any other Commission questions? Seeing none. Is there further cross-examination based on Commission questions? And again I'll just kind of ask generally. I'm not seeing any responses to the affirmative. there redirect from Staff?

No redirect, Judge. MR. PRINGLE: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Rush. JUDGE DIPPELL: Your testimony is concluded. You may be excused.



1 THE WITNESS: Thank you. 2 (Witness excused.) 3 JUDGE DIPPELL: Staff may call its next 4 witness. 5 MR. PRINGLE: Thank you, Judge. Staff calls 6 Michael Stahlman to the stand. 7 JUDGE DIPPELL: Do you solemnly swear or 8 affirm that the testimony you're about to give at this 9 hearing will be the truth? 10 THE WITNESS: I do. 11 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. If you'd spell 12 your name for the court reporter. 13 Michael L. Stahlman, THE WITNESS: 14 S-t-a-h-l-m-a-n. 15 JUDGE DIPPELL: And Mr. Pringle, you may go 16 ahead. 17 Thank you, Judge. Good morning, MR. PRINGLE: 18 Mr. Stahlman. 19 Good morning. THE WITNESS: 20 MICHAEL STAHLMAN, 21 having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified 2.2 as follows: 23 DIRECT EXAMINATION 24 BY MR. PRINGLE: 25 By who are you employed and in what capacity? Q.

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1	A. The Missouri Public Service Commission as a
2	Regulatory Economist.
3	Q. And did you sponsor Staff's Report in this
4	case which has been previously marked as Exhibit 109?
5	A. Yes.
6	Q. Did you submit rebuttal testimony in this case
7	which has been previously marked as Exhibit 107?
8	A. Yes.
9	Q. At this time do you have any corrections to
10	make to the Staff Report or your rebuttal testimony?
11	A. To the Staff Report, yes, and this was based
12	on the corrections of other witnesses. So on page 7
13	it's the third paragraph from the bottom where we're
14	referring to Staff witness Cedric Cunigan's
15	recommendation and the second to last line of that, I'll
16	just read it aloud. That the Commission should
17	condition any approval on all relevant permits and
18	Missouri specific environmental studies being approved
19	and I hate to say I was not present for Claire
20	Eubanks' testimony last night.
21	Q. Those corrections were made to the Staff
22	Report already.
23	A. Okay. Thank you.
24	Q. Do you have any further corrections or

additions to the Staff Report or your rebuttal

testimony?

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- 2 A. Not that I'm aware of.
- Q. If I asked you the same questions within your rebuttal testimony today, would your answers remain the same or substantially the same?
  - A. Yes.
  - Q. Are those answers true and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 MR. PRINGLE: Thank you, Mr. Stahlman. At
  11 this time I offer Exhibits 107 and 109 into the record.
- JUDGE DIPPELL: Would there be any objection
  to Exhibits 107 or 109? Seeing none, I will admit those
  into the record.
- 15 (STAFF EXHIBITS 107 AND 109 WERE RECEIVED INTO 16 EVIDENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS RECORD.)
- 17 MR. PRINGLE: Thank you, Judge. At this time
  18 I tender Mr. Stahlman for cross-examination.
- JUDGE DIPPELL: And is there cross-examination
  for this witness? I see Grain Belt has
- cross-examination. All right. No one else, so we'll go straight to Grain Belt.
- MR. SCHULTE: Thank you, Judge. Good morning,
- 24 Mr. Stahlman.
- 25 THE WITNESS: Good morning.



## CROSS-EXAMINATION

2 BY MR. SCHULTE:

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- Q. Could you please turn to page 3 of your rebuttal testimony?
  - A. Okay.
    - Q. At lines 12 through 13 there is a question about RTO interconnection studies that were at issue in EA-2016-0358. Do you see that question?
      - A. Yes.
  - Q. And in Case No. EA-2016-0358, the proposed configuration of the Grain Belt Express Project included a 500 MW interconnection at the Maywood Substation in Ralls County. Is that an accurate statement of the proposal at that time?
    - A. With the interconnection being 500. I think the converter station may have actually been designed to go up to a thousand MW and some change for losses and things like that.
      - Q. And that was also in Ralls County?
- 20 A. Yes.
  - Q. At lines 14 through 15 on the same page, you state that Invenergy withdrew from those studies?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. By "those studies," are you referring to the studies for the 500 MW interconnection in Ralls County?



A. Yes. That was in the initial study for that converter station, yes.

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- Q. And the next sentence says the lack of studies and interconnection agreement. When you say "lack of studies," are you referring to the studies to evaluate the cost of interconnecting at the Maywood Substation in Ralls County?
- At this point, it still is largely unclear. There's actually a series, I think, as Shawn, Staff witness Shawn Lange testified, I think there's four There's a couple that I think were done, but studies. there still remains to be other studies are finished, and there's kind of an important distinction here too. Since with the initial case there's only one study for the entire converter station but now we have four studies and so there's going to be a question on which combination of studies might actually just get a transmission or interconnection agreement. And that's also been brought up by some of the transmission owners in the MISO/FERC complaint that Grain Belt raised, and the response is that there was concern on what is the actual final design going to be, is it going to be the full 2500 MW or is it going to be some other level.
- Q. The question at lines 12 through 13 of your rebuttal testimony are referring to the RTO



- Evidentiary Hearing Vol XII June 08, 2023 Page 877 interconnection studies in EA-2016-0358, right, we 1 2 covered that already? In the subsequent line here, line 15 3 Α. Yes. 4 through 16, I say that it still remains a large concern. 5 Okay. So the lack of studies. Did you 6
  - identify specific studies relevant to the currently proposed interconnections with AECI and MISO in Callaway County that are outstanding?
  - As I recall from discussion with Staff witness Α. Shawn Lange, there were I think it was two or three studies that have come to completion of the various studies there now. None of those have an interconnection agreement yet and there is still one or two that have yet to be finalized.
    - One or two studies for MISO or for AECI? Ο.
    - I think this is MISO specific. Α.
    - Do you know if it's one or two? Ο.
  - Α. I think it's one but I'm not positive.
  - Did you review the surrebuttal testimony of O. Carlos Rodriquez?
    - Α. Briefly, yes.

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- 0. At page 8, lines 6 through 8 of that surrebuttal testimony. I'm just going to give you a brief quote but I can give you a copy, if you'd like.
  - If I may have a copy. Α.



- 1 MR. PRINGLE: Yes, please.
- THE WITNESS: And can you repeat the page and
- 3 | line so I can read the context, please.
- 4 BY MR. SCHULTE:

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- Q. Yes. So at page 8 -- sorry. I need to grab my copy.
  - A. Don't have your copy?
  - Q. It's not a problem. I have an electronic copy. Okay. Now I'm there as well. Beginning at line 3, there is a reference to Staff witness Shawn Lange's rebuttal testimony and the concern about interconnection studies not yet having been completed. There's an answer beginning on line 6 that states based on the current status of the interconnection process and the different RTOs and AECI, most of the interconnection upgrade costs for Phase I of the Project (Kansas to Missouri) are final at this time. Do you see that?
    - A. Yes.
  - Q. Do you have any specific reason to doubt or contest that conclusion by Mr. Rodriguez?
  - A. No, because it is qualified. It has current status of the process and most of the interconnection upgrade cost. As I mentioned earlier, a lot of this also goes to that there's multiple studies at this time. So instead of just having the option of one particular



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study, which we know what that is going to be, there's kind of a choice that Grain Belt could interconnect some of those levels but not all of them.

- Q. Is your concern -- You said that there's a concern that Grain Belt could connect to some of those levels, not all of them. Are you referring to a choice by Grain Belt to rather than go forward with a 1500 MW interconnection at MISO they could potentially do something less?
- A. I do think that is an important factor. So when I'm looking at the economic feasibility -- so when we had discussions, so Ms. Shine provided a schedule in her surrebuttal that included like revenue values. All those revenue values were hard coded. So I could not really reliably assess if that was how reasonable those assumptions are. Based on her testimony, I can't remember if it was Monday or Tuesday, there was questions on what was behind that from us, and what was developed there was that it was the full 2500 MW injection. At least that's my understanding based on her testimony.

So when you have these multiple interconnection agreements, any change to this full 2500 injection, if it goes down that is going to potentially reduce the revenues that Ms. Shine relied on in her



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- Phase I only study that she provided in that. And the converse, if for some reason it was to go up, it would also challenge the interconnection cost because that hasn't been a part of their study. So there's concern on what the final arrangement is going to be. That I would add is strangely parallel to what we see with the concerns expressed by MISO and the MISO transmission owners in the FERC complaint case, which that number was EL2283-000.
  - Q. I'll circle back to that last part. Regarding your concern about a decrease in the MISO or the AECI interconnection, are you the Staff witness that supports the recommendation to define material change as a change in the injection?
  - A. Yes. That was one of the conditions I recommended.
  - Q. So with regard to that concern, does that -and I believe Mr. Rodriguez has testified that a change
    in injection from the currently proposed levels in MISO
    and AECI that he considers that to be a material change.
    Does that mitigate Staff's concern?
    - A. Can you repeat the question.
- Q. If there is an agreement that a change in injection in MISO or AECI is a material change that would trigger further approvals needed from the



- Commission, does that mitigate your concern on that point?
- A. I'm not sure that he actually -- From what I recall in testimony, he was willing to say that an increase in injection or converter station size would mitigate further approval from the Commission. I do not believe he ever assented to a potential decrease in the injections. As I'm saying that the decrease can affect one of the economic feasibility Tartan criteria because of the revenues assumed.
- Q. Okay. Understood.

- A. And just to clarify, too. I'm not specifically tied to 100 as in my testimony. I was just trying to put that out as a starting point. If there was a reasonable value that Grain Belt and Staff could agree on, I think we would be amenable to that discussion, but I'm not sure how much of that discussion would be possible at this point.
- Q. Okay. While we're on the subject of the definition of material change, did you hear Mr. Rodriguez's testimony, I don't know what day of the week it is, they've all blurred together, but were you here for Mr. Rodriguez's live testimony?
- A. I'm pretty sure. I was here for I'm pretty sure most of it at least.



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- A. Can you tell me the tab because I closed the folder back.
  - Q. Sure. I think it's 4. Okay.
  - A. Which page? 15 you said?
  - O. Yes, sir.
  - A. Okay.

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- Q. At line 14, and so you would agree, right, that our discussion thus far has been about injection whether it increase or decrease but we're talking about injection, right?
- A. I've been mentioning both injection and a change in, yeah, the change in injection. I haven't specifically talked about the withdrawal.
- Q. I'm trying to draw a distinction there. I'd like to move to withdrawal now.
  - A. Okay.
- Q. Carlos Rodriguez testifies with regard to withdrawal rights, since those are obtained via transmission service, as long as the withdrawal amount remains within the Project's technical capability as reflected in its interconnection agreements with AECI and/or MISO, it should not be a material change. And



then I think Mr. Rodriguez expanded on that in live testimony stating that there would be no change to the facilities required for withdrawal rights. Do you have any reason to contest that testimony?

A. No, it's more that when Grain Belt is referring to their line as bidirectional, it kind of goes to how precise we are understanding those terms. So I guess an analogy would be that if I was to purchase a car from some dealership and he could guarantee me that this car would be able to go 120 miles an hour between St. Louis and Kansas City. That may be accurate but there's also some gentlemen in Smokey Bear hats that would limit me on how much I could actually obtain that. And so here again, with MISO they are regulating how much it is.

So what I was trying to point out is with the withdrawal rights that MISO has stated, and I think it was also in that FERC complaint on bidirectionality, that if you were to actually request withdrawal rights you would need to do further studies which would increase the -- be a significant increase in the investment required by Grain Belt Express. I would not contest that outside of that all those costs be borne by whichever person would want to withdraw and inject into PJM or SPP. And also with SPP there's currently --

- Grain Belt's injection is at zero. There's assumed to be no interconnection essentially with SPP except for, I think, emergency cases. And so that person that wants to inject into SPP would also be responsible for shouldering those costs.
  - Q. Have you investigated the studies required for withdrawal?
  - A. I think there was one in PJM and that's about all that I'm aware of, and I didn't look closely at it.
  - Q. Are you -- Do you have any reason to expect system upgrade costs for withdrawal rights?
  - A. Based on the MISO, the complaint that Grain Belt initiated with MISO at FERC, MISO said there would be a significant increase in costs. So I have no reason to dispute what they said in that document.
    - Q. In the FERC complaint case docket?
- 17 A. Yes.

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- Q. But you didn't independently investigate whether that statement was accurate?
- A. I've generally found MISO to be fairly reliable in their statements.
  - O. Based on what?
- A. Experience and MISO is pretty much in charge of the transmission.
  - Q. Is it your testimony that because MISO said



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- A. I find MISO to be very reliable, yes, as a witness.
  - O. In all cases in all circumstances?
  - A. I've heavily relied on MISO's work in other transmission cases. Essentially a lot of the economic feasibility analysis relies specifically on what MISO determines and says about a project.
  - Q. Has a MISO decision ever been overturned by FERC or by the courts?
- 11 A. There's lots of decisions MISO makes. So yes 12 For the court reporter, if we haven't defined yet, MISO 13 is the Midcontinent ISO, M-I-S-O.
- JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you, Mr. Stahlman.
- THE STENOGRAPHER: Can you also tell me what
- 16 | BRAC is?
- 17 THE WITNESS: BRAC was base something and
- 18 closure. I can't remember what the R was. It was
- 19 B-R-A-C. I think it was reorganization.
- JUDGE DIPPELL: The gallery is saying
- 21 | realignment.
- 22 BY MR. SCHULTE:
- Q. Mr. Stahlman, are you familiar with the MISO
- 24 Attachment GGG which covers the
- 25 transmission-to-transmission interconnections?



- A. Loosely, yes. And I don't have a copy in front of me. Normally when I testify to something that specific, I have the copy so I don't misstate anything.
- Q. Sure. And I'm not asking about the specific contents of MISO Attachment GGG, but are you aware that Mr. Rodriguez has testified that those MISO Attachment GGG studies are complete?
  - A. I can't say I recall right offhand.
- Q. Okay. Could you turn back to page 3 of Mr. Rodriquez's surrebuttal.
- A. I am there.
- Q. And at Section II, which begins at line 16 and then there's a question that begins at line 17, do you see that Mr. Rodriguez is providing an update on MISO interconnection requests?
  - A. Yes.

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- Q. And he states MISO has completed all studies for the MHCP requests?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. And all those results are final?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. And then with regard to the injection requests, which are part of DPP3 2019-Central Cluster, and DPP is Definitive Planning Phase?
- 25 A. Correct.



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2	impact stu	dy as of January 2023; do you see that?
3	Α.	Yes.
4	Q.	And MISO provided a final report on March 30,
5	2023?	
6	A.	Yes.
7	Q.	And then Mr. Rodriguez goes on to testify the
8	only MISO	study pending completion at this point is the
9	facilities	s study, which is expected to be completed in
10	May of 202	23. I believe it's now June of 2023.
11	A.	Yes, I think that's consistent with prior
12	testimony	and Shawn Lange's testimony.
13	Q.	Is that one facility study, is that the study
14	you were i	referencing earlier?
15	A.	I think so, yes.
16	Q.	Do you have a copy of the Report and Order on
17	Remand fro	om the 2016 case?
18	A.	There's been one left here for convenience.
19	Q.	Oh, it may not have the attachment. Does that
20	copy have	the attachments?
21	A.	Are you talking about Exhibit 205 and 206?
22	Q.	205 and 206, yes, sir.
23	Α.	I have copies of those myself, I think.



I do have completed copies.

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Q. I'm looking specifically at Exhibit 1 which is
also referred to as it's Exhibit 1 to the Report and
Order on Remand. During that proceeding it was
identified as Staff Exhibit 206.

A. Okay. If I may, the Exhibit 206 is conditions agreed to by Grain Belt Express, Clean Line LLC and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission. And Exhibit 205 was Grain Belt Express response to Rocky's Express Pipeline LLC's first set of data requests to Grain Belt Express, Clean Line LLC.

MR. SCHULTE: Just for the Judge, we previously took administrative notice of the Report and Order on Remand. My understanding of that is that it would include all of the attachments to such order including these attachments.

JUDGE DIPPELL: That is correct. And just for identification purposes and to keep everything straight, I have marked that Report and Order on Remand and its attachments. I went ahead and gave it Exhibit 306, which is an MLA number, but it's really -- that's just for identification because it was proffered by both MLA and sort of Grain Belt at one point. So anyway, I have marked that Report and Order on Remand as Exhibit 306 just for future reference.

MR. SCHULTE: Thank you, Judge.



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- Q. So we are on Exhibit 1 to the Report and Order on Remand, a/k/a Staff Exhibit 206 in the 2016 proceeding. At the bottom of page 1 of that exhibit, there is a Section II titled Interconnection Studies and Safety. Do you see that?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. And the first paragraph under that section states Grain Belt will provide Staff with completed RTO interconnection agreements and any associated studies. Should the studies raise new issues, Grain Belt will provide its plan to address those issues. Did I read that correctly?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. And that condition is still in full force and effect even if the Commission grants the amendments requested in this case?
  - A. That's my understanding.
- Q. And does that -- To the extent Staff has concerns, does that provision mitigate those?
- A. Not exactly in this case. It does to some extent, but I think the big difference between what we examined in the prior case and the current case is I don't think we anticipated there being multiple studies for the same converter station in Missouri. So it was



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- 1 essentially at the time just one converter station with 2 one study that was interconnecting with MISO only. 3 you have still one converter station at a different 4 location but it's interconnecting at two different 5 So the concern is over what the final points. 6 interconnection agreements are going to be, which ones 7 are the actual -- how the converter station will actually operate. 8
  - Q. So we already established that there's one study remaining in MISO which is due to be completed this month, right?
- 12 A. Yes.

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- Q. And if you still have Carlos Rodriguez's testimony with you.
- A. Are we still on tab 4, the surrebuttal?
- Q. Yes. We're now on page 7.
- 17 A. I'm there.
- Q. And at line 17, Mr. Rodriguez provides an update on the AECI interconnection agreement. Do you see that?
- 21 A. Which line again?
- 22 Q. Line 17.
- A. Okay. That's just referring to the question, yes.
- Q. Yes, line 18, the answer is the AECI



- 1 interconnection agreement was executed in December 2021 2 and amended in November 2022. AECI continues to 3 engineer and procure the interconnection facilities and 4 network upgrades for the interconnection of the Grain 5 Belt Project. To this date, Grain Belt has posted a 6 total of \$22,721,000 in security to AECI and paid a 7 total of \$8,019,054 in cash to cover invoices for work 8 completed. Do you see that?
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- Q. So do you contest that the AECI interconnection agreement was executed and that the work is already underway?
  - A. No. What I'm concerned about is with the MISO interconnection agreement. If I may, in the MISO complaint cases before FERC, Grain Belt said that they could not sign an interconnection agreement; that it would be -- let me see if I can read it directly at least.
  - Q. Are you referring to a document that is in the record so I could follow along?
- A. I'm not sure if this is directly in the record. This is referring to the complaint case that Grain Belt Express has put before MISO. I don't think --
  - Q. We're talking about, just to be clear, we're



talking about the AECI interconnection agreement. My
question was about whether you contest Grain Belt has
executed an AEC interconnection agreement with, AECI,
and whether they have already posted security and paid
over \$8 million in cash for work completed. That was my
question.

- A. That's with AECI.
- Q. Yes, sir.

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- A. The concerns are also with MISO.
- Q. I'm on AECI right now. Do you have any concerns that the interconnection with AECI is uncertain?
- A. This is just -- I can't recall what the interconnection agreement looks like right offhand, but I think I have no -- If they say they have it signed, I have no problem with that. That's fine.
- Q. We did establish that there's one outstanding study due this month for MISO. There is a provision that Grain Belt will provide Staff with completed RTO interconnection agreements and associated studies and should those studies raise new issues, Grain Belt will provide its plan to address those issues. I'm trying to understand what's not covered.
- A. It is going to what is the final interconnection agreement that Grain Belt Express will



- sign. In the MISO complaint case, they stated that
  signing interconnection agreements -- or to execute a

  TCA, transmission agreement, it will be a commercially
  untenable decision because they would assume significant
  liability.
  - Q. I don't know what you're reading, sir. What are you referencing?

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- A. I'm referring to -- In this case I actually got it from the response or motion to leave to file supplemental answer of the Midcontinent Independent System Operator in our case number EL22-83000.
- MR. SCHULTE: I would move to strike the witness's last statement as unsupported hearsay with no foundation.
- MR. PRINGLE: And for clarification purposes, Judge, Mr. Stahlman, are you referring to the document that Mr. Agathen attempted to enter into evidence on the first day of this hearing?
- THE WITNESS: It would be one of the -There's several documents. I can't remember which one
  in that case he was specifically referring to, but this
  could be the same one.
- MR. PRINGLE: I believe at least four or five parties objected to that on various grounds. I'm sure they will all object on the same grounds to



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1	Page 89 Mr. Stahlman's attempt to enter that into the evidence.
2	JUDGE DIPPELL: Was that the document Exhibit
3	300 that is still pending?
4	MR. PRINGLE: No, it's in the same docket,
5	Judge. It's all part of the same case, yes.
6	JUDGE DIPPELL: Are there any other comments
7	or responses to the motion to strike?
8	MS. WHIPPLE: Yes, Your Honor. MEC joins in
9	the motion to strike and reiterates its earlier
10	objections. Reading an unsworn document, parts of an
11	unsworn document from an entity who is not a party to
12	this case but is a party to a separate case, a case
13	which does not include all of these parties, cannot come
14	in for due process reasons and also is obviously not
15	even a party admission by Grain Belt because this is not
16	a Grain Belt statement in another case. It's a
17	statement by MISO who is not a party here at all. And
18	so I would raise the same due process concerns and ask
19	that neither the document be entered as an exhibit nor
20	any quotes read from it. Thank you.
21	MR. ELLINGER: Judge, Associated Industries
22	also join in that and the fact that we don't have a copy

of the document in front of us I can't tell you if it's a complete and total document. Excerpts from documents shouldn't be allowed because it denies the right of



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cross-examination. So we join in the objections already stated and for that reason also.

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MR. PRINGLE: If I may respond, Judge.

JUDGE DIPPELL: Yes, Mr. Pringle.

MR. PRINGLE: Yeah, I do believe it's not necessary to go into the exact details or quote from the filing, but seeings how this is an active docket involving the interconnection with an RTO at the heart of this hearing, I believe depriving the Commission of the knowledge about that docket would also prevent them from having all the information they need to make this decision before them today.

JUDGE DIPPELL: Mr. Schulte, you had something else?

MR. SCHULTE: Yeah. So in response to
Mr. Pringle, obviously the rules of evidence are here
for a reason that not any information is information
that the Commission should receive into evidence. The
problem with this particular information is that it's
coming from a party who's not a part of this proceeding
who is not subject to cross-examination. It's also a
filing that was made two weeks ago that the parties have
not even had a chance to respond to as part of the FERC
proceeding. So it is an unchallenged, unverified
statement by a party who's not part of this proceeding

- and if the information was received as part of evidence in this case it would be highly prejudicial to the other parties. And so just simply because it's information does not make it evidence that's admissible.
- JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. I'm going to sustain the motion to strike and the objections and strike the witness's testimony with regard to what he read from the answer which has been marked previously as Exhibit 300; and just to clarify, I am going to also sustain the objections to Exhibit 300 and deny its admission.
- 11 Did you have additional questions,
- 12 Mr. Schulte?

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- 13 MR. SCHULTE: I do. I am going to move on to a different subject though.
- MR. PRINGLE: Judge, just for clarification,
  the strike is just that most recent response is what
  we're talking about here?
- 18 JUDGE DIPPELL: Yes.
- 19 BY MR. SCHULTE:
- Q. Okay. Moving on to a different subject, could you turn to page 1 of your rebuttal testimony.
  - A. Page 1 of rebuttal.
- Q. And here beginning at line 20 there's a question regarding Staff's position on phasing of the Project; do you see that?



- A. Correct.
- Q. And you state that Staff is opposed to this proposal and that you go on to testify the Commission previously found that the economic feasibility of the Project is dependent on the Project's ability to sell to PJM as the revenues from the Missouri converter station based on the MJMEUC contract were insufficient to cover the Project's costs. Did I read that correctly?
- A. Yes.

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- Q. And so by "Commission previously found,"
  you're referring to the Report and Order on Remand from
  the 2016 case?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. And that's cited in your footnote 1 on page 2?
- 15 A. Correct.
- Q. And the date of that Report and Order was March 20, 2019, correct?
- 18 A. Correct.
  - Q. And moving on, on page 2 you quote the Report and Order on Remand with regard to the power prices in PJM relative to the power prices in MISO. Do you see that?
- 23 A. Can you direct me which line are we at?
- Q. Yes, line 8 on page 2 of your rebuttal testimony.



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- Q. And that's the \$10 per MW that the prices in PJM are generally \$10 per MW higher than prices paid for energy in MISO?
  - A. That's what it states, yes.
- Q. Okay. And that was a finding made on March 20, 2019, correct?
- 8 A. Correct.
  - Q. And the next sentence beginning on line 12, you reference Grain Belt Express witness David A. Berry?
- 11 A. Correct.
- Q. And that footnote, footnote 2 at the bottom of page 2, that refers to a transcript in Case No.
- 14 EA-2016-0358, correct?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. And the date of that transcript is March 22, 2017; is that correct?
- 18 A. Correct.
  - Q. So aside from an Order issued in March of 2019, in testimony in March of 2017, have you done any, other than reviewing those documents, have you done any analysis specifically with regard to the demand for Grain Belt Express products and energy in MISO at the current time?
- 25 A. I don't know that you understand Staff's role



in this; that Staff is an expert. We have expert reviewers and auditors to analyze the evidence that Grain Belt Express gives to us. So what we looked at was everything Grain Belt Express provided in this case and tried to formulate off our opinion. So it would be we looked at the MOUs and any other agreements that were provided and whatever else we could get through data requests.

- Q. Right. And the information about the MOUs and the MISO, the current demand in MISO was addressed in the direct testimony of Shashank Sane and as well the price benefits in MISO were addressed in the direct testimony of Mark Repsher; is that correct?
- A. I don't recall prices in Mark Repsher's. I could be misremembering it. I don't recall anything addressing the \$10 MW differential in specific.
- Q. Right. Okay. I'm trying to understand just the totality of the basis for Staff's opposition to phasing. So the question on page 1, line 20 states Invenergy proposes to construct the Project in two phases instead of one phase. Does Staff support this proposal. Answer. No. The rest of that answer is what we've just been going through, refers to a 2019 Order and 2017 testimony from Mr. Berry.
  - A. I think I understand.



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Q.	Then at the bottom of that answer you	Page 900 state	Ō
Staff wit	ness Claire Eubanks, PE, also discusses	the	
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enable ph	asing. Do you see those lines?		
Α.	Yes.		
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- We spoke to Ms. Eubanks yesterday regarding Q. her position, and she said her position on her input to Staff's position on phasing was limited and we addressed the status of the certification in Illinois. Were you here yesterday?
- Α. I was not here for her testimony, but I Yes. know that was a part of her testimony.
- Ο. Okay. So I'm following up on that to make sure that we understand the totality of Staff's position There doesn't seem to be anything else in on phasing. your rebuttal testimony with regard to phasing other than reference to a 2019 Order and 2017 evidence. just wondering if you examined anything else regarding your present conditions?
- Because when Grain Belt filed its Α. Yes. testimony, it did not provide any justification for the phasing aspects of it. It was just kind of it wanted We are specifically looking for economic



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- feasibility analysis, and there wasn't really any of that analysis provided until we got Ms. Shine's workpaper in surrebuttal. Now that we've had that and what we've heard from all the Grain Belt witnesses through this is that the optimal solution is for both phases to be constructed. That's economically optimal. So that is in line with us saying that the optimal solution is for this to all be constructed at once. And so with the lack of the feasibility analysis in direct testimony, what I had to do was to go back and see what the Commission had found in its prior Order and so my rebuttal testimony could only see how the proposed amendments affected what the Commission had previously found.
- Q. Is it Staff's position that Mr. Sane's testimony regarding demand in the MISO markets for renewable energy as demonstrated by corporate and industrial decarbonization goals, decarbonization goals of utilities in MISO, the discussion of memorandums of understanding, letters of intent and ongoing commercial discussions, is it Staff's position that that is not relevant to economic feasibility?
- A. This is going to how reasonable is the assumptions of the future revenue streams assumed in Ms. Shine's testimony are.



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Q. R	ight. But	you said	that the	ere was n	Page 902 o that
Grain Belt	Express di	d not prov	vide any	evidence	with
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- streams is the only evidence for economic feasibility? Α. Economic feasibility factors, two things.
- Essentially you're looking at a benefit cost test. You've got the investment that Grain Belt is going to make and that needs to be compared to the future revenue streams that is projected out. Without that, you don't have an economic feasibility analysis. And I should add that Ms. Shine's analysis is only for Phase I. We still don't have the Phase II aspects.
- Did you review the direct testimony of Mark Repsher in the PA Consulting study?
  - Α. Yes.

