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the health, safety, or welfare of the inhabitants; And, finally, that the facility will not unduly interfere with the ordinarily development of the region with due consideration having been given to the views of governing bodies of affected local units of Government. All parties have the right to be present and to be represented by an attorney. All persons testifying will be sworn in and subject to cross-examination by the parties. The Commission's final decision may be appealed by the parties to the State Circuit Court and finally to the State Supreme Court. John Smith, the Commission's counsel, will act as Hearing Examiner and will conduct the hearing subject to the Commission's oversight. He may provide recommended rulings on procedural as well as evidentiary matters. The Commission may overrule its counsel's preliminary rulings throughout the hearing. If his rulings are not overruled, those preliminary rulings will become final rulings. With that, we'll turn it over to Mr. Smith to conduct the hearing.

MR. SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Welcome, everyone. Just one last reminder. I would ask that people make sure your cellphones are turned off. Not a real big deal, but it is interruptive of the proceedings. So please either leave them downstairs or turn them off, if you would.

With that, we'll begin the hearing. And I think at

the outset I'm going to ask of counsel and parties whether there are any preliminary matters that we wish to dispose of or take up before we turn to the Applicant's case in chief.

MR. KOENECKE: Thank you, Mr. Smith. This is

Brett Koenecke for the Applicant. We do have some preliminary matters to go through. If the parties and the Commission will permit me, perhaps I'll take the lead on what I think those matters are, and then we can flesh those out.

First off, we did file motions late last week relative to the late filed testimony of Perry Rahn and also to the Motion in Limine regarding the discussions of matters surrounding land acquisition and eminent domain. If the Commission would wish to take those up at this time, those are things that we think are hanging out there that need to be decided at some point here in the hearings and probably initially.

We have a number of exhibits. As everyone knows, the filings have been voluminous on our part, and the witness table is essentially covered with large documents which represent essentially the Application and the exhibits which were filed.

I have asked staff and I have asked counsel for WEB

1 Water if we could stipulate to the admission of the Application
and -- I should say Exhibits A, B, and D to the Application.
Exhibit C, if you'll recall, was very voluminous and contained a
substantial amount of information which was not relevant to the
proceedings in South Dakota in my view. And I have prepared a

list of Exhibit C as it was filed and Exhibit C as I wish to
 have the parts of it introduced into the record and become
 evidence.

And I've asked Mrs. Kolbo downstairs to make copies of that for everyone's review so we can see where we're at for that matter. I understand we've got an agreement to stipulate with staff and WEB Water's counsel. I don't know about the remainder of the Interveners. We'll have to take that up as well.

That constitutes my understanding of what we'd like to discuss before we start calling witnesses, Mr. Smith. Thank you.

MR. SMITH: Commissioners, how do you wish -- let me ask you a question, Mr. Koenecke, right up front. Both of the motions that you filed deal with Intervener testimony, which we are a couple of days away from hearing. Are these motions something that might be better addressed at the point in time when we are ready to begin with the Interveners' testimony?

MR. KOENECKE: I don't know, Mr. Smith. The question

MR. KOENECKE: I don't know, Mr. Smith. The question I don't know as I sit here, what the intentions of staff and the parties are as to cross-examination of my witnesses with respect to those matters. That would be one thing I could think of that we should consider in the timing of when to dispose of that motion.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Just to add to that, Mr. Smith, you know, if it's appropriate, I probably would have questions based

1 on information filed by other parties for TransCanada once2 they're up, as opposed to having them called back up as some

sort of rebuttal witness.

MR. SMITH: Okay. I'm not quite sure I'm following.Are you stating then you're recommending then that we take this up right now?

7 CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: I think that would be most8 appropriate.

MR. SMITH: Okay. Well, let's turn -- which one first? You know, I'll tell you, one particular that -- with respect to the Perry Rahn exhibit, his late filed testimony, for whatever reason, I guess I'm a little bit -- I would probably rather have the benefit of having Mr. Rahn here so we can ask him what happened as opposed to doing that without the benefit of that.

But, you know, I'd be willing to hear from otherparties, staff or Mr. Rasmussen on that.

MR. RASMUSSEN: Well, I can address that. And I guess we might have some additional information, some copies of FedEx receipt slips, that sort of thing later on which I don't have right now.

But my understanding is Mr. Hohn was primarily responsible for filing the WEB expert testimony. And my understanding is is that his office attempted to file Mr. Rahn's testimony on I believe it's the 13th of November was our date.

would hear him.

And, in fact, there is a e-mail cover letter, so to speak, that says enclosed is the Rahn and the -- what's the other guy's name?

MR. CURT HOHN: Davis.

MR. RASMUSSEN: Davis testimony. For some reason the PUC website rejected the Rahn testimony, and we believe it's because there was a map that was too extensive or something. I'm not a computer guy, but that's my understanding, that it was kicked back. And there were several efforts made to resubmit it.

The technician at WEB contacted someone here at the PUC and was told that there was some sort of problem with the settings on the computer, and it couldn't be accepted.

It was then, my understanding, was FedExed to the Commission that day by mail.

Now I also understand some people -- and Mr. Koenecke may be one of them who did not receive it through the Internet. Some people did. Or through e-mail. Some people did. But it was Mr. Hohn's understanding, though, that it had been filed. It was not until I believe it was the 26th or 27th of November when I was looking at the PUC website and going through all the direct testimony that had been filed and I saw that Mr. Rahn's name was not listed.

I contacted Mr. Hohn and asked him if he knew why, and he didn't. And at that point in time it was resubmitted by

e-mail, and maybe that's when Mr. Koenecke first received it. I don't know the answer to that.

But that's basically the background. We feel that we did attempt to get it filed as ordered by the Commission. And, in fact, it was, I believe, FedExed to the Commission on the 13th of November and should have been received presumably the next day. That's my understanding of the background.

And Mr. Hohn might be able to provide more information if you want to hear from him since his office was the one that was handling this.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: We seem to be getting into the merits of the issue a little bit, Mr. Smith. Have you determined whether or not you want to take this question up now or --

MR. SMITH: You know, I don't know. You know, I guess the question I would have had for Mr. Rahn is just he dated his testimony on the 13th of November. That's the date of it. Would just be to ask him, did you, in fact -- is that date in fact accurate and did you, in fact, sign that and date it that day.

That's really about it. I mean, just looking at the -- we don't -- I don't get to see all of the e-mails and whatever that are involved in filing. That doesn't come to me. I'm just like you guys. I see it when it posts up on the

website. And I did notice the omission of the Perry Rahn

testimony that day. But I -- I didn't see the e-mail that says attached are both the Rahn and -- and our person downstairs, you know, they don't -- our administrative people, they don't delve into what's in attachments in detail. She would have had no way of knowing, you know, or would not have checked to see whether both of those testimonies was there. She just noticed -- she saw that there was one attachment containing 16 pages.

And so whether it was a case of -- and then I note Curt Hohn resent an e-mail with Mr. Davis's testimony. Again, it's just hard for us to know what happened.

I think bottom line for us, if it was a mistake or whatever, I know my attitude about it would be a lot different than if it was just an intentional filing late. For me that would matter.

The testimony isn't lengthy, and so I don't view it as something that would be that difficult for Applicant and staff to address.

So I don't know, Commissioners, what you think.

Perhaps do you want to wait until Mr. Rahn is here? I hate to have him come and we exclude him, but what do you think?

COMMISSIONER HANSON: If you're looking for direction, I would think this Commission has historically erred on the side of making certain we hear everything as opposed to excluding something on something of that nature. So I would think that we

MR. SMITH: With that, I am going to deny the motion
to exclude the Rahn testimony and accept it as it was filed,
admittedly late.

Moving on then to the Motion in Limine, do you want to address that, Mr. Koenecke, now?

MR. KOENECKE: Yes, I would. Thank you, Mr. Smith. It's been a widely reported and known to those of us, well, since the June hearings that the matters involving land acquisition, the easements which have been signed, the condemnation actions which have been filed, they're all matters which are outside, I believe, the purview of the Commission that I am not aware of a grant of authority from the legislature to hear those things.

And I think that resides in the circuit courts. And we think that those matters are properly heard and held there or there between the parties, a landowner, and TransCanada and not probably appropriate for this hearing. I foresee a lengthening of this hearing for matters I don't find to be terrifically relevant to the issues at hand, not at all relevant, and we would ask the Commission to essentially order that's not going to be heard. We're not going to go down that road and we're going to stick to the issues which are 49-41B-22, which are properly heard today.

MR. SMITH: Mr. Rasmussen.

MR. RASMUSSEN: Yes, John. I guess from WEB's

awful lot of hearings around the state. I've watched the actions of TransCanada and their representatives, dealt with them, many of them.

And it appears to me that the province of this whole proceedings is for representatives of the people of South Dakota to act for us.

I'm very concerned about this. To act for us, the landowners, we the people of South Dakota. And it seems to me that everything is relevant in light of the fact that this foreign company attempts to come in here, take our land, act any way they want, print anything in the paper they want, half-truths, makes no -- in some cases lies to we, the landowners.

It would seem to me that the only way you as representatives of me and all the other landowners can make a valid decision on this Application is for you to hear everything, everything about all that has gone on and all that this company has attempted to do already in this state.

And it seems to me that they have to be responsible for their actions, and you need to hear about everything. It's a socio-economic issue. It's part of their obligation. And I feel that you should entertain and listen to any comments about any of these issues.

MR. SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Moeckly. Anyone else wish

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1 you would rather not hear versus what they might say, the legal 2 negotiation maybe isn't relevant or shouldn't be brought up, but 3 the effect is, the social impact is. I would think we have 4 time. If we're going to live with a pipeline for 50 years, 5 maybe you give a few minutes to the land owner. You can't 6 separate the two. They didn't asked to be crossed. They're 7 going to be crossed. It would seem like these people and the 8 Commission could give them that time and then make your 9 judgment.

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10 Thank you. 11 MR. SMITH: Anyone else? 12 I guess, Mr. Koenecke, I want to -- you know, the 13

second factor that we look at that you have the burden of proving is that the facility will not pose a threat of serious injury, and then I'm going to leave out a few words, to the social and economic condition of inhabitants or expected inhabitants.

And I guess, you know, I look at that and I say, you know, on some level a company's behavior in dealing with land -and I'm not presuming that it's been bad. But I'm saying to me at some level I would think that those relationships probably have some relevance to that factor, based upon my reading of the --

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that I've read that delves into legal issues related to eminent
 domain I think -- I do not think that's relevant on the one
 hand, and I also think it's pure questions of law that are not
 really suitable for evidence.

But in terms of the -- in terms of the actual landowner relationship actions, that kind of thing, in terms of what that might speak to the ways in which the company, the Applicant, does things, to me I think I might have to agree with the Interveners and say that on some level at least that would seem to me to be relevant.

I don't know if Commissioners have any thoughts on that.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Mr. Smith, is there a mechanism by which you have in mind to where we would limit the -- I mean, I just think the real danger -- I mean, I have a tendency to agree with everything you said. I do think -- I mean, there are really important questions at stake here and could they get buried or really buried under by a lot of concerns about eminent domain and landowner compensation? I want to make sure we get to the heart of the issue.

Is there a way in which we can focus testimony towards the issues that you and I share without --

MR. SMITH: Well, I think there is. Rather than a
blanket Motion in Limine, which, you know, the boundaries of it
are difficult to determine, the way we will deal with it is we

will make rulings on particular questions.

The Applicant, staff, each of the Interveners has the right to object to testimony that they find to be irrelevant or not based on adequate foundation, et cetera. And I guess from my standpoint rather than a very broad blanket ruling, that we take those matters up with respect to ruling on specific objections as they occur.

That would be what I would recommend.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Is there any value in making it clear maybe in granting the motion in part that we don't want to attempt to litigate those issues which will be clearly litigated in a Circuit Court?

MR. SMITH: Well, I think so. In terms of directory, I mean, we can't -- this Commission doesn't make determinations, for example, concerning whether or not a company is a common carrier. That is not before this Commission.

The eminent domain proceedings are a Circuit Court matter. In some other states the law doesn't read that way. In some other states their particular Commissions do have to authorize the use of eminent domain. In South Dakota it just doesn't work that way.

Our statute prohibits construction without a permit.

And it's extremely clear in the definition of the statute that construction means moving dirt, and it doesn't involve landowner acquisition, that kind of thing.

And so I think when we cross into those kind of issues in terms of whether or not -- and we don't have any power. This Commission certainly doesn't have the power if the legislature has given eminent domain power, and I don't know that it has. That's for the court to decide.

But to the extent the legislature has given that power to a company, we certainly do not have the legal ability to second-guess the legislature on that grant of authority. I mean, we just don't.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: So, Mr. Smith, my question would be is there an appropriate way in which we would focus the testimony away from some of those legal -- you know, purely legal issues and towards some of the more factual matters with regard to treatment of landowners by the Applicant?

MR. SMITH: Well, I think there is. If you wanted to grant the motion in part with respect to the availability of eminent domain in this particular situation and what the law is and all of that and the fact that the companies filed eminent domain proceedings, I think that's properly excludable. That kind of testimony really is not something that's before this Commission. And if you want to grant it in part with respect to that, I think that would be appropriate.

With respect to the general -- I guess, the more general subject of conduct of the company in its dealing with landowners, I really believe that that testimony is at least

1 relevant, and we'll deal with that on a case-by-case basis.

How's that?

3 If that's what you want to do, I would recommend that4 one of you make a motion to that effect.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: From a procedural standpoint, Mr. Smith, since we've indicated you'll be making preliminary rulings and I certainly -- at some point the Commissioners will be on record on this issue regardless. Either they'll make a motion to overrule you or they won't but --

MR. SMITH: If you want me to just make a ruling, I'll make it. I'll grant a motion with respect to the evidence involving the availability of eminent domain and whether or not the company has it or doesn't have it, and its actual invocation by the company in a few cases has been noted. It's not something we have the authority to deal with, and it's not relevant.

I'm going to deny the motion with respect to -- with respect to general questions and testimony that might be offered relative to company conduct in its dealings with landowners. To me that's -- that's relevant to the social and economic impacts of the project.

22 MR. KOENECKE: Mr. Smith, how about as to compensation?

MR. SMITH: I think compensation is an issue that'snot -- that's an issue that we don't have authority to deal

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2	if people would be agreeable to that.	2	can concentrate on cross-examination, which is the testing of	
3	MR. SMITH: Other parties?	3	the evidence that you've already submitted.	
4	MR. RASMUSSEN: No objection on behalf of WEB.	4	Observations?	
5	MS. SEMMLER: Staff has no objection.	5	MR. KOENECKE: Yes, Mr. Smith. I'll perhaps help you	
6	MR. SMITH: Other Interveners, objection?	6	out here. We're not going to do summaries of our testimony.	
7	Okay. I'm not sure what the marking and numbering of	7	Our testimony is summarized in the Application and the exhibits.	
8	all of that is, but there being no objection, maybe we can	8	We'd have layers of summary. So we'll just launch right in if	
9	just	9	it's agreeable with you.	
10	MR. KOENECKE: I guess the parties have shared it in	10	I did not recall hearing you recite whether the direct	
11	advance but perhaps have left out the court reporter. I'd be	11	testimony was and the rebuttal testimony of the Applicant was	
12	glad to cite it for people interested. Robert Jones had direct	12	admitted.	
13	testimony. He is TC 2D. D for direct. Michael Koski is TC 3,	13	MR. SMITH: That's a good observation. I did not.	
14	D for direct, R for rebuttal. Scott Ellis is TC 4, D for	14	Again, I hope I can understand this here, Mr. Koenecke. This is	
15	direct, then R for rebuttal. Buster Gray 5D and 5R. Again TC,	15	a this would be TC what, 2D, 3D, 3R, 4D, 4R, 5D, 5R, 6D, 6R1,	
16	TransCanada, 5 Buster D direct, R rebuttal.	16	6R2, 7D, 7R, 8D, 8R.	
17	Meera Kothari had two rebuttals. So her earlier	17	MR. KOENECKE: And that's the end, I think.	
18	rebuttal would be 6 R1. Her rebuttal, 2, would be the later.	18	MR. SMITH: Is that it? Okay. Those exhibits are	
19	Heidi Tillquist is TC 7D and R. Brian Thomas is 8D and R.	19	admitted into evidence pursuant to stipulation.	
20	And we'll provide a copy of this to the court reporter	20	MR. KOENECKE: At this time I'd call Robert Jones to	
21	as soon as we can here.	21	the stand.	
22	MR. SMITH: As we go along, I mean, I wasn't able to	22	(The witness is sworn by the court reporter)	
23	get all of that written down, Mr. Koenecke. So as we go along	23	DIRECT EXAMINATION	
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10 estimate

11 The filed cost evidence was based on a cost estimate of

12 \$300 million. The new cost estimate is \$500 million. The

13 increase from 300 million to \$500 million is a combination of

14 factors. We did the estimate originally in 2005. Since that

15 time we have negotiated a tremendous number of contracts for

16 construction and for acquisition of materials.

17 So the new estimate is based on what we expect to be

18 as-built dollars and obviously was exposed to significant

19 inflationary pressures. So the increase recognizes a greater

20 detail in the estimate and also considering that we'll need

21 additional pumps because the capacity is increasing from 435,000

22 to 590,000. So a combination of all of those items is why the

23 cost estimate has increased to \$500 million.

24 These taxes that we have shown here, \$9 million to counties 25 and \$7 million specific of that 9 million to school districts is

9 have the original. I'm sorry. I apologize.

10 CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Thank you.

11 Mr. Jones, what will be the maximum operating pressure of

12 the Keystone Pipeline?

13 The Keystone Pipeline will operate at a maximum operating

14 pressure of 1,440 psi.

15 Finally, Mr. Jones, does Keystone commit to comply with all

16 applicable laws and rules?

17 Yes. Keystone commits to comply with all applicable rules.

18 MR. KOENECKE: We'll tender the witness for

19 cross-examination. Thank you.

MR. SMITH: Mr. Rasmussen, please proceed.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

22 BY MR. RASMUSSEN:

23 Thank you. Mr. Jones, I'll ask you a couple of questions,

24 first of all, about this Exhibit TC 14. In the explanation it

25 states there will be approximately \$9,142,000 potential total

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6 that WEB served; is that right?

7 A. Yes. I am the senior representative.

8 Q. One of the issues that was addressed in the WEB

9 Interrogatories had to do with the various route changes that

10 have occurred over the last several months; is that right? Do

11 you recall that?

12 Δ Yes. I recall that.

13 Q. And there was a document that was attached to the

14 Interrogatory Answers which summarized some of those route

15 changes?

16 A.

17 Q. Do you have that available to you? Or maybe Mr. Koenecke

18 could --

19 MR. SMITH: While he's looking for it, read could you

20 pull that mic over a little closer to your mouth, please. It's

21 picking up kind of quiet.

22 MR. RASMUSSEN: Okay.

23 Do you have that now?

24 A. Yes I do

25 Does that document summarize all the route changes that 6 damage; correct?

7 That's correct. This is -- this question, Commissioners,

8 was regarding leaks on all of TransCanada's pipelines which is

9 an extensive network throughout North America. Over 36,000

10 miles. And we advised that there were four -- sorry. Yes.

11 Four failures in the past five years due to external corrosion

12 and three failures in the past five years due to third-party

13 damage throughout that entire extensive system.

14 Q.

And were these all natural gas pipelines? Do you know?

15 Yes. They are all natural gas pipelines. I just wanted to

16 make sure there wasn't -- we also have storage facilities. So I

17 just wanted to make sure to include the storage facilities.

18 Does TransCanada currently operate any crude oil pipelines?

19 Α. Currently TransCanada does not operate any crude oil

20 pipelines. That's correct.