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- And do you have any reason -- Do you have any O. specific criticisms of the results there regarding the 17.6 billion in energy and capacity savings?
- Α. Yes, because that is not revenue streams to the Invenergy to compare to the investment. That is like a societal cost analysis. That is much different



- than what an economic feasibility analysis would look at.
  - Q. In the 2016 case, where the Commission granted a CCN for the Grain Belt Express line as previously proposed, were there any signed contracts beyond the MJMEUC contract?
- A. No.

- Q. Was there any guaranteed revenue streams?
- A. Let me correct myself. There was actually at the time a Realgy. Outside of that, I'm not familiar with anything.
- Q. Was there -- And yet the Commission found that the Project met the Tartan Factors and was necessary or convenient for the public interest?
- A. And that's where I had to find myself when I was analyzing this. It was based on the projected sales to PJM in this case or in that case.
- Q. Right. Okay. So now we're back to current -Do you have any basis for -- Is it Staff's position that
  there is still a \$10 per MW difference between PJM
  prices and MISO prices?
- A. I don't know of any analysis performed by Grain Belt that challenged it. We were just looking at the evidence presented before us. Since the Commission had previously determined that, we didn't challenge it.



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- Q. Would you agree that a price differential between PJM and MISO is relevant to economic feasibility only if the prices in MISO are not by themselves sufficient? I mean, if the prices -- Like for Phase I, if the prices are sufficient in MISO, then Phase I is feasible regardless of what the prices are in PJM, correct?
- A. I think -- I mean, if we had evidence for us to look at, we would consider that, but I don't know that that's been brought up here.
- Q. The prices that customers are willing to pay in MISO has not been brought up in this proceeding?
- A. Right. There's a question with Ms. Shine's testimony on the revenue stream. That's a hard coded number. There's no reasonable way I can verify what was actually behind those numbers. And in fact, based off the one contract with MJMEUC, I was able to kind of compare prices a little bit on a per MW basis and the prices that I think that Ms. Shine would have had used to conduct her analysis are a lot higher, like over ten times higher.
- Q. I think you referenced that an optimal solution is, I don't want to put words in your mouth.

  What did you say regarding the party's positions on what an optimal solution is with regard to?

- A. This is going back to live testimony here on Monday and Tuesday. Staff counsel, he asked all the parties, or a lot of the witnesses of Grain Belt, was the construction of both I and II the optimal solution and they all said that yes, building both phases is the optimal solution, economically optimal, and that's consistent with what Staff has been recommending is that both are constructed at the same time.
- Q. That question did not ask whether the optimal solution was to build both simultaneously. It was whether the optimal solution was to build both phases eventually.
- A. But when we're looking at the benefits of the Project and all that, that was assuming that the optimal -- that they were both built. That was to be the basis of the question.
- Q. Eventually. I mean, there wasn't a timing component to that question?
  - A. I'm not aware of timing.
- Q. Do you still have a copy of the Report and Order in the previous case?
- A. Yes.

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- Q. Could you turn to page 43?
- 24 A. I am on page 43.
- 25 Q. Do you see a section heading towards the

- bottom of the page titled Economic Feasibility of the Project?
  - A. Yes.

- Q. And the Commission's finding there is Grain
  Belt's Project is economically feasible because it links
  customers in Missouri who desire to purchase low-cost
  wind power from western Kansas with wind generation
  companies like Iron Star who proposed to supply that
  energy all under a business model under which Grain Belt
  assumes the financial risk of building and operating the
  transmission line. Do you see that?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. That is still the main objective of the Grain Belt Project, correct, is to link customers in Missouri to, at least for Phase I, to low-cost renewable energy in western Kansas?
  - A. That is what they have stated, yes.
- Q. Are you aware of anywhere in the Commission's Report and Order on Remand from the 2016 case where they mention guaranteed revenue streams or revenue streams of any manner?
- A. I'm not familiar with those terms being in the Report and Order, but I have not specifically reviewed the Report and Order for specific terms like that.
  - Q. Okay. On a different subject, could you



please turn to page 6 of your rebuttal testimony.

- A. Page 6 of rebuttal you said?
- Q. Yes, please. Beginning on line 10, you testify that Invenergy's estimation of a 74 percent capacity factor also unreasonably assumed normalized wind and solar generation curves where the peak solar was equal to the peak wind capacity for a single day and assumes that generation would operate on this normalized basis every day. Do you see that?
- A. Yes.

- Q. Did I read that correctly?
- 12 A. Yes.
  - Q. What do you mean by peak solar and peak wind capacity for a single day?
  - A. This was the interesting thing on how they came about a 74 percent capacity factor. In response to a data request, I think it was number 31, they built twice the capacity of wind generation and then they artificially cut off the peaks of that total generation. Then they averaged the curves and assumed that every day would be this normal 24 hour. So the wind was always blowing in the morning and every day was a clear sunny day so the solar operated at capacity, and that just seems totally unrealistic. And also when they averaged all this generation, rather than having the total

capacity worked out and figure --

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- Q. I'm sorry. We've gotten into -- I don't have a DR in front of me that you're referring to. I'm lost and I'm sure other people are lost. My question was simply about your testimony, what does -- you said peak solar and peak wind capacity for a single day and that it would operate on that normalized basis every day. So I just want to understand is your understanding that there was like the best day of the year was then reproduced for every day in order to get that?
- They averaged that all into one day. Α. So they took a year's worth of information, averaged it into one single day to come up with the curves. And with that averaging, because some of those periods had more generation than what the capacity of the line was capable of, they just -- your witness cut off the peaks and that raises questions on like what happens for production tax credits or investment tax credits to the wind generation, where does all this extra energy go. It raised a lot of questions that are not answered in order to assume this capacity factor. This was also a workpaper provided by your witness in surrebuttal as well, I think, not only in answer to the data request.
- Q. Could you turn to -- I think it will be easier to follow along if we refer to specific documents.



Page 909 1 Could you please turn to page -- Do you have a copy of 2 Mr. Sane's rebuttal testimony? I can provide it. 3 Α. I don't know. Is it part of the tabs that you 4 have here? 5 Ο. No. 6 JUDGE DIPPELL: Did you say Sane's 7 surrebuttal? Is that what you said? 8 MR. SCHULTE: Yes. 9 MR. PRINGLE: Approaching the witness with a 10 copy of Mr. Sane's surrebuttal. 11 JUDGE DIPPELL: Go right ahead. Mr. Schulte, 12 I'm looking at the clock and thinking this might be a 13 good opportunity to take a short break. 14 Yeah. We're moving into --MR. SCHULTE: 15 Yeah, we're going to talk about this exhibit for a 16 little while. This probably is a good time. 17 JUDGE DIPPELL: Let's go ahead and do that 18 then. It's almost 10:00. Let's take a 15-minute break 19 and return at 10:15. Thank you. We can go off the 20 record. 21 (A recess was taken.) 2.2 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. We can go ahead and go 23 back on the record. We've had a little break and we 24 will continue with Mr. Schulte's questions of

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Mr. Stahlman.

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MR. SCHULTE: Thank you, Judge. I think that was a timely break because I think we've been able to eliminate some questions and hopefully we can get to the end of this cross-examination.

## BY MR. SCHULTE:

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- Q. Before the break, Mr. Stahlman, I asked you to reference Mr. Sane's surrebuttal testimony. Do you still have a copy of that?
  - A. Yes.
  - Q. Could you please turn to page 20?
- A. I am there.
- Q. Beginning at line 5, Mr. Sane testifies with regard to capacity factor, 74 percent represents a realistic expectation of average energy production for resources expected to be interconnected to Grain Belt Express, based on actual observed data over a year. Do you see that?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. And Grain Belt Express projected actual wind and solar energy production for each hour of the year based on measured wind speed from the met masts in southwest Kansas, and solar irradiance data from SolarAnywhere for a site in southwestern Kansas, for the capacity factor calculations; do you see that?
  - A. Yes.



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Q. And then he states that that was provide	Page 911 ded to
PA Consulting for their analysis and it was prove	ided in
response to Staff Data Requests 33 and 34, also a	attached
as Confidential Schedule SS-4. Do you see all o	f that?
A. Yes. I thought it was DR 31. I'm sor	ry for
that error in numbering.	
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- I think so. I'm quite positive it was SS Α. Schedule 4.
- I'm trying to reconcile what you mean in your rebuttal testimony at page 6 with regard to Invenergy's estimation relying on peak solar and peak wind capacity for a single day with Mr. Sane's testimony that it was based on actual hourly data.
- So let me refer back to his testimony here. Α. Production of each hour of the year based on the measured wind speed. He put all of the hours into one assumed day when he came up with that capacity factor. And the addition --
- I've just got to break it down so we make sure we understand it. He put all of the hourly data into a single day. Did he average the days or what?
- It was a sort of average because he also Α. truncated the data on the high end. So if the



generation of all -- If all the generation was higher than the capacity of the Grain Belt line, they cut that peak off without explanation.

- Q. So you would agree that wind generation and solar generation generates at different times of the day or generally speaking it's possible to generate wind during the nighttime hours and it's not possible to generate solar energy during the nighttime hours, correct?
  - A. Yes.

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- Q. Wind and solar produce energy at different times?
- Right. This also goes to it produces at Α. different levels depending on the season. So summer you get more solar generation in a typical day than what you would normally get in winter. And wind also changes That's why we have seasonal with seasonal. accreditation with MISO and SPP. But with this, all of the analysis that Grain Belt provided went into one single day and analyzed it from that aspect. Like it was all averaged to one day. There's no seasonality considered, there was no questions about if wind happened to blow on an incredibly sunny day at the peak times, there was no questions on what if the wind was not blowing during the morning hours because sometimes

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you get a really cold high pressure system come in. You get a cloudy day in the winter that is very cold and there's no wind blowing during this high pressure system.

- Q. Capacity factor is an average, right, of -The capacity factor itself represents how much energy
  you can expect a certain generator or collection of
  generators to produce relative to its capacity, correct?
- A. Yeah, and that definition is correct and that goes also to the math used behind this, because in the calculations they increased generation but they did not change the denominator of that calculation for capacity factor. So they built more generation in order to raise the amount of expected energy produced but with that more generation they did not increase the denominator for the divisor and instead of getting -- we did this exercise --
- Q. Because the Grain Belt Project is 5000 MW, right?
- A. That is what Grain Belt is proposing to do at this time.
- Q. And the assumed interconnected generation is, and this is in Mr. Repsher's testimony, and I can give you a copy if you need it. I'm just going to make one reference so perhaps you can just confirm whether that's



L	your recollection. The assumed interconnection For
2	the purposes of this calculation of capacity factor,
3	Grain Belt and PA Consulting assumed 6000, approximately
1	6000 MW of wind and 3200, 3,200 MW of solar. Does that
5	sound right?

- A. Adds up to about 9000, about twice the level, yeah, I think that sounds about right.
- Q. Yeah. 9200 or 9300, somewhere between there. I can hand you a copy of the PA report if it's easier.
- A. If you want to. I accept those values are accurate.
- Q. Okay. I think we can move on. So that amount of generation feeding a 5000 MW line means that occasionally when the wind is both blowing and the sun is shining at the same time it's possible that those generators will be producing above 5000 MW, correct?
  - A. Yes.

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- Q. And so in that scenario you would have to clip the amount of total generation in order to only provide 5000 MW through the Grain Belt Express transmission line, right?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And so is that -- So it's not arbitrary to clip the peaks if the peak is above 5000, because that's how the Project will work?



A. But that raises a lot of questions. So are
these wind generators going to want to forego the
production tax credits during that time period and the
investment tax credit potential, who's going to control.
This is kind of where I was getting at with this is just
a transmission line. The generation of what is going to
be on that is not part of this case. So there's a lot
of assumptions being made in order to conclude with
these factors. Irregardless of that since I'm looking
at economic feasibility, as I stated earlier, this is
more of a societal test that Mr. Repsher provided. This
wasn't looking at the actual investments or the revenue
streams going to Invenergy.

- Q. Okay. I think we're getting far afield of my question. It was just that the clipping of the peaks was related to the capacity of the transmission line. You agreed with that?
  - A. Yes.

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- Q. Are you familiar with the concept of transmission congestion generally?
  - A. Generally, yes.
- Q. And in the case of transmission congestion, that means that there is more generation being produced than can be delivered through a certain segment of the transmission grid?



1	A. I would say that's broadly correct, yes.
2	Q. In those situations, generation that would
3	otherwise be able to produce is not producing and that
4	happens any time there's congestion on the grid,
5	correct?
6	A. I was starting to think again, because it can
7	also be that there's too much demand side the congestion
8	can be looked at two different aspects on. So if
9	there's too much demand for a line, congestion can also
10	be caused because of constraints of the line itself such
11	as there's weather temperature factors to be considered.
12	There's a lot of things that go into congestion.
13	Q. But generation curtailment is not a concept
14	that would be unique to the Grain Belt Project?
15	A. No.
16	MR. SCHULTE: No further questions. Thank
17	you, Mr. Stahlman.
18	JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. Are there
19	Commission questions for Mr. Stahlman? Mr. Chairman.
20	CHAIRMAN RUPP: Morning.
21	THE WITNESS: Good morning. Adjust over here
22	so I can see you.
23	QUESTIONS
24	BY CHAIRMAN RUPP:
25	Q. I have a whole page of questions I might

- bounce around, but most of my questions are going to be in reference to your rebuttal testimony.
  - A. Okay.

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- Q. So following up on the most recent conversation you had with the Company's attorney, the capacity factor of 74 percent you disagree with I think was pretty clear?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. In your professional opinion, what should the capacity factor factored into this be?
- A. It's hard to tell, because there isn't a proposed generation project that I can point to right now that they have a contract with to say that this is what that Project is proposing. At least not that I'm aware of.
- Q. So you took issue with the taking of all the data from the solar farm and the wind farm and truncating it into one day?
- A. Right. And I think it leads to a lot more questions on like where is it going to go, is somebody that's producing the wind generator going to want to take I guess on their own selves to go ahead and cut off how much they're producing in order and still want to sell into across this line.
  - Q. I understand. How would you have presented



that information?

- A. Honestly, for the purposes of this case, I wouldn't, because this is a transmission line and this was going into a societal cost type of study. For my economic feasibility analysis, I wouldn't be worried about the generation. I would just assume that there's going to be generation that is going to be constructed and they're going to sell power over my line and then develop what the revenues associated with that are and I'd say this is my feasibility analysis.
- Q. You had discussions with the Company's counsel and you discussed it in your testimony. In your professional opinion, why would MISO not sign an interconnection agreement with Grain Belt?
- A. I don't know that MISO is not signing with Grain Belt. The question is more which study or studies would Grain Belt want to sign with MISO. That kind of goes more to the demand needed on the MISO side versus the PJM, can they fetch a better price by pushing more power to PJM.
- Q. So you're not concerned that MISO will not sign an interconnection agreement; it's more what will the revenues look like when they sign?
- A. Yeah. When we get -- When there's a certain amount built that then we can define this is the



- project. So the way we've gone through this testimony is we've taken Grain Belt at their word that this is what is going to be constructed at this 2500 MW converter station. And in order to -- A lot of the studies assume that both phases are built. The National Security assumptions was built on two phases, not one.

  And so it's more if Phase I was there only, not building Phase II goes against that public interest aspects.
  - Q. Okay. So I understand Staff's position that we should deny their request to build in phases based on what you have articulated?
    - A. Okay.

- Q. Does Staff believe that if the Project went forward as one phase, not two, is there a detriment to Missouri ratepayers?
- A. That can become unclear. There is questions on if the Project is not feasible on the one phase only. Currently there's projected upgrades.
- Q. When you say "one phase only," my question is if the line is built without phases, both phases, not truncating it into Phase I and Phase II, if the line is built as one phase only running from Kansas to PJM, is Staff's opinion is there a detriment to Missouri ratepayers?
  - A. It would operate more economically optimally

based on what we had from the prior Commission Order, and so the risk would be substantially less if it's operated at once. It's hard to say there's no risk because it's like you can't even put a Band-Aid on a wound without some assumption of risk.

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- Q. In your answer, you said there is less risk. Compared to the 2019 Order? Is that how you're clarifying that?
- So Staff has been in kind of a strange Α. Yeah. position with this whole case. As you may remember, we were not in favor of approval of the initial line because we had questions about the economic feasibility back then, but the Commission ruled against Staff. And so now we have to -- We don't want to speak against the Commission's Orders and Findings, so we have to kind of assume that because this is already constructed. And so when they come in with their amendment, we're comparing that to how that affects that Order and projections on that and what evidence they provided to support their amendment.
- Q. Okay. In your testimony you referenced the 2019 Order, Report and Order, and you quoted the \$10 price differential from PJM to MISO. I understand that it is not Staff's role to go and analyze these things and instead you are looking at the information provided



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- by the Company and poking holes and trying to come up with an opinion. But when I read the statement from the 2019 Order, it says, quote, since power prices for PJM are generally \$10 a MW higher, we're speaking in generalizations.
  - A. Correct.

- Q. I believe you stated that you have had significant experience dealing with MISO on transmission agreements and you are able to take them at their word for some of the conversations you were having with their attorney. So I'm going to ask you in your professional opinion with your experience dealing with interconnection issues with MISO, generally are the prices in PJM higher or lower than prices paid for energy sold into the MISO market in Missouri currently?
- A. I'm not specifically aware on it. I have no reason to believe that they are any different at this time. So I haven't gone through and calculated the average LMPs of where the proposed injection sites are at this time.
- Q. Generally speaking, you believe that the power prices in PJM are roughly similar to the power prices in the MISO market?
  - A. I can't say one way or the other at this time.
  - Q. On page 6 of your rebuttal testimony,



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specifically line 18, the question was will lower energy and capacity prices mean that ratepayers' rates will go down. Your answer was not necessarily and then you go into an explanation. Explain your answer to me. I've read it but just talk to me. I've said this many times I learn by conversation. That's my learning style is conversational. Just talk to me about why does lower energy and capacity prices not necessarily mean that ratepayer rates will go down.

- Α. A lot of this goes to whether a utility, a net purchaser or net seller. If you are selling energy into the markets, you want to have the highest price possible, correct? And when you're making those off-system sales if that gives you a higher margin, that goes back and reflects itself in the rates that ratepayers pay. If on the other hand they are net purchasers, you want to have the lowest price possible for the goods and services that you're purchasing. And the lower that price, then that would go into the ratepayers' rates. So a lot of that goes into whether the Company, the specific utility that we mentioned, is a net purchaser or net seller.
- Q. Generally do lower energy and capacity prices mean that ratepayer rates will go down?
  - A. I would say generally if the utility is a net

- seller, they go up with lower capacity and energy prices. If the utility is a net seller, then the rates would go down with lower energy capacity prices.
  - Q. But then again we're talking about generators.
- A. I mean, that's for the utility on a whole, yes.
- Q. You talk about the impact of generation that fluctuates hour to hour. Then you use a comparable example of fuel efficient vehicle at highway speeds compared to the same vehicle in stop-and-go traffic.
  - A. Yes.

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- Q. Using that example, how does -- if the price of gas at the gas station on the corner goes down, how does that not impact the car owner regardless of the fuel efficiency of their vehicle?
- A. So that would be assuming you are a net purchaser of the gasoline at the corner. So if it's going down at the corner and you're purchasing it, then yes, the rates are going down for you. A large part of this is, and it's hard to kind of work this in on this analysis, because if it's more with how much gas is being put in I guess and trying to get with this example. So it's not going to work quite right.
- What we are, and I think even Sierra Club has testified to this in other dockets, that when you --

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with the more renewables, you're seeing a lot more of
the shutting down of the older models of coal and
natural gas. That's putting more wear and tear. So
when I was in the Navy as a reactor operator on our
boats, generally the boat did not the reactor did not
break when you're up and running or when you're shut
down. It's when you're transitioning that that would
put the wear and tear on all your equipment. Sometimes
you would start a start-up on the reactor and then
something would break and so you'd have to shut back
down. And I think we even see this depending on how
much you follow with the Callaway plant, because they're
in fairly periodical cycles. When they stop to refuel,
it's generally sometimes that's when the equipment
breaks either when they go to shut down or when they
start back up.

- Q. Continuing on in your testimony on page 7, you were asked about Mr. Repsher's testimony. You stated that he incorrectly applies the economic feasibility by counting benefits to non-Invenergy parties as their own. Who are those benefits going to?
- A. I think that was directed to his study was looking at the benefits to Missouri, and so that would have factored into SPP customers, the AECI customers and the MISO customers and what other ones there may be out

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- Q. You're saying that he included estimated benefits that do not offset the Project costs. So those benefits whether they went to AECI or SPP, those do not offset the Project cost?
- A. No. With economic feasibility, we're looking at the revenue streams that go to Invenergy in specific. And when he's calculating those benefits, he is including all the societal benefits that go to other people in Missouri, not to Invenergy in specific. So I thought his analysis would be better as a societal or in that public interest aspect rather than the economic feasibility analysis.
- Q. Continuing on in your surrebuttal, I think I'm on page 8 now. I think it was under the question why does Staff recommend the Commission not rely on the study provided by Dr. Loomis. From the way I read this, were you talking about if this line was built it would keep generation from being built in Missouri because there would not be the need for that generation and therefore there's a negative economic impact by generation not being built in Missouri?
- A. So a lot of this goes into almost economic philosophy. Let me first start off and say again the Loomis study was looking at benefits to non-Invenergy



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Т	participants, so it's not looking at the revenue streams
2	flowing to Invenergy for that feasibility analysis. If
3	I was to consider it, it would be more in that public
4	interest aspect. This gets into a broad economic
5	philosophical discussion. I think you heard two
6	different philosophies between Dr. Loomis and the Ag
7	Associations. It's just like with this endless train of
8	thought where is the caboose is kind of where I was
9	getting at on this. So you have on one aspect the
10	Loomis study presumes kind of a Keynesian approach to
11	economics. What I mean by that is a lot of times you'll
12	see the equation gross domestic product equal to
13	consumption plus investment plus government expenditures
14	and net exports. A Keynesian analysis tends to say
15	well, if we increase one of those factors, then it will
16	increase the gross domestic product. If we increase
17	spending of the government, we'll also see the GDP will
18	also go up. The contrast of that would be more of an
19	Austrian tradition look, and broadly speaking there's a
20	bunch of different schools of economic thought out
21	there. That's saying you can't just increase that.
22	That is a way to account for the economy. It's not a
23	growth model. A growth model would look more at labor,
24	capital, technology factors. And so it's two different
25	approaches. And rather than getting involved in the



- philosophical debate, it was easier just to say don't rely on it.
- THE STENOGRAPHER: Excuse me a second. Can you spell Keynesian?
- THE WITNESS: K-e-y-n-e-s-i-a-n. It looks
  like key nes for John Maynard Keynes, but it rhymes with
  rains.

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- Q. So in your testimony you say if the Commission decides to consider this information, it should consider the impact of potentially offsetting employment in Missouri due to generation in Missouri not being constructed and the profits of this Project will flow to a non-Missouri based corporation.
  - A. If I may anticipate your question, I think that is going into the gross versus net aspects of it. So Loomis's study was a gross analysis. It wasn't considering all the negative aspects which were hammered on repeatedly yesterday.
  - Q. So getting to Staff's position, is it Staff's position that if this line is constructed, it is offsetting generation that would have been built in the state?
- A. I think that is a definite possibility that that could have happened. I think even Dr. Loomis



stated that that could happen.

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- Q. And who would bear the brunt of the construction of new generation in Missouri?
- A. That would be dependent on the utility. If there's new construction in Missouri, so I guess there's two different aspects we can look at it. That it would help the area where that is being constructed for jobs there but that would be the cost of whatever company came through. If that was a merchant generation, the generator would be subject to that.
  - Q. Do we have merchant generation in Missouri?
- A. I thought we did. I could be wrong. I thought at one point Audrain, and I think there's a few others out there. Actually I would refer to either Ms. Eubanks or Mr. Lange's expertise on that.
  - Q. But that would be in a nonregulated?
- A. Correct.
  - Q. Looking at footnote number 8, I think it's on page 8.
- A. I'm there.
  - Q. I had a question about that and I can't read my own handwriting, I think I was getting to -- I got a sense from Staff's testimony that there was concern that there was not an interconnection agreement signed with MISO. But when I read this footnote, it almost seems as

- if, yeah, just when you get it done, provide us with that and we're cool. Is that?
- A. Yeah, we would want to analyze it just to make sure that there wasn't any complications to it. I think that the bigger issue has been over what if the interconnection agreements that are ultimately signed do not reflect what is being proposed here today as the current Project.
- Q. Does that get back to a material change issue that Staff has concern with?
- A. That's where if we defined a material change. They've testified that they are going to build a converter station of this amount, it's going to inject this other amount in these other places. All we were wanting to do -- It doesn't necessarily mean that we're going to have to do additional hearings. They would file the application, we would look at it. If it was something simple would just be even potentially Staff recommendation or something.
- Q. So we would not have another hearing or the Company would not need to get approval if Staff did not have an objection?
  - A. It would be hard to say that definitively but.
  - Q. Generally?

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25 A. There would be less -- If it was something

- Page 930 1 relatively minor that issues arose, I don't know that 2 Staff would have potentially large issues with it. 3 Q. If any party objected, would we need to have a 4 hearing?
  - I would have to ask my attorney to be honest Α. on how that process would work.
  - I would assume if there's a MR. PRINGLE: complaint filed, that could go in a hearing, Chairman Rupp.
- 10 CHAIRMAN RUPP: Thank you.
- 11 BY CHAIRMAN RUPP:

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- In testimony, it has been brought up that Ο. there's not a bidirectional interconnection agreement with MISO?
- Α. Yes.
- If the Company signs a bidirectional Ο. interconnection agreement with MISO, does Staff believe that is a material change?
  - It would be something that we Α. It could be. would want to look at. And I think the concern about the injecting from MISO to other locations it kind of goes more towards when they're talking about the societal benefits of the line in total. So when they're talking about the ability to go into SPP, they can't just do that without the permissions of MISO and SPP.



So they're talking about reliability benefits that aren't there under the current proposal. They could be if they got further permissions.

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- Q. But I got a sense you were not concerned about the societal benefits, more the revenue benefits directly derived to Invenergy?
- A. So with my economic feasibility analysis, yes. And then the other aspects I'm concerned about was how consistent is Grain Belt's testimony on the total when they're saying oh, we're going to have these benefits if tropical storm, not tropical storm, Winter Storm Uri happens again. That they almost assume that they can inject directly into SPP from MISO or PJM. And based on the current interconnection agreements, I do not believe that can occur. And they have agreed to a black start condition that Ms. Eubanks proposed, I think.
  - Q. In your testimony, you mentioned the concern about stranded equipment. Is Staff concerned about this if both phases are built?
  - A. I think that's still a concern, but that is mitigated by the agreements that we have in, I'm just going to call it Exhibit 206, I can't remember what we actually labeled it.
  - Q. So the decommissioning fund that we discussed --



1	A. Yes, that mitigates concern.
2	Q that mitigates. Does Staff have a concern
3	that Invenergy will seek FERC authority and escape
4	Missouri Commission authority at any point during this
5	line?
6	A. That is a definite potential. I think that
7	concern is there. I don't know that there's much we
8	could do about it.
9	Q. Do you believe that there will be sufficient
10	revenues flowing to Evergy for this Project?
11	A. I'm sorry. You said Evergy?
12	Q. Evergy, I'm sorry. Invenergy.
13	A. They all sound alike. I just don't have the
14	evidence to I can't say on the stand that yes, there
15	is. We tried to analyze looking at what the information
16	was provided to us, and we just cannot verify that that
17	is actually going to be the case.
18	CHAIRMAN RUPP: Judge, I believe that
19	completes all my questions. Thank you.
20	JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. Are there other
21	Commission questions?
22	COMMISSIONER HOLSMAN: Judge, this is
23	Commissioner Holsman.
24	JUDGE DIPPELL: Yes, go ahead, Commissioner.
25	QUESTIONS

#### BY COMMISSIONER HOLSMAN:

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- Q. I don't know if this witness can answer this question but I'm going to ask anyways. Thank you for your testimony.
  - A. You're welcome.
- Q. Do you believe that if these amendments were to be rejected that the Company has the existing authority to continue with the original HVDC line in spite of what the outcome of this case is?
- A. So there's a little bit of a legal question there. My understanding from counsel in prior discussion was that there is still the existing certificate for the 500 and the 3500 on PJM.
- Q. Okay. So if the answer is yes, they have the authority to proceed with the original line, do you believe that the amendments offered in this case are an improvement or enhancement to the benefit, the overall benefit to the Missouri resident, or the Missouri ratepayer I should say?
- A. It's hard to say. To some extent when we're

  -- The Missouri ratepayer isn't totally a function of

  this. We kind of not opposed the increased capacity of

  the converter station in part because of public interest

  that the more Missouri got off the line that might be

  better and the relocation is at a much better location

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- because we had a lot of concerns in the prior case about injecting at that point with power constraints on the Audrain power station. And when we're talking about the ratepayer, it really questions on where this power will flow. And when we're analyzing the Invenergy's testimony, we're applying the Tartan criteria based on the Company of Invenergy. There would be questions, I don't know how interstate commerce would be affected by if, you know, if we looked at is this better for a specific Missouri utility, but I mean, that again goes to kind of legal questions.
  - Q. Is it accurate to say that if these amendments are adopted or this second Project is approved that more power will be available to the state of Missouri than if it is rejected?
  - A. If it is constructed as proposed, yes, the converter station in Missouri is larger than the converter station proposed under the existing

    Certificate of Convenience and Necessity.
  - Q. If Phase II is not completed but Phase I is completed, will there be more power to the state of Missouri or less power if Phase II is completed? I know that's -- how can I ask that better. Did you understand the question? If only Phase I is completed, will that mean more or less power for Missouri ratepayers than if



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- A. I will say that the converter station with Phase I is larger than the proposed CCN and that would remain the same regardless of what happens to Phase II, if that answers your question.
- Q. Okay. So let me ask this question. Would completion of Phase II potentially mean less power delivered to the state of Missouri?
- A. Under the current proposal as defined, I do not see that Phase II resulting in less power to Missouri at this time.

12 COMMISSIONER HOLSMAN: All right. Thank you 13 very much. Thank you, Judge. That's all I have.

JUDGE DIPPELL: All right. Are there any other Commission questions? Mr. Chairman. And Mr. Stahlman, if you'd continue to speak close to the mike.

THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. I'm listening to a voice out of the ceiling.

CHAIRMAN RUPP: There's no voice coming out of the ceiling. How long have you been hearing voices?

(Laughter)

- 23 QUESTIONS
- 24 BY CHAIRMAN RUPP:
  - Q. To follow up on Commissioner Holsman's



question, can I surmise that Staff believes with this
application there will be more power brought into the
state of Missouri but with the phasing construction the
biggest hurdle is will there be enough revenues to the
Company to complete the project and be viable?

A. Yeah, I think there's been -- Staff has had questions about the economic feasibility of the Project even in the prior case and that still exists in the current case. And the only feasibility analysis we've been provided was only for Phase I. So we had to assume based on the prior Commission Order that it was feasible and it's just a question on how much that changes.

CHAIRMAN RUPP: Thank you.

JUDGE DIPPELL: Any other Commission questions? Okay. I have just a couple of follow ups and then I think we're done.

#### OUESTIONS

## BY JUDGE DIPPELL:

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- Q. Are there any down sides to Missouri ratepayers that you haven't already talked about if the Project is built and then it turns out it's not economically feasible or the revenues don't cover its ongoing costs?
- A. There's definitely going to be down sides to the landowners that are in the right-of-way of the



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- Project. So on that sense I think there's kind of an obligation to ensure that the Tartan criteria are met before a certificate is granted. We've talked a bit about the stranded assets and then also if there are upgrades made because of the request it is a question on how those upgrade costs would be allocated to other Missourians.
  - Q. And what do you mean by upgrades?
  - A. So.

- O. Just so we're clear.
- A. For example, there is the Burns substation which is proposed to be much larger in anticipation of the Grain Belt Project interconnecting to the Burns substation. And so if something were to happen where Invenergy is not able to compensate Ameren for those upgrade costs, then are Ameren Missouri ratepayers going to be subject to that, how is that going to be spread out to other participants in the MISO market.
- Q. And then anything else with regard to ratepayers?
- A. Those were the three that were in my testimony. Nothing else comes to mind.
- Q. Is Staff's proposed modification to ordered paragraph 10 of the previous Report and Order, is that part of Staff's amended position? I think it was set



out on page 18 of Ms. Eubanks' rebuttal.

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- A. Let me look things up to see where I'm at. Okay. Order paragraph 10, this was dealing with the converter station to be capable of actual delivery of 500 MW. I'm sorry. Repeat the question.
  - Q. Is that part of Staff's amended position?
- A. I think that might be impacted by the material change which I recommended and is part of my main testimony. I don't know that Ms. Eubanks addresses that condition.
- Q. So as part of -- As part of the conditions you recommended, that one remains?
- A. That's going to remain regardless of whether the Commission approves my material change condition or not.
- Q. Just wanted to clarify that. And you may have talked about this, so I'm sorry if I reopen a can of worms here. Was Staff able to confirm that the interconnection costs based on the completed interconnection studies were included in the cost estimate submitted with the application? You testified earlier that the studies weren't complete and there weren't costs; is that correct?
  - A. Yes. There's one study that remained to be completed, but I still would -- I think in the cost



- estimate that included the projected costs up to the current date and all other costs of the completed studies.
- Q. Okay. Then just a couple of clarifying things. What would you need to be able to determine the price differential between PJM and MISO?
- A. I think that could be done with the publicly available data. I'd want to find the -- well, verify the existing interconnection points. I should say that with MISO. I'm not positive if I could obtain from AECI like the equivalent of an LMP analysis.
  - Q. And that's LMP?

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- A. Locational marginal price. And so you would basically put, dependent on what time period you want to analyze, you can come up with average prices by downloading the data onto an Excel docket and calculating it.
- Q. And you mentioned earlier hard coded numbers. I think we heard that term before. Can you just tell me, explain what hard coded numbers are?
- A. So with an Excel spreadsheet, we call a hard coded number that is a number just inputted and there's no calculation so you can't go into the formula, see how that number was calculated. And there was also no explanation of how a number was calculated. There

1 wasn't like a note that referred to see this other 2 workpaper or these other numbers from somewhere else. 3 Ο. And then you were making a contrast between 4 the economic feasibility and societal analysis. Can you 5 explain what the difference is between those two things? 6 So with economic feasibility, it's looking Α. 7 specifically at the revenue flows going to Invenergy in 8 this case versus the investment that Invenergy has to 9 make to do this Project, and with societal it's looking 10 at a much broader scope. It is looking at -- it could 11 be average Missourians. It could be looking at other 12 people besides Invenergy. 13 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. I appreciate your 14 clarifications. I think that's all of the bench 15 questions. Is there going to be further 16 cross-examination? I'm assuming yes. We'll just go 17 down the line. Is there further cross-examination based 18 on the Commission and my questions from MLA? 19 No, Your Honor. MR. AGATHEN: 20 Aq Associations. JUDGE DIPPELL: 21 MR. HADEN: No, Your Honor. 2.2 JUDGE DIPPELL: Ms. Stemme. 23 MS. STEMME: No questions. 24 JUDGE DIPPELL: Public Counsel. 25 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, thank you. These are



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## CROSS-EXAMINATION

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- Q. Mr. Stahlman, are you familiar with Dogwood Energy at all?
  - A. A little bit. Not much. I know it exists.
  - Q. Do you know what it is?
- A. I think that was a merchant generation, a company that does merchant generation.
  - O. And do you know where it's located?
  - A. In Missouri, I think.
  - Q. And then do you remember in response to -Well, Chairman Rupp was asking you questions about
    reduction in market prices from energy coming through
    the Grain Belt transmission line if it's built and its
    impact on the market in MISO. You talked about the
    impact to ratepayers being, as I understood it, positive
    if the customer -- or the retail customer -- ratepayer
    is being served by a net seller into the market and
    negative if it's a net purchaser out of the market?
    - A. Yes.
  - Q. Would you explain what premises underlying your coming to those conclusions, which if I heard you correctly, I think you didn't state what you intended it in response to Chairman Rupp.



- A. So it would be that the LMP to a generator owned by the utility would see its capacity energy prices go down and so ultimately it's going to be kind of on whatever typical -- it gets complex but.
- Q. Let me try this. Were you referring to vertically integrated customers, ratepayers of vertically integrated utilities?
  - A. Yes.

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- Q. And part of the rates are built upon the utility's rate base which includes its own generation; is that correct?
  - A. Correct.
- Q. So what is the interplay between market prices and rates with a utility that owns its generation?
- A. So a utility that owns its own generation is going to have a certain amount of operational expenditures and just investment cost, and those go into the rates that we use to calculate utility ratepayer rates. And so just with the way RTO markets work, all the utility in generation would go into a market into the market and they purchase back what they need. And so if the prices were to lower, and they're selling on net to the overall market, that lessens the revenue that the Company would receive to offset the investment cost and the operational expenditures by that utility. And

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1	so to make up that difference that would be brought in							
2	through a rate case and the resulting rates would							
3	increase.							
4	Q. Does that analysis underlie your statements							
5	about the impacts on ratepayers of being a net seller							
6	and net net purchaser or net seller into the market?							
7	A. Yes. In my testimony, I say it depends on.							
8	It doesn't Lower capacity energy prices do not							
9	necessarily mean lower rates for utility ratepayers.							
10	MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you.							
11	JUDGE DIPPELL: Is there further cross based							
12	on bench questions from Associated?							
13	MR. ELLINGER: Just a couple. Thank you,							
14	Judge. Mr. Stahlman, good morning.							
15	THE WITNESS: Good morning.							
16	CROSS-EXAMINATION							
17	BY MR. ELLINGER:							
18	Q. I believe it was Commissioner Holsman asked							
19	you a couple questions about power under Phase I,							
20	whether more power would be in Missouri or not. I think							
21	that was Commissioner Holsman. There's been a lot of							
22	questions so far today. Do you recall those general							
23	questions?							
24	A. Yes.							

Isn't it correct that Phase I would consist of

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Page 944 1 an infrastructure Project that would go from Kansas to 2 Missouri? 3 Α. Yes. 4 Ο. I'm sorry. Go ahead. Answer that question. 5 Α. Yes. 6 And that there would be a converter station Ο. 7 located in Missouri to allow power to be delivered 8 throughout transmission lines in Missouri? 9 Α. Yes. 10 Ο. Phase II would then extend outside of 11 Missouri, correct? 12 Α. Phase II is designed to take power from Kansas 13 to the Illinois-Indiana border. But Phase II would be an additional portion of 14 Ο. 15 construction that would start in Missouri and end in 16 Indiana or Illinois? 17 My understanding of it is it would also Α. involve Kansas construction as well. 18 19 But it would not involve additional converter 0. 20 stations in Missouri, right? 21 Α. That's my understanding, yes. 2.2 0. And the power that would come through the 23 converter station in Missouri under Phase I would allow 24 industries, businesses in Missouri to access that power

coming out of Kansas; is that correct?

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1 That's my understanding, yes. Α. 2 It's your understanding that there is a demand Ο. for this type of energy in the state of Missouri from 3 4 businesses and industries? 5 I mean, just loosely speaking there's a demand Α. 6 for energy and there is interest in energy from 7 renewable energy sources, yes. This Project would facilitate delivery of 8 9 those resources into Missouri, correct? 10 Α. That is what is being discussed, yes. 11 No further questions. MR. ELLINGER: Thank 12 you, Judge. 13 Anything from Sierra Club. JUDGE DIPPELL: No, thank you. 14 MS. RUBENSTEIN: 15 JUDGE DIPPELL: Renew Missouri. 16 MS. GREENWALD: No, thank you. 17 Clean Grid Alliance. JUDGE DIPPELL: 18 MR. BRADY: No, thank you. 19 MEC. JUDGE DIPPELL: 20 MS. WHIPPLE: Yes, Your Honor. Thank you. 21 Good morning, Mr. Stahlman. 2.2 THE WITNESS: Good morning. 23 CROSS-EXAMINATION 24 BY MS. WHIPPLE: 25 I'd like to follow up on some of the questions Q.

- that you received from Chairman Rupp about the phasing of the Project. Do you recall generally that discussion?
  - A. I think you would have to repeat the question.
- Q. I'm going to ask you a new question, but do you remember generally discussing phasing with Chairman Rupp?
  - A. I think so.

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- Q. Okay. Good. Here's a new question. If Grain Belt's operation is delayed until both phases are completed, the delivery of the low-cost Kansas energy to Missouri will also be delayed, correct?
  - A. Can you repeat the question.
- Q. Yes. If Grain Belt's operation is delayed until both phases, Phase I and Phase II, are completed, then the delivery to Missouri of the low-cost Kansas energy will also be delayed, correct?
- A. I think there's kind of a non sequitur in that question. The delivery of energy is dependent on construction rather than the phasing of it. It's not been clear in the record that the phasing would actually delay the construction of the entire line.
- Q. Well, let me see if we can clear that up a little bit. Is it Staff's position that constructing the entire line Phases I and II will take more time or



less time than the construction of just Phase I?

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- A. I don't know. I mean, that's -- I don't know.
- Q. Is it reasonable to assume that the construction of the entire line all the way from Kansas to Indiana would take more time than the construction of the line just from Kansas to Missouri?
- A. It depends. I mean, it depends on what crews and things that Grain Belt would construct to build the line.
- Q. Well, let me ask it this way. Did Staff give any consideration whatsoever to whether or not its insistence that the line be constructed in entirety and not in phasing might cause delay in the delivery of this low-cost wind power, wind and solar power to Missouri?
- A. That goes to questions of societal test. When we looked at it, we were looking at it from what we've got on record is that the optimal solution is to construct both phases that was admitted to by the Grain Belt witnesses and that's in line with what Staff is saying. So it would harm public interest to construct only one phase.
- Q. Well, let's drill down on that a little bit too, because I want to make sure we really understand Staff's position. Is it Staff's position that it is optimal to construct Phase I and Phase II simultaneously

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- Q. Would you please tell us then what Staff's position is about the construction of the line in phasing?
- A. I think that the Staff is saying that the benefits that are assumed by Grain Belt is that both phases are constructed and that constructing only the single phase is against the public interest.
- Q. But is Staff now saying that Staff is comfortable with Phase I being constructed and allowed to go into operation assuming Phase II construction is shortly commenced thereafter?
- A. I'm not sure I understand. Can you rephrase your question.
- Q. I'll try. Is Staff comfortable with Grain
  Belt constructing Phase I and allowing it to come into
  operation and then at some time perhaps very shortly
  afterward commencing the construction of Phase II?
- A. I think there's a lot of financial questions that go to -- there's financial conditions that we've expressed for the phasing. Also it goes into the economic feasibility question as a whole.
  - Q. Right. But would Staff -- Is Staff then not

- opposed to Grain Belt constructing Phase I and allowing it to go into operation before it begins the construction of Phase II at whatever time frame perhaps this Commission would order?
  - A. If it met the conditions recommended by Staff,
    I think that would be acceptable.
  - Q. Thank you. I think that does help because I think Staff is acknowledging, or I don't imagine you'll disagree with me, that there are Missourians, particularly, you know, my client, Missouri Electric Commission, who are very eager to take advantage of the low-cost energy that will be transmitted over this line as soon as possible, right?
    - A. Sure.

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- Q. And can you agree with me that constructing Phase I which, of course, will then drop this low-cost energy into Missouri as soon as possible benefits Missourians; that's just logical, right?
  - A. It would benefit your client in particular.
- Q. Yes. Yes. And conversely delaying the operation of Phase I such that that power wouldn't be delivered to Missouri as soon as possible would be a detriment to MEC and all of its municipal members, correct?
- A. It presumes that the Project is economically



- feasible on the whole.
- Q. Of course.

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- A. So if we assume that the Tartan criteria are met, then yes, bringing power in sooner would be more advantageous than later.
- Q. Very good. And of course, I think you'll agree with me Missouri Municipal they are ratepayers, right?
- A. They are not regulated by the Missouri Public Service Commission, but they do pay money for their energy.
- Q. Right. We all know that, right?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. Unfortunately none of us get our energy for free, do we?
  - A. Correct.
  - Q. I'd like to ask you just a couple of questions too about, and if I misunderstood I hope you'll correct me, I want to talk to you about Staff's concern about whether or not Grain Belt will displace new generation in Missouri. I just want to make sure I understood that. Does Staff believe that Missouri has wind and solar resources equal to those that are available in western Kansas?
    - A. I don't know what you mean by that question.



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- A. Are you talking about potential that -- So I mean, Missouri does have wind and energy resources from renewable energy available to it.
  - Q. It sure does.
- A. Through legislation there's also been some notion that there is preference for Missouri-based renewable energy.
- Q. And there would be a lot of reasons for that, right, economic and political, and so forth, to prefer Missouri generated energy, right?
- A. The legislature is going to do what the legislature does.
- Q. Right. But now I'd like to ask for Staff's expertise. Does Staff believe that Missouri has wind resources that are equal to the wind resources that are available in western Kansas?
  - A. I don't know what you mean by equal.
- Q. Equal in ability to generate large capacities of power over perhaps more regular intervals?
- A. I mean, there is wind resources in Missouri that have been constructed.
- Q. And are Kansas, western Kansas wind resources, are they rated or accredited higher than those currently so rated in Missouri?



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A. I'm not sure about actually accredited in the
RTO markets. There is from my understanding, and this
would be more under Staff witness Claire Eubanks, that
the potential from the wind resources may be higher in
Kansas than some portions of Missouri and other places
that there's probably higher in Missouri some portions
than what there would be in Kansas depending on
locations.

- Q. Okay. Well, for now even assuming for purposes of this question that Missouri wind resources are equal to those in western Kansas, does Staff prefer the displacement of Missouri farmland for a wind farm over the amount of land that would be crossed by this single transmission line?
- A. I am not aware of Staff's opinion on that. We just evaluate the projects that come before us as proposed.
- Q. But I thought I understood, and you can correct me if I misunderstood, I thought I understood that Staff had expressed concern that this line, Grain Belt's line, will displace new generation in Missouri; is that correct?
- A. It was in contrast to the gross study provided by Dr. Loomis, and what that was driving at is there are other factors that may net with some of Dr. Loomis's



assumptions.

- Q. So then Staff doesn't have its own concern about whether or not Grain Belt will displace new generation in Missouri?
- A. We're not going to favor Grain Belt over any other utility. We're just saying that to the extent they're saying that this is going to be, and this is specific to Dr. Loomis's study, that there's mitigating aspects to all the benefits that he was citing.
- Q. Okay. I think I do understand it better. So if there ever was confusion about whether or not Staff has its own concern that Grain Belt will displace new generation in Missouri, we've put that to rest. Staff does not have a standalone concern that needs to be addressed or mitigated on that topic, right?
- A. No. What we're looking at is the study provided by Dr. Loomis in that statement. We're looking solely at what Grain Belt was citing as benefits.
- Q. Right. So Staff does not see a negative shall we say?
  - A. I don't know what you're talking about.
- Q. All right. Maybe I have misunderstood. I think we've come to the conclusion that Staff -- in the list of things that Staff might create for its concerns over this Project, we would not add to that list that



1 Staff is worried that Grain Belt will displace new 2 generation in Missouri and the jobs that would come from 3 that, and so on? 4 Α. I'm sorry. I'm lost with your line of 5 I mean, generally we are just evaluating questioning. 6 the evidence that Grain Belt is providing. If they're 7 citing by Dr. Loomis that there's going to be more jobs 8 and things, then what I was saying is that is 9 essentially a gross study and not a net study. 10 MR. WHIPPLE: Very good. Thank you, 11 Mr. Stahlman. That's it, Your Honor. Thank you. 12 Is there any further JUDGE DIPPELL: 13 cross-examination based on bench questions from Grain 14 Belt. 15 Just a few. MR. SCHULTE: 16 FURTHER CROSS-EXAMINATION 17 BY MR. SCHULTE: Mr. Stahlman, you mentioned that there wasn't 18 19 any evidence in the record with regard to delays that could occur if Grain Belt was required to construct the 20 21 entire Project at the same time? 2.2 I think that was in discussion with MEC. Α. 23 Right. So have you reviewed the surrebuttal Q. 24 testimony of Kevin Chandler?

I think briefly I've looked through it.

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Q. Are you aware of Mr. Chandler's discussion of
the status of land acquisition in Illinois versus the
status of land acquisition in Missouri? I think it's
been a discussed a lot in this proceeding.

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- Q. And have you done any analysis of how land acquisition in Illinois also impacts the ability to finalize engineering and design for the portion of the project in Illinois?
  - A. I have not.
- Q. And have you done any analysis of how the process of land acquisition and land access in Illinois impacts the timing of obtaining environmental permits for the portion of the Project in Illinois?
  - A. I have not.
- Q. And then do you still have the Report and Order on Remand from the 2016 case?
- 18 A. Yes.
- Q. Could you turn to page 25, please.
- 20 A. Okay.
- Q. I'm looking specifically at paragraphs 77 and 78.
- 23 A. Okay.
- Q. It states there western Kansas has some of the highest wind speeds in the country routinely reaching



- 9.5 to 9.0 meters per second at 80 meters above the ground, a typical hub height for wind turbines. Wind speeds in western Kansas are substantially higher than states to the east such as Missouri, Illinois and Indiana. Higher wind speeds lead to higher capacity factor meaning that the wind generator runs at a higher average percentage of its maximum power output. Do you see that?
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- Q. And then the next paragraph states because wind power varies proportionately to wind velocity by the third power, a Kansas wind site with an average of 8.8 meters per second produces almost double the power of a site in Missouri with a 7.0 meter per second average. This exponential effect substantially reduces the cost of wind energy produced by facilities located in areas with higher average wind speeds. Did I read that correctly?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. Do you have any reason to contest those conclusions?
  - A. I think those statements are clear.
- MR. SCHULTE: Thank you. I don't have any further questions.
- JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. Is there redirect?

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- Q. Mr. Stahlman, there was some talk about the RTO study with MISO. If those studies are finalized, all the studies are finalized, is that any guarantee that an interconnection agreement will be entered into?
- A. No.
  - Q. Do you think that a finding of economic feasibility should rely upon reasonable assumptions of Project cost and revenues?
- 11 A. Yes.
  - Q. And in your opinion, Grain Belt has not provided evidence that would enable you to confirm whether the projected revenues of this Project are reasonable; is that correct?
  - A. Yes.
- 17 MR. PRINGLE: Thank you, Mr. Stahlman. No 18 further questions.
- JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. Thank you,

  Mr. Stahlman. I believe that concludes your testimony
  and you may be excused.
- THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- 23 (Witness excused.)
- JUDGE DIPPELL: I want to take a little
  assessment of where we are. I'd like to delay the lunch



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- break until 1:00 if possible. Since that concludes

  Staff's witnesses. I'm correct on that, Mr. Pringle? I

  didn't skip anybody?
  - MR. PRINGLE: Yes, you are, Judge. That's the end of Staff's list of witnesses.
  - JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. The next witness we have on the list is Clean Grid Alliance's witness Mr. Goggin who's been very patiently waiting on WebEx for the entire week, I think. I'm assuming there won't be any problem with Mr. Goggin testifying next.
  - MR. BRADY: Depends on how you define problem. Yeah, he's ready to go.
  - JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. And then just with regard to the other witnesses coming up, are there any of those witnesses -- I'll just run through the list just to kind of get a feeling for the amount of questioning, and so forth. I'd like to wrap things up today if possible. I think you all would like to as well.
  - So I'm just going to kind of go through the list and if you could just kind of let me know what the status is. So the Ag Associations' witness Mr. Hawkins. Is there going to be cross-examination of Mr. Hawkins?
- 24 CHAIRMAN RUPP: No.

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JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. Sierra Club's witness



1 Mr. Milligan. Am I saying that right? I think I 2 spelled it wrong. 3 MR. AGATHEN: I will have cross. 4 MS. WHIPPLE: Very brief. JUDGE DIPPELL: Ms. Stemme, will there be 5 6 cross-examination for her? Okay. And obviously if this 7 changes between now and when that witness comes up, I'm 8 not going to hold you to this. I just am trying to get 9 a feel. Mr. Twitty for MEC. 10 MR. AGATHEN: Yes, Your Honor, all of the MEC 11 witnesses. 12 JUDGE DIPPELL: All of the MEC witnesses. 13 And Mr. Owen for Renew. Okay. I've got one question. 14 MR. AGATHEN: 15 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. Okay. I appreciate 16 that information. And since I didn't give you 17 pre-warning, and Mr. Goggin, you're being very patient, 18 but since I didn't give you pre-warning about the 19 delayed lunch break, does anybody need to take a short 20 break right now? Let's go ahead and take a break and 21 return at 12:00. Let's change it to ten minutes. Let's 2.2 come back at five till. We can go off the record. 23 (A recess was taken.) 24 JUDGE DIPPELL: All right. We're back on the

record after our short break. And when I was going

- through the list, I didn't say I do think I have a few questions and the Commissioners may have some questions of Mr. Hawkins. So even if there's no cross from everyone else, just wanted to put that out there.
  - MR. HADEN: Judge, on that front, I just spoke with Mr. Brady. He has been gracious enough to be amenable to have Mr. Hawkins go ahead of Mr. Goggin if that suits the bench and the other attorneys.
- JUDGE DIPPELL: If the other attorneys don't have any objection to that.
- 11 MR. HADEN: I appreciate the courtesy. Thank
  12 you all.
- JUDGE DIPPELL: And with apologies to

  Mr. Goggin, we can do that.
- MR. HADEN: Thank you, Judge.

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- JUDGE DIPPELL: Give me just one minute and
  then we'll get started. Thank you. I forgot to ask for
  the return of the exhibit to the witness stand for
  future reference. Okay. Well, then in that case,
  Mr. Haden, go ahead.
  - MR. HADEN: Your Honor, I would call Garrett Hawkins to the stand.
- JUDGE DIPPELL: Do you solemnly swear or
  affirm that the testimony you're about to give at this
  hearing will be the truth?



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1	THE WITNESS: I do.
2	JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. If you could spell
3	your name for the court reporter.
4	THE WITNESS: Yes. Garrett Hawkins,
5	G-a-r-r-e-t-t H-a-w-k-i-n-s.
6	JUDGE DIPPELL: And go ahead when you're
7	ready, Mr. Haden.
8	MR. HADEN: Good morning, Mr. Hawkins.
9	GARRETT HAWKINS,
10	having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified
11	for the record:
12	DIRECT EXAMINATION
13	BY MR. HADEN:
14	Q. Could you state for me your employer and your
15	position there.
16	A. The Missouri Farm Bureau Federation. At that
17	organization I serve as the President and the CEO.
18	Q. Are you the same Garrett Hawkins that
19	submitted certain rebuttal testimony to this body on
20	April 19, 2023, in this proceeding?
21	A. I am.
22	MR. HADEN: Your Honor, I actually did not
23	file a prefiled exhibit list, but I would ask that that
24	I think it's already admitted or it's on the record
25	that it be given Exhibit No. 400, and I've got a copy



1	with the handwritten numbers if the Court would like it.
2	JUDGE DIPPELL: That's fine. We have that as
3	prefiled rebuttal testimony.
4	MR. HADEN: Thank you, Judge. I tender the
5	witness for cross.
6	JUDGE DIPPELL: And did you offer that for
7	admittance?
8	MR. HADEN: I would offer it for admission. I
9	would offer that exhibit for admission.
LO	JUDGE DIPPELL: Would there be any objection
L1	to Exhibit No. 400? Seeing none, I will admit Exhibit
L2	No. 400.
L3	(AG ASSOCIATION/FARM BUREAU'S EXHIBIT 400 WAS
L4	RECEIVED INTO EVIDENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS RECORD.)
L5	JUDGE DIPPELL: You are tendering the witness?
L6	MR. HADEN: I tender the witness for cross,
L7	Your Honor.
L8	JUDGE DIPPELL: Would there be any Did
L9	anybody come up with any cross-examination questions on
20	the break? Seeing none, then we can proceed with
21	questions from the Commission and bench. Any questions?
22	COMMISSIONER HOLSMAN: Judge, I am going to
23	have a couple questions. I'm trying to actually get
24	into the WebEx through my laptop so you can see me for
25	this one. If any of the other Commissioners have



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- 1 questions, let them go. If they don't, I just ask for
- 2 about three minutes here so I can try and get in that
- 3 | way.
- 4 JUDGE DIPPELL: We can wait for you to
- 5 | connect, Commissioner.
- 6 COMMISSIONER KOLKMEYER: I have one.
- 7 JUDGE DIPPELL: Commissioner Kolkmeyer, go
- 8 ahead.
- 9 COMMISSIONER KOLKMEYER: Yes, thank you,
- 10 Judge. Good morning.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Good morning.
- 12 QUESTIONS
- 13 BY COMMISSIONER KOLKMEYER:
- Q. Is your testimony that you submitted or going to submit basically what you gave in Mexico to the
- 16 | public hearing that day?
- 17 A. Yes, all the main tenets are there,
- 18 Mr. Commissioner.
- 19 COMMISSIONER KOLKMEYER: Okay. Thank you.
- 20 | JUDGE DIPPELL: We'll just give Commissioner
- 21 | Holsman a couple minutes to work with the technology.
- 22 | We've had several mechanical blips this week behind the
- 23 | scenes and some technological ones up here on the bench
- 24 as well.
- 25 COMMISSIONER HOLSMAN: Judge, I'm still



Page 964 1 working on it, but it looks like it's going to work for 2 Just give me just a couple more seconds here. 3 JUDGE DIPPELL: Take your time, Commissioner. 4 COMMISSIONER HOLSMAN: You know what, I'm just

going to go ahead and go through my phone, because the laptop is asking me to log into WebEx and I don't have that information with me. So I will do my best. Give me one more second here. All right.