21 Q. Has TransCanada ever built a crude oil pipeline?

22 A. Yes, we have.

23 Q. How many of those have you built?

24 A. Well, the company over time -- we've been in existence

25 since the '50s. There have been a number of pipelines. There's

- 1 two really applicable ones: The Express Pipeline, which runs
- 2 from Hardisty to Montana and Wyoming and then the OCENSA
- 3 Pipeline that we built across the Andes Mountains in Columbia.
- 4 CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: I'm sorry, Mr. Jones. Could you
- 5 say that second pipeline again? The Express and the --
- 6 THE WITNESS: OCENSA Pipeline.
- 7 The Express Pipeline, I'm sorry, runs from where?
- 8 Hardisty, Alberta down through Montana into Wyoming, and
- 9 then it connects with the Platte Pipeline, which TransCanada
- 10 also was a joint venture partner in, that moves then from
- 11 Wyoming through Missouri and into Illinois.
- 12 Are you familiar with the -- well, the seven failures that
- 13 are referenced in the Interrogatory Answer?
- 14 Α. The expert witness that can best respond to those would be
- 15 Ms. Meera Kothari.
- 16 TransCanada has had other failures -- this lists the ones
- 17 in the past five years. Before the last five years there have
- 18 been other pipeline failures or leaks; correct?
- 19 Α. That's correct.
- 20 Q. Who's the person that would be best to respond to questions
- 21 about the other pipeline failures?
- 22 Meera Kothari. But I could also certainly attempt to try
- 23 to answer any questions you might have about the history of
- 24 pipeline failures.
- 25 Well, I'm familiar with a failure in April of '02. A
- 50
- 1 natural gas pipeline cracked due to corrosion near Brookdale,
- 2 Manitoba causing an evacuation of 100 people within a
- 3 4-kilometer radius.
- 4 Are you familiar with that?
- 5 Α. Definitely the Brookdale incident would be best answered by
- 6 Ms. Kothari.
- 7 Q. December 2 of 1997 a natural gas pipeline ruptured due to
- 8 external corrosion near Cabri, Saskatchewan?
- 9 Α. A little French-Canadian there.
- 10 Q. Okay. Are you familiar with that one?
- 11 Again, these specific incidences Ms. Kothari is the correct
- 12 witness. If you have about general industry failures, I am the
- 13 appropriate witness.
- 14 Q. But if I want to ask again about these specific instances,
- 15 she would be -- is it a she or he?
- 16 Α. She.
- 17 Q. She would be the best one to talk about that?
- 18 Α. That's correct.
- 19 Q. Paragraph 11 of the Interrogatory Answers indicates that
- 20 TransCanada has not sought any tax incentives from the State of
- 21 South Dakota; correct?
- 22 TransCanada has not actively sought any tax incentives.
- 23 Any tax incentives that we may consider are already within the
- 24 legislation.
- 25 There's a statute that arguably would allow TransCanada to

- 1 decrease its sales and use tax payments by 75 percent. You're
- 2 aware of that?
- 3 Δ I'm aware of that
- 4 Q. Is it TransCanada's intention to make use of that statute
- 5 and reduce its taxes in that manner?
- 6 There's -- those taxes will be paid by our contractors, and
- 7 I would only assume that they would consider the laws and apply
- 8 as required
- 9 If it's available to them, you would certainly assume that
- 10 they would take advantage of that tax break; correct?
- 11 I think that's a reasonable assumption.
- 12 Q. According to paragraph 12 of the Interrogatory Answers,
- 13 some portion of 56,240 tons of this steel that's going to be
- 14 used will be manufactured at a facility in India; is that right?
- 15 Yes. There's three -- we've contracted the pipe to three
- 16 different facilities. Pipe is made all over the world and is
- 17 built to U.S. standard API 5L. The plants we've negotiated with
- 18 are in Florida, Oregon and Welspun, India. The Welspun, India
- 19 mill is a former Canadian mill out of Welland, Ontario that has
- 20 been reassembled and is in the City of Welspun.
- 21 That mill today produces tens of thousands of tons that is
- 22 imported into the United States, and thousands of miles of pipe
- 23 are built with pipe that has been produced out of this mill.
- 24 According to the Interrogatory Answer, 14,632 tons will
- 25 come from the facility in Florida; is that right?
- 1 A. That's correct.
- 2 Q. And then the remaining 56,240 tons will come from either
- 3 the Portland, Oregon plant or the one in India; correct?
- 4 A.
- 5 Q. Do you have a breakdown between those two as to how much of
- 6 that will come from Oregon and how much from India?
- 7 No. I don't have the details. It's really a matter of
- 8 different applications, timing, you know, when -- logistics with
- 9 regard to transportation. So until those details are figured
- 10 out. But, nonetheless, the three mills that we're looking at
- 11 are the three that I just previously described.
- 12 Q. How is pipe transported all the way from India to the
- 13 location of this pipeline?
- 14 Pipeline logistics, whether it's from Florida or from
- 15 Oregon or from India or anywhere else in the world for that
- 16 matter, is carefully done through different specifications that
- 17 we have to follow under the PHMSA. We expect to use tankers
- 18 from India, and then when it gets on shore we can use barges,
- 19 rail cars, and trucks to ultimately get it on to the right of
- 20 way.
- 21 Does TransCanada agree that rural water system pipelines
- 22 that you cross are high consequence areas under federal law?
- 23 I'm not an expert in the definition of high consequence
- 24 areas. Mr. Koski is. But I believe the answer is no.
- 25 Q. In paragraph 26 of the Interrogatories, a request was made

- 1 for a 42-gallon barrel of the tar sands crude oil that will be
- 2 shipped through the pipeline to be made available for testing.
- 3 And there was no response to -- there was an answer then about
- 4 the general physical and chemical properties of the crude oil
- ${f 5}$ and references to some website, but there was no response to
- 6 their request for a sample.
- **7** Would TransCanada be willing to provide such a sample?
- **8** A. No, we wouldn't. TransCanada is, as I have described in
- 9 the past, the trucker. We don't own the oil. We don't make the
- 10 oil. We have a specification that has to be rigorously met and
- 11 will be tested on the properties that come into the pipeline.
- 12 So we have a specification that we have followed.
- 13 Certainly there's a variety of crude oils in Western Canada
- 14 that are consumed every single day here in the United States.
- **15** And we intend to transport those crude oils.
- 16 Q. But you won't make any of those crude oils available for
- 17 independent testing. Do I understand that correctly?
- 18 A. That's correct.
- 19 Q. Paragraphs 30 and 31 of the Interrogatories -- 30 asks for
- 20 operational records for any pipeline built by TransCanada which
- 21 has experienced any spills or leaks and for some more
- 22 information in that regard, and paragraph 30 asks for any leak
- 23 reports for any pipeline built or operated by TransCanada.
- 24 And the answer to both of those questions was that
- 25 TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, LP has not built any pipeline to
 - date. No information exists.
- 2 Can you explain that response?
- 3 MR. KOENECKE: I object to the question. Counsel has
- 4 not accurately described the question in the interrogatory. The
- 5 question asked what the Applicant had done, and the Applicant is
- 6 TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, LP. It's not TransCanada ---
- 7 that's not the question that was asked in the interrogatory, and
- **8** so I object to the question. It's not stated as it was in the
- **9** interrogatory.
- 10 MR. RASMUSSEN: I'm sorry.
- **11** MR. SMITH: Do you want to rephrase the question
- 12 slightly?

- 13 Q. 31 asks, "Produce any and all leak reports for any pipeline
- 14 built or operated by Applicant." And then the answer was, "The
- 15 Applicant TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, LP has not built any
- **16** pipeline to date. No information exists as requested."
- 17 Can you explain that answer? And so the Applicant in this
- 18 proceeding has never built any pipeline? Is that the way I read
- 19 that?
- 20 A. No. The question was specific to a company, TransCanada
- 21 Keystone Pipeline, LP, which I believe is a U.S. company
- 22 registered in Delaware and will be the company that will build
- **23** the pipeline.
- 24 If you're asking the question I assume you were trying to25 ask was provide all leak reports for all instances in

- 1 TransCanada's extensive network, TransCanada owns and operates
- 2 36,000 miles of pipelines. It's unreasonable to expect us to
- 3 produce all of these leak reports for our history.
- 4 However, we do file every leak report. It's documented to
- 5 the smallest amount. And that's why the Dow Jones
- 6 Sustainability Index six years in a row has nominated
- 7 TransCanada to be on their top 100.
- **8** Q. So you didn't answer the question because I didn't know
- **9** that the Applicant had no experience in building pipelines? Is
- 10 that why you answered that way?
- 11 A. No. It's the specific company is the Applicant,
- 12 TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, LP.
- **13 Q.** So the specific company that is the Applicant in this
- 14 proceeding in South Dakota has never built a pipeline; is that
- 15 right?
- **16** A. Yeah. That's pretty common for all pipelines you'll find
- 17 that a new company is formed, and they file the Application.
- 18 And so the question was directly specific to that company. I
- 19 believe it's a legal question you've asked me.
- **20** Q. Well, I guess I didn't think I was asking you a legal
- 21 question, but that's the way you responded. That's fine.
- A few questions about your direct testimony. Do you have
- 23 that available to you?
- 24 A. I do.

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- 25 Q. Several times this morning and throughout the direct
- 1 testimony, a lot of the witnesses, that there's a reference to
 - 2 nominal capacity. What does that mean?
 - **3** A. Pipelines are designed with a consideration of what they

- 4 are able to operate on a predictable basis. The 100 percent
- **5** design capacity is 10 percent greater than the nominal capacity.
- **6** Keystone Pipeline will operate at a 90 percent design factor.
- 7 In other words, the operating factor.
- 8 So we'll design it to move -- physically move or have the
- 9 capability of physically moving 10 percent greater but to be
- 10 able to go to customers and say what can you predict, what can
- 11 you ratably move every day you use a nominal capacity.
- ${\bf 12} \quad {\bf Q.} \quad \hbox{You indicated in your testimony here this morning that} \\$
- 13 Keystone currently has contracts for 495,000 barrels per day; is
- 14 that right?
- **15** A. That's correct.
- **16 Q.** Okay. And those contracts are with ConocoPhillips and
- 17 Suncor?
- **18** A. No. They're with a number of companies. Those two
- 19 companies have identified themselves as shippers. But, no,
- 20 there are more companies. They are both producers in Canada and
- 21 there are both U.S. and Canadian producers in Canada and there
- 22 are refiners, numerous refiners, that are American companies
- 23 based here in the United States.
- 24 Q. When you say those two companies, ConocoPhillips and
- 25 Suncor, have identified themselves as shippers, what do you

- 1 mean? Where have they identified themselves?
- 2 A. In other hearings. That would be the -- that would be the
- **3** place that they identified themselves as shippers.
- **4 Q.** I'm sorry. Who are some of the other shippers?
- **5** A. Under the Transportation Service Agreement that we sign
- 6 with them, I am not -- I'm under confidentiality not to describe
- 7 the terms of those companies. It's a competitive business, and,
- 8 like I said, ConocoPhillips and Suncor have identified
- **9** themselves, but the other companies have not.
- 10 Q. You mentioned in your direct testimony that the final EIS
- 11 is expected in November or December of '07. That hasn't been
- 12 issued yet, has it?
- 13 A. No. My understanding talking to the State Department is
- 14 that they are working diligently on finishing the Environmental
- 15 Impact Statement, and we still are anticipating to receive the
- 16 final Environmental Impact Statement by the end of the year.
- **17 Q.** Are there plans for additional pipelines to run down this
- 18 same corridor that we're talking about here today?
- 19 A. Plans. TransCanada is in the business of developing
- 20 pipelines. In the future, you know, we're trying to build all
- 21 sorts of different pipelines to different spots, whether they be
- 22 in the West Coast, the East Coast, the Midwest, the Gulf Coast.
- 23 There's such significant amounts of oil in Canada and there's
- 24 such large refining capacity here in the United States that, you
- 25 know, we are proposing to try and build additional lines.
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- There is no formal Application to build a second pipeline
- 2 along this route, but certainly I don't want to rule out the
- 3 fact that sometime in the future there may be another line.
- **4 Q.** It's my understanding that at least some of the easements
- 5 that have been negotiated allow for the additional pipelines to
- **6** be placed on the property of those people who have signed
- 7 easements; is that correct?

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- $\textbf{8} \quad \textbf{A.} \quad \text{That's correct. It's very common in the industry to call}$
- 9 that multiline rights or request multiline rights and you would
- 10 negotiate authorization for an easement to put more than one
- 11 line in the easement. And so we've asked for that and, again, I
- 12 think that's in anticipation that sometime in the future we may
- 13 be successful but we would have to follow the same processes as
- **14** we are doing today.
- **15 Q.** Look at page 7 of your direct testimony. We'll be right at
- 16 the top of the page. It would be part of paragraph 15 which
- 17 starts on the prior page. But you state that, Keystone doesn't
- 18 belief that property taxes paid to each county will be counted
- 19 as "local effort."
- What's your understanding of what that means?
- 21 MR. KOENECKE: Excuse me counsel. I didn't hear the
- **22** question. Did you say does or doesn't?
- MR. RASMUSSEN: It should say does believe. If I said
- **24** doesn't. I apologize.
- 25 A. Again, I don't profess to be an expert in tax law here in

- 1 South Dakota, but my understanding is that the benefit -- the
- 2 taxes will be levied. Keystone will pay the taxes, and they
- **3** will be distributed to the counties and to each school district.
- 4 And the formula, whatever it will be when we go to pay those
- 5 taxes, if they're counted as local effort and there's a
- 6 reduction from the state into those school districts, it will
- 7 still benefit the entire State of South Dakota. It's just my
- **8** understanding is that there is a balancing that would occur.
- 9 Q. Paragraph 19 on that same page you state, "The delay or
- 10 termination of the project would have substantial adverse
- 11 impacts upon the local economies."
- 12 I won't argue with you about termination, but how would the
- 13 delay in this project if more study was necessary have
- 14 substantial adverse impacts upon local economies?
- **15** A. The refineries in the United States are separate for
- 16 additional crude oil from reliable sources. The price of oil,
- 17 as you know, is extremely high today, and it's due to the
- 18 instability of supply. So certainly the continued high price of
- 19 gas here in the state will continue unless we build
- 20 infrastructure, not only Keystone but other infrastructure to
- 21 ensure the reliable supply of crude oil.
- 22 On top of that, our project is certainly within -- requires
- 23 to be built within a certain time frame for us to remain
- 24 economic and to proceed. So any undue delay will have a drastic

- 25 impact with regards to our ability to remain competitive and to
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 - 1 proceed with construction.
 - 2 Q. In the testimony you presented here today you told
 - 3 Mr. Koenecke that a tremendous number of people will be
 - **4** contracted, which would include the emergency response people.
 - 5 And then I think you also said that those type of people also
 - 6 work for other companies; is that right?
 - **7** A. Yes. Other pipeline companies. In fact, they are today.
 - 8 Because of the -- when you think of the other pipelines that are
 - **9** in this state, there's refined products pipelines. There's
 - 10 natural gas pipelines. They have all contracted for maintenance
 - 11 and for emergency response. And we too will do the same.
 - 12 So, in fact, you know, we do operate a pipeline here in
 - 13 South Dakota. We operate the Northern Border Pipeline. And we
 - 14 have a number of contractors for maintenance and for emergency

 - 15 response on top of the permanent employees that we have here in
 - 16 the state.
 - 17 Q. I'm interested in the emergency response people. Well, for
 - 18 instance, the Northern Border emergency response people, where
 - 19 are they located or stationed?
 - **20 A.** Well, the actual details on emergency response people would
 - 21 be best answered by Mr. Brian Thomas. As for Northern Border
 - 22 and those emergency response people, you know, that's not
 - 23 relevant to this hearing. However, I could tell you -- I can't
 - 24 tell you the details because I don't personally run that
 - 25 division. But I do know that the contractors and the people are

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1	based here in South Dakota.	1	Q. But there would be a good chance they would also have
2	Q. Well, I guess, this pipeline is obviously relevant. Tell	2	responsibilities with other pipelines?
3	me about this pipeline. Where are these emergency response	3	A. I think that's reasonable to expect.
4	people going to be?	4	MR. RASMUSSEN: Thank you. That's all I have.
5	A. Yeah. And I agree that is a relevant question, and	5	MR. SMITH: At this point, Cheri, would you like a
6	Mr. Thomas would be best to answer.	6	break?
7	Q. Okay.	7	(Discussion off the record)
8	MR. RASMUSSEN: Can I have just a minute?	8	MR. SMITH: We're going to take a 5-minute recess.
9	MR. SMITH: Sure.	9	How about from now until 11 o'clock to give our court reporter a
10	(Pause)	10	rest?
11	MR. RASMUSSEN: Just a couple other questions.	11	(A short recess is taken)
12	MR. SMITH: Mr. Rasmussen, can we wait? Mr. Johnson	12	MR. SMITH: We're back in session. I note that at the
13	stepped out. He'll be right back.	13	outset usually I take appearances of counsel. I know there's
14	MR. RASMUSSEN: I apologize.	14	some pro se people in the room as well. But I think probably
15	MR. SMITH: Commissioner Johnson's back in the room.	15	our reporter knows all counsel except do you want to we have
16	Please proceed, Mr. Rasmussen. Thank you.	16	one pro hac attorney from outside the state, and do you want to
17	MR. RASMUSSEN: Thank you.	17	put in an appearance for him?
18	Q. On these contract employees, do I understand they would be	18	MR. WHITE: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Smith. My name is
19	employed with other companies that TransCanada would then have a	19	James White. I'm an attorney with the law firm of Sidley,
20	contract with? Is that the way it works?	20	Austin, LLP in Washington, D.C. And I've given my contact
21	A. It can work that way. Again, the specific details will be	21	information to the reporter appearing on behalf of Keystone.
22	developed over the next year. We have to have the ERP finalized	22	MR. SMITH: Thank you. Mr. Rasmussen, were you done?
23	prior to operation. Once the ERP has been finalized, it will	23	MR. RASMUSSEN: Yes, I was.
24	identify the appropriate personnel and their location. And in	24	MR. SMITH: Okay. Staff.
25	order to once we've done all of that work, then the	25	MS. SEMMLER: Thank you. This is Kara Semmler from
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1	MR. KOENECKE: I object on the relevance of that	1	Northern Border Pipeline. I don't know that former ownerships
2	question.	2	and things of that nature and if you could cut to the chase.
3	MR. HOHN: Well, the next question I could change	3	MR. HOHN: I'll move along.
4	the question.	4	COMMISSIONER HANSON: Ask the question as opposed to
5	MR. SMITH: Overruled. If you know, you can answer.	5	the editorializing. We'd appreciate it.
6	A. I guess I don't know the specific details. I know the	6	MR. HOHN: Yes, Mr. Commissioner.
7	pipeline was built in the '80s, and I believe we've been part of	7	Q. My question is Northern Border has been represented by you
8	it ever since then. But I'm not an expert in the holdings of	8	an as example of a pipeline how it would be operated by either
9	the Northern Border Pipeline.	9	you or whoever the partners are in the future on your
10	Q. Thank you. The Northern Border Pipeline is owned by a	10	TransCanada Keystone line.
11	number of parties. The management or operating of that	11	It is true that they used to have in-house staff operate it
12	pipeline, does that change from year to year or time to time?	12	and now some senior, very senior, operations staff and now they
13	MR. KOENECKE: Again, I object on the relevance. The	13	have less. Is that
14	Northern Border Pipeline is not at issue in this proceeding.	14	MR. KOENECKE: I object. Lack of foundation.
15	MR. SMITH: Overruled. The witness himself brought it	15	MR. HOHN: Well, I'm asking him the question, if
16	up so please proceed.	16	there's been a change of how it was staffed from in-house to
17	A. The pipeline is owned as a joint venture between ONEOK and	17	more contracted operation, if he knows.
18	TC Pipelines.	18	MR. KOENECKE: The objection stands.
19	Q. Mr. Jones, as one of the water utilities in the community,	19	MR. SMITH: I think your problem you're combining
20	we have had some contact with Northern Border over the 20 years	20	an awful lot of things into one question. Maybe you can break
21	or so that they've been in operation. At one time did Enron	21	it down into pieces. Go ahead.
22	manage the operation of the Northern Border Pipeline?	22	A. I don't know. So
23	MR. KOENECKE: Same objection.	23	Q. The next question, Mr. Jones, relating to taxes, this was
24	MR. SMITH: This seems to be getting quite afar out	24	TC 14, the document you just handed out today, the first time we
25	there, but overruled.	25	had seen it this morning. You said that the portion of the
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1	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Mr. Smith, I'd like to take just a	1	pipeline in South Dakota would be worth 300 million. That was
2	minute to get some more information. I may have an interest in	2	the original estimated value. And then that estimate has
3	overruling you.	3	increased because of increased costs, which I assume were labor
4	Mr. Hohn, could you just quickly give us an idea of	4	and material.
5	where you're headed with this? I'm trying to determine	5	Would that be a fair assumption?
6	relevancy.	6	A. Yes. The costs are labor to with regards to
7	MR. HOHN: The relevancy is in terms of how the	7	construction contracts, materials with regards to the such
8	staffing and operation has been handled. And for a long time	8	things as pipes, valves, pumps that are required.
9 10	this pipeline, Northern Border, had in-house operation staff,	9 10	There's also a time issue. The estimate was done in 2005,
11	and they've reduced the staff over the last say 10 years, five,	11	this current estimate is now done in as we expect dollars. So
12	10 years. And they have less in-house staff and more contract staff, which is relevant in terms of how you operate.	12	inflationary pressures are reflected in the cost estimate. Q. The question then is the cost increased looks like from
13	And the question is if that's the way this one is	13	about 40 percent, the taxes increased 30 percent. Is there a
14	operated, should we assume the way Northern Border is operated	14	reason as far as you know based on the information that you're
15	is the way TransCanada will operate this pipeline because they	15	aware why there would be such a difference? Wouldn't they go up
16	are a party to both pipelines.	16	the same?
17	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: I'm trying to remember the	17	A. Again, I think they are both based on estimates. The level
18	information immediately prior to that. Did Mr. Jones indicate	18	of detail in this one is of a higher accuracy, and I would
19	TransCanada is sort of the managing partner of Northern Border?	19	only as I have answered before on the previous questions, these
20	MR. HOHN: I'm sure he could restate	20	are what we anticipate them to be in 2010.
21	THE WITNESS: That's correct.	21	Q. Along that same line, the school districts that are listed
22	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: I have no motion at this time.	22	I assume what you're saying there is the taxes would be
23	COMMISSIONER HANSON: If I may, Mr. Chairman and	23	collected in those geographical school districts, and they would
24	Mr. Smith, I fully agree with you, and I appreciate you starting	24	be centrally assessed by the state but that the money doesn't
25	to pursue that because Mr. Jones was just touching on the	25	necessarily go back to them. You said that if I understood
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- 1 you correctly, it's collected locally but you're not familiar --
- 2 you haven't talked to the Department of Revenue as to how much
- **3** actually would go back to each school?
- **4** MR. KOENECKE: I don't understand what the question is
- 5 there.
- 6 COMMISSIONER KOLBECK: I don't either, I guess.
- 7 Mr. Hohn, are you just asking basically -- he's got an estimate
- 8 of \$259,000 for Bridgewater. That's an estimate. Do you want
- **9** to know is that going to go into the school district's
- to know is that going to go into the school of
- 10 checkbook?
- 11 MR. HOHN: Yes. Commissioner Kolbeck, what I'm asking
- 12 is, is it a net gain for the school district? Do those numbers
- 13 represent what each of those school districts will get in
- 14 addition to what they got last year?
- MR. KOENECKE: That's asked and answered. If that's
- 16 the question, we've gone over that already, I think.
- 17 MR. SMITH: Do you know?
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- 19 A. I think my answer was in the past that there is a balancing
- **20** that the money does get collected by the schools. Whether or
- 21 not the State then continues to fund it in the same level I
- 22 think does change.
- The bottom line is that the benefit to the State of South
- 24 Dakota is as described here.
- 25 Q. Okay. The next question is of the pipelines that you own
 - or built, is there a pipeline by the name of Foothills Pipeline
- 2 that you either acquired or built?
- 3 A. Yes.