> JUDGE DIPPELL: There you are.

COMMISSIONER HOLSMAN: Can you see me?

JUDGE DIPPELL: Yes, we can see you.

COMMISSIONER HOLSMAN: Okay. There we go.

All right. Thank you. Again, I apologize for having to do this remotely but I appreciate your patience. are you doing, Mr. Hawkins? Thank you for testifying today.

#### QUESTIONS

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I realize that Commissioner Kolkmeyer asked 0. you if you were going to provide similar testimony that was on the record for the public hearing. But I want to take an opportunity to ask you a few questions that you might be able to elaborate on similar to some of the questions I had asked Mr. Chandler from the Company. Is that reasonable?



A. Yes.

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- Q. All right. Can you share any concerns you have or that have been shared with you about the Company eliminating the structure payments for landowners along the Tiger Connector route?
- A. Commissioner, can you repeat the question one more time?
- Q. Can you share any concerns or have been shared with you about the Company eliminating the structure payments for landowners along the Tiger Connector route?
- A. Mr. Commissioner, I think our overarching concern all along has been ensuring that if this Project moves forward that Invenergy treats landowners with the utmost respect and provides the highest level of compensation given the burden that they are going to bear. So as you think through the compensation structure, all we have asked all along is that fairness be given to landowners given this is a Project that they don't want coming across the property that they don't want to be forced to sell.
- Q. Do you agree -- Earlier I asked Staff witness if this amendment is not approved if the Company has the authority within the original CCN to go ahead and build the original line. Do you think that that's an accurate statement that they would have the authority under the

original CCN to construct the original line without this amendment?

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- A. I don't have a legal opinion to offer to that question.
- Q. Okay. Is there any harm to your organization or your members if the landowner compensation for the Tiger Connector is 150 percent of the fair market value versus what the original offering landowners were along the existing line?
- A. Generally speaking, we believe landowners along the line, the vast majority will benefit more favorably from the 150 percent fair market value. There could be some instances where the previous structure could perhaps work better. That's where we as our organization would encourage the Company to do what is best for each specific landowner and we believe that that is easy enough and flexible enough to be able to figure out. So do what is in the best interest of the landowner.
- Q. Is it possible that landowners along the Tiger Connector route might be worse off in terms of compensation under these new amendments?
- A. I mean, that's a question, Mr. Commissioner, that's difficult to answer given that I don't know the circumstance of each landowner that's potentially



- affected by the proposal. When discussions were happening in the legislature, we truly believed that 150 percent should be the base level or the floor as we think about these types of takings. So you know, again I would encourage and what we have continued to do is encourage the Company to do what's right. As they look at this Project, I would continue to assert that obtaining easements from landowners is a drop in the bucket compared to the overall cost of the Project. So it certainly would behoove them given the track record over the last decade let's step up efforts to be fair with landowners in the form of compensation.
- Q. Should the Company either by choice or by Order provide the landowners along the Tiger Connector route with the option to choose which compensation model they would prefer to receive, which one would you -- is there a preference in terms of which model your organization would support?
- A. I think offering that discretion depending on what is the most financially beneficial for the landowner would be amenable to us. How do you get there? Well, I guess I would love for Invenergy to go ahead and make that a corporate decision and work with landowners accordingly. Absent that, then I would encourage the PSC to consider including that in the



Order again always looking out for the interests of landowners who are bearing the brunt of said Project.

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- Q. Are you aware of any concerns that have been expressed by landowners about the agricultural mitigation policies contained in the Landowners Protocol or the Missouri Agriculture Impact Mitigation Protocol?
- With regard to any type of utility Α. infrastructure, there are always concerns, Mr. Commissioner, with construction as well as maintenance of the rights-of-way or easements. In this case with a Project of this scale, yes, we hear repeatedly from our farmers and ranchers about concerns about how it will impede their operations, their current operations on a daily basis, but we also have to continue to note that as technology evolves in agriculture and more technology is adapted on the farm, there will be hindrances or interruptions potentially with how people are able to operate. Not only that, but we have generational farms as they look at how to bring the kids home to the farm. We have so many of our members that are diversifying their income streams by pursuing agritourism, for instance.

It's hard to imagine a young couple wanting to do agritourism on an operation that's now what you see are these large structures that the family never wanted



- to begin with. So there are things to be considered that a farm family it's not just the day-to-day operations but for those who are going to follow mom or dad or grandma and grandpa on the farm, they will be dealing with these structures for the rest of their working lives.
- Q. Are you aware of any landowners sharing any industry best practices with Grain Belt beyond what has already been incorporated into the protocols?
  - A. I don't know. I'm not aware.

- Q. Have you or anyone from your organization requested any additional changes to either the Landowner Protocols or the Missouri Agriculture Impact Mitigation Protocol?
- A. Not to my knowledge. Well, excuse me,

  Mr. Commissioner. We did -- I will say last summer we

  did encourage the Company to consider burying the line.

  That was one thing that we did offer as a recommendation

  as we thought about how to limit the impact or the

  surface impact to landowners as much as possible. So

  that is one instance.
- Q. Yesterday I had a fairly lengthy inquiry with Company witness Mr. Chandler about landowner concerns and requested modifications to the siting of the route in response to landowner feedback received at the

community meetings. You were present to hear that exchange. Are there any statements you would like to have an opportunity to respond to?

- A. I was not there. I would say generally speaking though our members have been very vocal about any type of utility infrastructure that it needs to be minimally as intrusive as possible. So following existing rights-of-way, following section lines, going along highway corridors, et cetera. So that would go along with this Project as well.
- Q. Yesterday in testimony the Company said that they had moved the original proposed line that had multiple irrigation issues, circle irrigations that were eventually mitigated on the new route. Would you find that to be an accurate statement?
  - A. I can't answer. I don't know.
- Q. We also talked yesterday about the USDA organic rating that is received from the USDA. Are you aware of the Company addressing those issues for those farmers?
  - A. I am not aware.
- Q. During the public testimony part of this process, we heard from landowners who said if they just moved the lines, you know, 50 feet to one direction or another because of intentional trees or hedge rows that



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- have been aging for a while that they would be more amenable to a voluntary position. Are you aware has the Company had any outreach with any of those individuals who testified in the public hearings and made requests that would have to do with micrositing?
- A. I'm not aware, Mr. Commissioner. I guess generally speaking I would hope that the Company is taking seriously the concerns of those along the affected route and considering accommodations or concessions, but I'm not aware of the specifics that you're referencing.
- Q. Okay. Thank you. My last question is, in general, if this amendment -- so we've already established that without these amendments the Company can still proceed with the original line. With these amendments added if they were to be adopted, do you believe that your members would be better off or worse off given the material changes to the Project?
- A. Mr. Commissioner, it's difficult to say. You know, what I would say is once this Project was proposed last summer post legislative session what we were adamant about as Farm Bureau and the other organizations was that the Company should follow the spirit of HB 2005, all of the provisions of HB 2005 in light of Tiger Connector. So what we continue to advocate for is that

- this Company, a for-profit private entity go above and beyond in trying to prove itself that it is here to benefit Missourians and recognizes the brunt that Missouri landowners are being asked to bear for a Project that they didn't ask for. So that's what we continue to hear from our members over and over again that failed policies have allowed this to happen and here we are trying to fight for private property rights.
- Q. Okay. Thank you. Yesterday in testimony it was mentioned that of the 87 percent of Phase I that was already under contract that 70 percent of that was in Phase I in Missouri. Do you agree with that statement?
  - A. Can you please repeat that, Mr. Commissioner.
- Q. Sure. Yesterday in testimony information was presented that of the 87 percent that was already under existing contract for lease agreements that 70 percent of them were in the state of Missouri along the Phase I route. Do you think that is accurate?
- A. I don't know. The Company hasn't shared that with me directly. So I don't know.
- Q. Okay. My follow-up question is of the 70 percent who are already under lease agreement who have already committed to a payment structure, a payment compensation, have you heard from them in support of this Project?



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1	A. What I can say in all confidence,
2	Mr. Commissioner, that the very few people I have heard
3	from in my three years as Farm Bureau President who
4	support the Project pales in comparison to the number of
5	people who I hear from on a regular basis who adamantly
6	oppose the Project.
7	Q. So you would suggest that of the 30 percent
8	remaining to not have a voluntary compensation lease
9	agreement in place that they are more vocal than the 70
10	percent who are already under agreement?
11	A. I think, Mr. Commissioner, I think we need to
12	how do you define voluntary for those that have,
13	quote, unquote, entered into an agreement. I hear from
14	members all the time who feel like they are being beat
15	into submission and feel like they can't bear the burden
16	of legal costs and go ahead and sign an agreement to try
17	to forego that added expense. So if that's voluntary,
18	that's certainly a broad way to look at it. But for our
19	folks who don't want to fight the fight, we continue to
20	contend that's not fair.
21	COMMISSIONER HOLSMAN: All right. Well, I
22	appreciate you taking time to offer your testimony
23	today. Judge, that concludes my questions. Thank you.

Thank you. Commissioner

JUDGE DIPPELL:

Coleman, you had a question.

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COMMISSIONER COLEMAN: Thank you, Judge.

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## BY COMMISSIONER COLEMAN:

- Ο. So yesterday there was some conversation with witnesses regarding job creation. And often when these types of projects or cases come before the Commission that's one of the concerns and issues. It was brought up at the local public hearing in Mexico the fact that there may or may not be significant job creation that goes into play with building this connector and what's going to be there, what type of benefit to the community or the counties there would be after completion. Farm Bureau have an opinion on the job creation information we've been given and/or any evidence that in previous projects that you all have monitor that you really see that happening?
- A. Commissioner, it's an excellent question, but I don't have anything on hand based on previous experience with projects that lend our members to talking a great deal about job creation, because so many times those jobs are such short term in nature the longer impacts for the communities aren't there in a sustainable fashion.
- Q. And that's one of the things that long-term impact that, you know, it's up in the air.



L	Page 978 A. That's correct. The workers are there for a
2	short time, but the infrastructure, the towers are there
3	in perpetuity and that's the point of our members.
1	COMMISSIONER COLEMAN: Thank you. Thank you,

Judge.

Any other Commission JUDGE DIPPELL: All right. I think that takes care of the questions? Commission questions. Is there any further cross-examination based on questions from the Commissioners? I'm going to throw it out to the group. I'm not seeing anything. Is there redirect?

> Just one quick question. MR. HADEN:

## REDIRECT EXAMINATION

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So going back to Commissioner Holsman's questions, he was asking you about the 70/30 split of landowners that have made a deal -- well, or potentially I think we heard yesterday in testimony too there has been a little bit of litigation, just a very few cases to completion. Has anybody come to you as a member who has already either through litigation or voluntary sale had an easement go to Grain Belt and say that they really support the Project now and want it to move forward?

Α. No.



1	Q. You haven't heard from a single person that's
2	told you that?
3	A. No.
4	MR. HADEN: Thank you.
5	JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you, Mr. Hawkins. That
6	concludes your testimony and you may be excused.
7	THE WITNESS: Thank you.
8	(Witness excused.)
9	JUDGE DIPPELL: All right. Then I think we
10	are ready to go back to Clean Grid Alliance.
11	MR. BRADY: Thank you, Your Honor. We call
12	Michael Goggin.
13	JUDGE DIPPELL: And Mr. Goggin is on the
14	WebEx.
15	THE WITNESS: Hi.
16	JUDGE DIPPELL: If we can pull him up.
17	Mr. Goggin, go ahead and I'm going to swear you in so I
18	can see you and then we'll get you pulled up on the
19	screen for everyone else. Raise your right hand if
20	you're able. Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the
21	testimony you're about to give at this hearing will be
22	the truth?
23	THE WITNESS: Yes.
24	JUDGE DIPPELL: And then would you please
25	state your name and spell it for the court reporter.



1 It's Michael Goggin. THE WITNESS: Sure. 2 That's M-i-c-h-a-e-l G-o-q-q-i-n. 3 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. Thank you. Now 4 everyone can see you, I think. So go ahead with your 5 testimony or your witness, Mr. Brady. 6 Thank you, Judge. MR. BRADY: 7 MICHAEL GOGGIN, 8 having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified 9 as follows: 10 DIRECT EXAMINATION 11 BY MR. BRADY: 12 Mr. Goggin, who is your employer? Ο. 13 I'm employed by Grid Strategies LLC. Α. 14 What is your title with Grid Strategies? Q. 15 Α. Vice President. 16 Did you prepare a written testimony for this Q. 17 case on behalf of Clean Grid Alliance? 18 Α. Yes. 19 Did you prepare a written rebuttal testimony Q. 20 accompanied by 11 schedules identified as MG-1 through 21 MG-11? 2.2 Α. Yes. 23 And did you prepare written cross-surrebuttal O. 24 testimony on behalf of Clean Grid Alliance? 25 Α. Yes.

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- Q. Looking at those two pieces of testimony, do you have any corrections to the testimony or schedules?
  - A. No.

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- Q. If I were to -- Are your answers to the questions in the rebuttal and cross-surrebuttal testimony true and accurate to the best of your knowledge?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. If I were to ask you today the same questions contained in the rebuttal and cross-surrebuttal testimony, would your answers be substantially similar to what is in the written testimony you've prepared?
  - A. Yes.

MR. BRADY: The testimony that Mr. Goggin has verified was prefiled in the case, the rebuttal testimony and Schedules MG-1 through MG-11 were prefiled on April 19 and identified in EFIS as Item No. 135. The cross-surrebuttal testimony was prefiled in this case on May 15 and is identified in EFIS as Item No. 161. Your Honor, I move for the admission of these documents into the record with the verified rebuttal testimony and Schedules MG-1 and MG-11 marked as Exhibit No. 600 and the cross-surrebuttal testimony that Mr. Goggin has verified marked as Exhibit 601.

JUDGE DIPPELL: Yes. Thank you. Those are

1	the numbers that I have. And I'm sorry. You offered
2	that testimony?
3	MR. BRADY: Yes. I move for the admission of
4	that testimony.
5	JUDGE DIPPELL: Is there any objection to
6	Exhibits 600 and 601? Seeing none, I will admit those.
7	(CLEAN GRID ALLIANCE EXHIBITS 600 AND 601 WERE
8	RECEIVED INTO EVIDENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS RECORD.)
9	JUDGE DIPPELL: If there's any confusion on
10	the numbering, I renumbered those. They were originally
11	I think numbered with the schedules separately but I put
12	the schedules as part of the testimony.
13	MR. BRADY: Correct. The schedules, he only
14	has Schedules MG-1 through MG-11. Those are all with
15	the rebuttal testimony and included as Exhibit No. 600.
16	JUDGE DIPPELL: Yes. Okay then. We're ready
17	then for cross-examination. Is there going to be
18	cross-examination of this witness? Yes. Okay.
19	MR. AGATHEN: Yes, Your Honor.
20	JUDGE DIPPELL: MEC.
21	MS. WHIPPLE: Thank you, Your Honor. Yes.
22	Good afternoon, Mr. Goggin.
23	THE WITNESS: Good afternoon.
24	CROSS-EXAMINATION
25	BY MS. WHIPPLE:



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Q. Would you tell us, please, are Kansas
renewable resources delivered over Grain Belt going to
be in your opinion a higher or a lower cost option than
the resources that are currently available in Missouri?

As I explained in my rebuttal testimony, they Α. would be lower costs and this is due to their higher capacity factor on their grid of productivity which reduces the cost per MW hour because those fixed costs of building and operating the plant can be spread across more MW hours; and as I establish in my testimony, there is a significant difference in the productivity of both wind and solar resources higher in the Kansas resource area than resources that are available in Missouri. Т also in my testimony note that there are significant impediments to interconnecting new renewable resources in Missouri or in the MISO footprint due to transmission congestion that is increasing interconnection costs resulting in Project curtailment and congestion that reduces the value of wind and solar resources available in MISO and other parts -- in Missouri and other parts And Grain Belt Express Project would be able to deliver the resources directly from Kansas and overcome those limitations.

MS. WHIPPLE: Very good. Thank you. That's all I had, Your Honor.



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1	JUDGE DIPPELL: Is there anything from
2	Associated Industries.
3	MR. ELLINGER: No questions, Judge. Thank
4	you.
5	JUDGE DIPPELL: Sierra Club.
6	MS. RUBENSTEIN: No questions. Thank you.
7	JUDGE DIPPELL: Renew Missouri.
8	MS. GREENWALD: No, thank you.
9	JUDGE DIPPELL: Grain Belt.
10	MR. SCHULTE: Yes, please, thank you. Good
11	afternoon, Mr. Goggin, if it's afternoon where you're
12	joining us from.
13	THE WITNESS: It is good afternoon.
14	CROSS-EXAMINATION
15	BY MR. SCHULTE:
16	Q. I note that before your tenure at Grid
17	Strategies you were at the American Wind Energy
18	Association now known as American Clean Power
19	Association?
20	A. That's correct.
21	Q. And overall you've been working on renewable
22	energy transmission and electricity market issues for
23	over 15 years?
24	A. That's correct.
25	Q. And over those 15 years, do you work closely



- with wind and solar developers?
- 2 A. Yes, I do.

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- Q. Have you reviewed the 74 percent capacity factor assumption put forth by Grain Belt in this proceeding?
  - A. I've done some percent reanalysis, yes.
  - Q. Are you familiar with the amount, and I'll direct you to your, I want to make sure I call it the right thing, cross-surrebuttal testimony.
- A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Around page 5, actually specifically on page 5
  12 you reference that capacity factor?
- 13 A. Yes, I'm there.
- Q. Actually I'm going to have you flip to page 6 if you don't mind. It's line number 110.
  - A. I'm there.
  - Q. I'm sorry. I'm going to actually start up on 108 so we get a complete sentence. As noted on page 6 of Repsher's report, -- and that's Mark Repsher, the witness for Grain Belt; is that correct? That's your understanding? Sorry.
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Just want to make sure the record is clear.

  -- around 9,300 MW of nameplate wind and solar capacity
- 25 (6,021 MW of wind plus 3,262 MW of solar) can be

- interconnected to the 5,000 MW Grain Belt Express line because of the synergies between wind and solar resources due to the negative correlation in the timing of their output. Did I read that correctly?
  - A. That's correct.

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- Q. And based on your experience working with wind and solar developers, do you believe it's reasonable to assume that wind and solar developers would be willing to interconnect or willing to interconnect their Projects to the Grain Belt Project at levels that exceed the 5000 MW capacity?
- I do. And this is commonly done with building Α. transmission lines, interconnecting renewable resources to have the renewable nameplate capacity exceed the rated capacity of the transmission line. This can be done because particularly with wind and solar resources there are negative correlations, as I explained in my testimony, between their output profiles. obviously produces during the day. Wind in most of the country, including Kansas, produces, tends to produce more at night. That's true seasonally as well. obviously is greatest in the summer. Wind resources tend to be highest in the other months of the year. so when you put these two resources together, because they're not intended to produce at the same time, you

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can install more nameplate capacity relative -- of the renewable resources relative to the capacity of the transmission line.

There's also geographic diversity among wind and among solar resources, particularly for wind Just as weather systems move through wind resources. projects, they're not in lockstep. There's a pretty significant drop in the correlation between the output of any two wind projects as the geographic distance between them increases. And given the amount of, you know, wind resources and solar resources we're talking about here, there's inherent geographic diversity just would have to spread those resources over a significant geographic area to be able to build that much wind and And that geographic diversity from having those disbursed resources is going to further reduce the coincidence and the correlations between any two wind projects or any two solar projects. That allows you to get even more of that geographic diversity that helps ensure that the other resources are not intended to produce all at the same time. I think when you take account for those diversity benefits it makes the amount of curtailment that you would expect during the few hours per year when you do have total wind and solar output exceeding the capacity of the transmission line



- 1 it keeps that curtailment at an acceptable level that is
- 2 economically palatable to get to the renewable
- 3 developers.
- 4 MR. SCHULTE: No further questions. Thank
- 5 you, Mr. Goggin.
- 6 Thank you. Is there anything JUDGE DIPPELL:
- from Public Counsel. 7
- 8 MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you, no.
- 9 JUDGE DIPPELL: Staff.
- 10 MR. PRINGLE: Yes, Judge. Thank you. Good
- 11 afternoon, Mr. Goggin.

Guidehouse study?

- 12 Good afternoon. THE WITNESS:
- 13 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 14 BY MR. PRINGLE:
- 15 And on questioning from Grain Belt you 16 mentioned that you had done a cursory review of the 17
- 18 Yes, that's correct. Of the Repsher report I Α. 19 believe is what I was being asked about, yes.
- 20 For the record that's the PA Consulting study. 0. 21 Apologies for that. With regard to Mr. Repsher's study,
- 2.2 did you review any workpapers regarding his proposed 74
- 23 percent capacity factor?
- 24 No, I did not. When I said "cursory," what I Α.
- 25 was referring to is in my testimony I discussed the



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typical capacity factors for weighted solar projects that we see in the Kansas resource area. I would note that those are increasing over time as technology for both wind and solar improves. But doing that analysis, you know, I think wind and solar alone could probably — the amount of capacity that is being talked about in the report could support a capacity factor of 80 percent of the 5000 MW rated capacity of the transmission line. So it would be delivering on average about 4000 MW over the 5000 line. That's without taking into account any curtailment that might reduce that somewhat.

As I noted just a few minutes ago, because of the diversity output, the diversity of the output profiles I expect that curtailment to be minimal acceptable. So I think, you know, based on kind of that starting 80 percent figure I think 74 percent figure after accounting for that curtailment is highly reasonable.

- Q. You did not review any workpapers about that; that was your answer, correct?
- A. That's correct, I did not review any of the workpapers.
- Q. And what is your definition of a capacity factor?
- A. So capacity factor is the amount of energy



1	produced over some period divided by the total
2	theoretical maximum that that resource based on its
3	nameplate capacity could have produced.
4	MR. PRINGLE: Thank you, sir. No further
5	questions.
6	JUDGE DIPPELL: Are there questions from
7	Missouri Landowners Alliance.
8	MR. AGATHEN: Yes, thank you, Your Honor.
9	Good afternoon, Mr. Goggin.
10	THE WITNESS: Good afternoon.
11	CROSS-EXAMINATION
12	BY MR. AGATHEN:
13	Q. My name is Paul Agathen, and just for your
14	benefit you should know I represent a group of clients
15	who are opposed to the Grain Belt line. Could you turn,
16	please, to page 4 of your rebuttal testimony?
17	A. Okay. I'm there.
18	Q. At lines 87 to 90 you state that the Grain
19	Belt Project will be capable of delivering 2500 MW to
20	delivery points in Missouri. Is that essentially
21	correct?
22	A. That's correct.
23	JUDGE DIPPELL: Sorry, Mr. Goggin. Did you
24	answer?
25	THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. I said that's



- 1 | correct.
- 2 JUDGE DIPPELL: Yes. We didn't catch that.
- 3 | Thank you.
- 4 BY MR. AGATHEN:
- Q. Not all 2500 MW will necessarily be purchased by utilities which serve retail customers in Missouri,
- 7 | will it?

- JUDGE DIPPELL: Sorry, Mr. Goggin. Can you

  get just a little closer to your mike. For some reason

  you cut out when you're further back.
- 11 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure what happened.
- 12 JUDGE DIPPELL: It's still very quiet.
- THE WITNESS: Can you hear me now?
- JUDGE DIPPELL: We can but you're very quiet
- THE WITNESS: I'll speak loudly. I'm not sure
  what changed. My understanding is that at this point in
  what's been publicly disclosed that the contracting for
- 19 that 2500 MW that would be delivered into Missouri, some
- 20 of that has not been determined in terms of who will be
- 21 | the offtaker.
- 22 BY MR. AGATHEN:

for some reason.

- Q. Right. But portions of that 2500 MW could be
- 24 delivered to other states. For example, it could be
- 25 delivered to Inergy, right?



- A. That's theoretically possible.
  - Q. And TVA?

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- A. I suppose that's also theoretically possible.

  That would require, you know, a contract and a

  transmission reservation to make those types of flows

  but it's theoretically possible.
  - Q. Isn't TVA able to tie directly to the connection at Associated's substation?
    - A. I'm not sure.
  - Q. Actually couldn't some or all of the 2500 MW be delivered to virtually every state within MISO?
- A. That would also require being able to deliver
  within MISO. It would require a study of the
  point-to-point transmission, the feasibility of doing a
  point-to-point transmission delivery and, you know,
  there is congestion within MISO that in many cases may
  prevent that type of delivery.
  - Q. But there are cases where it could be delivered to other states in MISO?
    - A. It's theoretically possible, sure.
  - Q. On a different subject, could you please turn to page 6 of your rebuttal testimony?
- A. I'm there.
- Q. Are you there?
- 25 A. Yes, I'm there.



1	Q. At lines 133 to 135 you state that according
2	to Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, in 2022 the
3	average capacity factor for Kansas wind projects
4	installed from 2016 to 2020 was 43.4 percent, correct?
5	MR. BRADY: I'm going to object. Actually,
6	Mr. Goggin, you said you misstated 2022. I think in
7	the record the testimony says 2021. Data shows that in
8	2021 the average capacity factor for Kansas wind
9	projects installed during 2016 to 2020 was 43.4 percent.
10	JUDGE DIPPELL: Mr. Agathen, can you give me
11	that citation again.
12	MR. AGATHEN: That was at page 6 of his
13	rebuttal testimony, lines 133 to 135. And he's citing
14	the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.
15	JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. I'm there.
16	MR. BRADY: And I was just correcting he had
17	said it was 2022. I'm just saying it was actually 2021.
18	So I'm fine with the question going forward.
19	JUDGE DIPPELL: All right. The witness may
20	need the question asked again.
21	BY MR. AGATHEN:
22	Q. Does that
23	A. That's okay. I heard it. Yeah, the text says



Notwithstanding that, the statement is correct.

That was the analysis I did, not did 2022.

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- Q. The 43.4 percent capacity factor for Kansas?
- A. That's correct. For the projects that were installed in the 2016 to 2020 period.

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- Q. And I don't know if you know the answer to this or if you've got the document in front of you, but according to that same Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory report, a comparable capacity factor for wind generation in Iowa was 41 percent, correct?
- A. I don't have the document in front of me, but I have no reason to doubt that.
- Q. Thank you. This comparison of different capacity factors for different states in different areas for wind generation, they don't account for the difference in the cost of transmission facilities needed to get the power to Missouri, do they?
- A. No. This is just a capacity factor analysis, and I would note given the example you cited of the Iowa capacity factor, there is significant transmission congestion between Iowa and Missouri that would limit the deliverability of those wind resources barring significant transmission upgrades that would also have a cost.
- Q. In other words, just looking at capacity factors doesn't take into account any cost of transmission?



- No, it's not intended to. Α.
- Do you perhaps have a copy with you of the Ο. Report and Order on Remand from the Commission's last That was -case?
  - Α. I do not.

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- Could you accept subject to check that in that 0. Order at page 26, paragraph 80, the Commission found that a levelized cost analysis is the best financial technique to compare different energy generation sources?
- Subject to check, I believe you that that's Α. what the statement says.
- Thank you. And again subject to check, would Ο. you accept that the Order at page 26, paragraph 81, stated that Grain Belt witness David Berry testified credibly that the Grain Belt Project's total delivered cost of energy is less than any other renewable or conventional energy alternative such as Missouri wind energy, Missouri utility scale solar energy and combined cycle gas energy?
  - Α. Subject to --
- MR. BRADY: Can you -- I just have a copy of 23 the Order in front of me now. Was that paragraph 81?
- 24 Yes, page 26. MR. AGATHEN:
- 25 MR. BRADY: Okay.



THE WITNESS: Subject to check, I take you at your word that that's correct.

## BY MR. AGATHEN:

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Q. Thank you. So Mr. Berry's levelized cost analysis which compared the total delivered cost of energy for Missouri, including the cost of transmission, was in addition to just the cost of energy, right?

MR. BRADY: I'm going to object. The document says what the document says. So he doesn't need Mr. Goggin to confirm what the Commission has already acknowledged in its prior Order. He's fine to cite that. It's already in the record. He's fine to cite it in his brief.

MR. AGATHEN: I just want to make sure that the record is clear that Mr. Berry's testimony in that case did include the cost of transmission.

an answer to that and as has been stated the Order says what the Order says and I've admitted the Order. So you can argue that. You can cite to that in your brief and argue that in your brief and explain it. I don't think we need the witness to explain that. But if you have questions about the witness's knowledge, go forward and ask those questions.

BY MR. AGATHEN:



1	Q. I'll start with a different question here
2	then. Did you perform a levelized cost analysis
3	comparing the total cost of bringing Grain Belt energy
4	to Missouri to the total cost of other potential
5	alternatives such as wind generation in Iowa?
6	A. I did not.
7	Q. Do you know of any other witness in this case
8	who performed such a levelized cost analysis?
9	A. I do not.
10	Q. Did you conduct a levelized cost analysis
11	comparing the delivered cost of solar power from
12	different locations?
13	A. I did not.
14	Q. On a different subject, could you turn to page
15	18 of your testimony.
16	MR. BRADY: Of the rebuttal testimony?
17	MR. AGATHEN: Yes.
18	MR. BRADY: Thank you.
19	THE WITNESS: I'm there.
20	BY MR. AGATHEN:
21	Q. At line 30 excuse me. At line 357, you
22	referred to an area called MISO north; is that correct?
23	A. That's correct.
24	Q. Do you know what states are included in that
25	area?



- A. When I was using that, I was referring to everything except MISO south which is generally -- so it's everything except Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi and parts of Texas.
- Q. Do you know what states specifically would be included in MISO north, at least some of them?
- A. Sure. It would be the Dakotas, Missouri,
  Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, parts of Illinois and
  Indiana, I guess part of Kentucky. Did I say Michigan?
  Michigan as well.
- Q. You know your geography. Could you turn, please, to page 22 of your rebuttal testimony.
  - A. I'm there.

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- Q. Are you there?
- A. Yes, I'm there, yes.
- Q. Beginning at line 452, you state that Kansas renewable resources delivered via the Project are a lower cost option than resources available in or currently deliverable to Missouri and then you go on to state three or four reasons why that is so. Is that generally correct?
  - A. That's correct.
- Q. In conjunction with that statement, did you conduct a levelized cost of energy analysis which included the cost of building the Grain Belt Project?



1	A. I did not. That's because as I explained in
2	the section many of the costs associated
3	JUDGE DIPPELL: Hang on just a minute,
4	Mr. Goggin. Sorry. You kind of cut out again.
5	THE WITNESS: Sure, I can start over. I did
6	not and that's because as I explained in this section
7	transmission congestion
8	JUDGE DIPPELL: I'm going to have to stop you
9	again. You keep coming and going. Do you have another
10	microphone or?
11	THE WITNESS: I can switch to my phone.
12	JUDGE DIPPELL: Yeah, we can try you without
13	your video to see if that is better.
14	Let's go off the record quickly.
15	(Off the record.)
16	JUDGE DIPPELL: Let's go ahead and go back on
17	the record. I'm sorry, Mr. Agathen, you may have to
18	repeat your question.
19	BY MR. AGATHEN:
20	Q. Okay. Mr. Goggin, do you want me to repeat it
21	or are you aware of what the question was?
22	A. I remember where we were. So I was stating
23	that I did not conduct a levelized cost analysis
24	because, as I explained in the section, there are

significant transmission upgrade costs that would be

1	associated with making resources within MISO
2	deliverable. The cost and timeline associated with
3	those upgrades is uncertain, but it is lengthy in terms
4	of the delays and the costs are quite significant now.
5	There's also congestion and curtailment risks that will
6	severely affect the value of those resources within MISO
7	whereas those concerns do not apply to the resources
8	delivered via Grain Belt because the transmission line
9	is resolving that congestion. And because of the
10	uncertainty around those costs and reductions in value
11	and delays associated with MISO resources, I did not
12	think it was feasible to do an apples to apples
13	comparison between resources delivered via Grain Belt
14	versus resources available within MISO.
15	Q. You wouldn't happen to know how Mr. Berry
16	conducted the analysis of both scenarios, do you?
17	A. Not off the top of my head, no, I don't.
18	MR. AGATHEN: That's all I have, Judge.
19	JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. Is there any cross
20	from the Ag Associations.
21	MR. HADEN: None, Your Honor, thank you.
22	JUDGE DIPPELL: Ms. Stemme.
23	MS. STEMME: No questions.
24	JUDGE DIPPELL: Are there questions for

Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Goggin from the Commissioners?

1	CHAIRMAN RUPP: Thank you, Judge.
2	QUESTIONS
3	BY CHAIRMAN RUPP:
4	Q. This is Commissioner Rupp, Mr. Goggin.
5	A. Hello.
6	Q. I believe it was your I think it was your
7	rebuttal page 5, line 93.
8	A. Okay, I'm there.
9	Q. Is that where you were responding to witness
10	Eubanks from the Commission the difference between
11	capacity factor and capacity value? I don't have it
12	pulled up in front of me.
13	MR. BRADY: Chairman, I think that's his
14	cross-surrebuttal.
15	CHAIRMAN RUPP: Cross-surrebuttal. Thank you.
16	MR. BRADY: Mr. Goggin, it's your
17	cross-surrebuttal page 5, line 93.
18	CHAIRMAN RUPP: Thank you. Now I have it
19	pulled up.
20	BY CHAIRMAN RUPP:
21	Q. Can you explain the difference between
22	capacity factor and capacity value that you are
23	referencing in line 93 to 95?
24	A. Sure. So capacity factor, and that's what the
25	74 percent offered by Repsher's report is a measure of

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- energy production. As I answered a few minutes ago, that's measured as the actual production of energy divided by the maximum theoretical amount. And so capacity factor was an energy measure. Capacity value is a measure of capacity that is dependable or useful for meeting peak electricity demand needs and that is generally lower for wind and solar resources. And because witness Stahlman is referring to how MISO and SPP accredit renewable resources, that deals with capacity value issues, but it's a totally separate issue from capacity factor. And that's the point I was making there is that 74 percent capacity factor is a different measure than the capacity value that MISO and SPP accredit renewable resources.
- Q. Thank you for clarifying that. And I believe it was in your testimony you espoused the belief that wind generated in Kansas, you know, is more beneficial to driving down wholesale prices than wind generated in Missouri and I understood your reasoning.
- A. Yes, that's correct. And that's because the resources are more productive. So there's more energy being injected relative to resources in, you know, Missouri and, you know, all wind and solar resources offers into the market at essentially zero marginal cost reflecting that as no fuel price. So adding those zero



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available in Missouri.

- marginal cost resources depresses on energy market

  prices which is beneficial for consumers and having more

  MW hours injected causes more price reduction.

  Similarly on the capacity side, similar to adding

  additional supply into the capacity market tends to

  drive down price. More productive wind and solar

  resources generally offer a higher capacity value. So

  similarly you would have greater benefit from the more

  productive resources relative to those that are
  - Q. And those would be contracted by a regulated utility through a PPA?
  - A. That's likely how it would play out. In the energy market impact, that's going to -- the benefit would accrue in the MISO market regardless of those contracts. The energy market kind of operates on a separate plane from bilateral power purchase agreements that are outside of the wholesale market. Regardless of the contracts, you know, the wind being injected into Missouri in the energy market is going to have that effect of power prices regardless of who the offtaker, the customer is.
  - Q. Now, this is a Missouri specific question and you may have no knowledge of this. But are you aware that the Missouri Office of Public Counsel in many rate



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- cases have put forth the argument that purchased power agreements entered into by Evergy have been bad business decisions and noneconomical for Missouri ratepayers compared to other generation options they could have explored? Have you read that or are you familiar with that at all?

  A. I am not familiar with that.
- 8 CHAIRMAN RUPP: Great. That is all I had.
- 9 | Thank you.

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- JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. Are there any other Commission questions?
- 12 COMMISSIONER HOLSMAN: Yes, Judge. I have a 13 couple.
- 14 JUDGE DIPPELL: Go ahead, Commissioner.
- COMMISSIONER HOLSMAN: Okay. Thank you.
- 16 QUESTIONS
- 17 BY COMMISSIONER HOLSMAN:
  - Q. Thank you for your testimony, Mr. Goggin. We have heard throughout this hearing from different stakeholders that one of the concerns is there haven't been generator contracts established. And in your testimony you mention that that's not uncommon for renewable energy projects to have the transmission go first and that a field of dreams scenario, if you build it they will come, is in place. Can you speak a little



bit to your belief that the contracts from generators will be there if this Project moves forward.

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Α. Yes. And your statement is absolutely right that if you build it they will come is the mantra. experience over the last 15 plus years has been that every time there's been proactive transmission expansion to resource areas with high quality renewable resources that those transmission lines are typically immediately subscribed if not oversubscribed just given the compelling economics of the wind and solar resources in those areas, and this is based on experience in Texas with the competitive renewable energy zone transmission lines, in other parts of MISO with the multi-value projects, in the Southwest Power Pool with the priority projects there, experience in California with the Tehachapi wind transmission interconnection as well as other expansions of transmission.

Everywhere this has happened to a renewable resource area the renewable resources have been built and contracted as the transmission line came into service, and this kind of timing mismatch with building the transmission before the generation and the contracts for the generation are in place is necessary because of the type of mismatch and that it takes so much longer to permit and build a transmission line than it takes to

permit and build a renewable resource; that the transmission line necessarily has to go first.

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- Q. Thank you. MISO has been working to implement its long-range transmission plan focusing on Tranche 1 currently. Maybe those projects will start coming online in 2028. Is it possible that the Grain Belt Project would become unnecessary because the Tranche 1 projects are being built?
- 9 I address this in my rebuttal testimony. Α. Ι 10 think that the Tranche 1 projects are going to be highly 11 I would note that transmission development beneficial. 12 takes a long time. There often are permitting 13 challenges that can delay those projects. This was the 14 case for many of the multi-value projects, the last 15 being round of transmission expansion that MISO 16 undertook. I would note that one of those transmission 17 lines is still not completed, you know, over a decade later because of permitting and other objections. 18 19 That's the Cardinal-Hickory Creek transmission line. So there is that risk of those projects not being in place 20 21 by the currently scheduled date.

I would also note that there's extremely high demand for renewable resources with the Inflation Reduction Act providing long-term and expanded tax credits for wind and solar resources. I think that



trend is going to continue. There's going to be
continued economic interest in procuring renewable
resources. And so I think it's likely that there's
going to be demand for such a large amount of renewables
that both the Tranche 1 projects and the Grain Belt
Express Projects will be needed to meet that demand.

- Q. Is it fair to say that you have witnessed or experienced, been a part of, studied, a number of transmission projects around the country?
- A. Yes. At this point I think I've had some engagement with every major --

JUDGE DIPPELL: I'm sorry, Mr. Goggin. You faded out for us here in the hearing.

THE WITNESS: I just said that I think over the last 15 years I've had some engagement in every major transmission expansion for renewable resources in the United States.

JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you.

## BY COMMISSIONER HOLSMAN:

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Q. Okay. So I'm going to ask this. This is my final question. In the state of Missouri, we have a long history of property rights and valuing our landowners and having agriculture be if not the leading major industry in this state. How would you compare the way that the Company has approached interacting with the



landowners and the compensation packages that have been provided versus other states and other companies in other projects that you've been a part of?

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So I should disclose that my engagement with 4 Α. 5 this process and with those other transmission lines has 6 not really delved into that issue. So I don't think I 7 have the knowledge to answer that question. I deal more 8 with kind of the issues I talked about here in my 9 testimony, the resource supply and economics and the 10 I don't get into the landowner interactions in my need. 11 I don't have the knowledge to answer that work. 12 question unfortunately.

JUDGE DIPPELL: Commissioner Holsman, can you repeat that for the court reporter? You cut out.

BY COMMISSIONER HOLSMAN:

- Q. I said can you acknowledge that there has been a tension between those stakeholders and the other projects you've been a part of?
- A. Certainly, yes, there's always some negotiation between the project developers and the landowners. That's, you know, as is true with any business transaction, there's going to be a negotiation.
- Q. And the projects that you've been a part of that have come to completion, the data and financial projections that have been a part of that, have they

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1	more likely been accurate or have come to fruition in
2	your experience?
3	A. Yes. I reviewed a number of retrospective
4	analyses that MISO and Southwest Power Pool and others
5	have done for transmission investments, and what they
6	found is that the benefits are as large if not larger
7	than what the expected going into the project into
8	the transmission project development. So the track
9	record has been that the benefits expand or exceed
10	expectations.
11	COMMISSIONER HOLSMAN: All right. Thank you
12	very much for your testimony today. Judge, that is all
13	I have.
14	JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you, Commissioner. Are
15	there any other Commission questions? All right. Then
16	with that, I hate to break at the end of your testimony
17	but I think that we're overdue for a lunch break. Will
18	there be any further cross-examination of Mr. Goggin
19	based on those questions? How long?
20	MR. PRINGLE: Two questions.
21	JUDGE DIPPELL: Two questions. And will there
22	be redirect
23	MR. BRADY: Yes.
24	JUDGE DIPPELL: at this point.
25	MR. BRADY: Yes.



1	JUDGE DIPPELL: Will it be extensive?
2	MR. BRADY: No.
3	JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. Let's go ahead and
4	finish him then. So no cross-examination except for
5	Staff based on Commission questions. All right. Staff,
6	go ahead.
7	MR. PRINGLE: Thank you, Judge.
8	FURTHER CROSS-EXAMINATION
9	BY MR. PRINGLE:
10	Q. Mr. Goggin, can you hear me?
11	A. Yes.
12	Q. What is your definition of economic
13	feasibility?
14	A. Off the top of my head, I would say that it's
15	the ability of a proposed investment to generate
16	sufficient revenue to recover its costs with an adequate
17	rate of return to make the investment worthwhile to the
18	investors.
19	Q. And then in your opinion, would the most
20	economically optimal result be that the entire Project
21	is constructed?
22	A. I haven't gone into that in detail, but I
23	would say in general transmission does offer economies
24	of scale and larger investments tend to have a lower
25	cost for MW delivered and more benefits than smaller

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- 1 investments, but I haven't done the detailed analysis
- 2 | for the phases here.
- 3 MR. PRINGLE: Thank you, sir. No further
- 4 questions.
- 5 JUDGE DIPPELL: Any other cross-examination
- 6 from MLA, Ag Association.
- 7 MR. AGATHEN: None from me, Your Honor.
- MR. HADEN: No, Your Honor. Thank you.
- 9 JUDGE DIPPELL: Ms. Stemme.
- 10 MS. STEMME: No.
- JUDGE DIPPELL: Is there redirect?
- MR. BRADY: Yes.
- 13 Travis, I was concerned we weren't going to
- 14 get the economic feasibility question.
- MR. PRINGLE: I'm always good for it.
- 16 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 17 BY MR. BRADY:
- 18 Q. Michael, can you hear me?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Great. Mr. Agathen had asked you some
- 21 | questions about levelized cost of energy in his
- 22 | questions relative to the last case, the EA-2016-0358.
- 23 | Are you familiar -- You're familiar with levelized cost
- 24 of energy, correct?
- 25 A. That's correct.



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Are there -- and what did Mr. Repsher use for Q. his justification of economic feasibility in this case?

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So it was heavily based around analysis of the Α. 4 energy and capacity market impacts of the additional I think that's a reasonable method for the supply. At this point, you know, as I mentioned, the analysis. 7 potential cost of developing resources within MISO is uncertain due to the need for transmission upgrades Similarly the exact pricing of generation there. contracts, wind and solar resource that would deliver 11 via the Grain Belt line is also not known. In the 12 absence of that information, I believe that looking at 13 wholesale market price impacts is a reasonable proxy for 14 the value of the line because it does reflect the 15 ability of, you know, low-cost power to flow over the line and to be injected into MISO and especially into 17 Missouri.

And I will note that wholesale power prices when there is reduction in a wholesale sale price of energy and capacity that does tend to translate into savings for customers because those market prices are used as a benchmark against which generation contracts are signed, against which resource -- or retirements are evaluated and so there is a, you know, obviously how those prices flow through the customers depends on the



contract structure. But over the medium to long-term those prices do tend to translate into savings for customers because they're used as a benchmark and they derive resource pricing in the bilateral PPA market.

- Q. Thank you. That was a little bit more than what I was expecting. I think what you just gave me may be the answer to my next question. So confirm that. So you're familiar with levelized cost of energy. You've nailed down and explained you've identified that you're familiar with Mr. Repsher's analysis. And which analysis would be better in this situation for economic feasibility?
- A. I think Mr. Repsher's analysis is a reasonable way to estimate the feasibility and the economic benefits of the line, you know, just given that there are certain key inputs are not available to do the levelized cost analysis. I would also note that the levelized cost analysis while useful alone I think is not sufficient for really evaluating costs and benefits and part because levelized cost of energy is just a measure of the cost of energy. It doesn't speak to the value of that energy. It doesn't account for the cost or value of capacity. As I noted, there's differences in the capacity value that renewable resources delivered through the line would be higher than that likely

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offered by resources within MISO. As I mentioned, it
doesn't account for potential costs of upgrades for
transmission within MISO. In short, there's a number of
things that are not included in levelized cost of energy
analysis that, you know, make it useful but alone it's
not sufficient. So I think the analysis presented by
Mr. Repsher is a reasonable estimate of the value of the
line and the economic feasibility of the line.

Q. Does a levelized cost of energy account for congestion?

JUDGE DIPPELL: The court reporter didn't catch the answer. So we're going to have him repeat it.

BY MR. BRADY:

- Q. Does a levelized cost of energy analysis account for congestion?
- A. It does not. Because the value of the -congestion affects the value of energy as I explained in
  my rebuttal testimony and if, you know, renewable
  resources within MISO are generating at points on the
  grid where there is significant congestion, that is
  going to suppress the value of that energy and make it
  less valuable for the customers, the people who are, you
  know, receiving that power, and that is not accounted
  for in levelized cost of energy analysis.
  - Q. Levelized cost of energy analysis does not

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- account for the change in locational marginal prices,
  the changes in pricing across the footprint whereas does
  PROMOD account for something like that? Does the
  Repsher analysis account for that?
- A. That's correct. The Repsher analysis would account for those changes in prices, whereas levelized cost of energy analysis would not.
- Q. Would the type of analysis that Mr. Repsher did account for reliability and resiliency?
- Α. To some extent it does reflect the analysis that was presented by Guidehouse, as well as my own analysis that I did of the value Grain Belt Express would have offered during Winter Storm Elliott. That also is not reflected in a levelized cost of energy analysis, the ability to use the transmission line for energy arbitrage, to receive capacity value during events, during post-mortem operations and the severe weather events would not be captured in a levelized cost of energy analysis. It's another reason why levelized cost of energy analysis can be useful, but it is not sufficient critically for a line like Grain Belt Express where it's been proposed to deliver power among different RTOs.
- MR. BRADY: Thank you, Michael. Thank you, Your Honor. That's all I have.



1 I believe, JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. 2 Mr. Goggin, that completes your testimony and you may be 3 excused. 4 Thank you. THE WITNESS: Great. 5 (Witness excused.) 6 JUDGE DIPPELL: And we will take a lunch 7 break. Its 1:15 now, so return at 2:15. We can go off 8 the record. 9 (The noon recess was taken.) 10 JUDGE DIPPELL: We're back after our lunch 11 And we are ready to begin with Sierra Club's 12 Sierra Club's attorney and its witness are 13 both remote. So we will see how this works. 14 Hopefully you can see and MS. RUBENSTEIN: 15 hear me. This is Sarah Rubenstein for Sierra Club. 16 JUDGE DIPPELL: We can see and hear you. 17 MS. RUBENSTEIN: Would it be helpful for me to 18 turn off my video when we call our witness. 19 Let's try with everybody and JUDGE DIPPELL: 20 their video and just see. If we have problems, then 21 we'll start with letting the attorney turn off their 2.2 video and then we'll try turning off the witness video. 23 We'll take it from there. 24 MS. RUBENSTEIN: Sounds good. We're ready to

We'd like to call our first witness, our only

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1	witness, Michael Milligan.
2	THE WITNESS: Hello. I'm sorry I'm unable to
3	get my camera to work. It worked yesterday and it's not
4	going today. Would you like me to take a few minutes or
5	do you want to go ahead with voice only?
6	JUDGE DIPPELL: If there's no objection from
7	any attorneys, let's just proceed. Cameras may just
8	cause us problems anyway. If you are able, would you
9	please raise your right hand.
10	THE WITNESS: Yes.
11	JUDGE DIPPELL: Do you solemnly swear or
12	affirm that the testimony you're about to give will be
13	the truth?
14	THE WITNESS: Yes, I do.
15	JUDGE DIPPELL: All right. Then you may
16	proceed with your witness.
17	MS. RUBENSTEIN: Great. Thank you.
18	MICHAEL MILLIGAN,
19	having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified
20	as follows:
21	DIRECT EXAMINATION
22	BY MS. RUBENSTEIN:
23	Q. Could you please state your name for the
24	record?
25	A. Michael Milligan.



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- Q. And where are you currently employed?
- A. I am self-employed. I work for Milligan Grid
  Solutions, Inc. I am the principal consultant, chief
  cook and bottle washer here.
  - Q. Great. And what is your business address?
  - A. My business address is 2875 South York Street in Denver, 80210.
    - Q. Mr. Milligan, did you prepare and cause to be prepared in this case your rebuttal testimony which I believe has been marked Exhibit 850?
  - A. Yes, I did.
  - Q. And is the resume which is attached as Schedule MM-1 to your rebuttal testimony a true and correct copy of your resume?
- 15 A. Yes, it is.
  - Q. Do you have any changes or corrections to your prefiled rebuttal testimony at this time?
- 18 A. No.

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- Q. So if I asked you the questions in your rebuttal testimony at this time, would your answers be the same?
- 22 A. Yes, they would.
- Q. And the information in those answers is true and correct to the best of your knowledge, correct?
- 25 A. Yes.



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1	MS. RUBENSTEIN: Your Honor, I move for the
2	admission of Exhibit 850 in this case.
3	JUDGE DIPPELL: Would there be any objection
4	to Exhibit 850? That's 8-5-0. Seeing no objection, I
5	will admit that.
6	(SIERRA CLUB'S EXHIBIT 850 WAS RECEIVED INTO
7	EVIDENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS RECORD.)
8	MS. RUBENSTEIN: And I tender the witness for
9	cross-examination. Thank you.
10	JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. Is there
11	cross-examination from MEC.
12	MS. WHIPPLE: Yes, Your Honor. Briefly,
13	please.
14	JUDGE DIPPELL: Go ahead.
15	MS. WHIPPLE: Good afternoon, Mr. Milligan.
16	THE WITNESS: Hello.
17	CROSS-EXAMINATION
18	BY MS. WHIPPLE:
19	Q. Would you please explain for us if and how the
20	Grain Belt line could benefit Missouri by reducing
21	congestion in the grid?
22	A. Yes. This is confirmed by a recent Department
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of Energy transmission study, but what would happen is

higher prices, and the line would allow access to more

that there are parts of Missouri that are subject to

- economic resources that may not otherwise be accessible, and obviously the example of that would be wind generation or any renewable generation in Kansas, and so forth.
- 5 MS. WHIPPLE: Thank you. Your Honor, that's 6 all I had.
- JUDGE DIPPELL: Is there anything from 8 Associated Industries.
- 9 MR. ELLINGER: Just a couple of very brief 10 questions, Judge.
- 11 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 12 BY MR. ELLINGER:

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- Q. Mr. Milligan, can you hear me okay? This is
  Marc Ellinger.
- 15 A. Yes, I can.
- 16 And I'm actually going to kind of pick up Ο. 17 where counsel for MEC just left off because she covered 18 part of what my question was but I want to take the 19 second part of my question, which is by reducing the 20 congestion in the system, will that offer some benefits 21 to businesses and industries in the state of Missouri 2.2 which draw electricity off of the transmission system 23 across the state of Missouri?
  - A. Yes. Congestion costs are created when the most economic resource is not available to be delivered



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to the load center. And so when that congestion, you've got an overloaded transmission line, for example, so when that congestion is alleviated, that does allow access to more economic resources which then translates into a lower wholesale power cost. In any given hour, for example, that cost may not be, you know, significant but over time that would result in lower electric bills to, you know, basically everybody in Missouri and probably across the MISO footprint. So yes, the congestion would benefit businesses in Missouri.

- Q. And you kind of stepped into it right over the other question I had which was while that cost may be fairly marginal on a single hourly basis for large industrial consumers, whether they're large manufacturing facilities, mills, data centers, et cetera, those cost savings over the course of a year could be quite substantial, couldn't they?
- A. They could. I want to add to that that a large commercial industrial user may not be exposed directly to the realtime electricity prices. Oftentimes there's some sort of a tariff. If they were exposed directly to those costs, then they would probably experience a larger increase in cost with the congestion and a larger reduction in cost without the congestion.
  - Q. And similarly by reducing congestion and



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1 improving the transmission infrastructure, that also 2 allows businesses to have more dependable and reliable 3 electricity at a lower cost, doesn't it? 4 Α. That's correct. 5 MR. ELLINGER: No further questions, Judge. 6 Thank you. Renew Missouri. JUDGE DIPPELL: 7 MS. GREENWALD: No questions. Thank you, 8 Judge. 9 JUDGE DIPPELL: Clean Grid Alliance. 10 MR. BRADY: No questions. Thank you. 11 JUDGE DIPPELL: Grain Belt. 12 No questions. Thank you. MR. SCHULTE: 13 JUDGE DIPPELL: Public Counsel. 14 Thank you, no questions. MR. WILLIAMS: 15 JUDGE DIPPELL: Staff. 16 Brief, Judge. Good afternoon, MR. PRINGLE: 17 Mr. Milligan. Can you hear me? 18 THE WITNESS: Yes, I can. Thank you. 19 CROSS-EXAMINATION 20 BY MR. PRINGLE: 21 My name is Travis Pringle. I'm with Staff 2.2 Counsel. Just one question for you. Are you aware of 23 the potential for positive and negative impacts of the 24 Grain Belt Project into MISO?

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expertise was really looking at the impact on the operation and the planning of the grid. So you know, I know that there may be some negative impacts but I haven't seen them. I did look at MISO's recent benefit-cost analysis of transmission and they found the benefit-cost ratio ranging from 2.6 to 3.8, which wouldn't directly be Grain Belt Express's benefit-cost ratio, but the Grain Belt Express checks off all the same types of boxes and the DOE study confirms that. It connects two or more regions. It does alleviate some congestion and it reduces the costs that we have today.

So you know, I can't speak to whether every single dollar is included in those benefit-cost ratios, but they're an extremely strong indicator that yes, there are costs, of course, but those costs are significantly outweighed by the benefits.

- Q. You also mentioned the combining of two different regions. In your opinion, is the most economically optimal result that the entire Project is constructed?
- A. Let me make sure I understand your question. So you're asking if the benefits would depend on the entire Project being constructed; is that right?
- Q. Yes, correct, the benefits in your analysis to achieve these benefits the entire Project needs to be



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- A. No, I wouldn't say that. You'd have to do an individual valuation for different stages. It would be reasonable to expect that a partial completion of the Project would provide some benefits and the entire Project completion would provide more benefits.
- Q. Have you done that analysis on a phase-by-phase basis as proposed by the Company?
  - A. I have not.
- MR. PRINGLE: Thank you, sir. No further questions.
- 12 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. Are there any questions from MLA.
- MR. AGATHEN: Yes, Your Honor. Thank you.

  16 Good afternoon, Mr. Milligan.
- 17 THE WITNESS: Hello.
- 18 | CROSSEXAMINATIONBY MR. AGATHEN:
  - Q. My name is Paul Agathen. And I should tell you I'm representing clients who are all opposed to the Grain Belt Project.
- 22 A. Okay.
- Q. Is it fair to say you've had considerable experience with MISO's transmission planning process?
- 25 A. Yes.



	Evidentially Floating Vol XII Suite 66, 20
1	Page 102 Q. That even includes participation in MISO's
2	resource adequacy subcommittee, correct?
3	A. That's correct.
4	Q. Could you very briefly explain what is meant
5	by MISO's base case in its transmission planning process
6	and how the base case affects what new projects are
7	approved or not approved?
8	A. The base case I'm not sure. Which year are
9	you talking about?
10	Q. In any yearly cycle, doesn't MISO start off
11	with a base case and go from there?
12	A. Right. The base case is, you know, a
13	reasonably close representation to what is happening
14	today and/or what may be expected to happen in the
15	future given the existing resources and the existing
16	transmission.
17	Q. Are you aware that MISO currently does not
18	include the Grain Belt Project in its base case for
19	planning purposes?
20	A. Yes.
21	Q. If MISO did include the Grain Belt Project in
22	its base case, would that affect the modeling results

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- Q. It's more than very possible; it's likely, isn't it, if you add in the Grain Belt case to the base case analysis?
- 5 Well, it's more complicated than that, because 6 it depends on the order in which the lines are added to 7 the analysis and the order in which the lines are built. 8 So I would say that, you know, MISO's finding a 9 benefit-cost ratio of let's round it sort of in between 10 about 3.0, and that's for a tranche of transmission. 11 if you were to take out one line and put in Grain Belt 12 Express, I don't know precisely what that value would 13 If you simply added Grain Belt Express, then maybe be. 14 those benefit-cost ratios, I can't tell you the answer 15 because the math is pretty complicated, but maybe it 16 goes from 3.0 to 2.8 or 2.5.
  - Q. But the addition of MISO would have likely had some effect?
    - A. I would expect so, yes.
  - Q. Thank you. On a different subject, could you turn, please, to page 3 of your rebuttal testimony?
    - A. Okay.
  - Q. Beginning I think at line 15 you state that planning for reliability is a complex mathematical problem that uses various economic and reliability



computer models to address the most cost effective approach to reliability. Is that essentially correct?