- **4 Q.** Did you acquire it or build it?
- **5 A.** We built it.
- **6 Q.** You built it. And where is Foothills?
- **7 A.** There's actually a number of Foothills. There's Foothills
- 8 Saskatchewan, which runs from the Alberta border diagonally and
- **9** feeds into the Northern Border Pipeline, and there's Foothills
- 10 BC that runs from the Alberta-BC border and runs into the
- 11 United States to feed the market in the northwest. And there's
- 12 Foothills, Alberta, which is prebuilt to the Alaska pipeline
- 13 that runs throughout the province, and there is Foothills Yukon,
- 14 which is a prebuilt that has not been built yet but it has been
- 15 proposed and there's been regulatory proceedings.
- 16 Q. Of the Foothills you've listed, which Foothills bring oil
- 17 into the United States?
- **18** A. None of them.
- 19 Q. None of them. That was not on your list. I was just
- 20 wondering, that is a recent pipeline that you've been involved
- **21** with?
- **22 A.** I'm sorry. I don't understand the question.
- 23 Q. Well, let me move on. You're familiar -- you have
- 24 obviously competitors like any company, and you're competing --
- **25** are you competing now with Enbridge Pipeline to bring tar sands

- 1 oil into the U.S.?
- **2** A. Keystone will compete with a number of pipelines to move

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- **3** oil from the Western Canadian Synergy Basin into the market.
- 4 There are existing players. The existing players that move
- 5 significant amounts of oil are the Enbridge Pipelines that move
- 6 oil in towards the Chicago market, which is not a market for
- 7 Keystone. And the Express Pipeline, which basically moves
- 8 Canadian crude into the Wyoming markets, which again is not a
- 9 market for Keystone.
- 10 But there is an ability for the Express Pipeline with
- 11 Platte and the Enbridge Pipeline with Spearhead to compete with
- 12 Keystone at Cushing and Wood River.
- 13 Q. And so the Enbridge Pipeline, being the vice president, a
- 14 high-level executive in this company, you have to be quite
- 15 familiar with your competition, I would assume?
- **16** A. Yes
- 17 Q. You're familiar with the Enbridge Pipeline that runs
- 18 through Clearbrook, Minnesota?
- 19 A. I'm aware of it.
- 20 Q. You're aware that they had an explosion, tragedy here
- 21 recently?
- 22 A. Yes, I am. This incident is a tragedy. TransCanada is
- 23 certainly saddened by that incident. And for the families and
- 24 the coworkers of the many who lost their lives, I want to tell
- 25 the Commission that the industry takes these incidences very
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1 seriously.

- 2 The TransCanada Keystone Pipeline's a member of the
- **3** Association of Oil Pipelines. They will be taking this incident
- 4 very seriously. There's a thorough investigation being done by
- **5** federal authorities, being conducted by state authorities. The
- 6 investigation will result in a report.
- 7 The report will have recommendations with regards to what
- **8** happened with regards to the incident, and Keystone will
- **9** implement any recommendations that come out of that report.
- 10 Q. Mr. Jones, are you aware of the thickness of the steel of
- 11 the pipe built and operating at Clearbrook, Minnesota?
- **12 A.** Again, I don't want to get into the details because I don't
- 13 know them. I am aware that it was what they call line 3. That
- 14 is a pipeline that was built many decades ago, and its grade and
- 15 wall thickness I don't have the details.
- 16 Q. And the pipe that failed, is that the pipe that leaked
- 17 previously that they were going out to repair? Do you know?
- **18** There were two pipes involved?
- MR. KOENECKE: I object. He said he didn't know the
- 20 details.
- 21 MR. HOHN: Well, he hasn't answered this question.
- 22 Does he know the second pipe that had the pinhole leak that was
- 23 also involved in the incident?
- MR. KOENECKE: There's a total lack of foundation for
- 25 this question. I object.

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1	MR. SMITH: Do you know?	1	failures?
2	THE WITNESS: No. I mean, I'm like all of us in the	2	A. There wouldn't be a mill making pipe if it had failures.
3	room here. I only know what information's been reported so I	3	Q. Okay. I just got a couple more questions. In your
4	don't know those details.	4	testimony in response to Mr. Rasmussen you used the term
5	MR. SMITH: The objection is sustained.	5	90 percent design factor. And in all the literature and
6	Q. Mr. Jones, do you know what pressure and what volume the	6	testimony we've seen 80 percent versus 72 or .72, did I miss
7	Enbridge Pipeline through Clearbrook, Minnesota runs at?	7	hear that, or did you reference 90 percent design factor?
8	MR. KOENECKE: Again, I object. He said he didn't	8	A. I think you're misunderstanding the reference.
9	know the details.	9	Q. Okay.
10	MR. HOHN: This is a different detail.	10	A. We're talking about operating volume. Nothing to do with
11	MR. SMITH: I think he just testified that he doesn't	11	pipe design. We're talking about operating. So we're going to
12	know any more than what you and I have read in the media.	12	operate the volume at 90 percent. So that has nothing to do
13	MR. HOHN: Okay.	13	with the pipe thickness or the pipe strength. It has to do with
14	Q. The pipe that has been made in India or any of the other	14	how much oil we think we can move every single day.
15	plants you've listed, Florida, Oregon, and India, before you	15	So like any pipeline, it's very unreasonable to expect to
16	contracted with those pipe companies I'm sure you did a due	16	move 100 percent of its design capacity 24 hours a day 7 days a
17	diligence in terms of their reliability.	17	week, 365 days a year.
18	Have any of those plants in the last 10 years had	18	So when you consider the capacity you could either state
19	produced pipe that then failed in the field under operation that	19	its design capacity, which is unreasonable to expect that we'll
20	you're aware of?	20	move that much oil, or you can state its nominal capacity. Its
21	A. There's no way I'd be aware of any of that information.	21	nominal capacity is 90 percent.
22	Q. But before you'd buy 1,000 miles of steel pipe you would	22	The range and, again, this is completely determined by
23	check a plant and see what their history was in terms of	23	the operator when he goes to determine how much product he wants
24 25	reliability, wouldn't you?	24 25	to move down the line. The confusion I believe you were stating
23	A. But that wasn't your question. The question was have they 74	23	was with regards to the pipeline design factor under API 5L, and 76
1	failed in the field. Once a pipeline has been installed in the	1	that's not what I'm talking about.
2	field when it moves, how it is operated, those are all enormous	2	Q. Well, Mr. Jones, just so we understand it, does the
3	factors on whether or not the pipe will fail.	3	90 percent equate to numbers of barrels per day? Is 90 percent
4	As for the specifications and the due diligence that	4	591,000 barrels, or is it a different number?
5	Keystone will do, it will meet all the laws and rules and	5	A. No. You're right. 90 percent is 591,000 barrels.
6	regulations according to the codes and standards of the	6	Q. Okay. Thank you. With regard to contract workers, the
7	United States. And we are doing industry best practices and	7	contract workers, the people that were doing the repair at
8	certainly going above any standards that you'd have today.	8	Clearbrook, Minnesota according to several news reports were
9	Q. Mr. Jones, if the plant in India had pipe that had failed	9	contract workers. They were not hired directly by the pipeline.
10	in a major incident or if they had a history of problems with	10	They were hired as contract workers.
11	reliability, you probably wouldn't want to buy that pipe, would	11	In the event of an injury or a fatality do they appeal to
12	you, as the executive making that decision?	12	their contracted employer, or do they appeal to, in your case
13	A. But I don't understand the question. This pipe is being	13	TransCanada, if somebody's hurt, injured, or killed?
14	used today. It's built to U.S. standard. It looks, touches,	14	MR. KOENECKE: I object. The Intervener not only
15	and feels like all the other pipes that you would buy anywhere	15	testified before his question. We've been over this ground
16	else in the world. There's nothing unique about it. It is	16	before. He doesn't know.
17	API 5L pipe.	17	MR. SMITH: Sustained. He has nothing to do with that
18	Q. I guess what you're saying is you're not aware any pipe	18	particular situation.
19	coming from the India plant has been put in, installed, and	19	MR. HOHN: Let me rephrase the question then.
20	failed or had major disaster?	20	Q. Mr. Jones, you're familiar, I'm sure, with any contracts
21	A. Or the Florida plant or the Oregon plant or the IPSCO	21	and contract workers that do work on the TransCanada Pipeline,
22	plant or any other plant.	22	Keystone, or at least you will be involved in that process.
23	Q. Any of the plants you listed?	23	In the case of TransCanada Keystone, when you set up
24	A. Any plant in the world.	24	contracts with subcontractors doing work in South Dakota on this
25	Q. But would you buy pipe from them if you knew they had	25	pipeline, do your contracts with your subcontractors provide any

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1	insurance or death benefit to contract workers, or is that the	1	crude oil that comes into the line, it clearly identifies the
2	responsibility of the party you hired to do the work?	2	components. And those components highly minimize any issue with
3	MR. KOENECKE: I object. I fail to see the relevance	3	regards to internal corrosion.
4	of that question in the proceeding at hand.	4	Q. One last question, Mr. Jones. In regard to the product, we
5	MR. SMITH: Do you know?	5	requested a sample of the product that could be submitted to
6	A. Well, you know, a number of all pipeline companies hire	6	private labs in the United States to be examined and tested.
7	contractors. They should be qualified. They must be certified.	7	And I understand you may take oil from a couple of fields
8	They must be capable to do their jobs.	8	or mines, but with all due respect, how will we know what the
9	The arrangements that every employee makes with its	9	effect an oil spill would have on an aquifer or creek or stream
10	employers, I don't know how you can answer that question because	10	or on a plastic water pipeline if we do not have from you some
11	I think it's such a wide range.	11	kind of documentation that says what this oil will be made of?
12	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: And, Mr. Smith, you sort of made a	12	Because you'd have to admit there are some chemicals in it
13	de facto ruling on the objection, and if your objection is to	13	like benzene, toluene, various chemicals that would have an
14	sustain it or, rather, to overrule the objection, I might be	14	effect on the environment if they were able to release or leak
15	interested in making another motion.	15	from the pipe.
16	MR. SMITH: You're requesting that I overrule the	16	So how do we how can you say that there's no risk or
17	objection?	17	worry about a contamination or an environmental impact in our
18	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: I'm not sure I understand the	18	water and our community if we can't see the oil ourselves and
19	relevance.	19	have it tested by somebody besides your company?
20	COMMISSIONER HANSON: If I could	20	MR. KOENECKE: Mr. Smith, I'm going to object to that
21	MR. SMITH: Go ahead. I don't know. To me, I mean,	21	on a number of grounds. The Intervener testified substantially
22	the availability of insurance, et cetera, to me might not be	22	there before finally coming to a question. But what it really
23	totally irrelevant and how you set up your indemnity coverages.	23	points up is something that has finally become clear.
24	I mean, to me it's not completely irrelevant to me but	24	The Intervener is acting as co-counsel for WEB Water,
25	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Well, the question was to contract	25	is alongside acting as own counsel in this matter. He referred
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15 then you're talking about TransCanada. And then you're talking

16 about Keystone TransCanada.

17 Are they all one in the same then?

18 Let me be clear. TransCanada corporation has a number of

19 subsidiaries. One of those subsidiaries is TransCanada Keystone

20 Pipeline, LP. We refer to it, because that's an awful long

21 name, as Keystone.

22 I see. And what is the purpose for having Keystone? Q.

23 Like all pipeline companies, for example, the Northern

24 Border Pipeline Company or the Foothills Pipeline Company, these

25 are companies that have different ownerships. They have MR. MOECKLY: Let's do that.

15 Q. Who is liable, Mr. Jones, when there is a problem with this

16 fictitious pipeline, this proposed pipeline, it blows up or it

17 burns or it leaks? Who is going to be liable now for this

18 damage?

19 MR. KOENECKE: I object. The Interveners testifying

20 and is badgering the witness.

21 MR. SMITH: I'm going to sustain that. Can you just 22 ask the questions straight up, please, Mr. Moeckly, without the

23 characterizations that are prejudicial. And they're not --

24 they're not in evidence, if you get my drift.

25 MR. MOECKLY: Yeah

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MR. SMITH: I'm going to overrule that. I think maybe

another way to put that -- with respect to the values of the

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1	overall cost of the project, the \$500 million you're talking	1	So the sample that we were passing around was pretty darn close
2	about, does that include the valuation, does that include a	2	to a sample that's going to look like the pipe that we were
3	value attributable to the ownership of property, the easement	3	going to install.
4	right?	4	Q. Okay. Let's skip to one more thing. At those same
5	MR. KOENECKE: I'd like to know if that's	5	meetings you heard different people stand up and say that they
6	Mrs. Anderson's question before he answers it.	6	did not like the treatment that they had received from your land
7	MR. SMITH: Is that your question?	7	agents.
8	MR. HOHN: Yes.	8	Did you do anything about it?
9	MS. ANDERSON: Yes.	9	A. Yes, we did. You know, TransCanada Keystone has, you know,
10	MR. SMITH: First of all, do you know?	10	hired land agents that are experts that are very aware of the
11	A. I'm really confused now so I hate to do this to you but	11	concerns of the community, and we've instructed them to treat
12	what is your question or could you repeat your question, please.	12	all the landowners with respect. We then asked for them to
13	Q. Let's just skip this until I can get it to where we all	13	communicate any formal complaints. And we have never received
14	understand what I'm trying to say.	14	any formal complaints from landowners in South Dakota through
15	You were at informal meetings in June, were you not, with	15	our 1 (800) number or through our process.
16	the landowners?	16	However, we did instruct them to continue to treat
17	A. Yes.	17	landowners with respect and to continue to negotiate with them
18	Q. Okay. At that time did you not or your representatives	18	to try and get a settlement. There are landowners, however,
19	come with a piece of metal that you said represented the pipe	19	that do not want to settle with TransCanada Keystone.
20	that would be installed in the ground?	20	Q. I guess I'm having a little trouble with what you're
21	A. We came with a representative pipe sampling that was more	21	saying, "formal." At the Yankton meeting I spoke to Mr. Gray.
22	to show the coating. But, yes, we had a representative sample.	22	On May 10 I had spoke with Mr. Gray. In July I spoke with
23	Q. But I also heard your people tell and they told me this	23	Mr. Gray. Is he not part of your company?
24	would be what would be used. At that time did you not know that	24	A. He's certainly part of our process, yes.
25	there had been a waiver applied for and approved for a variance	25	Q. Well, as I'm speaking to him, I mean, I guess I'm assuming
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1	in thickness?	1	that as a representative of your company along with Jeff Rauh,
2	A. But that sample we gave you is a representative sample of	2	and Tim Prescott and you as you were sitting there and I
3	what the pipe looks like, the material, contact, what it feels	3	wasn't the only one who said that through the course of these
4	like, what the coating is like. That's what it was there to	4	meetings, I guess we kind of assumed at least I did that
5	demonstrate. Because a lot of folks never seen it.	5	when I spoke to you that it was pretty much formal.
6	In fact, when we were there a lot of people thought the	6	A. Well, that isn't formal, ma'am. That is informal. And we
7	pipeline would be above ground. And so they wanted to have a	7	asked you and we asked others and we have not received any
8	look at it, feel it, touch it.	8	formal complaints. Now I can assure you we continue to work
9	Q. But there again, the question I had was when your people	9	with all our landowners and we continue to make progress on
10	were saying that this was the pipe that was going to be used and	10	easement payments and settle our easements.
11	you see something of one thickness and at that time you all knew	11	And, you know, it's our hope and desire that we can settle
12	that a waiver had been applied for and approved, was that not	12	with all landowners.
13	slightly deceptive on your part when your people were saying	13	MR. SMITH: Thank you. Any other Intervener
14	this is the thickness we'll use?	14	questions?
15	MR. KOENECKE: I object. There's a total lack of	15	We're at a quarter to noon. Do Commissioners want to
16	foundation for that line of questioning.	16	proceed I think what I would propose for the order here is we
17	MR. SMITH: Do you have any comments on that?	17	go to Commissioner questions in order to enable then TransCanada
18	A. Well, I suspect this sample which I'd just like to	18	to address any matters that you might bring up on their
19	you know, it was about this big, with the size of my hand. And	19	redirect.
20	I can't even recall the strength. So one of the most important	20	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: That certainly makes sense to me.
21	things and I like to communicate this to Ms. Anderson	21	COMMISSIONER KOLBECK: Yes.
22	about wall thickness is the strength of the steel.	22	MR. SMITH: Commissioners, please proceed.
	So, for example, if you were to use, you know, X100, which	23	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: I'll take first stab unless
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is extremely strong, then it results in a different wall

thickness. If you use X50, you get a different wall thickness.

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okay. You discussed, Mr. Jones, a formal complaint process.

Did you mean to insinuate that if a complaint was received

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informally that nothing would be done on TransCanada's part? THE WITNESS: No. Thank you for helping me clarify that response. That's not true. In fact, we have talked to all our land agents. We continue to talk to them. I personally get progress reports from them.

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You know, the exact conversations and details is best directed to Mr. Gray because those are whom those people report to, and then Mr. Gray, of course, reports to me.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: So if I had a specific question about what happened to Mrs. Anderson's either formal or informal complaint, that would be best directed to Mr. Gray?

THE WITNESS: That's correct.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Now I think on page 4 of your prefiled testimony you mentioned pump stations, valves, and densitometers. I was just wondering if you could give us an idea, those of us who are lay people in the pipeline industry, what's a densitometer?

THE WITNESS: A densitometer is a device that measures the density of the crude oil that moves in the pipeline. Depending on the sophistication of the densitometer, it can provide signals or data that we put through a control system. That process or that device is called SCADA.

23 So the densitometer would produce a signal that would 24 then go to the 24-seven control center, and they'll be able to 25 measure the product when it's coming past a certain point. And

it's usually at pump stations.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: So this densitometer, would that help to determine the density of the crude, meaning what pressure it was under, this part of your monitoring system? THE WITNESS: No. A densitometer is purely for

density. There are other devices that measure pressure and the temperature and the like, full volume.

MR. KOENECKE: Commissioner, you might save some time if you would ask if there are any densitometers to be located in South Dakota specifically. I don't want to leave an impression there.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: What a brilliant question. Mr. Jones, are there going to be any densitometers located within South Dakota?

THE WITNESS: With such a massive project I sometimes forget which state I'm in. There are going to be densitometers in terminal locations. So one in Cushing, Oklahoma, one in Wood River and one in Patoka, Illinois. There will also be a densitometer at the upstream location in Canada at Hardisty. CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: I'm going to ask a question to try

to get to what Mr. Moeckly was attempting to ask about. If there was liability that would be assumed by Keystone because of an incident and if Keystone didn't have the assets or no longer existed, would that liability flow upstream to a parent company? THE WITNESS: That's my understanding. TransCanada is 1 a -- you know, continues to be publicly traded. We have to 2 follow the rules and relations of being publicly traded, which 3 means that we'll have an investment grade credit rating and have 4 the capability to make sure that we can meet all our 5 liabilities.

You can imagine if you operated 36,000 miles if you were to have a problem with one company, you know, the loan implications would be tremendous. Your rating implications would be tremendous from a financial perspective.

10 So we are very well -- very much motivated to make sure that we meet all our liabilities.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Am I right in presuming that if there was a change of ownership or a change of name of the Keystone Pipeline corporate entity or if it ceased to be and that was rolled into a parent company, that liability wouldn't cease, that a parent company would still maintain liability?

THE WITNESS: Well, the obligations of -- the liability sits within TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, LP. Ensuring to make sure those liabilities are met will be by the owners, whoever they may be. Today TransCanada is that owner, but the obligation of the liability still sits within TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, LP.

23 CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Mr. Jones, there have been some 24 questions about the chemical makeup the product that might flow 25

through Keystone. 96

1 Would there be a variance within the chemical makeup 2 of a product from day to day or week to week or year to year 3 time period?

THE WITNESS: Not a tremendous amount of variance.

It's still crude oil. You know, we in the industry quickly describe things as light or medium or heavy. This will range from what they call a light crude oil. Which is in the

8 United States commonly referred to as West Texas, WTI. In fact,

9 you may see the benchmarks posted on business reports. 10 We, of course, can't move WTI because it's produced in

Texas. But we move an equivalent type of oil. We expect to. It's called synthetic oil which will have the same density in products and the other range and what they call heavy oil. And heavy oil is a little thicker. It comes from -- again, there's a range of heavy oils that come from Venezuela, Africa, and California so there's that oil.

But at the end of the day it's still all crude oil, and its chemical composition is extremely similar. And our specification, which is filed, gives the range of the commodity type. So the sediments, the water, the other components are all restricted in its ability to look like crude oil.

22 CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Mr. Jones, are you familiar with 23 the direct testimony of Edward Miller?

24 THE WITNESS: I'm not familiar, no. I mean, I'm aware 25 of, but I'm not familiar with it.

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1	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: I'll ask you a general guestion and	1	COMMISSIONER HANSON: Thank you, Mr. Smith.	
2	if it's better directed to somebody else on your team, please	2	Mr. Jones, forgive me, first of all. As a Commissioner I	
3	let me know. There's a reference made to ISL certification with	3	occasionally ask questions that you may have already filed with	
4	regard to pipe mills.	4	your prefiled testimony, and sometimes I take liberties to ask	
5	Do you know what that is?	5	impertinent questions along with my pertinent questions. And	
6	THE WITNESS: I do. But, again, the expert on ISL	6	sometimes my questions may sound like they've already been	
7	certification of pipe mills is best with Ms. Smith or	7	asked, but there's something that I'm looking for if I do.	
8	Meera Kothari.	8	I often ask questions that are with prefiled testimony	
9	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: I will ask Ms. Kothari then.	9	because I assume there's at least two or three people out there	
10	Mr. Jones, that's all questions I have at the time.	10	who haven't read the 8,000 pages of information that's been	
11	COMMISSIONER KOLBECK: Mr. Jones, I just have one to	11	prefiled.	
12	maybe try to clear up Mrs. Anderson's question. A corridor is	12	There's been a lot of consternation about leaks and	
13	actually defined as an area or stretch of land identified by a	13	about the potential of leaks. And there's been rumors	
14	specific common characteristic or purpose.	14	circulated and there's been, well, a lot of letters, editorials,	
15	Is it common for pipelines to stay in the same area?	15	et cetera. We are somewhat responsible for turning a blind eye	
16	In other words, in electricity we see new coal plants built next	16	to those things and just looking at testimony that's provided	
17	to existing coal plants, new nuclears next to existing nuclears.	17	here and supported by evidence.	
18	Is it common in this sort of energy field to build a pipeline	18	But for those folks that are concerned about the	
19	next to a existing pipeline?	19	potential for leaks, there have been concerns that there is	
20	THE WITNESS: I would say it's common to a pipeline	20	either a potential for or that there would be situations in	
21	when it's filing its environmental impact to look at other	21	which landowners could, in fact, end up being responsible for	
22	linear structures. They may be power lines and they may	22	the financial challenges of mitigation.	
23	definitely be other pipelines.	23	Can you cite for us any laws, either through the State	
24	COMMISSIONER KOLBECK: Could you give me an example of	24	or through the Federal Government again, if you're the wrong	
25	where in the pipeline industry in this organization that you	25	person for this just say so that would be specific to show	
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1	belong to where there are three or four pipelines laying in the	1	that Keystone and I use Keystone in the broadest sense	
2	same trench?	2	would be responsible for mitigation?	
3	THE WITNESS: Certainly. It's very common for there	2		
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third-party damage.

And our record as time goes on gets better, and that's

because we keep on increasing the amount of pipe that we have

areas you did not -- it's my understanding you did not reduce the strength of the pipeline.

THE WITNESS: Commissioner -- sorry, Commissioner. We didn't touch the tensile strength. I think the question is the pipeline is going to be built with what they call X70 pipe, which is the strength of the pipe.

The design factor, which was part of the waiver we applied to to PHMSA, the Department of Transportation, which the law allows, we filed this waiver for the special permit, and that was to adjust the design factor.

And simply, Commissioner, we had to apply to PHMSA. There were a number of conditions, and they did a thorough review of the Application. We had to agree to 51 additional conditions that are above and beyond the otherwise regulations, and after the review they found the design of Keystone will be at a level of safety at or above whether or not we did apply for this waiver.

So the tensile strength doesn't change. The pipeline is going to be built wherever it is with the same strength of pipe. It's a high strength of pipe, 70,000 -- is the tensile strength, what we call X70 pipe. The wall thickness changes depending on whether or not you're in a populated area or a high consequence area. And that design factor is what we applied for.

So the level of safety after PHMSA's thorough review

and rigorous review was that the pipeline design remains to be as safe or safer than otherwise.

wall thickness would be greater in some areas than in others.

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COMMISSIONER HANSON: It causes me to wonder why the

Obviously, I'm going to assume it's for safety purposes.

THE WITNESS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER HANSON: Why not provide that safety

throughout the entire --

THE WITNESS: You're right. And I would suggest you would have the same wall thickness through the entire length of the pipeline. Except for if you know that you're going to be in areas such as a road crossing where there is a higher likelihood, although again we're going to make sure it's deep and such that people won't excavate it and we'll have the One-Call system that will participate, but if you know there's a higher probability that somebody may strike that pipeline, then that is one of the main reasons why, for example, in that situation you'd have slightly thicker nine wall.

situation you'd have slightly thicker pipe wall.

Because not that the damage would be -- it's going to occur, but you want to make sure that, for example, if a tooth of a bucket of a backhoe was to strike the pipe and cause a dent, it would dent the pipeline as opposed to actually rupture it. So that's why, for example -- that's just an example I wanted to give you why in that one situation you'd have slightly thicker pipe.

COMMISSIONER HANSON: When I was in the earlier life in the utilities business we actually designed some facilities so that they would fail more readily in one area than in others so that it would decrease the amount of damage to highly populated areas and something of that nature. I'm talking about levies and things of this nature so that you have a failure point where you're going to flood farm fields as opposed to flooding residential areas.

What, if anything of that nature, has been done with this pipeline? Is there any area that is considered to be a more likely failure point than other areas?

THE WITNESS: No. We design the entire pipeline so that it -- you know, a failure is not a good thing. We absolutely do not want any failures. So the level of protection is the same. I think what we tend to look at more is the consequence.

So, for example, if you were to have a failure near a water course, then the consequence is much more of a concern. But the level of safety remains the same throughout the entire pipeline.

So, I mean, just don't want one. But I think the issue more goes to consequence. I would probably like to now defer further response to my experts. They can handle this question far better than I can.

COMMISSIONER HANSON: Is the depth of this pipeline

THE WITNESS: No. On average this pipeline is far

1 consistent with other pipelines, of the 36,000 miles of pipeline

2 that you operate?

deeper. Those 36,500 typically are probably more around 3 feet.
The code is 2 feet. And we're going to build this one to 4 feet
because that's an industry practice. And the number one cause
we anticipate for any failure will be that somebody accidently
struck the pipeline.

So to prevent that, and, again, the industry takes failures very seriously, the best practice is to make sure the top of the pipe has a depth of cover of 4 feet.

12 COMMISSIONER HANSON: Can you foresee a situation in13 which any landowner would become responsible for the mitigation14 of a failure?

THE WITNESS: No. I can't. And I'm not even aware if there ever was one, unless it was a malicious act of violence such as terrorism or something, I mean. But, no, if the pipeline was to fail because of, you know, a corrosive spot or some utility company was digging up the line and didn't notify us and they hit it and it failed and leaked on their property, I'm not aware of a landowner being responsible at all. And they wouldn't be.

COMMISSIONER HANSON: Perhaps I can help you out with that question. At the public hearings there were photographs circulated of a large implement, farm equipment, that had been

109 111 1 1 bogged down. Some of it looked like it was well beneath the wouldn't expect each landowner to see an adjustment or 2 2 4-foot level. tremendous change in their personal property tax. Keystone will 3 3 In those type of situations where the farmer got pay a tax based on the value of the pipe. 4 4 bogged down with large equipment damage to the pipe, would you As for each landowner's property tax bill, you know, 5 5 say that there's potential for the landowner to be responsible it's been documented that the value of the -- the land values 6 6 financially? tend not to change very much. So I would assume then the 7 7 THE WITNESS: Only if it was his 10th time or assessed property taxes wouldn't change very much. That would 8 something. You know, Commissioner, I shouldn't jest, but it's 8 be our assumption going forward. 9 9 very unlikely in that situation that a vehicle could damage the COMMISSIONER HANSON: There have been a number of 10 10 pipeline failure, extremely unlikely considering the strength of questions pertaining to the capacity of the pipeline. Will this 11 11 the steel and the protection of the coating and the depth. So pipeline be able to carry a different type of product? 12 12 even in those pictures that show that. THE WITNESS: In the remote situation where we no 13 Now that being said, you know, we do urge 13 longer want to move crude oil through the Keystone Pipeline and 14 14 landowners -- they know the pipeline's there. If they have we don't have a business case to do so, pipelines have applied 15 15 large equipment that is extremely heavy and the conditions are to be converted to a different commodity. So in the future do I 16 wet, you know, it would be prudent that they not drive over the 16 think it can move something else, let's say natural gas, which 17 17 line in those conditions. However, if by accident they did, by the way pipelines have been converted from oil to gas or gas 18 they still would not be liable for the damage. And I don't 18 to oil, yes, but they have to go through an entire regulatory 19 19 believe they would damage the pipeline. process to do so. 20 20 You know, again, I think we're into legal grounds now. COMMISSIONER HANSON: Would that include the State of 21 21 If they knew they were doing this, that's different. South Dakota's regulatory process, to the best of your 22 22 COMMISSIONER HANSON: Thank you. I have just a few knowledge? 23 more questions. You had testified that the construction will 23 THE WITNESS: I don't know that. 24 increase the value of property and result in a significant 24 COMMISSIONER HANSON: Okay. Thank you. And there 25 25 amount of taxes being paid by Keystone to the State of South have been -- sort of skirted around the question. There have 110 112 1 Dakota. 1 been questions pertaining to a number of other pipelines that 2 2 THE WITNESS: Sir, I don't think my testimony is to could be placed in this easement. 3 3 increase the value of property. I believe my testimony is the Can you give us the maximum number of pipes that could 4 taxes as a result of the pipeline are in TC 14. But I don't 4 be placed in this easement area? 5 5 believe it's because of increasing the value of the property. THE WITNESS: A general rule of thumb is you like to 6 It's because of the asset. 6 have pipeline spaced no closer than about 10 feet apart. And 7 7 COMMISSIONER HANSON: Right. It's a value that is you don't want to have the edge of the easement -- so you go in 8 8 attached to the ground. It becomes a capital asset. Therefore, 10 feet from there. 9 9 COMMISSIONER HANSON: Do you mean no less than it's a real property tax that you are paying, not a personal 10 property tax so it increases the value. 10 10 feet? 11 11 Excuse me. What was that figure again? That was THE WITNESS: No less than 10 feet, and the edge of 12 12 different -the easement would be 10 feet. So that being said, on a 50-foot 13 13 THE WITNESS: Because the capital cost estimate easement that would be three pipes. And we would probably even 14 increase we are now looking at about \$9 million is our 14 then -- and I don't know, but in the situation if it ever was to 15 forecasted state tax in we expect 2010. 15 occur, you know, you would have gone back for the third time to 16 COMMISSIONER HANSON: Since you've had discussions on 16 these landowners, you probably are widening the easement and 17 17 that and potential for increase in value and increase in taxes buying a wider easement because just for access to maintain the 18 18 paid, have you had any discussions or did any of those line. 19 19 discussions involve the potential for a decrease in the property COMMISSIONER HANSON: And you would have to go through 20 taxes of the landowner as a result of the easement being given? 20 a process with citing again or not? 21 21 THE WITNESS: No. I don't believe so. THE WITNESS: Yes. No. We'd go through the same 22 22 COMMISSIONER HANSON: So you're not aware of any process. 23 23 discussion pertaining to a potential --COMMISSIONER HANSON: Thank you very much, Mr. Jones. 24 24 THE WITNESS: Historically, the price of land has not Thank you, Mr. Smith. 25 been adjusted due to an easement of a pipeline on a farm. So I 25 MR. SMITH: Other Commissioner questions? I had a

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1	couple. Do you want me to ask my few questions now before we	1	THE WITNESS: Yes.
2	break, and then we'll break and you can do your redirect?	2	MR. SMITH: In terms of the four failures in Canada
3	Either at the Keystone level or at the TransCanada	3	due to external corrosion, were any of those failures on pipe
4	level does your company carry pollution liability insurance, or	4	that has the FBE coating on it?
5	how do you deal with that?	5	THE WITNESS: I'd have to get Ms. Kothari to answer
6	THE WITNESS: We were just discussing this the other	6	that question.
7	day. And I can't recall exactly how to answer this so I'm going	7	MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you. Mr. Hohn brought up
8	to get one of my other expert witnesses to respond to that	8	benzene and the other toluene and so forth. It's a fact, isn't
9	question for you.	9	it, that all petroleum, crude oil, contains BTEX at some level,
10	MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you. In terms of	10	at least crude oil and refined gasoline? Is that a fact?
11	capitalization of Keystone, how is that going to happen? Is	11	THE WITNESS: I'm not an expert in this.
12	this going to be a debt financed company or	12	Ms. Tillquist is the appropriate witness to respond to this. I
13	THE WITNESS: We haven't determined that. We will be	13	think the question or the implications of BTEX in crude oil as
14	applying to FERC for capitalization. As you know, FERC	14	opposed to, for example, BTEX in refined products or gasoline
15	regulates the tolls and tariffs of crude oil pipelines, and	15	that go into our automobiles is significantly different and how
16	right now it is being funded through the parent, TransCanada.	16	it reacts is significantly different and how the BTEX
17	But the ultimate debt equity structure hasn't been determined	17	potentially separates out of the crude oil as opposed to
18	yet.	18	gasoline. But these complicated questions are best answered to
19	MR. SMITH: This may be an unfair question, but I'm	19	and responded by Ms. Tillquist.
20	just going to throw it out to let you think about it. You know,	20	MR. SMITH: Thank you. That's all I have. Should we
21	the Commission has the ability to impose conditions, and would	21	take a recess for what do you want? One hour? Should we
22	the company, the parent company, be willing to provide at least	22	round it off and say should we say 1:30? We're in recess,
23	some level of I call it a cut-through guarantee to guarantee	23	and we'll reconvene at 1:30.
24	that there are liquid funds available to fund clean up in the	24	(A lunch recess is taken)
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2	BY MR. RASMUSSEN:	2	A. There is a savings in weight. We had additional
3	Q. When Commissioner Hanson was questioning you, you talked	3	conditions. The net net is savings in acquisition of steel,
4	about the coating that's factory installed, I understand, on the	4	which is a very high-commodity component of the project.
5	pipe?	5	MR. RASMUSSEN: I think that's all I have.
6	A. That's correct.	6	MR. SMITH: Any other recross?
7	Q. But the joints are done in the field; is that right?	7	MS. SEMMLER: No.
8	A. That's not completely correct. Half the joints are done in	8	MR. SMITH: Hearing none do you have a question,
9	a on a probably right up to the mill unless they're the	9	Mr. Hohn?
10	ones from India, and the ones coming off the tankers will be	10	MR. HOHN: I have one question.
11	done in a plant in the United States. We call it double	11	RECROSS-EXAMINATION
12	jointing.	12	BY MR. HOHN:
13	So half the joints are done in the plant and then coated	13	Q. In your earlier statement about in response to one of
14	and put on site on the right of way, and then the remainder of	14	the Commissioner's questions why there may be locations where
15	the pipeline's put together.	15	you thicken the wall, as a road, for example, or crossing a
16	Q. The stuff that's done on site, is it somehow painted on?	16	railroad, you said that it was because it might be an area where
17	A. The details of the Application for the epoxy can be best	17	there would be a lot of activity with digging. A backhoe
18	the technical details on how the epoxy is applied can be best	18	might you wouldn't want a backhoe to puncture the wall.
19	answered by Ms. Kothari.	19	Is that correct? Did I rephrase that correctly?
20	Q. You were asked by Commissioner Johnson about densitometers.	20	A. Certainly there are areas along the route where the
21	And I guess if there aren't any in South Dakota, why was that	21	pipeline will have different wall thickness, and I believe one
22	even referenced in your direct testimony?	22	of them is railway crossings and road crossings.
23	A. You know it shouldn't have been. We don't have any	23	Q. And did I hear you correctly to say that the reason you
24 25	densitometers in South Dakota.	24 25	might want to make that thicker there was in the event
25	Q. So your testimony here at paragraph 10 on page 4, there	23	somebody if there's a lot of activity in that area such as 120
1	will be above-ground facilities including four pump stations,	1	digging, that it would be stronger, and it would withstand the
2	isolation valves, and densitometers, and that's just simply not	2	strike of a backhoe tooth?
3	correct as it applies to South Dakota; correct?	3	A. My understanding, the justification of the code that that
4	A. Yes.	4	increased activity is a result in a change in wall thickness.
5	Q. You were asked some questions about the wall thickness, the	5	Q. So a water line that might be buried parallel to a fence,
6	.72 versus the .80. And I think you said it was increased in	6	parallel to a road, a water line that might need to be dug up to
7	certain areas such as where it goes under roadways; is that	7	fix a leak which is a water line that might be buried 6 feet
8	right?	8	deep, wouldn't that be a potential area where you might need to
9	A. No. The code requires you to design a pipeline different	9	have thicker pipe?
10	in certain areas such as, for example, a road crossing. So when	10	A. Again, the actual locations for wall thickness changes is
11	that occurs when the code is instructing you to do that the	11	one of code. And the reasons and where it is is probably best
12	wall thickness does change in that one specific location I	12	answered by Buster, Mr. Gray.
13	described.	13	MR. HOHN: Thank you.
14	Q. Does it also increase where it crosses goes under the	14	MR. SMITH: You may step down.
15	Missouri River?	15	(The witness is excused)
16	A. I believe so. Again, I'm not the expert witness on the	16	MR. KOENECKE: We would call Mr. Koski to the stand.
17	different locations where the wall thickness increases, but I	17	Thank you.
18	I believe that's correct.	18	(The witness is sworn by the court reporter)
19	Q. Who would be the person that knows the most about that?	19	DIRECT EXAMINATION
20	A. I think it would be a number of people. I'm thinking that	20	BY MR. KOENECKE:
21	both Meera and Buster will know the answer to that question.	21	Q. Would you state your name and business address for the
22	Q. The primary reason for asking for the special permit so as	22	record, please.
23	to allow the thinner-walled pipe was an economic one; correct?	23	A. My name is Michael Koski, and my business address is
24	A. It also allows the pipeline to have the same standard from	24	1300 Metropolitan Boulevard, Suite 200 Tallahassee, Florida.
25	start to finish.	25	Q. What's your role with the TransCanada Keystone Project?