That's correct.

- Q. In preparing your rebuttal testimony for this case, did you run any of those computer models using inputs related specifically to the Grain Belt Project?
- A. I did not. As I stated previously, I relied upon similar modeling done by the Department of Energy, some National Lab studies and MISO itself.
- Q. Relating specifically to the Grain Belt Project?
- A. No, not specifically the Grain Belt Project, but the Grain Belt Project has many, many similarities to both the DOE report calling for interregional transmission, which Grain Belt does, and also to MTEP which is connecting, depending which line you're looking at, connecting SPP to MISO.
- Q. Could you turn, please, to page 4 of your rebuttal testimony.
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- Q. In the middle of the page you include a quotation from the U.S. Department of Energy report, correct?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. That document is still in draft form, is it



- not, and out for public comment?
- A. That's correct.

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- Q. Has a final report been published by the DOE?
- A. Not to my knowledge.
  - Q. In that draft report or is that draft report the same one you rely on beginning at page 5, line 9 through page 7, line 10 of your testimony?
    - A. Sorry. Just checking. Yes.
  - Q. Near the bottom of page 7 of your testimony you quote a MISO report regarding the need for additional transmission, correct?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. And MISO did address that problem in recently approving what's termed its Tranche 1 projects, did it not?
- 16 A. I believe that's true.
- Q. Don't some of the final Tranche 1 projects in effect serve some of the same purposes as the Grain Belt Project?
  - A. I believe so. Subject to check, yes.
- Q. Isn't it true that MISO is in the process of reviewing another set of new transmission lines in its
  Tranche 2 analysis?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. On a different subject, could you turn,



- please, to page 10 of your rebuttal?
  - A. Okay. I'm there.
  - Q. Starting at line 1, you state that if adding new transmission reduces operating costs by \$1 million per month, that is the gross operational benefit of the new line; is that essentially correct?
    - A. Yes.

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- Q. That statement doesn't factor in the cost of building the new line, does it?
  - A. That's correct.
- Q. Without factoring in all of the costs of the line, you can't say that every addition to the transmission system will be cost beneficial, can you?
- A. Well, no, you can't say everything is cost beneficial. This line -- my testimony was included to indicate that this is an example of how you would get a benefit from a transmission line and how you calculate the gross benefit. So this does, in fact, recognize that, you know, we're not including cost in this and somewhere else we have to do the cost calculations. And that's what MISO does in the MTEP studies.
- Q. Fair enough. In order to make that determination of whether a line is cost beneficial or not, you need to employ the computer models you mentioned at page 3, lines 15 to 17 of your testimony,



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- A. That would be the most detailed and probably the best way to do it, yes.
- Q. At page 10 of your rebuttal starting at line 13, you state as follows: MISO shows how proposed new transmission lines can be strategically located in weak areas of the grid thereby alleviating the congestion and eliminating the curtailment of wind. Is that generally correct?
- 10 A. That's correct.
  - Q. And those are the issues which MISO addressed in approving these Tranche 1 projects and is looking to address in its Tranche 2 projects?
    - A. Yes.
  - Q. On a different subject. At page 11 of your rebuttal at lines 12 to 15, I believe you're saying that the cost of wind curtailment in MISO for the first seven months of the year resulted in curtailment costs of nearly \$11 million; is that correct?
    - A. Yes.
  - Q. First, what year are you talking about there?
- A. I'm sorry? I lost the line number you're looking at.
- 24 Q. Page 11, lines 12 to 15.
- 25 A. You know, I'd have to refresh my memory. I



- believe that was 2021, but I would need to check that.
  - Q. Or close to that year at least?
  - A. Yes, close to that year.
  - Q. \$11 million of curtailment costs does not factor in any of the costs of building the transmission which would eliminate those curtailment costs, does it?
    - A. Could you repeat the question.
  - Q. Sure. The \$11 million of curtailment costs which we just discussed does not factor in any of the costs of building the transmission which would eliminate those curtailment costs, does it?
- MS. RUBENSTEIN: I'm going to object to the
  question. He's misstating the witness's testimony.

  He's actually sort of testifying for him. Mr. Milligan
  did not say anything about costs exceeding the
  curtailment costs.
  - JUDGE DIPPELL: Mr. Agathen, can you restate your question.
- 19 BY MR. AGATHEN:

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Q. Sure. We had already gone over the fact that
he agreed with this; that at page 11, lines 12 to 15, I
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curtailment in MISO for the first seven months of the
year resulted in curtailment costs of nearly \$11
million. You generally agreed with that, right?



- A. Is that directed to me?
- 2 Q. Yes.

- A. Yes, but I want to point out that my \$30 per MW hour is an example as I think the language makes clear. I know the number of MW hours that were curtailed. I did not look at the price differential. And so using \$30 is a fairly, you know, conservative price between, for example, wind and gas. Of course, gas prices fluctuate tremendously. So if the price differential is \$30, then the curtailment costs would have been \$11 million.
  - Q. Okay. So I'll get back to my other original question I guess. That \$11 million you just mentioned of curtailment costs, that doesn't factor in any of the costs of building the transmission which would eliminate those curtailment costs, does it?
  - MS. RUBENSTEIN: I'm going to make the same objection. He has not testified to anything about eliminating those costs and benefits.

JUDGE DIPPELL: I think that was the question.

MS. RUBENSTEIN: Well, he's asking and making an assumption. I think he can ask the question as to whether or not they would be offset, but he's assuming the answer in his question.

MR. AGATHEN: I don't think so, Your Honor.

1	JUDGE DIPPELL: Ask your question one more
2	time, Mr. Agathen.
3	BY MR. AGATHEN:
4	Q. The \$11 million of curtailment costs that you
5	just mentioned does not factor any of the costs of
6	building the transmission which would eliminate those
7	curtailment costs, does it?
8	JUDGE DIPPELL: Have you previously asked him
9	if the costs are factored in? I missed if you did.
10	MR. AGATHEN: I think that's the question
11	that's being objected to.
12	JUDGE DIPPELL: I think the objection is that
13	the question is basically two parts. Can you break it
14	up and ask them.
15	BY MR. AGATHEN:
16	Q. Does the \$11 million of curtailment costs
17	factor in any of the costs of building the transmission?
18	A. No, that's part of the If that curtailment
19	can be alleviated, that would be part of the benefit,
20	but the 30 million example costs of curtailment is not
21	part of the cost of building the line.
22	Q. 30 or 11 million?
23	A. I'm sorry. 11 million.
24	Q. Okay. Thank you. Isn't it true that it's not

generally considered to be cost effective to build all

- of the transmission which would be necessary to eliminate 100 percent of the cost of congestion?
- 3 Α. Most likely not. I mean, there is a certain 4 level of congestion that is, you know, generally 5 I mean, it's sort of a cost-benefit study. acceptable. 6 And you might conclude -- For example, and I'm making up 7 the number, you might conclude that we're willing to 8 live with 5 percent or 10 percent congestion because the 9 cost of alleviating that extra 5 or 10 percent with 10 transmission may not be cost effective.
  - Q. And isn't one purpose of the computer models that you mention at page 3 of your testimony to determine which transmission additions are and are not cost effective?
  - A. The models that you're referring to essentially will evaluate the cost effectiveness in the operation of the system. So if that's what you're asking me, I guess my answer would be yes.
  - Q. Thank you. That's what I was trying to ask you.
  - A. Okay.

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- Q. Turn to page 12 of your testimony. At lines 3
  and 4, you state that the Grain Belt Project would
  reduce congestion, correct?
- 25 A. Yes.



- Q. And then you discuss at lines 11 to 19 MISO's proposed transmission lines would also reduce congestion, correct?
  - A. Yes.

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- Q. And then moving to page 12, line 13 of your testimony, you state that the benefit-cost ratio of the new MISO lines ranges from 2.6 to 3.8; is that correct?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. And as you explained, that means that for each dollar spent on these MISO transmission projects, there's a benefit ranging from \$2.60 to \$3.80; is that correct?
  - A. That's correct.
- Q. Are you aware of any studies which have calculated a cost-benefit ratio for Grain Belt utilizing the same general methodologies used by MISO?
- A. I'm not aware of any specific Grain Belt analysis; but as I stated earlier, I'm aware of the DOE study which you're right is in draft form which says that the highest value transmission is likely between SPP and MISO and I'm aware that much of the MISO transmission need is also in that same region. So I would expect that you're asking me earlier if MISO goes ahead and builds a bunch of other transmission that the value of the Grain Belt Express may not fall in this

- range. I would be extremely surprised if the benefit-cost ratio fell a lot lower. I mean, I cannot imagine that it would be a very small number. When I was at NREL, we started a very large transmission study called the Seam Study and that Seam Study looked at an even larger scale build-out of transmission and my former colleague Dale Osborn at MISO led a lot of the early MISO thinking about a very large grid, and I don't recall off the top of my head but the Seam Study was looking at far greater transmission build-out than we would get if you toss in Grain Belt Express with MISO's Tranche 1 and Tranche 2 for that matter, and the benefits are pretty dramatic.
  - Q. But you haven't -- excuse me. Go ahead.
  - A. So I haven't calculated those.
  - Q. Were you done?
    - A. I think so. Sorry about that, yes.
- Q. It's all right. But you said you haven't calculated a cost-benefit ratio specifically for Grain Belt, right?
  - A. That's correct.
    - Q. At page 15 of your testimony at line 6 you state that the Grain Belt line will undoubtedly pay for itself, correct?
- 25 A. I did.

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Т	Q. Okay. We do have Grain Beit's estimates for							
2	the cost of the Project, correct?							
3	A. Yes.							
4	Q. Have you yourself performed an analysis which							
5	specifically attempted to quantify the benefits of the							
6	Grain Belt Project?							
7	A. No.							
8	Q. Did you quantify any of the net benefits							
9	resulting from any of the supposed advantages which you							
10	attribute to the Grain Belt Project?							
11	A. Not specifically to the Grain Belt Project.							
12	MR. AGATHEN: Thank you. That's all I have,							
13	Your Honor.							
14	JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. Anything from the							
15	Ag Associations.							
16	MR. HADEN: No, Your Honor.							
17	JUDGE DIPPELL: And Ms. Stemme.							
18	MS. STEMME: No questions.							
19	JUDGE DIPPELL: Any questions from, and let me							
20	break this down, are there any questions from the							
21	Commissioners here sitting beside me? Seeing none. Are							
22	there any questions from the Commissioners online?							
23	COMMISSIONER HOLSMAN: I have a couple, Judge.							
24	COMMISSIONER HAHN: No questions.							
25	COMMISSIONER HOLSMAN: I would yield the							



1	Chairman if he has questions.							
2	JUDGE DIPPELL: Mr. Chairman.							
3	CHAIRMAN RUPP: Thank you, Commissioner. This							
4	is Commissioner Rupp. Just one quick question.							
5	QUESTIONS							
6	BY CHAIRMAN RUPP:							
7	Q. How would you define economic feasibility?							
8	MR. AGATHEN: Inside joke, sir.							
9	THE WITNESS: Okay. Shall I answer that or							
LO	no?							
L1	CHAIRMAN RUPP: It's okay. Thank you for your							
L2	testimony.							
L3	THE WITNESS: Okay. Thank you.							
L4	JUDGE DIPPELL: Commissioner Holsman.							
L5	COMMISSIONER HOLSMAN: All right. Thank you,							
L6	Judge. Good afternoon. Thank you for being here to							
L7	testify today.							
L8	THE WITNESS: Thank you.							
L9	QUESTIONS							
20	BY COMMISSIONER HOLSMAN:							
21	Q. You talked to Mr. Agathen about congestion,							
22	and would you be able to specifically address whether							
23	this Project would benefit Missouri by removing							
24	congestion? Can you answer that question in simple							
25	terms?							



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- A. I'm struggling to see if I could answer it in simple terms. I can't for sure say that Grain Belt would result in reduction in congestion. I would strongly suspect that it would.
- Q. Okay. Can you suggest or affirm would it help address some of the negative, the indigo and purple pricing that we've seen in the SPP and MISO footprints?
  - A. I am not specifically familiar with those.
- Q. All right. A significant modification for this Project is to drop significantly more power and to do so at two points of interconnection. Can you speak to how this modification improves or brings greater value to Missouri utilities and their customers?
- A. Generally, yes, there's going to be more drop-off points, if you will, for the energy, and so any of that economic energy that's being shipped along Grain Belt Express now has an additional or two additional potential outlets. And so whenever the cost of energy from Grain Belt is advantageous for the customers in that area, they're now getting access, that would be beneficial to them.

The other really big benefit that nobody has asked me about is the resilience benefit of this line and large transmission generally. We saw with, you know, recent large storms that, you know, it's critical

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- to have a large and a strong transmission backbone that connects you with the neighbors. And you know, Grain Belt Express by itself is probably not enough per se but neither is Tranche 1 of MISO build-out. It's not -- So what Grain Belt does and sort of the ultimate build-out is to connect all the way from Kansas through SPP into MISO, drop off at the co-ops in Missouri and on to PJM. So in a severe storm that might hit Missouri, you've got a lot of potential neighbors that you could draw on that you can't draw on today. If Grain Belt is in addition to some of the Tranche 1 lines that MISO built, so much But we know that you've got to make the the better. grid bigger than the storm if you want to weather the No pun intended there.
- Q. Would you in that same vein agree that the bidirectional flow then would also be an important resiliency factor?
- A. Sure. My understanding is that that has not -- the permitting has not been applied for, but I think even without that if Missouri is in the middle of a big storm and there is a risk to losing power, it's going to be all hands on deck. We don't care if there's an agreement. We don't want the grid to go down. So you would have imports to the extent that they're physically possible regardless of whether you've got some sort of a

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power purchase agreement from the other side or something like that. You know, we saw that with the previous storms when power was flowing from SPP to MISO or to PJM or back again kind of depending on where the storm goes. And Grid Strategies did a really nice analysis that kind of shows the progression of where the storm is, the prices are high, you start importing from the neighbor. The storm moves. Then when you get out from underneath that storm you can recover and maybe have some extra to send to the neighbor who is underneath the storm.

As we see more, you know, extreme weather, whether it's from climate change or not, you know, I think these big transmission lines are going to be critical in helping us to mitigate or if we're lucky to totally avoid these big grid blackouts that we've seen in the last few years. I'm sorry if that's more than you wanted.

- Q. No, no, that's fine. Are you familiar with any utilities in Missouri facing generation capacity restraints?
- A. I've not really evaluated that. I can't answer that.
- Q. All right. My last question deals with your testimony that discusses what was referred to as a one

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in ten or one day in ten years loss of load expectation, or LOLE, planning standard. Would the Project improve Missouri's reliability and resource adequacy as it relates to that?

Pretty much any addition to the grid, Α. Yeah. this may be more than you want also, but typically like when MISO is doing their resource adequacy study, they aim for a one day in ten loss of load expectation and colloquially that means you drop load one day out of ten vears. There are some nuances around that that we probably don't want to get into here. When MISO does that, they're largely looking at their own footprint. So now you have a transmission line that connects you into Kansas, and this loss of load, part of the term is loss of load expectation, right? That loss of load is really a carryover from the utilities of the 1960s when if I don't have sufficient resources in my own pocket, I will probably lose load. So now really the correct interpretation of loss of load, I don't know how you're going to make a good acronym out of this, but it would be like the probability of emergency import from the neighbor or something like that. And so whether the line would expressly increase MISO's one day in ten LOLE as they calculate it, I don't know, because that depends on how they would consider the Grain Belt Express and



the resources that are being delivered but, in fact, physically, yes, it would increase the reliability of the Missouri system and MISO generally.

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- Q. Looking at that standard given the volatility of weather and increasing extreme weather events, do you believe the one in ten LOLE standard is the most appropriate planning standard? Is it still adequate given our current climate?
- That's a good question. I believe that the Α. one in ten standard, I've never really seen any technical or economic justification for why we chose one My theory is it's a nice round number. day in ten. don't know. But one of the difficulties with the way that we calculate the one day in ten is that we typically don't have a good wide range -- let me restate that. We typically don't have a good long range weather record and similar consistent long-term demand pattern. And so if you take a look at any ten-year period, let's say the ten-year period that preceded Uri, I think we had another storm about ten years before that, just imagine that you have ten years without a severe storm and you say okay, I'm fine one day in ten. One year goes by and now all of a sudden Uri is on the horizon. Because of that large storm, you're not going to need So I think that the metric itself, your one day in ten.

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yes, needs to be addressed, and I'm part of the task
force with ESIG, the Energy Systems Integration Group,
that we've called for better reliability measures. And
sort of the companion piece that we're calling for is
that we need good, better, long datasets that capture
the weather so that we can do a better job of
evaluating. What happens with Uri, is Uri going to
throw me out of a one day in ten and throw me into a one
day per year, or who knows, even worse. We want to be
sure that we build the system to protect A big
transmission line or a collection of big transmission
lines is one of the best ways to guard against those
kinds of things because, you know, Uri may be a one day
in twenty event but you look at the tremendous costs
even to loss of life but all the tremendous costs and,
you know, as a ratepayer I'm not real excited about
paying for my electricity or transmission either but I'd
rather pay a little extra for transmission as an
insurance policy so that if I can meet, or MISO can meet
the one day in ten this year, I would really like them
to be able to meet the one day in ten next year when we
have Uri version 2.0 or something like that.

Q. Do you think this Project has black start capabilities assistance? Do you think that if the grid went down completely and we had to black start, do you



- A. That's beyond my technical capabilities. I know that black start is a huge technical problem just doing a black start. You don't see experiments with how to do black start very often, because A, it's hard but B, you don't want to subject the grid to outage. I have no idea how to answer your question. Black starts generally are going to be very, very difficult. We want to avoid those at all cost.
- COMMISSIONER HOLSMAN: I appreciate you taking time today. Judge, that is all the questions I have.

  Thank you.

JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. Any other

Commission questions? I have a list of questions to ask

you myself and some of these are kind of lengthy. So if

you don't understand, ask me to repeat.

THE WITNESS: Okay.

QUESTIONS

## 19 BY JUDGE DIPPELL:

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- Q. So on let's start with on page 5 of your rebuttal testimony --
- A. Okay.
  - Q. -- you refer to the Department of Energy
    National Transmission Needs Study Draft for Public
    Comment which was issued on February 2023. You state on



lines 12 to 14 the Grain Belt Express connects the plains with the Midwest which is one of the highest value pair of regions to connect according to the DOE study. Can you explain what's meant by this statement?

A. Yes. You know, I think it's unfortunate that the DOE report drew their own set of regions, and you can see that on page 11 of my -- sorry, page 6 of my testimony, and unfortunately none of those correspond directly to the market areas like SPP and MISO, and so on.

However, the plains area is generally SPP and the Midwest is generally MISO. And so my statement is stating that the Grain Belt Express would connect the plains, read that as SPP, with the Midwest, read that as MISO. The highest value pair of regions to connect means that primarily from congestion but also by being able to deliver more economic energy and alleviate some of the price differentials that are already in Missouri today, I think in particular southeast Missouri, this would be an example of a line that would have the highest benefit to build.

Now, whether it's Grain Belt Express or another similar line, it sort of doesn't matter as far as what the DOE is saying. They're saying that a line or a network of lines that connects these areas would be

among the most important lines to build in the country.

- Q. Thank you. On page 54 of the DOE study, that's Schedule MM-3 to your rebuttal, it states --
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- Q. -- additionally, HVDC connections that span interconnection seams enable generation from renewables to be shared more readily between interconnections, which makes renewable generation less variable and more reliable. Do you agree with that statement?
- A. Yes, I do.
  - Q. And can you explain that?
- The U.S. Power System is broadly Α. Yeah. divided into three synchronous regions. synchronous means is we have alternating current. alternating a little bit differently in the west than it is in the east and differently than Texas. And so in order to connect, for example, the mountain region that the DOE looked at to the plains region, you would generally need to do some sort of a conversion from the AC electricity in the west to the AC in plains and the only, it's not the only, but the only practical way to do that is by building the DC tie of some sort or a DC line so that you take the AC on one side and you take the alternating current basically out. You convert it to a direct current. Then at the other end you convert

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it back to an alternating current that matches the frequency characteristics of the receiver. And so that's kind of a complicated way of saying that there's certain points in the U.S. that if you want to connect them together you have to go through this DC conversion process. But at the end of the day, that process really isn't, I mean, electrically it's different, but it allows me to connect more regions more broadly if I have that DC interface than I could without the DC.

So for example, Grain Belt Express if it were an AC line and it connected from Kansas and if it wanted to try to connect into Colorado, for example, it wouldn't really be able to do that without some sort of a DC interface to get there. With a DC interface, you could, in theory, you could take Grain Belt Express and extend it from, I don't know, Utah to Indiana but you would have to go through some DC conversion to go that far. There's some other issues like losses and other things you'd have to worry about as well.

Q. Okay. Thank you. The doe Study Executive Summary provides general transmission need comments by region. Western Missouri is included in the plains region, as we were just discussing, and central and eastern Missouri are included in the Midwest region. On page Roman Numeral IX of the Executive Summary among the



- list of various needs the DOE states a plains region
  need is increased transfer capacity between plains and
  its neighbors on all sides including across both
  interconnection seams. Do you agree with that
  statement?
  - A. Yes.

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- Q. And on page Roman Numeral X of the Executive Summary, among the list of various Midwest region needs it states that the need is improved system reliability and resilience and it lists three bullet points there. Do you follow that?
- A. Sorry. I just lost my copy of that. If you could bear with me or else you can read it to me and I'll get it.
- Q. I can read it. It's kind of lengthy but I can read it.
  - A. Could you just give me a second and I'll get that. I had it pulled up. I apologize for that.
    - Q. Did you find it?
  - A. Yes. It's coming up as we speak. I'm not having very good technology luck today I'm afraid. I've got this. Could you remind me of the page number.
  - Q. Yes. It's Roman Numeral X of the Executive Summary under Midwest. It's the Midwest region needs and the first one is improve system reliability and



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resilience. And then under that are three bullet points, and I guess I should have just gone ahead and read it out loud for people that don't have the report right in front of them.

The first bullet point is Midcontinent

Independent System Operator, or MISO's renewable

integration impact assessment, shows that the MISO

transmission system maintains reliability up to 30

percent renewable energy generation without significant additional operational support.

Accordingly, the effort required to plan for, support and operate new resources reliably as they are integrated with the grid substantially increases at renewable penetration levels beyond 30 percent of an annual load served. Transmission infrastructure must ensure reliable operations when more than 40 percent renewable energy is incorporated in the MISO territory.

The second bullet point is the MISO region was unable to import additional capacity during the February 2021 cold weather event negatively impacting resource adequacy. Increased bidirectional transfer capabilities can improve system reliability during extreme weather events.

And the third point is generation retirements in MISO could result in capacity shortfalls as early as



2024. And my question is, do you agree with those statements?

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- A. Yes, I do. I've not carefully evaluated the last bullet talking about the reliability and the capacity shortfalls, but I know that that's been a concern of MISO. So I would say with that possible caveat, yes, I agree with that.
- Q. Okay. Thank you. Do you know if the DOE National Transmission Needs Study may be used to possibly select national transmission corridors?
- I can't answer that for sure, but I think that, you know, typically when the DOE comes out with a large report such as this one and they had a lot of experts, a lot of, you know, technical review, once it is finalized, which I expect it will be in largely the same form it's in today, a lot of folks in the grid industry will, power system industry, will take this not as a recipe book necessarily but as sort of a general quide for this is one of the few national studies that have looked at transmission and the problem that's before us. And I think MISO at some point said things are moving so fast that we need transmission planning to move at least that fast. And I think that these points in the DOE study draft are kind of saying the same thing.

MISO can get to 30 percent, MISO said that, without any significant changes but once we start getting much above that to 40 percent, we're going to need transmission which actually provides a lot of flexibility in power system operations. It provides, you know, the resource adequacy that's discussed here on the page in front of us and can help with the resilience. So the transmission I think in the U.S. is going to be critical. It can help with MISO's capacity shortfalls, if those do turn out to, you know, happen.

Well, Grain Belt Express isn't going to be done by 2024, but in the future as resources are retiring within MISO, a stronger transmission connection outside of MISO will help with that and the utilities in Missouri, for example, can either go under contract with the power purchase agreement or otherwise, you know, secure cost effective resources to the extent they're available in regions that would not otherwise be accessible without not only just Grain Belt Express but without this stronger national grid that I think DOE is really calling for.

Q. Okay.

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- A. Did I answer your question?
- Q. You did. You did. I thank you. On page 5 of the study, it cites to Section 216(a)(2) of the Federal

- 1 Power Act with the further detail in footnote 10.
  - A. I'm sorry?

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- Q. Page 5.
- A. Page 5 of the study, okay.
- Q. And then it's got like it lists the statutory section in footnote 10. Are you familiar with the Federal Power Act in this Section 216(a)(2)?
- A. Not specifically. I mean, I'm vaguely aware that it exists. I don't know the details of what it says.
- Q. Are you familiar with the term National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor or NIETC?
  - A. Generally. I don't know the specifics.
  - Q. Can you tell me generally what that is?
- A. Well, all I know about it is it's a transmission corridor that has some sort of national interest. I believe that conveys it sort of special status, but beyond that I don't really know what the implication of being designated NIETC is.
- Q. Okay. I'm skipping some of my questions based on that answer. Hang on just a minute.
- 22 A. Okay.
- Q. You mentioned that Missouri utilities would have a broad access to projects when they issue all-source procurements, this is on your rebuttal at



- page 17, and receive additional resource adequacy benefits?
  - A. Yes.

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- Q. Must a utility utilize a capacity expansion model when performing their IRP analysis in order to achieve that outcome?
- A. Generally, yes. You want to see how the new resource or potentially new resources are going to affect your system. Yeah, you would probably do something like that and it would most likely be through the IRP.
- Q. Would any other kind of model suffice like a production cost model or a network reliability model?
- 14 Probably all of the above. Α. I mean, you know, 15 if we're looking at the loss of load expectation and 16 there's various metrics that can be derived from that. 17 Those can be calculated by a production cost model. They can also be calculated by a more focused 18 19 reliability model and loss of load probability model as it's called. You also need to know whether the resource 20 in question, you know, you're thinking about building or 21 2.2 contracting for, whether the energy is going to be 23 deliverable and that's not just a yes or no answer. 24 It's how often am I expecting congestion, do I need to 25 build my own transmission line to get there, all of



1	Page 1052 those kinds of things. To answer your question, I guess								
2	all of those models would be useful in figuring out, you								
3	know, trying to anticipate what the impact of that								
4	future resource or proof of resources would be. And								
5	that's true whether they're in your region or if you're								
6	trying to contract with your resource that's far away in								
7	Kansas or something like that.								
8	JUDGE DIPPELL: That's all the questions I								
9	have. Thank you for your patience there.								
10	THE WITNESS: Thank you. I attest that I do								
11	have a coat and tie on even though you can't see me.								
12	JUDGE DIPPELL: We could see you earlier.								
13	THE WITNESS: Fair enough.								
14	JUDGE DIPPELL: Is there any further								
15	cross-examination based on questions from the								
16	Commissioners or myself from MEC.								
17	MS. WHIPPLE: No, Your Honor, thank you.								
18	JUDGE DIPPELL: Associated Industries.								
19	MR. ELLINGER: No, Judge, thank you.								
20	JUDGE DIPPELL: Renew Missouri.								
21	MS. GREENWALD: No, thank you.								
22	JUDGE DIPPELL: Clean Grid Alliance.								
23	MR. BRADY: No, thanks.								
24	JUDGE DIPPELL: Grain Belt.								
25	MR. SCHULTE: No questions.								



1	JUDGE DIPPELL: Public Counsel.								
2	MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you, no.								
3	JUDGE DIPPELL: Staff.								
4	MR. PRINGLE: Yes, Judge.								
5	FURTHER CROSS-EXAMINATION								
6	BY MR. PRINGLE:								
7	Q. Mr. Milligan, this is Travis Pringle from								
8	Staff again.								
9	A. Hello.								
10	Q. Are you aware of how Missouri utilities in								
11	MISO responded to Storm Uri in terms of whether they								
12	needed to import capacity?								
13	A. Not specifically, no.								
14	Q. And then also you mentioned about the Grain								
15	Belt Express not being done by 2024. Are you aware of								
16	any additional generation being constructed for MISO								
17	that could more quickly address any future shortfalls?								
18	A. I'm not aware of anything. That doesn't mean								
19	it doesn't exist. I'm just not aware of it.								
20	MR. PRINGLE: Thank you, sir. No further								
21	questions.								
22	JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. Anything from MLA.								
23	MR. AGATHEN: No questions, Your Honor.								
24	JUDGE DIPPELL: Ag Associations.								
25	MR. HADEN: No, Your Honor, thank you.								