- **1 A.** I'm the project director of the consulting technical team
- 2 assigned for the U.S. portion of the pipeline facility of the
- 3 Keystone Project responsible for engineering, environmental
- 4 permitting, and land acquisition.
- **5 Q.** Did you provide testimony in this matter?
- 6 A. Yes, I did.
- 7 Q. I believe on the stack to your left there you should find
- 8 that testimony. I apologize for not having it out for you.
- 9 A. That's okay. We'll let it go. Yes, I found it.
- **10 Q.** Did you find both of them?
- 11 A. Yes, I have.
- 12 Q. Thank you. Do you have any additions or corrections to
- 13 that testimony?
- **14 A.** Yes, I do.
- **15 Q.** And are you responsible for the routing of the pipeline
- 16 through South Dakota?
- 17 A. Yes. I'm responsible for managing the team that conducted
- 18 the routing.
- **19 Q.** Have you made route changes since the Application was filed
- 20 in April?
- 21 A. Yes, we have.
- 22 Q. Showing you what I've marked as Exhibit TC 9, are you
- 23 familiar with that exhibit?
- **24 A.** Yes, I am.
- **25 Q.** Have you seen it before?

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- **1** A. Yes, I have.
- **2 Q.** Was it prepared under your direction?
- **3** A. Yes. Prepared by the team formed under my direction.
- 4 Q. Can you tell us what that is?
- **5** A. It's a number of variations that have occurred to the
- 6 alignment of the project since the Application was filed in
- 7 South Dakota in April.
- **8 Q.** Are those changes the ones that were responded to in WEB
- **9** Water's Interrogatories answered last week?
- 10 A. Yes. I believe so.
- 11 MR. KOENECKE: I'd ask that TC 9 be admitted at this
- 12 time as changes and corrections to the maps which were put in
- 13 with the Application and put in as part of Mr. Koski's
- 14 testimony.
- MR. RASMUSSEN: Those are the ones that were attached
- **16** to the Interrogatories?
- 17 MR. KOENECKE: Yes. Exactly the same.
- 18 MR. RASMUSSEN: I have no objection then.
- 19 MR. SMITH: Objections from anyone else? Hearing
- 20 none, Exhibit TC 9 is admitted.
- **21** MR. KOENECKE: Thank you.
- 22 Q. Mr. Koski, I've put in front of you what we've marked as
- **23** Exhibit TC 10.
- **24 A.** Yes.
- 25 Q. Have you seen that before?

- 1 A. Yes, I have.
- 2 Q. Can you tell us what it is?
- **3** A. Yes. These are additional changes to the alignment in
- 4 South Dakota that have been adopted since the response to the
- **5** Interrogatory mentioned previous. However, there is one within
- **6** this package was wasn't included in the Interrogatory, road
- 7 variation 293.
- **8 Q.** 293 was included in the Interrogatory?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. I apologize. Thank you for pointing that out. So how many
- 11 are in TC 9 as you have it there?
- 12 A. I have 15 in my package.
- **13 Q.** How many in TC 10?
- **14 A.** There are three, but there's a duplicate of TC 9.
- 15 Q. Thank you. Which page in TC 10 is the duplicate? Do you
- **16** know?
- **17 A.** The second page.
- 18 Q. Can you remove that, please, from TC 10?
- **19 A.** Me?
- 20 Q. Yes, please.
- 21 A. Okay.
- **22** (Witness complies)
- **23 Q.** So would you recite the numbers, please, or the identifying
- 24 marks on the first page of TC 10?
- 25 A. Route variation 292.
- 2
 - **2** A. Route variation 294.
 - **3 Q.** And the third page? Is there no third page?

And the second page of TC 10?

- **4 A.** There's no longer a third page.
- **5 Q.** Thank you. Can you describe what's shown on 292, please.
- **6 A.** On 292 the red line that's shown was the original route as
- 7 filed in the Application in April, and the yellow line is a
- **8** reroute that has since been adopted.
- **9 Q.** And 294, the same?
- 10 A. The same.
- 11 Q. Are you familiar with the land forms or the areas that are
- 12 depicted on either of those pictures?
- 13 A. I don't have personal knowledge of the specific land forms
- 14 or the routing associated with either of these.
- **15 Q.** Okay.
- MR. KOENECKE: I'd ask that both pages of TC 10 be
- 17 admitted as evidence.
- **18** MR. SMITH: Objections?
- **19** MR. RASMUSSEN: No objections.
- MR. SMITH: TC 10 is admitted.
- **21 Q.** Koski, do you have any other additions or corrections to
- 22 your testimony that you're aware of?
- **23 A.** No, I do not.
- 24 Q. Are you responsible for the creation and preparation of the
- 25 Draft Environmental Impact Statement?

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1	A. I'm responsible for supporting the preparation of the Draft	1	guess in light of the fact that things have been removed from	
2	Environmental Impact Statement. The Draft Environmental Impact	2	it, we want to look at it. Conditionally, I would say I don't	
3	Statement was prepared by the Department of State and their	3	object, but that's subject to us having a chance to look at that	
4	third-party contractor. I'm responsible for Keystone's supply	4	notebook.	
5	of information to that process to support the preparation of	5	MR. SMITH: Well, I think what we want to have is an	
6	that document.	6	accurate copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. If	
7	Q. Where are we at in that process? Or where is Keystone at	7	it isn't that, then that's the document we ought to have in the	
8	in the DEIS process?	8	record.	
9	A. Well, certainly the DEIS has been out for some time now.	9	Is that a fair statement?	
10	The DEIS comment period has been completed. The Department of	10	MR. RASMUSSEN: I agree. Yes.	
11	State is in the preparation of preparing a final impact	11	MS. SEMMLER: Staff does not object to the admission	
12	statement, and as was stated earlier by Mr. Jones we certainly	12	of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.	
13	expect the FEIS by the end of the year.	13	MR. KOENECKE: Okay. So ultimately we'll ensure that	
14	Q. If you'll allow me just a minute. Thank you.	14	that's what's in the record.	
15	MR. KOENECKE: Excuse me a minute.	15	MR. SMITH: Okay. Would you like the attachments to	
16	(Exhibit TC 15 is marked for identification)	16	the Draft Environmental Impact Statement? Are they the same	
17	Q. Mr. Koski I've put in front of you a binder containing a	17	things that we have in	
18	large document, and we've marked it as TC 15.	18	MR. KOENECKE: Yes. I believe everybody's I'm	
19	Are you familiar with that document?	19	being advised not now.	
20	A. Yes. In the absence of the cover page, it appears to be	20	Exactly. Where we're headed, I think, is the	
21	the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.	21	stipulation of the introduction of the entire Draft	
22	Q. Can you take a minute and ensure that it's there in its	22	Environmental Impact Statement with the attachments as it's on	
23	complete form to the best of your knowledge?	23	record with the Department of State.	
24	A. Sure.	24	MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you.	
25	(Witness examines document)	25	MR. KOENECKE: We'll not use we'll not introduce	
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2	cross-examination at this time.	2	through an area that had some areas of grasslands that were
3	MR. SMITH: Mr. Rasmussen, please proceed.	3	protected by U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service easements for the sole
4	<u>CROSS-EXAMINATION</u>	4	purpose of protecting these grassland areas.
5	BY MR. RASMUSSEN:	5	And, again, that's a type of information you receive as you
6	Q. Mr. Koski, I want to ask you about the route changes, first	6	work through the route refinement process where you are dealing
7	of all.	7	with increasing levels of information. And those were brought
8	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Mr. Rasmussen, your microphone	8	to our attention by the Fish & Wildlife Service. They are not
9	again. Sometimes we get complaints from people on the internet.	9	published, and they're not part of any particular public
0	MR. RASMUSSEN: People complain they can't hear me?	10	database. And we incorporated them into the route selection
1	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Not specifically yet. I'm trying	11	process and have routed to avoid them.
2	to head that off.	12	Q. Some of these areas are basically just pasture land, are
3	Q. Looking at Exhibit 9, TC 9, that would be the first set of	13	they not?
4	aerial photographs, I think it would be the second page if my	14	A. I'd have to defer to the exact definition of a grassland to
5	pages are the same. Well, I guess I'm not sure. Looking at	15	Scott Ellis who will testify later.
6	Route 231, it's a reroute to avoid NRCS easement.	16	Q. Did U.S. Fish & Wildlife tell you that they were not going
7	Do you know which one I'm referring to?	17	to let you put the pipeline on any grassland easement areas
8	A. Not yet.	18	under their control?
9	Q. Just looking through the ones that I have, I don't see a	19	A. I don't recall if those specific words were used, but
20	reference to 231. We have a document that was given to us with	20	certainly it was a resource that they had undertaken to protect
21	our Interrogatory Answers that make a reference to Route 231	21	through the formalization of a conservation easement on the
22	SD 10221.5-1. And it says reroute to avoid NRCS easement.	22	property. And certainly they were interested in protecting
3	Is there a corresponding photograph to that?	23	them.
4	A. I don't see that in my package.	24	Q. So the pipeline was then moved off of the grassland
5	Q. Do you know where that was?	25	easement areas on to other private land; is that right?
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1	A. No, I don't.	1	A. Yes.
2	Q. Okay. You made the comment that you didn't have personal	2	Q. Page 3 of your testimony also talks about Raymond Prairie
3	knowledge about these route changes; is that right?	3	Chicken Leks? Is that how you say that?
4	A. Yes. I lead a team that consists of numerous personnel	4	A. Yes, it is.
5	representing various disciplines that participate in the	5	Q. What is that?
6	evaluation and participate in the route refinement process	_	A. I should defer the specific definition of a prairie chicken
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considered or in the preliminary when you had some thought of

considering it you were talking about putting it on private

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1	bullet under item 22, page 8.	1	you look at routing you also look at access for maintenance,
2	A. Yes.	2	constructibility, and emergency response; correct?
3	Q. Could you read that and then tell me	3	A. Those are considerations, yes.
4	A. Keystone did not consider locating the project within the	4	Q. Would the routing of this pipeline along Interstate 29
5	I-29 corridor as this is not allowed due to safety issues and	5	offer a better emergency response access than in a remote area
6	the impediment the facility would create to highway maintenance	6	in Marshall and Clark County?
7	and expansion.	7	A. I would have to defer emergency response planning to
8	Q. Safety issues here's the question, I guess. There are a	8	Brian Thomas.
9	lot of pipelines installed in road ditches in this state and	9	Q. Thank you.
10	other states. In fact, petroleum lines. It's a wide right of	10	MR. SMITH: Do other Interveners have any questions?
11	way. It's wider than what you have what you're asking for.	11	Staff?
12	Is that was that really a reason made by the State, or	12	<u>CROSS-EXAMINATION</u>
13	was that your company's decision or reason?	13	BY MS. SEMMLER:
14	A. The State specifically mentioned safety concerns as	14	Q. Thank you. Just real quick, staff wonders if the
15	outlined in this testimony, and as far as their maintenance and	15	Application will be amended to reflect the route changes in
16	expansion needs, they also stated that as an issue, but I am not	16	TC 09 and TC 10.
17	aware of any specific expansion plans. I am sure they are.	17	MR. KOENECKE: You and I can talk about that later as
18	Q. Well, being the person in charge or responsible for	18	a matter of legality, but I don't know that it's proper for
19	supervising the designation of a route, you obviously weigh	19	Mr. Koski to answer that.
20	various factors, safety, constructibility, and so forth.	20	Would that be all right?
21	Was it was the I-29 corridor avoided because State	21	MS. SEMMLER: Uh-huh. That's fine.
22	officials thought it wouldn't be safe to have an oil line along	22	MR. SMITH: That all?
23	the interstate highway?	23	MS. SEMMLER: Uh-huh.
24	A. Certainly one of the factors. Another more compelling	24	MR. SMITH: Commissioners, do you have questions of
25	factor is it does not go where we want to go.	25	Mr. Koski?
1	138Q. The State of South Dakota under someone's signature could	1	140 COMMISSIONER HANSON: Yes.
2	grant you an easement to construct in their right of way with	2	MR. SMITH: Commissioner Hanson.
3	one signature granting that?	3	COMMISSIONER HANSON: Good afternoon, Mr. Koski.
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1 testimony on question 17 you were asked if it was your opinion 2 that the proposed location of the Keystone Pipeline has a 3 minimal adverse effect on the environment, natural resources, 4 citizens of South Dakota. Your answer was yes. 5 What are some of those minimal adverse effects on the 6 environment, natural resources, and the citizens? 7 THE WITNESS: The specific adverse effects I believe 8 will be testified to by Scott Ellis later on and has been 9 included in the South Dakota Application. I guess I'd like to 10 point out that the selection of a route must balance numerous 11 often competing interests associated with natural resources, 12 private landowner desires, safety, and reliability. And that 13 process of route selection incorporates and balances all of 14 those factors, and routing decisions have to be made with a 15 consideration for all of them, not just for one particular 16 issue. 17 COMMISSIONER HANSON: Thank you. Digesting your 18 answer means that you take into consideration the damages that 19 could occur and the challenges to property owners and what is in 20

the best interest of the pipeline as well as the property owners?

THE WITNESS: Yes. And the mitigation that can be applied and committed to to minimize those effects.

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COMMISSIONER HANSON: In doing so do you place the property owners at the top of the list of concerns, or is there

a prioritization there? It sounds as if you said there's a balancing --

THE WITNESS: Yeah. There's not a formalized prioritization. Everyone's situation's different. And that's where the -- having the procedures in place to evaluate all aspects come into play and also the importance of having a multidisciplinary team of people reviewing that so that no one person does it in isolation is critical to treating every situation as it should be. COMMISSIONER HANSON: Thank you.

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MR. SMITH: Other Commissioner questions?

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Thanks, Mr. Smith. Mr. Koski, my question deals with control points. Now you described as the

14 first task in selecting a route through South Dakota.

15 You note that the southern control point was the 16 Missouri River near Yankton.

THE WITNESS: Yes.

18 CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: And then you gave some rationales 19 for why that was selected as a control point. Were there other

20 southern control points considered? 21 THE WITNESS: The Missouri River crossing, there was

basically general locations that were considered. Major river crossings as you point out do often form control points and

24 fixed portions of the route. The Missouri was certainly one

that was recognized very early on as being one of those. And 25

the three alternative locations considered on the general sense were upstream or west of Yankton crossing one of the -- the Gavins Point Reservoir. Because it was outside of the special designated reach of the River that the reservoir impoundment is not actually part of the designation.

So we looked at that to be out of that special recreational designation from the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. We, of course, looked at Yankton because of existing bridge crossings -- two existing pipeline crossings and a relatively narrow reach of the River. And we also looked downstream of the special designated area downstream or east of Ponca State Park.

And Yankton was selected as the preferred location mainly because it's collocated with existing utilities that cross. It's a relatively stable section of the River. There's obviously other interests that are interested in keeping it at the location it's at. The topography is favorable on both sides for the preferred approach of a directional drill, and the directional drill can accomplish the crossing in one installation. And that drill passes under not only the River but also the jurisdictional limits of the National Parks Service in their jurisdiction under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Do collocation opportunities for

these, you know, directional drilling, I mean, does that come with additional risk with regard to third-party damage?

THE WITNESS: You mean during the installation of our

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CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Well, no. I actually mean that if there are two already, if Keystone were to become the third and it becomes a place where pipelines collocate often, if there's a fourth pipeline and they're directionally drilling, does that raise the likelihood there will be third-party damage to what would be the existing Keystone Pipeline?

THE WITNESS: I guess there would be a remote possibility there could be some interaction from a new installation with existing pipelines. But I will say directional drilling technology and the contractors that are employed are highly skilled, the technology is very advanced, and the progress of the drilling operation is monitored continuously.

15 It is always known where it is down hole so there's 16 very little risk of running into something that you know is 17 there. Just because it's monitored continuously.

18 CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Are you familiar with the -- the 19 property ownership along the I-29 corridor adjacent to the right 20 of way that was briefly considered by TransCanada Keystone?

21 THE WITNESS: No. I'm not familiar with it. 22 CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Okay. That's all I have. 23 MR. SMITH: Other Commissioner questions? 24 Any redirect?

MR. KOENECKE: No. Thank you.