1 JUDGE DIPPELL: Ms. Stemme. 2 MS. STEMME: No questions. 3 JUDGE DIPPELL: Is there any redirect from 4 Sierra Club. 5 MS. RUBENSTEIN: No, thank you. 6 All right. JUDGE DIPPELL: Then that 7 concludes your testimony, Mr. Milligan. Appreciate your 8 being available. You may be excused. 9 THE WITNESS: Thank you. 10 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you, Ms. Rubenstein. 11 (Witness excused.) 12 JUDGE DIPPELL: I guess that brings us to our 13 next witness on the list is Ms. Stemme. I'm not sure, 14 Ms. Stemme, you didn't file any prefiled testimony, 15 correct? 16 MS. STEMME: That's correct. 17 I'm sorry. I didn't hear you. JUDGE DIPPELL: 18 MS. STEMME: I did a direct. JUDGE DIPPELL: You did file. Okav. Well, 19 20 then I would ask you just to come forward. Since you're representing yourself, if you want to just take the 21 2.2 witness stand and I'll ask you what I would normally ask 23 -- or counsel would normally ask their witness about 24 your testimony and then we can get that admitted. 25 MS. STEMME: Okay.

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1	Page 1055  JUDGE DIPPELL: I'll go ahead and swear you								
2	in. Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the testimony								
3	you're about to give will be the truth and the whole								
4	truth?								
5	MS. STEMME: Yes.								
6	JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. Sorry, I'm a								
7	little thrown off by this situation.								
8	MS. STEMME: I might be thrown off with you.								
9	PATRICIA STEMME,								
10	having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified								
11	as follows:								
12	QUESTIONS								
13	BY JUDGE DIPPELL:								
14	Q. So you did file rebuttal testimony?								
15	A. I did.								
16	Q. And we premarked that as Exhibit 9-5-0, 950.								
17	Did you have any corrections you needed to make to your								
18	testimony?								
19	A. No, ma'am.								
20	Q. And can you pull that microphone down just a								
21	little there?								
22	A. Sure.								
23	Q. Thank you. Are the answers in your testimony								



the best of your knowledge?

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or the testimony you provided still true and correct to

1 Α. Yes, Judge. 2 And if you were to just give that testimony Ο. 3 today, would you state the same? 4 Α. I would, yes. 5 JUDGE DIPPELL: Would you like to offer 6 Exhibit 950 to be admitted into the record? 7 MS. STEMME: I have it with me. I didn't 8 bring it up here. 9 That's fine. It was prefiled JUDGE DIPPELL: 10 so we have it in the electronic form which is 11 sufficient. 12 MS. STEMME: Okay. 13 JUDGE DIPPELL: But would you like to offer 14 that? 15 MS. STEMME: Yes. 16 Then would there be any JUDGE DIPPELL: 17 objection to Exhibit 950 coming into the record? Seeing 18 none, then I will receive that into the record. 19 MS. STEMME: Thank you. 20 (STEMME EXHIBIT 950 WAS RECEIVED INTO EVIDENCE 21 AND MADE A PART OF THIS RECORD.) 2.2 JUDGE DIPPELL: Would there be any 23 cross-examination of Ms. Stemme? I don't see any. there any Commission questions for Ms. Stemme? 24

Commissioner Kolkmeyer.

1 Good afternoon. COMMISSIONER KOLKMEYER: 2 Good afternoon. MS. STEMME: 3 QUESTIONS 4 BY COMMISSIONER KOLKMEYER: 5 So what you filed with the Commission, Ο. Yes. 6 was that basically the testimony you gave in Mexico at 7 the local public hearing? No, it's not. 8 Α. 9 It's different? O. 10 Α. It is different, yes. 11 COMMISSIONER KOLKMEYER: Okay. We'll have to 12 take a look at that then. 13 All right. MS. STEMME: 14 COMMISSIONER KOLKMEYER: Thank you. 15 JUDGE DIPPELL: Were there any other 16 Commission questions? 17 COMMISSIONER COLEMAN: Commissioner Kolkmeyer 18 asked the question. 19 JUDGE DIPPELL: Were there any Commission 20 questions online? 21 No questions, Judge. COMMISSIONER HOLSMAN: 2.2 CHAIRMAN RUPP: No, thank you, Judge. 23 Thank you. I don't have any JUDGE DIPPELL: 24 questions for you either, Ms. Stemme. So we appreciate 25 your participation.



1 MS. STEMME: Thank you very much. 2 JUDGE DIPPELL: You may be excused. 3 MS. STEMME: Thank you. 4 JUDGE DIPPELL: Oh, I'm sorry. I didn't allow 5 recross based on Commissioner Kolkmeyer's question. 6 MS. STEMME: Thank you. 7 (Witness excused.) 8 JUDGE DIPPELL: All right then. We are up to 9 MEC's witness. Would this be another good place to take 10 a short break before we start MEC's witnesses? 11 Let's just take a ten-minute break and then maybe we can 12 get through quite a bit when we get back. Let's go 13 ahead and go off the record. 14 (A recess was taken.) 15 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. We are back. We are 16 ready for MEC's first witness. 17 MS. WHIPPLE: MEC calls John Twitty to the 18 stand. 19 JUDGE DIPPELL: Would you raise your right 20 hand. Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the 21 testimony you're about to give at this hearing will be 2.2 the truth? 23 THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am, I do. 24 JUDGE DIPPELL: If you could spell your name 25 for the court reporter.



Page 1059 1 THE WITNESS: J-o-h-n T-w-i-t-t-y. 2 JUDGE DIPPELL: And when you're ready, Ms. 3 Whipple. 4 JOHN TWITTY, 5 having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified 6 as follows: 7 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. WHIPPLE: 8 9 Mr. Twitty, for the record would you give us Ο. 10 your business address, please? 2200 Maguire Boulevard, Columbia, Missouri 11 Α. 12 65201. 13 And who is your employer? Ο. 14 Missouri Public Utility Alliance. Α. 15 Ο. What is your position at the Missouri Public 16 Utility Alliance? I'm the President and CEO. 17 18 Mr. Twitty, did you cause rebuttal testimony 0. 19 and related schedules to be filed in this case on April 19, 2023, on behalf of the Missouri Joint Municipal 20 Electric Utility Commission d/b/a the Missouri Electric 21 2.2 Commission? 23 Α. Yes, ma'am, I did. 24 And for the record we have marked your Ο.

rebuttal testimony and Schedules JT-1 through JT-11 as

1	Exhibit 700; and so I'll ask you to the best of your
2	knowledge, are the responses that you gave to the
3	questions in that testimony, are they true and accurate?
4	A. Yes, ma'am.
5	Q. If today here I asked you the same questions
6	that were set forth in that prefiled testimony, would
7	your answers today be the same as the answers you gave
8	in that rebuttal testimony?
9	A. Yes, ma'am.
LO	MS. WHIPPLE: Your Honor, I move for the
L1	admission into the record of Exhibit 700.
L2	JUDGE DIPPELL: And Exhibit 700 contains
L3	confidential information, highly confidential
L4	information and highly confidential-competitive
L5	information; is that correct?
L6	MS. WHIPPLE: No, Your Honor. There is a
L7	public version and there is a highly
L8	confidential-competitive version.
L9	JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay.
20	MS. WHIPPLE: That, of course, is marked 700
21	HC-C.
22	JUDGE DIPPELL: Very good. All right. Is
23	there any objection to Exhibit 700 and including 700
24	HC-C? Seeing no objection, I will admit that into the



record.

- 2 AND MADE A PART OF THIS RECORD.)
- 3 MS. WHIPPLE: Thank you, Your Honor, and I
- 4 tender this witness for cross-examination.
- 5 Is there any cross-examination JUDGE DIPPELL:
- 6 by Associated Industries.
- 7 No questions, Judge. MR. ELLINGER:
- 8 JUDGE DIPPELL: Sierra Club.
- 9 MS. RUBENSTEIN: Your Honor, this is Ethan
- 10 Thompson appearing on behalf of Sierra Club which has no
- 11 questions.

- 12 JUDGE DIPPELL: Renew Missouri.
- 13 No, thank you. MS. GREENWALD:
- 14 Clean Grid Alliance. JUDGE DIPPELL:
- 15 MR. BRADY: No questions.
- 16 Grain Belt. JUDGE DIPPELL:
- 17 MR. SCHULTE: No questions.
- Public Counsel. 18 JUDGE DIPPELL:
- 19 MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you, no.
- 20 JUDGE DIPPELL: Staff.
- No questions, Judge. 21 MR. PRINGLE: Thank you.
- Missouri Landowners Alliance. 2.2 JUDGE DIPPELL:
- 23 MR. AGATHEN: Yes, Your Honor. Thank you.
- 24 Hello, Mr. Twitty.
- 25 Hi, Mr. Agathen. THE WITNESS:

1	MR. AGATHEN: How do you do?								
2	THE WITNESS: Good. How are you?								
3	MR. AGATHEN: Great.								
4	CROSS-EXAMINATION								
5	BY MR. AGATHEN:								
6	Q. The last Grain Belt CCN case was concluded								
7	with the Commission'S Report and Order on Remand back in								
8	March of 2019, more or less, right?								
9	A. Yes, sir.								
LO	Q. At that point, more than four years ago MEC								
L1	had agreements with its members to buy 136 MW of								
L2	capacity which MEC had purchased from Grain Belt; is								
L3	that correct?								
L4	A. That's correct.								
L5	JUDGE DIPPELL: Mr. Agathen, can you move your								
L6	mike down just a little. There you go. Thank you.								
L7	MR. AGATHEN: You're welcome.								
L8	BY MR. AGATHEN:								
L9	Q. You had the right to purchase up to 200 MW								
20	under your contract, right?								
21	A. Correct.								
22	Q. Could you turn, please, to page 3 of your								
23	rebuttal testimony?								
24	A. Yes, sir.								
25	Q. At lines 13 to 14, you state that you expect								



- that other MEC members will also choose to buy capacity on the Grain Belt line, correct?
  - A. Correct.

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- Q. Subsequent to the Order in the last case that we just mentioned, which was issued in 2019, how many of these other members have you spoken with about buying capacity on the Grain Belt line through MEC?
- A. Mr. Agathen, that's probably a better question for Mr. Grotzinger who is going to follow me, but I am aware there are a number of our members who also have expressed interest.
- Q. So you have spoken to a number of other members?
  - A. That's correct.
- Q. But none have bought any capacity at this point?
- A. I don't believe there's any agreement at this time. Again, Mr. Grotzinger would be able to answer that better.
  - Q. In addition to the cost of the capacity of the Grain Belt line and the cost of energy, approximately how much would a city like Hannibal, for example, need to pay to wheel the power from the Grain Belt delivery point to the City of Hannibal?
- A. Again, that would be a question better



1 answered by Mr. Grotzinger. 2 MR. AGATHEN: With that, I have no more 3 questions. 4 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. Is there anything 5 from the Agricultural Associations. 6 MR. HADEN: No, Your Honor. 7 JUDGE DIPPELL: Ms. Stemme. 8 MS. STEMME: No questions. 9 JUDGE DIPPELL: Are there any Commissioner 10 questions for Mr. Twitty? 11 CHAIRMAN RUPP: No, thank you, Judge. 12 JUDGE DIPPELL: All right then. I don't have 13 any questions. Is there any redirect? 14 MS. WHIPPLE: No, Your Honor. Thank you. 15 JUDGE DIPPELL: All right. Mr. Twitty, that 16 concludes your testimony. You may be excused. 17 THE WITNESS: Thank you, Judge. 18 (Witness excused.) 19 JUDGE DIPPELL: You may call your next 20 witness. 21 MS. WHIPPLE: Yes, Your Honor. MEC calls 2.2 Rebecca Atkins to the stand. 23 JUDGE DIPPELL: Do you solemnly swear or 24 affirm that the testimony you're about to give at this 25 hearing will be the truth?



- 1 THE WITNESS: I do.
- 2 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. If you could spell
- 3 | your name for the court reporter.
- 4 THE WITNESS: It's Rebecca Atkins,
- 5 R-e-b-e-c-c-a A-t-k-i-n-s.
- 6 JUDGE DIPPELL: And whenever you're ready, Ms.
- 7 Whipple.
- MS. WHIPPLE: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 9 REBECCA ATKINS,
- 10 having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified
- 11 | as follows:
- 12 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 13 BY MS. WHIPPLE:
- Q. Ms. Atkins, for the record would you give us
- 15 your business address, please?
- 16 A. Yes. It is 2200 Maguire Boulevard, Columbia,
- 17 | Missouri 65201.
- 18 Q. And who is your employer?
- 19 A. Missouri Public Utility Alliance.
- 20 Q. And what is your position at the Missouri
- 21 | Public Utility Alliance?
- 22 A. I am the Chief Markets Officer.
- Q. Ms. Atkins, did you cause rebuttal testimony
- 24 and related schedules to be filed in this case on April
- 25 | 19, 2023, on behalf of the Missouri Joint Municipal

1 Electric Utility Commission d/b/a the Missouri Electric 2 Commission? Yes, I did. 3 Α. 4 And for you to know and for the record, your Ο. 5 rebuttal testimony and Schedules RA-1 through RA-3 have 6 been marked as Exhibit 701. To your knowledge, Ms. 7 Atkins, are the responses that you gave to the questions 8 in that prefiled testimony true and correct? 9 Α. Yes, they are. 10 And if today I asked you those same questions 11 that were set forth in your prefiled testimony, would 12 your answers today be the same as the answers you gave 13 in that rebuttal? 14 Α. Yes. Your Honor, I move for admission 15 MS. WHIPPLE: 16 into the record Exhibit 701. 17 JUDGE DIPPELL: Would there be any objection to Exhibit 701? 18 19 MR. AGATHEN: Your Honor, I might have an 20 objection. I'd like to ask the witness a few questions 21 which would form the basis in part at least to the 2.2 objection. 23 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. Go ahead. 24 VOIR DIRE EXAMINATION 25 BY MR. AGATHEN:

Q.	Your	Sched	dule 1	RA-3	consists	s of	a 22-r	page	e stud	dy
compiled	by a	firm	name	d The	Energy	Auth	nority	or	TEA;	is
that correct?										

- A. That is correct.
- Q. What's the name of the person that authored that study?
- A. It was done by a group of the consultants there.
  - Q. Are they here today?
  - A. No, they are not.
- Q. So no one from the TEA who is directly involved in compiling the study is here?
- A. No.

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MR. AGATHEN: Your Honor, I'd like to object then to the admission into evidence of Schedule RA-3 which is the 22-page study prepared by The Energy Authority and also the testimony which references that study and the direct testimony, I guess rebuttal testimony, at page 3, line 20 to 23 and page 7, line 9 over to page 8, line 1. I've got three grounds for the objection.

First, that study amounts to hearsay. Second, no foundation has been laid for the inclusion of that study and the testimony I just mentioned and finally the individual who authored the study is not even here to

support it.

JUDGE DIPPELL: Ms. Whipple, did you have a response?

MS. WHIPPLE: I do, Your Honor. I think for expediency I'll make my response also, if Your Honor please, I'll make my response also cover the very same exhibit which will be also attached to the prefiled testimony and, of course, the testimony here of my next witness, Mr. John Grotzinger. And so for the record we're talking about The Energy Authority study also called the TEA study which is Schedule RA-3 to Ms. Atkins' prefiled testimony and it will be Schedule JG-14 to Mr. Grotzinger's prefiled testimony and here is my legal response.

I would refer, Your Honor, to Missouri Revised Statutes 490.065 which governs the admissibility of expert witness opinion testimony, and I would refer Your Honor specifically to subsection 1(3), which I'm happy to read. The title of this statute is Expert Witness Opinion Testimony Admissible. And subsection (3) provides that, quote, the facts or data in a particular case upon which an expert bases an opinion or inference may be those perceived by or made known to him at or before the hearing and must be of a type reasonably relied upon by experts in the field in forming opinions



1	or inferences upon the subject and must be otherwise
2	reasonably reliable. I would also refer to subsection
3	2.2 of the same statute and it provides that evidence is
4	admissible, and now I'm quoting, an expert may base an
5	opinion on facts or data in the case that the expert has
6	been made aware of or personally observed. If experts
7	in the particular field would reasonably rely on those
8	kinds of facts or data in forming an opinion on the
9	subject, they need not be admissible for the opinion to
10	be admitted.
11	Both Ms. Atkins and Mr. Grotzinger testified
12	in their prefiled testimony that they found the TEA
13	study to be reasonably relied upon by experts in the
14	field performing the work that they do every day and so
15	I would say that Mr. Agathen's objection is not lawfully
16	grounded.
17	JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. Mr. Agathen, did
18	you have any additional response?
19	MR. AGATHEN: I do not, Your Honor.
20	JUDGE DIPPELL: If you'll give me just a
21	moment.

Are there going to be cross-examination questions of this witness other than related to this attachment?

MR. AGATHEN: Very brief.

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1 JUDGE DIPPELL: Can I get you to go ahead. 2 Would it throw anybody off to go ahead and do those 3 while I consider the objection? 4 MR. AGATHEN: It wouldn't bother me, Your 5 Honor. 6 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. Let's go ahead and do 7 that for now. 8 MR. PRINGLE: My only question, Judge, also 9 will be about the TEA study. 10 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. Go ahead, Mr. Agathen. 11 Hello, Ms. Atkins. MR. AGATHEN: 12 CROSS-EXAMINATION 13 BY MR. AGATHEN: 14 If you could turn, please, to page 3 of your 15 rebuttal testimony. 16 Α. Okay. 17 At lines 15 to 16 you state that in addition 18 to the five municipal systems which have already 19 contracted to take power from the Grain Belt line, it is 20 likely that other MEC members will also choose to 21 participate. Is that essentially correct? 2.2 Α. That is true. 23 MS. WHIPPLE: Your Honor, just one moment. Ιf 24 I could object just to the mischaracterization of her

testimony. I think it may have just been a misspoken

- 1 word. It's not 5 municipal systems. It's 35 members of
- 2 | the MoPEP pool plus four additional municipalities.
- 3 | Might have been a misstate.
- 4 JUDGE DIPPELL: Mr. Agathen.
- 5 MR. AGATHEN: I was grouping a number of 6 municipal systems that they bought power for. I think
- 7 it's called, what, MoPEP, plus four other municipal
- 8 systems. So whatever the number that she said is
- 9 probably correct.
- 10 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you for that
- 11 | clarification.
- 12 BY MR. AGATHEN:
- Q. Do you remember what I just said in

  characterizing your testimony? Is it essentially

  correct other than the clarification that was just made?
- 16 A. Yes.
- Q. Since the conclusion of the last CCN case in early 2019, how many municipal systems do you think you've spoken with about taking power from the Grain Belt line other than those that already have signed contracts?
- A. Like Mr. Twitty, I will defer that question to Mr. Grotzinger. Thank you.
- MR. AGATHEN: Judge, that's all I have other than a few questions dealing with that study.



1 And when Staff said JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. 2 that, you were talking about Mr. Grotzinger's, questions 3 for Mr. Grotzinger? Mr. Grotzinger has as well. 4 MR. PRINGLE: 5 It's just the -- currently you're ruling on the 6 If it's not let in, I'll have no questions. objection. 7 If it's let in, I'll have one question about that study 8 for regular cross. 9 JUDGE DIPPELL: I'm sorry. I forgot I got out 10 of order with Mr. Agathen. 11 MR. PRINGLE: Same thing when I jumped in like 12 wait a minute. We're still waiting on an objection. 13 That's my bad. 14 JUDGE DIPPELL: No, no, not at all. 15 there any other -- Was there going to be any other 16 cross-examination of this witness? 17 I would have very few questions MR. AGATHEN: 18 dealing either directly or indirectly with the study 19 that we're talking about. 20 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. But no one else has any 21 other objections? 2.2 MR. ELLINGER: Objections or questions. 23 JUDGE DIPPELL: I'm sorry. Questions. Does 24 anyone have any other objections? 25 Depending on what ruling you MR. ELLINGER:

Т	make with this document, I might have a question of two
2	or I might not.
3	JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. But they're dependent
4	on the TEA study.
5	MR. ELLINGER: They're dependent upon your
6	ruling with respect to the TEA study.
7	JUDGE DIPPELL: I need just a minute to
8	actually read this statute and look at the testimony.
9	So we're going to just take a five-minute pause and go
10	off the record.
11	(A recess was taken.)
12	JUDGE DIPPELL: We're back on the record. I
13	apologize for that little hiatus, but I wanted a chance
14	to actually focus on that. I'm going to overrule the
15	objection and allow the attachment. Do you have any
16	other objections, Mr. Agathen?
17	MR. AGATHEN: Not to that, no. No objections
18	at all other than the one I just made.
19	JUDGE DIPPELL: Are there any other objections
20	to Exhibit 701? Then I will admit Exhibit 701.
21	(MEC'S EXHIBIT 701 WAS RECEIVED INTO EVIDENCE
22	AND MADE A PART OF THIS RECORD.)
23	JUDGE DIPPELL: Before we move further, that
24	exhibit or that schedule attached to the exhibit says
25	several times confidential and proprietary. That is



1	not, in fact, confidential and proprietary?
2	MS. WHIPPLE: It's okay, Your Honor. That has
3	to do with the arrangement that TEA and MEC often do
4	business together. TEA has previously done studies for
5	MEC. It's part of MEC's business. So that's part of
6	the agreement between them, but I assure you in our
7	agreement TEA has for purposes of this litigation given
8	us a written waiver that we could provide this
9	information to you and all the parties here.
10	JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. Thank you.
11	MS. WHIPPLE: Yes.
12	JUDGE DIPPELL: Just wanted to clarify that.
13	All right. I don't want to take things too out of
14	order. So I'll just go ahead and start back and come
15	back to you, Mr. Agathen, on the cross-examination. I'm
16	going to start back at the top of the list. So is there
17	any cross-examination by Associated Industries.
18	MR. ELLINGER: No questions, Judge. Thank
19	you.
20	JUDGE DIPPELL: Sierra Club.
21	MR. THOMPSON: No questions, Your Honor.
22	JUDGE DIPPELL: Renew Missouri.
23	MS. GREENWALD: No questions, thank you.
24	JUDGE DIPPELL: Clean Grid Alliance.
25	MR. BRADY: No questions. Thanks.



1	JUDGE DIPPELL: Grain Belt.
2	MR. SCHULTE: No questions.
3	JUDGE DIPPELL: Public Counsel.
4	MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you, no.
5	JUDGE DIPPELL: Staff.
6	MR. PRINGLE: Yes, Judge. Good afternoon, Ms.
7	Atkins.
8	THE WITNESS: Good afternoon.
9	CROSS-EXAMINATION
10	BY MR. PRINGLE:
11	Q. Just to be clear, this Schedule RA-3, the TEA
12	study, this is the entirety of the study that you have
13	had the chance to review?
14	A. That is correct.
15	Q. You have not reviewed any workpapers
16	associated with the study?
17	A. I was involved in conversations when we were
18	developing the assumptions, but this is the final
19	product.
20	Q. But no workpaper of your own for this?
21	A. I do not, no.
22	MR. PRINGLE: Thank you, ma'am. No further
23	questions.
24	JUDGE DIPPELL: Mr. Agathen.
25	MR. AGATHEN: Your Honor, I had already asked



1 questions not related to the TEA study. So I have 2 nothing further. 3 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. Is there anything from 4 the Ag Associations. 5 No, Your Honor, thank you. MR. HADEN: 6 Ms. Stemme. JUDGE DIPPELL: 7 No questions. MS. STEMME: 8 JUDGE DIPPELL: Are there any questions for 9 Ms. Atkins from the Commissioners? 10 COMMISSIONER HOLSMAN: No questions, Judge. 11 Thank you. 12 No, thank you, Judge. CHAIRMAN RUPP: 13 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you, Commissioners. All 14 I don't see any questions from Commissioners, 15 and I don't have any questions. Is there any redirect? 16 No, Your Honor. MS. WHIPPLE: Thank you. 17 All right. Ms. Atkins, thank JUDGE DIPPELL: 18 you for your testimony. 19 Thank you. THE WITNESS: 20 JUDGE DIPPELL: You may be excused. 21 (Witness excused.) 2.2 JUDGE DIPPELL: I feel like I took up most of 23 your time. You may call your next witness. 24 MS. WHIPPLE: MEC calls John Grotzinger to the 25 stand.



1	Page 1077 JUDGE DIPPELL: Would you please raise your
2	right hand. Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the
3	testimony you're about to give at this hearing will be
4	the truth?
5	THE WITNESS: I do.
6	JUDGE DIPPELL: You may proceed, Ms. Whipple.
7	MS. WHIPPLE: Thank you, Your Honor.
8	JOHN GROTZINGER,
9	having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified
10	as follows:
11	DIRECT EXAMINATION
12	BY MS. WHIPPLE:
13	Q. Mr. Grotzinger, for the record would you
14	please give us your business address?
15	A. 2200 Maguire Boulevard, Columbia, Missouri
16	65201.
17	Q. Who is your employer?
18	A. Missouri Public Utility Alliance.
19	Q. What is your position at the Missouri Public
20	Utility Alliance?
21	A. I am Chief Electric Operations Officer.
22	Q. Mr. Grotzinger, did you cause rebuttal
23	testimony and related schedules to be filed in this case
24	on April 19 2023 on behalf of the Missouri Joint



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- A. I did.
- Q. And for the record, I will tell you and the record that your rebuttal testimony and Schedules JG-1 through JG-14 have been marked as Exhibit 702, and so I would ask you to the best of your knowledge, are the responses that you gave in your prefiled testimony true and accurate?
  - A. Yes, they are.
- Q. And if today I asked you the same questions that were set forth in your rebuttal testimony, would your answers today be the same as the answers you gave in your rebuttal testimony?
  - A. Yes, they would.
- MS. WHIPPLE: Your Honor, I move for admission into the record Exhibit 702.
- JUDGE DIPPELL: And again, is that with highly confidential-competitive information?
- MS. WHIPPLE: Yes. There is a public version and there is a highly confidential-competitive version, just those two.
- JUDGE DIPPELL: Would there be any objection to Exhibit 702?
- MR. AGATHEN: Yes, Your Honor. Basically the same objection that I just lost, but I think I have to



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     make a record here.
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               JUDGE DIPPELL:
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               MR. AGATHEN: I'm objecting to the admission
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     of Schedule JG-14 which is that TEA study and also the
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     testimony of Mr. Grotzinger which references that study.
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     That would be his rebuttal testimony at page 9, line 17
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     through page 13, line 20 and the objection is on the
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     same grounds as I had raised earlier.
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               JUDGE DIPPELL: Ms. Whipple, same response?
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                             Same response, Your Honor.
               MS. WHIPPLE:
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     Thank you.
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               JUDGE DIPPELL:
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     objections? Then I will overrule the objection and I
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     will admit Exhibit 702, including 702 HC-C.
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                             And Your Honor, I tender the
               MS. WHIPPLE:
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     witness for cross-examination.
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               JUDGE DIPPELL: Let me just open it up.
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     there any cross-examination for Mr. Grotzinger? Staff.
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               MR. AGATHEN: I have questions, Your Honor.
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               MR. PRINGLE:
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     afternoon, Mr. Grotzinger.
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1	THE WITNESS: Good afternoon.
2	CROSS-EXAMINATION
3	BY MR. PRINGLE:
4	Q. And similar to what I asked Ms. Atkins, did
5	you review or contribute to any workpapers with the TEA
6	study?
7	A. No, same answer.
8	MR. PRINGLE: Thank you, sir. No further
9	questions, Judge.
10	JUDGE DIPPELL: Mr. Agathen.
11	MR. AGATHEN: Thank you, Your Honor. Hello,
12	Mr. Grotzinger.
13	THE WITNESS: Hello.
14	CROSS-EXAMINATION
15	BY MR. AGATHEN:
16	Q. MEC's contract with Grain Belt allows MEC to
17	purchase up to 200 MW of firm capacity rights under
18	Grain Belt, right?
19	A. That's correct.
20	Q. MEC currently has contracts to sell a total of
21	136 MW of that capacity?
22	A. That's also correct.
23	Q. That's the same amount of capacity to the same
24	municipal systems which MEC had contracts with at the
25	conclusion of the last CCN case, right?



- Page 1081 1 Α. Yes. 2 And the Report and Order on Remand was issued 3 in that case in March of 2019? 4 Yes. Α. 5 JUDGE DIPPELL: Mr. Grotzinger, can you point 6 toward the microphone? Thank you. 7 Yes, it's the same. THE WITNESS: BY MR. AGATHEN: 8 9 The Commission stated in its Order at page 12, Ο. 10 paragraph 22 in the last case that MJMEUC, now MEC, has 68 municipal utility members. Is that still 11 12 approximately correct? I believe the number is 72, but yes, that's 13 Α. 14 approximately correct. 15 Ο. So over the last four years, the MEC has not 16 signed a single contract to sell capacity to any 17 additional municipal systems, correct? No contracts have been finalized. 18 Α. 19 And none of the systems which you had a 0. 20 contract with back in 2019 has signed a contract to buy 21 an additional amount of capacity; is that correct? 2.2 Α. No contracts have been signed yet. 23 So the answer is no? O.
- 24 Α. No.
- 25 So that still leaves MEC with an additional 64 Q.