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1	MR. SMITH: Any questions responsive to the	1	Thank you.
2	Commissioners' questions?	2	(The witness is sworn by the court reporter)
3	MR. RASMUSSEN: Just one question.	3	DIRECT EXAMINATION
4	RECROSS-EXAMINATION	4	BY MR. KOENECKE:
5	BY MR. RASMUSSEN:	5	Q. Would you state your name and business address for the
6	Q. In determining the Yankton site, was it the fact that the	6	record, please.
7	Lewis and Clark intake for its water system is located	7	A. My name is Scott Ellis. My business address is
8	downstream? Did that play any part in determining the location?	8	1601 Prospect Parkway, Fort Collins, Colorado.
9	A. No, it did not.	9	Q. Are you employed or engaged by the Keystone Pipeline in
10	MR. RASMUSSEN: Thank you.	10	some capacity?
11	MR. SMITH: Any other cross-examination?	11	A. Yes. I am responsible for collecting information that was
12	MR. HOHN: I have one question regarding your crossing	12	then entered or entered into permit applications for both
13	at Yankton.	13	federal and state permit applications.
14	RECROSS-EXAMINATION	14	Q. Can you briefly state your educational and professional
15	BY MR. HOHN:	15	background for us.
16	Q. If I'm viewing the picture right, this is right at the	16	A. I am currently a project manager for ENSR, a consulting
17	River. And this would be Exhibit 10. The red line and the	17	engineering and environmental engineering company, and I have
18	yellow line, is the red line the original route?	18	been a project manager for the last 20 years or so, primarily in
19	A. Yes, it is.	19	the area of pipeline projects as well as other industrial
20	Q. And the yellow line is the new route?	20	facilities. And I'm a graduate of Cornell University.
21	A. Yes, it is.	21	Q. Did you provide written testimony which was prefiled in
22	Q. I've stayed at both places and I may have the names	22	this matter?
23	reversed but there's near the yellow line there's a hotel	23	A. Yes.
24	there's two hotels, and you're going right between the two; is	24	Q. On the stack there to your left did you find that on the
25	that correct?	25	top?
1	A. That's what it indicates here. I don't have personal	1	A. I do.
2	A. That's what it indicates here. I don't have personal knowledge of this route variation.	2	Q. Do you have any additions or corrections to that testimony?
3	Q. The federal regulations say that wherever possible you try	3	A. I do not.
4	to stay at least 50 feet away from a private dwelling or a place	4	Q. If I asked you each of the questions contained in that
5	like a hotel where there may be a lot of people staying.	5	document again, would you answer as you did in writing?
6	Would you have a the red line is routed along 104 or	6	A. Yes.
7	4,000, 5,000, 6,000, 7, those are all warehouses facilities, and	7	Q. I handed you what I've marked as TC 12. Are you familiar
8	offices. Do you know why that route is changed?	8	with that document?
9	A. I do not know why the route has changed. However, I do	9	A. I would have to look at it for a moment. I'm not familiar
10	note that there have been discussions ongoing with the City of	10	with it.
11	Yankton to accommodate its expansion plans, and we've been	11	(Witness examines document)
12	working with the City engineer on locating the facility that's	12	Q. Perhaps if you look at the
13	consistent with their planned developments.	13	A. Yeah. I'm looking. It appears to be that this has been
14	Q. Well, then one last question on this. Where you rerouted	14	copied from the Application.
15	between the two hotels I believe one's a Super 8 and the	15	Q. And doesn't it constitute changes to some of the acreages
16	other one's possibly a Best Western do you make the pipe	16	contained in the Application?
17	thicker? Do you build the pipe thickener that area?	17	A. If I could take a moment, I'd like to quickly compare them.
18	A. I would have to defer that question.	18	Q. You may.
19	MR. HOHN: Thank you.	19	(Witness examines documents)
20	MR. SMITH: Any follow-up, Mr. Koenecke?	20	A. Yes. I examined and compared the two and they are
21	MR. KOENECKE: No. Thank you.	21	different, and the exhibit updates the disturbance estimates
22	(The witness is excused)	22	that were provided in the Application.
23	MR. SMITH: You're excused. Mr. Koenecke, do you want	23	Q. Can you tell us what the changes are, please.
24	to call your next witness?	24	A. In the original Application the estimate was for
25	MR. KOENECKE: I will call Scott Ellis to the stand.	25	construction of the pipeline would disturb approximately
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- 1 2,169 acres or 75 percent of the proposed corridor. And the
- 2 update is that the pipeline would disturb approximately
- 3 2,504 acres or 74 percent of the proposed corridor.
- 4 And then there is a second section here, which if I could
- ${\bf 5} \quad \text{ turn here, our original estimate was that the construction of }$
- 6 the pipeline would disturb approximately 633 acres or 21 percent
- 7 of the proposed corridor of grassland and rangeland. It's kind
- 8 of a combined land use category.
- **9** And in the exhibit it indicates that the pipeline would
- 10 disturb approximately 679 acres or 20 percent of the proposed
- 11 corridor of grassland/rangeland.
- 12 Q. Does TC 12 then update correctly those disturbances to your
- 13 knowledge?
- **14 A.** Yes.
- MR. KOENECKE: I'd ask that TC 12 be admitted as
- 16 evidence.
- 17 MR. SMITH: Objection?
- 18 MR. RASMUSSEN: No objection
- 19 MR. SMITH: TC 12 is admitted.
- **20** Q. Do you know of any other additions or corrections to your
- 21 testimony?
- 22 A. I have no other additions.
- 23 Q. Oh, and your rebuttal testimony as well. Have you taken a
- 24 look at R?
- 25 A. Yes.

- And if I asked you each of those questions, would you
- 2 answer the same way as you did therein?
- **3 A.** Yes.
- 4 MR. KOENECKE: Thank you. I have nothing further.
- 5 I'll tender the witness for cross-examination.
- 6 MR. SMITH: Mr. Rasmussen, please proceed.
- 7 <u>CROSS-EXAMINATION</u>
- 8 BY MR. RASMUSSEN:
- **9 Q.** Mr. Ellis, take a look at paragraph 9 of your direct
- 10 testimony.
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. It talks about consultation with federal and state agencies
- 13 and among the agencies mentioned are the State Historical
- **14** Society.
- 15 Can you describe for me the nature of the consultation that
- 16 you had with the South Dakota State Historical Society?
- 17 A. Yes. To determine what types of cultural resource surveys
- 18 as well as the information needed to conduct those surveys. It
- 19 was essential to conduct consultations with that agency.
- **20 Q.** And what sort of cultural resource surveys were done?
- **21** A. Sort of -- sort of from the beginning there's a step that's
- 22 called a records search in which you were looking for previously
- 23 recorded sites which go into the development of what's called a
- 24 research design, which is a document which is essentially a
- 25 study plan for conducting what's called pedestrian surveys on

- 1 the ground by qualified archeologists.
- **2 Q.** It's my understanding some pipelines do a 100 percent
- **3** pedestrian survey of proposed routes. Is that correct?
- 4 A. It depends upon -- well, it depends upon what the State
- 5 Historic Preservation authorizes the Applicant to do. I mean,
- **6** it depends on sort of -- it depends on the project. It depends
- **7** upon the types of environment that the pipeline is crossing.
- 8 But there's not a fixed requirement to do a 100 percent survey.
- **9 Q.** How much of the South Dakota portion of the pipeline was --
- 10 and I guess when we say pedestrian survey that means the site is
- **11** walked by somebody; is that right?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 Q. How much of this pipeline route was actually walked by
- 14 somebody?
- **15** A. If you don't mind, I'd like to refer to the direct
- 16 testimony on that.
- 17 Q. Sure. I think it's paragraph 28, I believe.
- **18** A. The direct testimony here states that approximately
- 19 38 miles of the proposed 219.9-mile route in South Dakota was
- 20 selected for intensive pedestrian field survey.
- 21 Q. Intensive pedestrian field survey? Is there a
- 22 nonintensive?
- 23 A. Well, I think what it means is that it's -- what -- there's
- 24 basic methods for people walking what are called transects, and

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- 25 they walk at a relatively fixed distance so they have a good
- 1 survey area that they can with confidence see and determine if
 - 2 there are any artifacts on the ground. So it's a fairly
 - **3** systematic approach to looking for signs of cultural resources
 - 4 or artifacts

- **5 Q.** If my math is right, 38 miles out of 219.9 is about
- 6 17 percent. Does that sound about right?
- **7** A. I think that's about right, yes.
- **8** Q. You also state that you had consultation with the
- 9 Department of Environment and Natural Resources. Can you
- 10 describe the nature of that consultation for me?
- 11 A. I could describe the consultation that I was involved in.
- 12 There may have been others whom I cannot characterize. But we
- 13 held meetings with the DENR to identify the types of permits
- 14 that would be needed in the State of South Dakota. This was --
- 15 these meetings were conducted in early 2006 as we were sort of,
- 16 you know, bringing the project forward, and the DENR was invited
- 17 to several meetings.
- **18 Q.** Who did you specifically meet with from DENR?
- **19 A.** I'd have to follow up with meeting notes, but I don't have
- 20 them in front of me here.
- **21 Q.** Do you remember any of the people that were involved?
- **22** A. Not with confidence, no.
- 23 Q. Paragraph 10 of your direct testimony references -- and it
- **24** would be on page 4. References Native American consultation.
- 25 Can you describe that for me?

- 1 Who was consulted with, and what was the nature of that
- **2** consultation?
- **3** A. Well, the Native American consultation is primarily a
- 4 consultation that takes place between the Federal Government and
- 5 the tribes. And in this case that consultation is being --
- 6 being undertaken by the Department of State.
- 7 Q. So Keystone itself or you yourself were not involved in any
- 8 consultation with the Native Americans?
- **9** A. I believe that our cultural resource contractors did send
- 10 out letters simply stating that the project was -- was
- 11 undertaking this project, but it was really -- but then a fairly
- 12 short time after that the Department of State took that whole
- 13 program over, and the project no longer had any direct
- 14 communication with the tribes.
- 15 Q. Are you aware of some concerns raised by Tim Mentz, the
- 16 Standing Rock Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, in
- 17 correspondence that was submitted in connection with the
- 18 development of the draft EIS?
- 19 A. I am not personally, no.
- **20** Q. Were you aware that any such concerns were raised at all?
- 21 A. Yeah. I'm aware that there have been concerns, but I can't
- 22 characterize them in detail.
- 23 Q. Have those concerns been addressed in any manner?
- **24** A. To my knowledge that those discussions are being ongoing
- 25 between the Department of State and the tribes.
- 1 Q. Paragraph 16 of your direct testimony states that,
- **2** Approximately 5 percent of the overall project surface
- **3** disturbance will affect highly erodible soils. What's the
- 4 source of that statement?
- **5** A. I believe that it is mapping of soils that are based on the
- 6 natural resource conservation service maps that -- where the map
- 7 units are then characterized in accordance or are sorted by
- 8 their erodibility and then grouped together to make estimates of
- 9 their overall erodibility.
- **10 Q.** Is the crossing of highly erodible soils a concern?
- 11 A. It's a concern to the extent that they need to be planned
- **12** for, yes.
- 13 Q. What do you do to plan for it?
- **14 A.** Well, we account for the fact that if there are both wind
- 15 and water, there are certain measures during construction that
- 16 you would want to consider to protect topsoil when it's
- 17 excavated and reapplied.
- **18 Q.** Turn to paragraph 20 of your direct testimony on page 10.
- 19 That references a June 8, 2006 letter from U.S. Fish & Wildlife
- 20 Service. Has that letter been filed in connection with this
- 21 proceeding?
- 22 A. I believe it has. I believe that that letter was filed in
- 23 conjunction with other materials that were filed with the
- 24 Department of State but in turn were also filed with the
- **25** Commission here.

- 1 Q. Do you know where it would be or would it be part of the
- 2 draft EIS?
- **3** A. Well, I think it would have been part of the -- support
- 4 materials I believe were -- it would have been Exhibit C. But
- **5** where in Exhibit C, unfortunately, I can't tell you.
- **6 Q.** All right. It's in there somewhere, though?
- **7 A.** Yes
- **8 Q.** This mentioned that Fish & Wildlife, that letter had to do
- **9** with the crossing of grassland and wetland easements in
- 10 South Dakota. I think it was Mr. Koski said you would be the
- 11 guy to define a grassland.
- 12 So could you do that for me?
- 13 A. Well, I think that there's sort of two ways of looking at
- 14 grassland. In the context of the section here under 20 it's
- 15 really an area that the Fish & Wildlife Service is interested in
- **16** protecting. And they protect them under what they call
- 17 grassland easements. And some of these are -- for the most part
- 18 they are -- some of them are native grasslands. Some are
- 19 mixtures of former cropland and native grass.
- 20 But by and large they are protecting them because they are
- 21 primarily in -- you know, they are -- you know, they're
- 22 dominated by grass.
- 23 So that's kind of that sort of definition as it relates to
- 24 what the Fish & Wildlife Service is interested in.
- 25 And I think the other aspect of what we were looking at
- 1541 grasslands for was as support for some of the listed plant and
 - 2 animal species that are dependant on these types of native
 - **3** grasslands. We're calling them -- or undisturbed grasslands,
 - 4 they have a very high percentage of native species in their
 - **5** composition.
 - **6 Q.** What is the danger to a grassland from construction of a
 - 7 pipeline such as this? Why is Fish & Wildlife concerned about
 - 8 that?
 - 9 A. I think largely that they -- in areas that have sort of
 - 10 high composition of -- or diverse composition of native plants
 - 11 are concerned about potential for weed invasion. They're
 - 12 concerned about just restoration of the species that were
 - 13 formerly there.
 - 14 Q. Would similar concerns with regard to weed invasion be true
 - 15 of any of the area where the pipeline is going to be installed?
 - **16 A.** Yes
 - 17 Q. So private landowners would have the same type of concern
 - 18 that Fish & Wildlife would have in that regard?
 - 19 A. It's possible, yes.
 - **20 Q.** But they don't have -- private landowners don't have the
 - 21 power like the Government does to tell you to move the pipeline
 - 22 off of their land; correct?
 - **23 A.** Well, I don't know if it's a matter of moving the pipeline
 - 24 but there are measures that can be applied to control weeds or
 - 25 at least look out for them or again plan to prevent weeds from

- 1 being a problem.
- 2 Q. But, nevertheless, Fish & Wildlife still didn't want the
- 3 pipeline going across its grassland easement land?
- **4 A.** Well, I think it's fair to say that the Fish & Wildlife
- **5** Service didn't prefer the pipeline on their grassland easements.
- 6 They just simply stated that, you know, they would need to look
- 7 at it in detail, and they would certainly want to see, you know,
- 8 what kinds of planning would take place as part of their review
- **9** process in granting an easement across their lands.
- **10 Q.** So rather than go through that process, the decision was
- 11 made to simply move the pipeline off of that land?
- **12** A. Well, I think in that sense that's true. It easier to go
- 13 somewhere else.
- **14 Q.** Does the pipeline go across native grassland and private
- 15 property that's not part of a Government easement area?
- **16** A. Yes
- 17 Q. Are special things being done to protect that native
- 18 grassland?

- **19 A.** Well, I think what we're doing now is trying to narrow down
- 20 the areas that are the highest quality or the most sensitive.
- 21 And then I think what we're anticipating is probably a fairly
- 22 detailed reclamation planning effort to identify the best way to
- 23 get across those grasslands to minimize the loss of diversity
- 24 and ensuring that they recover.
- 25 Q. Do you know how many areas of native grassland or how much
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 - acreage we're talking about that the pipeline's going to cross?
- **2 A.** We -- well, what we've done is in sort of the course of
- $oldsymbol{3}$ our, you know, mapping effort and reconnaissance effort and some
- 4 ground survey effort for listed threatened and endangered
- 5 species we've come up with -- I would use, you know, roughly
- 6 5 miles of very high quality native grassland on private lands
- 7 that we would cross.
- 8 And then I think the Application says there's something
- 9 like -- at least as it's been modified by the response, the data
- 10 request, about 12 miles. So I think the very best is somewhere
- 11 in the realm of 5 miles.
- 12 Q. Paragraph 21 -- and actually it's on page 11 I'm
- 13 questioning about -- mentions five perennial streams are crossed
- 14 by the proposed pipeline route, including the Missouri River.
- **15** What's the definition of a perennial stream?
- **16 A.** Well, pretty much means that water is running in it almost
- 17 all the time. I think a number of these streams although
- 18 they're classified as perennial tend to -- they have very low
- 19 flows at certain times of the year but by and large they flow
- **20** well -- you know, they flow consistently enough to support, you
- **21** know, a diversity of aquatic life.
- **22 Q.** And there's only five such streams along the entire route
- 23 in South Dakota?
- **24 A.** I think by the definitions that we were using in terms of
- 25 looking at, you know, supporting aquatic communities, I think

- 1 that's the number we came up with.
- **2 Q.** So the definition that you use, is that a -- some sort of
- **3** federal definition or defined in the law somewhere, or is it
- **4** Keystone's definition?
- **5 A.** Well, I think in this case it's probably Keystone's
- 6 definition.
- **7 Q.** And so just tell me again what is the definition that
- **8** you're using in this case of a perennial stream?
- **9** A. Well, I think we're using the definition, as I said
- 10 earlier, of a consistent flow regime in that stream year-round
- 11 sufficient to maintain aquatic life, you know, particularly
- 12 fisheries.
- **13 Q.** And why is it significant -- why is a perennial stream
- **14** significant to the project or the pipeline crossing it? Is that
- 15 an area of higher danger or potential danger?
- **16** A. Well, it's just an area that, you know, depending on the
- 17 sensitivity of the resources in the stream it poses a -- you
- 18 know, it requires planning to cross the stream to construct the
- **19** pipeline across the stream.
- **20** Q. Do you know -- we've heard testimony about some areas
- 21 having thicker pipe and I believe one of those areas being the
- 22 Missouri River. Would the other perennial streams also be areas
- where the thicker pipe would be used?
- 24 A. I don't know the answer to that.
- 25 Q. Not your area?
- 1 A. Not my answer.
- 2 Q. All right. That's fine. You go on in the next paragraph

- 3 of paragraph 22 to talk about hydrostatic testing. And you say
- 4 that will have minor effects on the five perennial streams.
- **5** Hydrostatic testing is when you test the pipeline with
- 6 water after it's been completed but before the product, the
- 7 crude oil, actually starts going through it; is that right?
- **8** A. That's correct.
- 9 Q. How is that done?
- 10 A. Well, I mean, water is withdrawn from a water source. It's
- 11 placed in a section of the pipeline. And then the pipeline is
- 12 pressurized with water up to a -- you know, a fairly high
- 13 pressure, higher than typically you would be operating the
- 14 pipeline at. And you're testing, hold it, and then determine
- 15 whether there are any leaks in the pipeline and release it and
- 16 put the water back in the stream.
- 17 Q. How much water does that take to do that?
- **18** A. Oh, it's very dependant on the amount of water and the
- 19 number of water supplies. And it's just -- it's highly variable
- **20** in terms of that volume.
- **21 Q.** And where do you get the water?
- **22** A. Well, I mean, there's a number of options for withdrawing
- 23 hydrostatic test water. You can withdraw it from streams. You
- 24 can withdraw it from wells. You don't have to -- I mean, you
- 25 just have to have a water supply that's sufficient to do the

- 1 testing that you need.
- **Q.** Well, it will take quite a bit of water to test this entire
- 3 pipeline, though, won't it?
- 4 A. Yes. And I think -- again, it's a -- you have to put
- 5 water -- you know, withdraw the water. You have to plan for it,
- 6 and then you have to put it back. And the amount of water you
- 7 can use to test a section is really dependant on how much is
- 8 available. And I think it's really more kind of part of the
- **9** construction planning.
- And at this point I think I will defer a bit on this to
- 11 Buster Gray to maybe give you some more, you know, parameters
- 12 that are considered in terms of selecting hydrostatic test
- 13 sections.
- **14 Q.** Has the planning for the hydrostatic testing been done yet,
- 15 or is that something that is done later on?
- **16 A.** Well, I think it's been -- it's been done in a preliminary
- 17 fashion. There's still -- I think still more work to be done.
- 18 Q. But Mr. Gray would be the best one to talk about that?
- 19 A. I believe so.

- **20 Q.** Paragraph 23 references a biological assessment submitted
- 21 to U.S. Fish & Wildlife, and it says that Mr. Kochnar (phonetic)
- 22 and his staff are currently reviewing a draft biological
- 23 assessment and that feedback to the Department of State and
- **24** Keystone is expected by mid-October.
- 25 Have you received that feedback?

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- A. Actually it's some -- we have received some feedback, but
- 2 we have not received all of it. But there's -- what we have --
- 3 there's been further, you know, development of that biological
- 4 assessment, but it's not -- the process is not complete.
- **5 Q.** When will that process be completed?
- **6** A. We're anticipating that it would be completed probably
- 7 sometime in the same time frame as the draft EIS is coming out.
- **8 Q.** Paragraph 24 mentions that no tribal or federal lands are
- **9** crossed by the proposed route. Is that -- is there a reason for
- 10 that? Was that a decision that -- by Keystone that we don't
- 11 want to go across any tribal or federal lands, or is that just
- 12 the way it worked out?
- 13 A. I can't -- I don't know the answer to that question.
- **14 Q.** Paragraph 24 mentions that there are 18 residences within
- 15 500 feet of the proposed pipeline centerline; is that right?
- **16** Do you see where I'm reading from?
- 17 A. Yeah. I'm trying. Yes. It says that.
- **18 Q.** Okay. Do you know where those -- are those plotted out
- 19 somewhere, or do you know how far from the pipeline those -- are
- 20 they 20 feet or 500 feet? Do you know?
- **21 A.** Well, they're 500 feet or more is really kind of -- well,
- 22 it says within 500.
- **23 Q.** So it would be 500 or less, wouldn't it?
- 24 A. Yeah. You're correct.
- **25 Q.** Do you know what the closest one is?

- 1 A. I don't.
- **Q.** What's the -- is there some magic about the 500 feet?
- **3** A. No. Just to simply give kind of a reference of, you know,
- 4 just sort of what is -- you know, it's a -- some sort of bench
- **5** of distance from the pipeline in terms of where people are
- 6 living.
- 7 Q. Is there any distance that you won't allow the pipeline? I
- 8 mean, say, 50 feet away or 100 feet away, anything like that?
- **9** The residence has to be more than a particular distance away?
- **10 A.** I'd prefer that the safety experts respond to that
- 11 question.
- 12 Q. That would be Mr. Thomas?
- **13** A. That would be Mr. Thomas, yes.
- 14 Q. Okay. All right.
- MR. RASMUSSEN: I think that's all I have. Thank you,
- **16** sir.
- 17 MR. SMITH: Other Intervener cross-examination of
- 18 Mr. Ellis?
- 19 MR. HOHN: Yes.

20 <u>CROSS-EXAMINATION</u>

- 21 BY MR. HOHN:
- **22 Q.** Mr. Ellis, Curt Hohn. On page 3 of your testimony, the top
- 23 of the page in the middle of the paragraph, Tentatively
- 24 concludes the Keystone Project will result in limited adverse
- 25 and environmental impacts, both during construction and
- 1 operation and would be an environmentally acceptable action.
 - Are you speaking there of the construction of the project,

- 3 the operation? And what about -- what about a likely spill in
- 4 the areas that you saw being crossed environmentally?
- **5** MR. KOENECKE: Object. That's a compound question.
- **6** MR. SMITH: Why don't you split it up.
- 7 MR. HOHN: I'll split it up.
- **8 Q.** Your explanation there, what do you mean by those three
- 9 lines in terms -- you're the environmental expert; correct, for
- 10 this project?
- 11 A. I have a certain set of responsibilities about certain
- 12 things, yes.
- **13 Q.** Okay. And so in terms of construction and operation you
- 14 were looking at when you walked the site and examined the site,
- 15 whatever you did in terms of reviewing documents you were
- 16 looking to the impacts this would have on the environment; is
- 17 that correct?
- 18 A. That's true.
- 19 Q. And when we say "environment," environment is what?
- **20 A.** Well, I mean, from my perspective it's the environment as
- 21 it pertains to the areas that I am -- I guess I'm testifying to
- 22 today, which are listed in the front here.
- **23 Q.** Would you relist them now specifically?
- **24** A. Yes. Be glad to. Well, again, this is under page 2. I
- 25 was responsible for -- again, some of this is by compilation.

- 1 This is information that came from other folks that came from
- 2 other members of our team who put these sections together. But
- 3 specifically the environmental -- 5.1, Environmental Information
- 4 Filed with the Department of State; 5.2, the Summary of
- 5 Environmental Impacts; 5.3, Physical Environment; 5.5,
- 6 Terrestrial Ecosystems; 5.6, Aquatic Ecosystems; 5.7, Land Use
- 7 and Local Controls Except For Local Land Use Controls; 5.9, Air
- 8 Quality; 6.2.6, Cultural and Historical Resources; 6.4.3, Noise
- 9 Impacts; and 6.4.4, Visual Impacts.
- 10 So to summarize, it would be people, wildlife, and natural
- 11 resources. Is that a fair assessment of your summary?
- 12 Α. Well, I mean, people to the extent that, you know, we're
- 13 looking at noise and visual impacts and, you know, the cultural
- 14 and historical resources that people, you know, care about.
- 15 Okay. On page 4, item 12 in your answer, in the first line
- 16 of the answer you state that the pipeline will cross terrain of
- 17 a low relief and elevation changes of 150 feet or less.
- 18 And what do you mean by that? The lay of the land? Is not
- 19 that rolling or flat, or what does that statement say?
- 20 Α. Well, it's primarily flat, but the changes in elevation are
- 21 relatively small.
- 22 Now the route of this pipeline is along the -- is running
- 23 along the east side of the James River Basin; is that correct?
- 24 Α. That's correct.
- 25 Q. And what's immediately to the east -- let's say

- 1 correct?
- 2 Let me just add to that. The elevation of the coteau is
- 3 about 500 feet higher than where this pipeline is routed
- 4 according to U.S. Geological Survey Maps. Will that
- 5 elevation -- is that elevation significant in terms of the
- 6 environmental impact during rain storms, snowmelt?
- 7 Well, I think it's fair to say that you would have to
- 8 consider what sorts of drainages, you know, cross the pipeline
- 9 and, you know, their size and their incision and that sort of
- 10 thing. I mean, do they -- you would have to ask whether
- 11 they're -- they have to be considered in terms of stabilization
- 12 of the pipeline right of way.
- 13 Q. And did you ask those questions, and did you look into that
- 14 issue?
- 15 A. I guess I personally did not, no.
- 16 So you're not -- you're not -- you would not be able to
- 17 necessarily say where major drainage ways -- what volumes may be
- 18 coming out of that watershed based on your study?
- 19 To my knowledge we have not -- there are not -- there are
- 20 not studies done on like -- it sounds like what you're saying is
- 21 were there storm water studies done in those drainages.
- 22 Q. By your part of this project.
- 23 Α. No. No, sir.

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24 Q. Okay. On page -- the top of page 5 you refer at the very

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25 top line to the little risk of subsistency (sic) from fissures

and sinkholes, (karst). 2 Could you describe a karst for us?

- 3 Α. Karst is -- again, I think Mr. Koski testified to some of
- 4 this in terms of subsidence. But, I mean, karst tends to be
- 5 limestone deposits that -- in which you can get -- I guess I'll
- 6 use the word sinkholes where you can actually get cavities or
- 7 openings in the rock that allow certain amount of subsidence or
- 8 above -- or the soil above it. So it's an area of concern in
- 9 terms of stability.
- 10 Q. Would a karst in an area along a pipeline route, would a
- 11 karst also be an area of concern in the event of an oil spill?
- 12 I think it really depends upon how -- you know, what
- 13 confining materials are there between where the karst or the
- 14 geologic bed is versus the surface and whether there are
- 15 confining layers of clays and other materials that prevent any
- 16 kind of downward movement of oil.
- 17 If there wasn't clay that would keep the oil away from
- 18 the karst, the karst would allow the oil to go down into the
- 19 ground greater than it normally would into soil; isn't that
- 20 correct?
- 21 You know, I think it's very site specific in terms of -- I
- 22 don't know the answer to that.
- 23 On page 6, the very top of your testimony, you refer to
- 24 gravely soils where a water table is at or near the surface,
- 25 soil surface. And you mentioned that they occurred

- 1 Marshall County? What's immediately to the east of where the 2 pipeline is routed? Is there any major geological formation?
- 3 Well, I'm not sure exactly -- the Dakota Prairies, coteau
- 4 is there. There was a major drumlin there.
- 5 Q. Mr. Ellis, when you looked at the route and you looked at
- 6 your environmental assessment did you take into account the
- 7 elevation difference between the coteau and where the pipeline
- 8 route was?
- 9 Α. Could you restate that question, please.
- 10 Q. When you looked at the impacts that the project might have
- 11 on the area did you look -- did you compare the elevation
- 12 between where the pipe route goes through all the counties and
- 13 the elevation of the coteau to the east in relation to runoff,
- 14 spring runoff, snowmelt, that sort of thing?
- 15 Well, I mean, it was a feature that we considered, but it
- 16 was primarily because if we're talking about the coteau, it's
- 17 quite -- it's quite rocky. It has -- you know, it's -- it has a
- 18 slope, but again there was -- it was just to the east of
- 19 where -- you know, where the pipeline was going to run so there
- 20 was no benefit in going up it or near it or any closer than we
- 21 needed to.
- 22 Q. But in terms of looking at where the pipe went through and
- 23 across a creek or stream or erodible soils, the drainage basin
- 24 that contributes -- goes through that area would have an effect
- 25 on what might happen to the environment where you cross; is that

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1	predominantly in Marshall and Day Counties; is that correct?	1	says that, Approximately 752 acres represent potential wetland
2	A. That's what it says.	2	habitat.
3	Q. Is that an area where you have an area where you have a lot	3	I assume that means it's crossed, those acres are crossed?
4	of wetlands and you're in sandy soils, is that a concern in	4	Is that what that means?
5	terms of the routing of an oil pipeline, both construction and	5	A. I believe it states approximately 752 acres represent
6	operation?	6	potential wildlife habitat.
7	A. Well, it's a you know, I mean, I think it's a concern in	7	Q. My question, Mr. Ellis, as the environmental officer on
8	terms of planning and response, but, again, those are conditions	8	this project or one of them, is the Fish & Wildlife Service or
9	that are you know, sort of regionally occur in a number of	9	the Game, Fish & Parks going to require mitigation of impacted
10	over a large area so it's it certainly is a consideration,	10	wetlands as they would on other federal projects with a 6-to-1
11	but it's not a primary consideration.	11	ratio of replacement? In your opinion? Based on your
12	Q. Again, the top of page 6, the second sentence there, the	12	knowledge?
13	predominant occurrence of soil is dominated by wetlands in	13	A. Based on my knowledge now, I don't think we're looking at
14	Marshall and Day County. You must have encountered a great deal	14	that kind of mitigation formula simply because we're essentially
15	of sandy soil and shallow aquifer in that area.	15	restoring putting a pipeline in and then the functions of
16	Would that be correct to say? Is that what you're saying?	16	that land above the pipe will be allowed to be restored.
17	A. Well, again, I think this particular section I guess I'm	17	Q. I have just one last question then. On page 9, the third
18	not in a position to comment on just exactly where the water	18	line down well, actually these three, four bullets in a row,
19	you know, where the water table is and what's contributing to	19	the Bald Eagle, the Least Tern, the Dakota Skipper, and the
20 21		20	Western Prairie Fringe Orchid, are these endangered species or
22	I think what we're trying to point out here is just simply	22	protected?
23	that these are where we're seeing well, I think we're backing up poorly drained soils forming glacial till with high clay	23	A. Well, the Bald Eagle was just recently delisted. The Least Tern and Piping Plover are threatened species. The
24	contents support	24	Dakota Skipper Butterfly is a federal candidate species. The
25	Let me just start over here. "Poorly drained soils formed	25	Western Prairie Fringed Orchid is a federal threatened species,
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1	in glacial till with a high clay content support pothole	1	I believe.
2	wetlands and wet meadows. Wetlands also occupy sandy and	2	Q. Are they protected under the HCA, the highly consequential
3	gravely soils where the water table is at or near the soil	3	area, or sensitive areas?
4	surface."	4	A. Not explicitly. They are simply based on what their
5	Q. And the next sentence?	5	life where they occur and what they what their life
6	A. "The predominant occurrences of soils dominated by wetlands	6	requirements are is the focus of protection.
7	are in Marshall and Day Counties."	7	MR. HOHN: Thank you.
8	Q. So there is a connection between wetlands and shallow	8	MR. SMITH: Do any other Interveners have
9	aquifer, and the recharging of aquifers in some areas might be	9	cross-examination Mr. Ellis?
10	more sensitive environmentally than areas that have clay soils?	10	MS. ANDERSON: May I ask one question?
11	A. Correct.	11	CROSS-EXAMINATION
12	Q. On page 7 of your testimony, item 18, in the answer about	12	BY MS. ANDERSON:
13	four lines down to mitigate the potential for impacts. Is	13	Q. I have just a question. You've got Bald Eagle Winter Roost
14	Keystone required to mitigate the impact they cause on the	14	Surveys. What does that mean?
15	environment when they go through an area with their pipeline?	15	A. That means we were looking for where the Bald Eagles
16	A. Well, I think there's you know, when we say mitigate I	16	aggregate, usually where they roost in trees along the larger
17 18	think what we're looking at is a you know, a sort of a	17 18	rivers, in some cases some of the smaller rivers, depending on
18	restoration plan that conforms to the requirements of agencies,	18	where the food sources are.
19 20	federal and state agencies. You know, it's plans that conform	20	Q. So it only matters where they roost in the wintertime?A. I'm sorry?
21	to the needs of landowners. This is just the way pipelines are, you know, constructed.	21	A. I'm sorry? Q. It only matters where they roost in the wintertime?
22	And then there's a restoration process, again, sort of	22	A. Well, I mean, it also matters where they nest in the
23	addressing, you know just simply trying to put things back	23	summertime.
24	together the way close to the way they were.	24	Q. Okay. It says, No roosts were observed in South Dakota
25	Q. On the bottom of page 7, the last paragraph, first line	25	within 1 mile of the pipeline. 5 miles north of Highway 10 on
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1	415th Avenue a little over a half a mile to the east until	1	testing the hydrostatic testing, we touched on that. That
2	apparently this was taken there has been a Bald Eagle's nest	2	was another is that done by segment? You kind of insinuated
3	there. It's not there now.	3	it was done by segment. I was curious. Is that done by the
4	MR. KOENECKE: I object. The Intervener's testifying.	4	full 1,300 miles
5	There's no question.	5	THE WITNESS: No. It's done in shorter segments
6	MS. ANDERSON: I'm just asking. I want to know what	6	depending on the viability of water. But you can pressurize
7	he's	7	short segments, test it, move the water along, test another
8	Q. This thing says, Winter Roost Survey.	8	segment. So you can use the same water over again.
9	Well, I mean it was very specifically for winter roost	9	And if it's important, you can bring the water back
10	areas which are where Bald Eagles aggregate usually.	10	and put it back in the watershed that it had originated from.
11	Q. So my question is it doesn't matter if it's summer	11	COMMISSIONER KOLBECK: How is that done? Through the
12	roosting?	12	pipes or actually tested before the pipe is completed?
13	A. Not as it related to this survey.	13	THE WITNESS: No. The pipe is completed again, I
14	Q. May I ask why?	14	mean, I could it's part of the you know, it's sort the
15	A. I think we I'm trying to I mean, in part we were	15	commissioning process for the pipeline. And then really what
16	looking primarily where Bald Eagles might be affected by the	16	you're doing is you're putting a pressure test on your line,
17	project. And what we could determine from speaking with the	17	and, you know, that's all done before it can be filled with oil.
18	agency, the wildlife agency folks, the main area of concern were	18	So you're that's that whole process goes on just before
19	the winter roosts. So that was where the primary focus of our	19	the pipeline starts to fill with oil.
20	work was.	20	COMMISSIONER KOLBECK: My last question was just how
21	Q. Okay. So then summer does not matter.	21	close is the closest house, but I think Mr. Rasmussen already
22	MR. KOENECKE: Asked and answered.	22	asked that. Could you refer us to someone who would know the
23	MR. SMITH: Sustained.	23	answer to that question?
24	MS. ANDERSON: Thank you.	24	THE WITNESS: I don't know. I think I would
25	MR. SMITH: Any other Interveners wish to	25	probably I would probably refer it to Buster. I don't know
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1	cross-examine?	1	exactly right now who is the best one to answer that question,
2	Staff, do you have questions of Mr. Ellis?	2	but we'll take it under advisement and try to get you an answer.
3	MS. SEMMLER: No. Thank you.	3	COMMISSIONER KOLBECK: The requirement that you're
4	MR. SMITH: Commissioners, do you want to proceed now	4	required is 50 feet, though; correct?
5	with your questions, or do you want to give the reporter a break	5	THE WITNESS: Well, again, this is sort of you
6	first?	6	know, is it a safety you know, what's the safety standard? I
7	COMMISSIONER KOLBECK: I do have a couple for this	7	mean, that's again, I think some of the safety folks can give
8	witness.	8	you a more direct answer, but I think that falls in the area of
9	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: I've got a couple. It seems like	9	being reasonable, yes.
10	Commissioner Kolbeck's got a couple.	10	COMMISSIONER KOLBECK: All right. That's it. Thank
11	MR. SMITH: Why don't we go ahead, and that will be a	11	you.
12	logical break.	12	THE WITNESS: Sure.
13	COMMISSIONER KOLBECK: Mr. Ellis, I guess the	13	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Mr. Ellis, my question has to do
14	grassland we were discussing grasslands. All of the	14	with your testimony and your response to question number 28
15	grasslands are identified; correct, regardless of ownership?	15 16	that's on page 15, the last paragraph of that answer.
16	Whether it be on federal land, private land, all the grasslands	17	You talk about the 2007 Field Survey Reports. Have
17 18	were identified?	18	those reports been completed?
19	THE WITNESS: Yes. That was what we tried to do is	19	THE WITNESS: There are Field Survey Reports that have
20	identify well, again, it depends on your definition of	20	been completed, and they have been filed with the State Historic Preservation Office here in North Dakota as well as a excuse
21	grasslands, but that was one of our requirements to do as part	21	Preservation Office here in North Dakota as well as excuse me. The Department of State.
22	of your process was to identify the grassland. COMMISSIONER KOLBECK: So it was required of you and	22	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Any route changes or other material
23	you identified all of them; correct?	23	changes made to the pipeline route or construction plan as a
24	THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.	24	result of those field surveys?
25	COMMISSIONER KOLBECK: And then in the hydro	25	THE WITNESS: Yes. I believe one of the realignments
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1	that were presented here were in response to a cultural site	1	be long-term noise sources. I'm trying to remember if in the
2	that was found and, therefore, it's been deviated away from that	2	Application there was information on how loud that would be or
3	site.	3	what impact that would have on humans or species? Do you know
4	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: So not all of the Field Survey	4	the answer to that?
5	Reports have been completed, though?	5	THE WITNESS: Well, I think what we've sort of relied
6	THE WITNESS: There are still some field work going on	6	on is kind of a standard that's typically used by the Federal
7	that will probably be reported ongoing into early next year.	7	Energy Regulatory Commission, which is the 55 decibel A-weighted
8	We've been filing reports incrementally as as work is	8	sound level that could be experienced by a resident, you know,
9	completed. Then it's submitted and, you know, more work is done	9	in a house at some distance at some distance from, you know,
10	depending on what needs to be done.	10	the pipe or from the above-ground facility being the pump
11	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Okay. Thanks. That's all I have,	11	station.
12	Mr. Smith.	12	And then usually what happens is that there's some
13	MR. SMITH: Thank you. I had one question if I might,	13	kind of you know, you actually evaluate the amount of noise
14	Mr. Ellis, for you.	14	that you do, in fact, predict and then, you know, take
15	On Paragraph 13, page 5 you state that, TransCanada	15	mitigation measures if it exceeds that standard. But that's
16	will not attempt to recover or study fossils inadvertently	16	kind of the working standard that I think we have used in other
17	discovered.	17	filings and in this process.
18	Would you please elaborate on that? I mean, I'm	18	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Do you happen to know how far away
19	assuming if you come upon a Tyrannosaurus Rex, that you will not	19	from the pump station that 55 decibel level must be met at?
20	dig it up and throw it away. Is that	20	THE WITNESS: Again, it depends on terrain. It
21	THE WITNESS: Well, I think what it says is that we	21	depends on the equipment. And we don't have all the
22	don't expect or we're not I mean, I think the project is	22	specifications on the equipment. So that is not yet resolved
23	saying that there's not a specific requirement to locate and	23	I can't answer your question
24	preserve fossils that we're aware of.	24	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Okay. Thank you.
25	MR. SMITH: I've noticed in, you know, some of the	25	THE WITNESS: specifically.
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1	other and, again, I'm certainly not an expert. Historical	1	MR. SMITH: Further Commissioner questions?
2	preservation is not something I know much about. But with some	2	Commissioner Kolbeck.
3	of the other projects we've had this whole process with history	3	COMMISSIONER KOLBECK: Sorry, Cheri. This is the last
4	and all of that is culminated in and I regret to say I can't	4	one. I forgot to ask to what is extent the relationship of
5	remember the exact name of the agreement but there's usually an	5	these Government agencies continued through the construction
6	agreement with the agency where you agree to undergo a set of	6	phase? Are they on-site every day or do you have a contact
8	steps and procedures if you encounter things that you have not	8	person with these agencies? It's not just once this survey's
9	identified prior to the beginning of construction.	0	done your relationship is over; is that correct?
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9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Comments? MR. KOENECKE: None. That's acceptable to the Applicant. Thank you, Mr. Smith and Commissioners.