- MW, if my math is right, which is not yet spoken for by any other municipal system in Missouri, correct?
  - A. That is correct currently.
- Q. Could you turn, please, to page 3 of your rebuttal.
  - A. Yes, sir.

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- Q. At lines 20 to 22, you essentially say that you expect that other municipal systems will choose to buy at least some of the remaining 64 MW; is that correct?
  - A. Yes, it is.
- Q. And then at page 11 -- strike that. Page 6, lines 10 through 15 you also state that you believe that the mid Missouri Municipal Power Energy Pool and other MEC members near the AECI region might also consider purchasing some of the remaining capacity; is that correct?
  - A. That is correct.
- Q. Subsequent to the close of the last case in 2019, how many municipal systems have you or someone else with MEC spoken with about the possibility of buying some of that capacity from the Grain Belt line?
- A. If you include the existing cities that are part of the original 136 and additional ones beyond that, roughly 55.



1	Page 1083 Q. So 55 that you've spoken with since the last
2	case?
۷	case:
3	A. That includes them in aggregate. The MoPEP
4	being 14 cities in themselves and then the 35 MoPEP in
5	additional individual cities.
6	Q. Is it fair to say that the entire 200 MW which
7	MEC can purchase from Grain Belt was priced at what is
8	called the first mover rate and that amounted to only
9	\$1,167 per MW month?
LO	A. That would be the case, yes.
L1	Q. That rate was clearly below market, was it
L2	not?
L3	A. I think it's been asserted that it is.
L4	Q. You believe that to be true?
L5	A. I do believe that's true.
L6	Q. And that same rate would apply to any sale by
L7	Grain Belt to MEC of the remaining 64 MW of capacity; is
L8	that correct?
L9	A. That is correct.
20	Q. So far no additional contracts have been
21	signed by any municipal system to purchase any of this
22	capacity at below market rates?



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No.

None of those have been finalized.

So the answer is no, they have not signed?

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1	Page 1084 Q. I've got two questions that were deferred to
2	you.
3	A. Okay.
4	Q. In addition to the cost of capacity from Grain
5	Belt and the cost of energy, approximately how much, if
6	any, would a city like Hannibal, for example, need to
7	pay to wheel the power from the Grain Belt delivery
8	point to the Missouri city of Hannibal?
9	A. In transmission charge, if they're taking
10	service under network transmission service, that would
11	be based on their load. So there would be no additional
12	transmission cost beyond that.
13	Q. So you could get it from the delivery point
14	near the converter station to Hannibal with no
15	additional charge?
16	A. Not beyond what they are already paying for
17	alternative supplies.
18	Q. And that would apply to all the other

municipal systems in Missouri?

- Not all of those but those inside of MISO. 20 21 Those inside of MISO in taking network Excuse me. 22 service.
- Understood. That's all I have, 23 MR. AGATHEN: 24 Your Honor.
- Thank you. Anything from the 25 JUDGE DIPPELL:



1	Page 1085 Ag Associations.
2	MR. HADEN: Just briefly, Judge.
3	CROSS-EXAMINATION
4	BY MR. HADEN:
5	Q. Mr. Grotzinger, and you may not be able to
6	Has anybody to your knowledge ever done any analysis on
7	the expected savings to the individual customer for any
8	of the cities in MEC's pool?
9	A. To the individual retail customer?
10	Q. Yeah.
11	A. I am not aware of that.
12	Q. And just so I'm clear just to break that out a
13	little bit, within that category of retail customers,
14	businesses or individuals would fit in that category;
15	you understand?
16	A. That would be my understanding.
17	Q. And nobody to your knowledge has done an
18	analysis for MEC or anyone else that would lay out a
19	number of expected savings down to the individual retail
20	customer level?
21	A. No. We've done it on a city level but not on
22	a retail customer level. That's been left to the
23	cities.
24	MR. HADEN: Thank you.



Anything from Ms. Stemme.

JUDGE DIPPELL:

1	MS. STEMME: No questions.
2	JUDGE DIPPELL: Are there any questions from
3	the Commission for Mr. Grotzinger?
4	COMMISSIONER HOLSMAN: No questions, Judge.
5	CHAIRMAN RUPP: No, thank you, Judge.
6	JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. Is there any
7	redirect?
8	MS. WHIPPLE: Yes, Your Honor. Just one,
9	please.
10	JUDGE DIPPELL: Go ahead.
11	REDIRECT EXAMINATION
12	BY MS. WHIPPLE:
13	Q. Mr. Grotzinger, do you recall that Mr. Agathen
14	asked you a series of questions about the fact that
15	there are 64 MW remaining unsubscribed or not under
16	contract of the original 200 MW?
17	A. Yes.
18	Q. Would you please explain to us to your
19	knowledge why the remaining 64 MW are not already under
20	firm contract?
21	A. A couple complications in that. One has been
22	over the past several years ongoing activity in the
23	legislature for potential threats to this have made it
24	less than an urgent priority to that. And then more
25	recently the fact that the interest by the number of



Page 1087 1 cities has outstripped the 64 MW. So it's also a 2 question of how to allocate that. 3 0. How to allocate it fairly? 4 How to allocate it fairly among our members. Α. 5 MS. WHIPPLE: Thank you. I don't have 6 anything else, Your Honor. 7 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you, Mr. Grotzinger. 8 You may be excused. 9 (Witness excused.) 10 JUDGE DIPPELL: Are there any other MEC 11 witnesses? 12 MS. WHIPPLE: No, Your Honor. That concludes 13 our evidence. Thank you. I believe then we 14 JUDGE DIPPELL: Very good. are down to our very last witness. Renew Missouri. 15 16 Thank you, Judge. MS. GREENWALD: Renew 17 Missouri calls James Owen. 18 JUDGE DIPPELL: Mr. Owen is making his way. 19 Can you please raise your right hand. Do you solemnly 20 swear or affirm that the testimony you're about to give 21 at this hearing will be the truth? 2.2 THE WITNESS: I do. 23 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. You may go ahead 24 with your witness.

Thank you.

MS. GREENWALD:

1	JAMES OWEN,
2	having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified
3	as follows:
4	DIRECT EXAMINATION
5	BY MS. GREENWALD:
6	Q. Mr. Owen, will you please state your full name
7	for the record?
8	A. My name is James Matthew Owen. Last name
9	O-w-e-n.
10	Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?
11	A. I am employed as the Executive Director and
12	Officer of Renew Missouri Advocates, Incorporated.
13	Q. Did you prepare and cause to be prefiled
14	surrebuttal testimony that has been marked as Exhibit
15	800?
16	A. I did.
17	Q. Do you have any changes that you would like to
18	make to your testimony at this time?
19	A. I do not.
20	Q. If I were to ask you those same questions
21	today, would your answers be substantially the same?
22	A. They would.
23	Q. Are all of those answers true and correct to
24	the best of your information, knowledge and belief?
25	A. To the best of my knowledge and belief, yes,



1 they are. 2 MS. GREENWALD: At this time I would like to 3 offer Exhibit 800 into evidence. 4 JUDGE DIPPELL: Would there be any objection 5 to Exhibit 800? Seeing none, I will admit Exhibit 800. 6 (RENEW MISSOURI'S EXHIBIT 800 WAS RECEIVED 7 INTO EVIDENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS RECORD.) 8 MS. GREENWALD: Thank you. I tender Mr. Owen 9 for cross-examination. 10 JUDGE DIPPELL: Is there cross-examination from MEC. 11 12 MS. WHIPPLE: No, Your Honor. Thank you. 13 JUDGE DIPPELL: Associated Industries. 14 MR. ELLINGER: No questions, Judge. 15 you. 16 JUDGE DIPPELL: I really want you to be the 17 Cooperative. Sierra Club. 18 MR. THOMPSON: No questions, Your Honor. 19 JUDGE DIPPELL: Clean Grid Alliance. 20 MR. BRADY: No questions. Thank you. 21 JUDGE DIPPELL: Grain Belt. 2.2 MR. SCHULTE: No questions. 23 JUDGE DIPPELL: Public Counsel. 24 Thank you, no. MR. WILLIAMS: 25 JUDGE DIPPELL: Staff.



- 1 MR. PRINGLE: No questions, Judge. Thank you.
- 2 JUDGE DIPPELL: Missouri Landowners Alliance.
- MR. AGATHEN: Just a couple, Your Honor.
- 4 JUDGE DIPPELL: You told me one earlier,
- 5 Mr. Agathen.
- 6 MR. AGATHEN: Well, I misspoke, I think.
- 7 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 8 BY MR. AGATHEN:

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- Q. At line -- or page 10 I guess of your
  testimony at line 16 to 18 you rely on the testimony of
  Mr. Sane and Ms. Stemme for the proposition that the
  Amended Project will deliver electricity into Missouri
  as well as other states within MISO. Is that
- 15 A. No. I think what I referred to their
  16 testimony was refuting it being just simply for economic
  17 development.
- Q. Are you saying that it will or will not or
  don't you know whether the electricity will be delivered
  into states other than Missouri?
- 21 A. Oh, no, I do know it will be delivered in other states.
- Q. Outside of MISO?

essentially correct?

- A. Within MISO and PJM footprints, yes.
- Q. What other states in MISO are you referring to

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- 2 A. I believe it's going to go through Illinois.
- 3 | I believe that state is part of MISO.
  - O. What other states?
- 5 A. Well, the states plural was MISO and PJM. I 6 wasn't referring to plural states for just MISO.
  - Q. So you didn't have a list of MISO states other than Illinois?
    - A. I don't list any states.
    - Q. I mean, today you don't have any other states?
- 11 A. I know right now currently that there is an 12 effort to get Grain Belt Express to be a part of the 13 MISO to be considered something that can put off there.

Right now to answer your question specifically I was

- referring to states as plural from the states and MISO and PJM.
- Q. Again, you don't have any other states to name in MISO at this point?
- 19 A. Other than Illinois, Missouri, no, I do not.
- MR. AGATHEN: Thank you. Sorry, Judge. A couple extra questions there.
- JUDGE DIPPELL: That's quite all right.
- 23 The Ag Associations.
- MR. HADEN: No questions, Your Honor.
- JUDGE DIPPELL: Ms. Stemme.



1	MS. STEMME: No questions.
2	JUDGE DIPPELL: Are there any questions for
3	Mr. Owen from the Commissioners?
4	COMMISSIONER HOLSMAN: Yes, Judge.
5	JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. Commissioner Holsman.
6	COMMISSIONER HOLSMAN: Thank you.
7	QUESTIONS
8	BY COMMISSIONER HOLSMAN:
9	Q. Thank you, Mr. Owen, for your testimony today.
10	I talked earlier about the prospects of rather Grain
11	Belt Project would or would not relieve congestion. Can
12	you speak to whether you believe it will or not?
13	A. You know, I believe one of the primary
14	concerns and I talked about this in my written testimony
15	that we must deal with especially in dealing with access
16	for the public, the Missouri public, for renewable
17	energy is that we do need more transmission. We need
18	more projects. We need the ability to be able to
19	deliver that. So I do believe that this Project will be
20	able to accomplish that reduction in congestion, yes.
21	Q. In certain parts of RTOs we see negative
22	pricing indicated on the maps by deep blue or indigo.
23	Do you believe that this transmission project will
24	relieve some of that negative pricing?



I believe it can, yes.

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1	Page 1093 Q. My final question is if this Project were to
2	be built, do you believe that renewable energy
3	generation projects that are not currently online today
4	will be constructed and developed as a result of this
5	transmission line specifically?
6	A. For this line specifically, I don't know if I
7	can speak to any specific projects, but I do believe
8	that the addition of any transmission projects that are
9	delivering this kind of power to customers is going to
10	open up generation, you know, potentially exponentially
11	but certainly I think to where we need to be for several
12	goals and several goals set forth by states, set forth
13	by transmission organizations, set forth by other

16 Thank you, Judge. COMMISSIONER HOLSMAN:

utilities. I believe that this will be able to be

That's all the questions I have. 17

helpful for that, yes.

18 Thank you. THE WITNESS:

19 Thank you. JUDGE DIPPELL:

20 CHAIRMAN RUPP: Judge, this is Commissioner

21 Rupp.

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2.2 Yes, go ahead, Mr. Chairman. JUDGE DIPPELL:

23 QUESTIONS

24 BY CHAIRMAN RUPP:

At the risk of having the last question of the

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1	Page 1094 day here, I just wanted to ask, Mr. Owen, is it possible
2	to get a refund on my electricity and energy I used
3	watching The Banshees of Inisherin, which I believe was
4	a movie you recommended the last case you were here?
5	(Laughter)
6	A. Commissioner, without violating any rules, if
7	you need a refund, I'm happy to talk to you about that
8	off the record.
9	Q. If you can My kids are still mad at me for
10	making them watch that movie. If you can figure out a
11	way to remedy that, I'd appreciate it.
12	A. Never said your kids should watch that movie
13	to be clear. (Laughter)
14	JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you, Commissioner. I
15	hate to ask. Any recross based on questions from the
16	Commission? I'm just going to throw it out to the
17	group. Any recross? Not hearing any. Is there any
18	redirect?

MS. GREENWALD: No, thank you, Judge.

JUDGE DIPPELL: Very good. Mr. Owen, you have

21 | the joy of being our last witness and you are excused.

THE WITNESS: Thank you, Judge.

23 (Witness excused.)

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JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. Okay. Well, I

have a few housekeeping things and a couple of



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objections to rule on, and then we will make sure that
everything has been admitted and talk about briefing
schedules and that kind of stuff. So I will say to the
Commissioners and other people, the substance is pretty
well done. So feel free to go about your business.
CHAIRMAN RUPP: Judge this is Commissioner

Rupp. I just wanted to thank you for a very well run hearing. I thought you were very firm yet loving and professional with all the witnesses and I thought you made the hearing run very smoothly and I appreciate your professionalism.

JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the remarks.

COMMISSIONER HOLSMAN: Judge, this is Commissioner Holsman.

JUDGE DIPPELL: Yes.

COMMISSIONER HOLSMAN: I also want to say that after 34 hours of technical testimony our court reporter deserves a standing ovation.

JUDGE DIPPELL: And she is receiving one.

COMMISSIONER HOLSMAN: I want to thank you for being objectively fair and running the great hearing and all of the witnesses who took the time to present this very difficult and complicated and challenging subject matter. Thank everybody and we'll do our best to make a

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1	Page 109 good decision.
2	JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you, Commissioner.
3	COMMISSIONER KOLKMEYER: Judge, I will second
4	the Chairman's remarks and thank you for a job well
5	done.
6	JUDGE DIPPELL: My job unfortunately is only
7	just beginning. But thank you. Okay. So there's still
8	a few outstanding objections. So I want to get to

So I already took administrative notice of those those. Reports and Orders in the prior cases. I marked those and gave those exhibit numbers.

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I am not going to admit the whole record from the 2016 case. It's just too overly burdensome to this record to do so. Several witnesses have referred to it during their testimony and there was adequate time to cross-examine on those issues as needed. So those objections -- or that request to admit that is denied and any objections contained to it overruled.

Then there was the matter of MLA's request to have -- I'm going to get to that one last. Never mind.

Let me back up.

MR. HADEN: Judge, I'm sorry to interrupt that line of thought. Just so I'm clear. The 2016 Order, it is admitted, correct?

JUDGE DIPPELL: The Order is admitted. The



Report and Order on Remand is admitted, but I am not bringing in all of the testimony transcripts.

MR. HADEN: I'm tracking. If anybody cites to the Order, we're okay there in briefing?

JUDGE DIPPELL: Absolutely.

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MR. AGATHEN: I assume no one can cite the rest of the case other than the Order in briefs.

JUDGE DIPPELL: There are multiple places where testimony, the prefiled testimony has cited to that record. So that brings those portions that are cited, as far as, I mean, I don't know that that means that you can cite everything in a piece of testimony just because it was mentioned but certainly that specific fact that that testimony is relying on is now in this record.

MR. AGATHEN: I just want to be clear the parties are not allowed to cite in their briefs any part of the record other than what's been brought in through testimony.

anything that you may cite in your brief. I want to give you guidance, but I don't want you not to make an argument that you were going to make because of something I said that might have been interpreted incorrectly. So I guess I'm saying if there's something



you need to cite that wasn't already among the testimony
and in the record, I don't think that's in evidence. If
there's something that has been incorporated in the
testimony before us in this proceeding, then I think
you're free to cite to that. If you're in doubt, if it
were me I would cite it and wait for somebody to do a
motion to strike.

MR. HAGEN: Fair enough.

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MR. AGATHEN: Thank you for the clarification.

JUDGE DIPPELL: I am not encouraging motions to strike parts of briefs but it happens.

Other outstanding objections I had or requests. Mr. Agathen had brought forward a request to add two admissions to the record. Grain Belt has objected to those admissions. Does Grain Belt still object to those admissions being part of this record?

MR. SCHULTE: We do. And we had an opportunity to review the case that was referenced by Mr. Agathen, and there are a couple of distinguishing circumstances from that case to this one. That was a jury trial between two individuals. There was an admission by a party opponent that was requested to be read to the jury, and the Court there held that there's no valid objection to the reading of Rule 59.01 admissions to a jury, and the justification for that is

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the timing and manner of presentation of evidence which
is critical and vital to the sorry, a quote from that
case was many times it is the timing and manner of
presentation of evidence which is critical and vital to
the outcome of a litigant's case. Perhaps that is true
in a jury trial and perhaps that is fair when the party
litigants are individuals who are presumably present.
The admission here is not a jury trial. So the timing
of this does not really does not have an impact, and
the admission is by an individual who is the Vice
President of Transmission Development for Invenergy but
was not a witness to this case. And so it's
inappropriate to include that in the record with no
opportunity to respond.

The other issue that we have with this is that one of the admissions referenced cross-references Grain Belt Express's response to MLA DR G43 for clarification. And so the admissions are incomplete because we don't have the clarification.

JUDGE DIPPELL: Mr. Agathen, do you know was that DR number, it's MLA DR G43, has that been admitted into this record at all?

MR. AGATHEN: No, I didn't see any need for it. If counsel for Grain Belt thought that it should be, then I thought that was up to him.

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- JUDGE DIPPELL: The response does refer to it for clarification. And that's the only reason I really see to not allow these. I frankly am puzzled that the first one Grain Belt wouldn't just admit to but.
- 5 MR. SCHULTE: No. 6?

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- 6 JUDGE DIPPELL: Yes.
- 7 MR. SCHULTE: Yes, we can admit to that. Yes, 8 his title and name, sure.
- JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. That is Mr. Brad

  10 -- and how do you say his name?
- MS. CALLENBACH: Pnazek.
- JUDGE DIPPELL: Pnazek, P-n-a-z-e-k, is the

  Vice President of Transmission Development for

  Invenergy. He is responsible among other things for the

  development of Grain Belt Express transmission line

  Project and the response was that Grain Belt admits that

  fact. So that is a fact now on the record.
  - MR. AGATHEN: Your Honor, I'd be happy to file as a late-filed exhibit the answer to that and the question to the data request that's mentioned there.
- JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. I would be open to
  that. So maybe I will save the rest of this ruling for
  another day.
- Mr. Agathen, if you could supply that DR No.

  GR43 and answer, and I will let you all go ahead and



make written arguments with regard to this.

2	Mr. Agathen, if you could submit that within can you
3	do that by tomorrow or could you do that by Monday?
4	MR. AGATHEN: By Monday.
5	JUDGE DIPPELL: If you will submit that by
6	Monday and if Grain Belt would file and any other party
7	file any further response to why that should not be
8	admitted by could you do that by Friday, next Friday?
9	MR. SCHULTE: Yes, that's no problem.
10	JUDGE DIPPELL: Then I will have you do that
11	and I will save that one still for another day. You
12	guys are giving me new evidentiary conundrums.
13	Okay. So then there was a request my notes
14	are in several different places. There was a request to
15	take administrative notice of Michael Skelly's direct
16	testimony at page 14, lines 5 through 7 in the
17	EA-2016-0358. There were objections to that to taking
18	administrative notice of that. Yes. I had objections
19	from both Grain Belt and from MEC, and again I know you
20	were on a roll objecting but is this really a fact that
21	you're not just willing to admit?
22	MR. SCHULTE: You recall we never got a copy,
23	I can't even remember what we're talking about.
24	JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. So again, it's Michael

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Skelly's direct testimony from the EA-2016-0358 hearing

- 1 and I'll just pull it up so I can read it verbatim. But
- 2 | basically it's that he says that in January of 2015,
- 3 Grain Belt or Invenergy rather, I think, held its
- 4 initial solicitation.
  - MR. SCHULTE: It would not have been
- 6 Invenergy. Invenergy did not own the --
- 7 JUDGE DIPPELL: Let me just pull it up and
- 8 | I'll just read it. Okay. Michael Skelly's direct at
- 9 page 14, lines 5 through 7 says a strong need for the
- 10 | new service that will be provided by the Project was
- 11 demonstrated by the open solicitation process that Grain
- 12 | Belt Express held from January to March 2015 through
- which customers could subscribe for capacity on the
- 14 Project.

- MR. SCHULTE: We withdraw our objection for
- 16 | the admission of that statement.
- JUDGE DIPPELL: What about MEC?
- 18 MS. WHIPPLE: Your Honor, our objection was
- 19 | procedural, not substantive. So we'll defer to Grain
- 20 | Belt's choice on this. We just objected to snippets of
- 21 | testimony and the rule of completeness. We'll follow
- 22 | suit. If they're comfortable with it, we will be too.
- JUDGE DIPPELL: Or I can overrule your
- 24 | objection since I have already said we're not going to
- 25 | admit the whole record.



1	MS. WHIPPLE: Yes.
2	JUDGE DIPPELL: That was basically your
3	objection.
4	MS. WHIPPLE: That was basically my procedural
5	concern, yes, Your Honor.
6	JUDGE DIPPELL: So MEC's objection is
7	overruled and Grain Belt's objection is withdrawn and
8	those lines that I just read are admitted.
9	Okay. And then the last one that I have that
10	we haven't discussed was MLA also made a request for
11	administrative notice of the direct testimony of
12	Dr. Anthony Wayne Galli, G-a-l-l-i, at page 29, line 23
13	through page 30, line 5. And I'm trying to see was that
14	also in the EA-2016 case?
15	MR. AGATHEN: Yes, Your Honor.
16	MS. WHIPPLE: Is Your Honor thinking of
17	reading that too?
18	JUDGE DIPPELL: Yes, I can. I'm looking at my
19	notes which seem to have made sense last night. Okay.
20	Let me pull that up real quick. So we're all on the
21	same page. Okay. Direct testimony of Dr. Anthony Wayne
22	Galli, page 29, line 23 through page 30, line 5 says
23	MISO has designed the DPP process to prevent
24	interconnection customers from entering the DPP and
25	signing interconnection agreements until it is certain

1	the customer's project will be built. Withdraw of
2	projects that enter the DPP process creates significant
3	problems for MISO because future interconnection
4	projects are modeled assuming projects in the DPP are
5	built. Changing the assumptions causes study delays,
6	additional study costs and general uncertainty. And
7	then the next sentence continues but is cut off at the
8	end of line 5 which it says considering all of this
9	including the need to coordinate with PJM and it
10	continues, but I don't think that was part of what
11	Mr. Agathen was trying to admit. This was during the
12	testimony of Mr. Sane.
13	So I guess, first of all, I will ask if the
14	objections are still in place.
15	MR. SCHULTE: Yes, and I would distinguish
16	this snippet from the previous snippet. The previous
17	snippet was a fact. This testimony is opinion. And so
18	we object on due process grounds and the rule of

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full record in the previous case. 23 And did you have anything JUDGE DIPPELL: 24 else, Mr. Agathen?

explain his opinion, he's not available for

completeness because this witness is not available to

cross-examination, and it's an incomplete portion of the

I didn't, Your Honor, except to MR. AGATHEN:

say that that piece of testimony from Mr. Galli was significant in my mind in response to Mr. Sane's testimony about the complaint case at the FERC which Invenergy filed against MISO. And that testimony from Mr. Galli basically supports MISO's position in that complaint case.

JUDGE DIPPELL: Well, I'm going to sustain these objections and not allow this testimony. There were significant other pieces of testimony including an errata which wasn't directly to this testimony. So anyway, I'm going to sustain those objections and deny admission of that.

Now, there was some questioning after that that I had said at the time was sort of in the manner of an offer of proof and that can stay as an offer of proof. But frankly, I think it could stay regardless because the witness basically testified that he didn't know that much about the process and he didn't really add anything to it. But anyway, that's the ruling on that.

Were there any other outstanding rulings that

I had not besides the one we're holding still?

MR. AGATHEN: I can't think of any, Your

Honor.

JUDGE DIPPELL: Excuse me?



MR. AGATHEN: I can't think of any, Your Honor.

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JUDGE DIPPELL: I think that's everything. If you realize later that I missed something else, please bring it to my attention. We had a briefing schedule set. And I failed to pull it up here. Does anybody recall what the -- oh, no, I have it down here. Initial briefs are due on June 30 and reply briefs are due on July 7.

I am hoping to, and our wonderful court reporter is hoping to have the transcripts done within the ten business days that is our usual. I will note that June 19 is a federal holiday. So that kind of lengthens the timing of the transcripts. But I know that Ms. Bentch will work on them as quickly as possible. When I get those transcripts, those in-camera portions, I'm going to take a look at those and see if there's any of it that we can declassify to a lower level. And so I may be contacting the parties to see if that's possible before the official transcripts are filed to try to make that as less confusing and as much public information as we can.

MS. CALLENBACH: Excuse me, Judge. Could I make a motion to extend the reply brief deadline to the following Friday, July 14, just given that the week of



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the 7th is a holiday week and a shorter week and it's only one week subsequent to the filing of initial briefs unless parties have any objection to another week.

JUDGE DIPPELL: So you're saying July 14?

MS. CALLENBACH: Yes.

JUDGE DIPPELL: If Grain Belt wants to extend things, they are welcome to, but I will say that if you get an extra week the Commission may need an extra week for its decision. And while no promises are made on the decision date, the Commission is aware that Grain Belt had requested a decision be made in early August. And I for one don't want to spend my whole summer on this case. So I would like to get you an Order as quickly as the Commission is able to. But anyway, I just wanted to say that. If we extend briefing another week, then the Commission is liable to need another week as well.

MS. CALLENBACH: Yes, that's understood, and we certainly do want an Order as quickly as possible but not -- we don't want to sacrifice a good written product just for time sake.

JUDGE DIPPELL: Yes. Okay. That is fine if that's agreeable to the other parties. July 14 for reply briefs.

All right. Is there anything else before -- I will do a notice listing out all of the exhibits that



1	were admitted and it will list the ones that weren't
2	admitted as well. So you can look for that in a few
3	days and hopefully that may come out with the
4	transcript.
5	MR. AGATHEN: Judge, do you have handy there
6	the last exhibit in the 300 series?
7	JUDGE DIPPELL: Yes.
8	MR. AGATHEN: I think you added a few to it.
9	JUDGE DIPPELL: I did. Let me just go through
10	those because those were probably the most confusing.
11	So 300 was not admitted, 301 HC, 302, 303. 304 was what
12	I labeled the 2014 Report and Order. And I took
13	official notice of that. 305 was not admitted. That
14	was the Economic Impact Analysis. And then I marked the
15	Report and Order on Remand in the 2016 case as 306. So
16	that's what I have.
17	Does anybody else need me to go over exhibit
18	numbers?
19	MR. PRINGLE: Not going over numbers, Judge.
20	I just want to make sure I got Staff's homework complete
21	with the corrections we made earlier. Staff will be
22	filing corrected copies of Exhibits 101, 102, 104 and
23	109.
24	JUDGE DIPPELL: If that was all of the ones
25	with corrections, yes, that's what I have.



1	MR. PRINGLE: Thank you, Judge.
2	MS. CALLENBACH: Judge, along those same lines
3	we had committed to filing a new version of Ms. Rolanda
4	Shine's testimony that included her November 21, 2022
5	errata sheet plus the red-lined one pager that we
6	circulated amongst the parties here. That also
7	incorporates the changes she made on the stand. We will
8	submit that just so there's one clean copy for the
9	exhibit.
10	JUDGE DIPPELL: That would be good. If you
11	can if everybody can submit those by next Friday,
12	too.
13	MS. CALLENBACH: Just to clarify, Judge, Ms.
14	Shine's corrections were pretty extensive. The
15	witnesses that made kind of minor changes on the stand,
16	are those acceptable as is or do we need to submit new
17	exhibits for every witness who made minor changes?
18	JUDGE DIPPELL: I think we can probably do
19	with just the ones that were big changes like Ms.
20	Shine's. That will probably end up being less confusing
21	in the long run.
22	MS. CALLENBACH: Thank you.
23	JUDGE DIPPELL: Any other questions about
24	exhibits? Okay. Any other questions about anything

Seeing none, I think that completes the hearing.

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     We almost made it by 5:00. And I thank you all for your
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     participation and your patience and we can go off the
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