MR. SMITH: Okay. 8 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

9 BY MR. KOENECKE:

10 Mr. Ellis, do you recall before the break when you were 11 asked about unanticipated discovery plans in South Dakota?

12 Α. Yes.

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13 Are you aware or is there in fact an unanticipated

14 discovery plan being prepared or have been prepared for

15 South Dakota?

16 Α. There is one under preparation for cultural resources in

17 South Dakota.

18 And if I recall correctly, your testimony before the break

19 was that there was not an unanticipated discovery plan; is that

20 correct?

21 There was not an unanticipated discovery plan for

22 paleontological resources. So I think if there was any

23 confusion there, I'd like to clear that up.

24 So who is currently considering this cultural unanticipated

25 discovery plan? 3 A. Yes, it was.

4 And was that research design approved by any particular

5 agency, federal or state, to your knowledge?

6 It was approved by the State Historic Preservation Office

7 in South Dakota.

8 MR. KOENECKE: Thank you very much. I have nothing

9 further.

10 MR. SMITH: Any follow-up cross-examination?

11 MR. RASMUSSEN: No.

12 MR. SMITH: Mr. Hohn.

13 RECROSS-EXAMINATION

14 BY MR. HOHN:

15 Mr. Ellis, you mentioned the water to hydro test the pipe,

16 there would be attempts to find it along the route of the pipe,

17 either wells or streams; is that correct?

18 Yes. I offered those as options.

19 Q. Did you see any creeks or streams in the northern part of

20 South Dakota where there would be that volume of water at a

21 constant basis to fill a pipe?

22 A. I didn't make the -- I'm not making the appraisal for how

23 much water is available. I think that's probably better left to

24 Mr. Gray. But, again, it's -- you know, the reliability of the

25 water supply and its size is certainly important factors to

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1	consider.	1	Q. And I believe that's located on an ever shortening stack of
2	Q. The one reach in the area that I'm most familiar with, the	2	papers to your left in the middle of the further to your
3	reach of this pipeline, is about 40 miles between two pump	3	left. One more up. There you go.
4	stations. Based on the size of the pipe that would be about	4	Did you find your testimony on the top of that stack?
5	13 million gallons of water. That's a lot of water.	5	A. I have it.
6	When the water moves through the pipe, regardless of where	6	Q. Is it in two separate exhibits?
7	you find it when you move it through the pipe and then you get	7	A. Mr. Koenecke, there's a bunch of things here. I'm not sure
8	ready to discharge, will there be fines or oils or welding	8	if I know how to tell if it's two separate exhibits. Yes. I
9	materials that will be in that water or likely to be in that	9	see it now, the TC 5 and 6.
10	water?	10	Q. Should be 5D and 5R.
11	A. Well, I think and again I think Mr. Gray can comment	11	A. I have 5D and 6R.
12	more directly, but, you know, in my experience when you	12	Q. I'll come over there. Hang on.
13	discharge the water it's subject to a discharge permit, which	13	A. Okay.
14	requires consideration of any contaminants that might be in that	14	Q. Are those the written testimonies you have filed in
15	pipe.	15	preparation for this matter today?
16	Q. To your knowledge at this point has the project secured a	16	A. Yes.
17	permit from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources	17	Q. I see that you're responsible for Section 1.4 of the
18	to discharge this water?	18	Application, and that's contained in a binder right under your
19	A. Not to date that I'm aware of.	19	left hand at page 1.
20	Q. Do you know, have they filed for one?	20	A. Yes.
21	A. I don't believe they've filed yet.	21	Q. Is the project still proposing to commence construction in
22	Q. If pipe the waters are found, wherever they're found in	22	April of 2008?
23	that quantity, wells or creeks, it's going to be flowing south	23	A. Construction right now is proposed for May, to the end of
24	to Yankton.	24	May, first of June this coming year in '08.
25	How do you determine what the point of discharge will be?	25	Q. I do have some questions for you given the proceedings
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1 2	Will it go into the Missouri River? MR. KOENECKE: I object. We're way outside the scope	2	today in addition to what's in your written testimony. But I'll ask you first if I was to ask you the questions contained in
3	of redirect at this point. The witness has testified several	3	your written testimony again today, would your answers be the
4	times that another witness is more logical for this line of	4	same?
5	questioning.	5	A. Yes.
6	MR. SMITH: I'm going to sustain that.	6	Q. Given that, have you had an opportunity to review the
7	MR. HOHN: Thank you.	7	rebuttal testimony filed by staff regarding native prairies?
8	MR. SMITH: Staff?	8	A. I did review some members of that testimony, and I do
9	You're excused, Mr. Ellis. Thank you very much.	9	believe I can't remember if it was Mr. Janssen or
10	(The witness is excused)	10	Mr. Muehlhausen, but one of those gentlemen.
11	MR. KOENECKE: We'll call Buster Gray to the stand.	11	Q. And I believe also Exhibit B, which has been introduced,
12	(The witness is sworn by the court reporter)	12	the Construction Mitigation Reclamation Plan, should be in front
13	DIRECT EXAMINATION	13	of you there.
14	BY MR. KOENECKE:	14	Is native prairie addressed within that document?
15	Q. Mr. Gray, would you state your name and business address	15	A. It's not addressed specifically in it as native prairie.
16	for the record, please.	16	We talk about pasture and rangeland or grasslands in that
17	A. My name is Loys A., nickname "Buster", Gray. And it's	17	document.
18	7509 Tiffany Springs Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri 65153.	18	Q. Do you know if Keystone is planning to take any steps to
19	Q. Are you employed in a position with the Keystone Pipeline	19	reclaim native prairies?
20	Project?	20	A. Is the mitigations that are outlined, I'd have to go
21	A. Yes. I'm the engineering and construction manager for the	21	specifically to the document in it, but indeed, you know, we
22	U.S. portion of the project.	22	strip topsoil or strip the vegetation. We reclaim trying to use
23	Q. Did you provide direct testimony and rebuttal testimony in	23	native seed mixes. Those types of mitigations are utilized.
24	connection with this Application in writing?	24	Q. Is one of the requests for condition of staff the proposal
25	A. Yes.	25	to construct the pipeline for areas of native prairie only in
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- 1 the fall?
- 2 A. That was one of the recommendations in some of the
- 3 testimony of staff.
- **4 Q.** Did you hear the prior testimony of Mr. Ellis that we're
- 5 dealing with approximately 3 miles of native grasslands along
- 6 the pipeline route?
- **7** A. I don't recollect the specific miles, but I recollect the
- 8 testimony.
- **9 Q.** Is it practical to construct those 3 miles wherever they
- 10 might be of pipeline construction only in the fall, given the
- 11 pipeline construction season, the number of spreads you're
- **12** proposing?
- 13 A. No. In looking at that -- in looking at that requirement
- 14 with my staff in Kansas City, I actually have a table, and I
- 15 don't have it with me but 3 miles were made up of I believe
- 16 some -- in excess of 30 or 40 locations. They're not contiguous
- 17 necessarily. And for pipeline construction we construct in an
- 18 assembly line fashion of the various crews, I think that I
- 19 discussed back when I made presentations back in the summer.
- 20 But the continuity of that construction and the
- 21 interruption that would be caused by moving around or skipping
- 22 those tracts would be a significant impact to the construction
- 23 of the project.
- 24 Q. In your experience -- I guess I should ask you it's in your
- 25 direct testimony but you do have substantial experience in
- **1** pipeline construction?
- **2** A. I'm entering my 30th year of this type of work.
- **3 Q.** Are you aware of any place elsewhere you've been -- or do
- 4 you recall any place else on any pipeline project you've been on
- 5 in 30 years anywhere where grasslands could only be constructed
- 6 in the fall?
- **7** A. I've never had a condition or a mitigation like that on a
- 8 project I've been involved in.
- **9 Q.** Are you also aware of a request to cover open bodied trucks
- **10** during construction?
- 11 A. Yes. Again, that was in staff's testimony or rebuttal
- 12 testimony, one of the two.
- **13 Q.** Would it be your position then that the covering of open
- 14 bodied trucks containing sand and soil on paved roads would be
- 15 acceptable?
- 16 A. That would be acceptable. And I believe in my -- I don't
- 17 know if mine's rebuttal or surrebuttal or which one it is, but
- 18 indeed I do not think it is on rural or unpaved roads. I don't
- 19 believe it's a reasonable request.
- 20 Q. What kind of open bodied trucks will be used in the
- 21 construction process?
- **22** A. Well, when I think -- I think the reference to this is more
- 23 like a dump truck that would be hauling truly large volumes of
- 24 sand or dirt or various things. That we have a lot of pickup
- 25 trucks. We have a lot of open bodied lowboy that we move heavy

- 1 equipment with and things, and there's no practicality to trying
- 2 to cover those types of trailers.
- **3** Q. Do you recall the request for a condition regarding
- **4** maintaining a 75-foot right of way in wetlands?
- **5** A. Yes. I recollect that as well.
- **6 Q.** What would be your position with respect to that request?
- **7** A. Well, I have a couple of comments to it are is that the
- 8 federal guidelines that seem to be the mechanism that the
- 9 industry has followed over the past 16 or 17 years, it
- 10 established a 75 feet criteria, but it has no relationship to
- 11 diameter of pipeline. It has no relationship to depth of
- 12 pipeline.
- And experience on projects has shown for large diameter
- 14 pipelines with the amount of materials we have to excavate that
- 15 it's extremely difficult to keep all the spoils in 75 feet. On
- 16 our project we're actually adding another foot depth of cover to
- 17 4 feet where most pipelines are constructed with 3 feet, which
- 18 creates more spoil materials as well.
- 19 And as we laid out our mitigation plan and things we laid
- 20 out an 85 feet width just so we didn't have the constraints,
- 21 particularly in noncohesive soils. With this additional width.
- 22 Q. So I'm not sure I -- if I understand, are you willing to
- maintain a 75-foot right of way in wetlands where there's
- 24 noncohesive soils?
- **25 A.** We are not willing to do it in noncohesive soils. Only in
- A. We are not willing to do it in nonconesive sons. Only in
 - 1 cohesive soils that we believe we can meet that condition

- 2 reasonably. But noncohesive soils, we don't believe we can meet
- 3 it at all.

- **4 Q.** Do you recall the request regarding the topsoil stripping
- 5 and the notion that we would strip the trench on the spoil side
- 6 in the surrebuttal testimony from the staff?
- **7 A.** I do
- **8 Q.** And what's your position with respect to that request?
- **9** A. It's from my experience over the years is is that in
- 10 agricultural lands, and particularly with landowners, it's been
- 11 my experience that they understand their land and their topsoil
- 12 better than anybody does. And I believe in our easement
- 13 acquisition process we have a mechanism by which the landowner
- 14 can pick or choose one of three methods, being our default
- 15 method being the trench line only.
- 16 I believe the surrebuttal testimony is recommending that
- 17 the default be the trench and spoil side as we describe it. And
- 18 from a personal basis, the three methods are trench line is the
- 19 minimal disturbance, trench and spoil is the second, and full
- 20 right of way is the third.
- 21 It's my personal opinion we ought to let the landowner
- **22** decide which of those three disturbances he would prefer to have
- 23 rather than the default being the middle one.
- 24 Q. Do you recall Mr. Ellis's testimony regarding permitting
- **25** for surface water use and discharge and hydro testing?

- **1 A.** Yes.
- 2 Q. Have you or anybody under your command or control applied
- 3 for permits for either use of water or discharge of it?
- **4 A.** Those permits have been under preparation and are almost
- 5 finalized to be submitted for this permit application probably
- 6 near the end of the year around the 1st of January.
- **7 Q.** When did those requirements for permitting come to your
- 8 attention?
- **9** A. The requirements for permitting have been known a long
- 10 time. It's just we -- as we move along in designing various
- 11 things, as we get further in the -- I guess in the processes of
- 12 design to where we know how we want to segment the pipeline for
- 13 testing, we're typically doing sources in discharge locations.
- 14 And as we get more knowledge but typically once we get a permit
- 15 application together, submit it, three to six months to receive
- 16 an approval is pretty standard.
- 17 Q. Do you anticipate any difficulties in receiving those
- 18 permits from the South Dakota Department of Environment and
- 19 Natural Resources?
- **20** A. I do not.
- **21 Q.** Are they commonly obtained elsewhere?
- 22 A. Yes. They're very commonly obtained.
- **23 Q.** You've been referred to previously as one of the expert
- 24 witnesses with regard to routing and route changes of the
- 25 pipeline. Is that correct?
 - Yes. I believe the prior witnesses in deferring to me is
- 2 that the route change process that we implement, I'm ultimately
- 3 the person that makes the recommendation to TransCanada of
- 4 making a route change or not.
- **5 Q.** Are you familiar with any route changes or the route
- 6 through the City of Yankton, South Dakota?
- 7 A. lam.

- **8** Q. Are you or someone under your command or control been
- **9** dealing with the City of Yankton or any officials of the City?
- 10 A. One of the engineers on my staff has been meeting with the
- 11 City. I will tell you we've met for over 18 months now at
- 12 various points in time discussing the City's intention, I guess,
- 13 an industrial park or something to the north and kind of the --
- **14** more to the east than to the north of the city and trying to
- --
- 15 route our pipeline to minimize impact to that proposed
- 16 development.
- 17 Q. And have you been able to meet their requests?
- **18 A.** When I say to our knowledge we have. We made one recent
- 19 adjustment that we still need to go back and meet with the City
- 20 on. And it's been discussed in this hearing the rerouting by
- 21 the particular hotels. We have not gotten complete confirmation
- 22 on the City on that without going back to meet with them.
- MR. KOENECKE: If you'll give me just a minute,
- 24 please.
- **25** (Pause)

- 1 Q. Mr. Gray, are you familiar with what we call data request
- **2** 1-10?
- **3** A. I believe I am. That's the one that's related to the
- 4 construction cost or labor or something of that nature.
- **5** Q. I will tell you it's been admitted as evidence, and then I
- **6** will ask you are you the witness to whom people should address
- 7 questions regarding that?
- 8 A. Yes, I am.
- **9** MR. KOENECKE: Okay. I have nothing further. Thank
- **10** you.

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- MR. SMITH: Mr. Rasmussen, are you ready?
- MR. RASMUSSEN: I think so.
- MR. SMITH: You may proceed.
 - CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 15 BY MR. RASMUSSEN:
- **16 Q.** Mr. Gray, I would like to ask you about the rerouting or at
- 17 least some of the rerouting that's been done. And I think it's
- 18 represented in Exhibits 9 and 10, which --
- MR. RASMUSSEN: Brett, would they still be at the
- 20 table there?
- 21 MR. KOENECKE: I'm sorry. I'm at your disadvantage.
- 22 I was gathering my papers. What was your question?
- MR. RASMUSSEN: Where are Exhibits 9 and 10?
- MR. KOENECKE: I'll find them.
- **25 A.** All right.
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 - 1 Q. Are you familiar with each of these route changes that are
 - 2 referenced in those documents that are part of Exhibit 9?
 - **3** A. When I say I'm familiar with them is we've done a multitude
 - 4 of these over the course of the project across all states over
 - 5 the past year and a half. And the recollection of the specifics
 - 6 of each one I would -- I may need a little refresher truly. And
 - 7 something that would be helpful to me is there was a table -- a
 - **8** table that was submitted that might help refresh my memory.
 - **9 Q.** That's what you were talking about?
 - 10 A. Yes
 - 11 Q. I think Brett will give that to you.
 - 12 (Mr. Koenecke hands document to the witness)
 - 13 A. I have it now.
 - 14 Q. Okay. I'm not going to ask you about each one of these,
 - 15 but I did have questions about a few of them. And we'll just
 - 16 refer to the table. I think that makes it easier.
 - 17 The second one on the table, Reroute to avoid NRCS
 - 18 easement. Do you recall what that was about?
 - 19 A. I do recall -- I do recall that the -- that the NRCS had --
 - 20 I'm trying to say three or four tracts of land across the
 - 21 1,000 miles of project that they requested us consider a reroute
 - 22 to avoid their easements on three or four tracts of land. And I
 - 23 believe this was one of those.
 - 24 Q. Just so the record is clear, what is the NRCS?
 - 25 A. National Resource Conservation Service, I believe.

- 1 Q. And what sort of -- do you remember what sort of land that
- 2 we're talking about here on this particular reroute?
- **3** A. I do not particularly remember, no.
- 4 Q. It was in Marshall County, though, I take it; is that
- 5 right? If you look at the actual map that corresponds, it will
- **6** be the second page of Exhibit 9, it indicates at the bottom that
- 7 it's Marshall County, does it not?
- 8 A. Thank you. Yes.
- **9 Q.** The next one would be the next one down. It's a Hutterite
- 10 request to move the alignment 500 feet to the east. Do you
- 11 remember why they asked for that reroute?
- **12** A. Yes. I do. And I'm not -- I don't remember which
- 13 particular colony this was, but they have a -- a complex of
- 14 buildings and homes and their farming operations at this
- 15 particular location and had indicated a future plan to expand
- 16 those operations in the direction of the pipeline with building
- 17 some new buildings.
- 18 I can't remember what the buildings were for, but they
- 19 requested that we relocate the pipeline relative to that future
- 20 development and we acknowledged it and did that.
- **21 Q.** The next one is a -- references a landowner request to
- 22 offset the alignment east of a residence. I guess moved it from
- 23 394 feet to 666 feet away from a -- Phyllis Tisher (phonetic)
- 24 residence; is that right?
- 25 A. That's correct.

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- Q. And why would -- do you remember what the reason for that
- 2 request was, just to get it farther away from their residence?
- **3** A. As I recollect, that was it, is a will -- and there may be
- 4 some other family involved in this one, a brother or a son or
- 5 something that may have a few other connotations besides just
- 6 the residence, but I don't remember the details of it.
- 7 Q. But as originally designed it would have run within
- 8 500 feet of the residence, but it was moved outside of that
- 9 500-foot area; correct?
- 10 A. That's correct.
- 11 Q. Is there a minimum distance that you have to be away from a
- 12 residence?
- **13** A. There's not by our codes or regulations, federal
- 14 regulations. There's a 50-foot requirement in those regulations
- 15 that if you're closer than 50 feet, you have to have additional
- 16 depth of cover which by us being the 4 feet we comply with that.
- 17 The industry -- there's an API recommended practice. It's
- 18 not a code per se but a recommended practice that recommends a
- 19 50-foot minimum distance.
- 20 And then lastly our easement instrument that -- where we
- 21 acquire rights from the landowner is we have a 50-foot easement.
- 22 And just in this example if the pipeline's in the center of the
- 23 easement, we have restrictions about the ability to build
- 24 structures on that 50 foot of easement.
- **25 Q.** There was some testimony earlier about there being

- 1 18 residences I think it was within 500 feet. Or -- I think it
- 2 was 500 feet.

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- **3** A. I recollect that testimony.
- **4 Q.** Do you know what the closest of those residences is to the
- **5** pipeline?
- 6 A. You know, I was asked that in the break, and I'm relatively
- 7 comfortable with saying a couple hundred feet. I could
- **8** certainly verify that the closest structure to us to my
- 9 knowledge right now is -- Mr. Hohn asked questions about the
- 10 particular hotels. Actually, with that reroute I believe those
- 11 would be the closest ones.
- And I would have to go back, but I think 100 feet or so is
- 13 that distance. I would have to confirm those.
- 14 Q. The hotels are about 100 feet?
- **15** A. That's correct. The structures. I don't know if it's the
- 16 living quarters or what the structures are.
- 17 Q. Would that be 100 feet from both of the hotels, kind of
- **18** split that down the middle?
- **19 A.** That's my understanding.
- **20 Q.** But you said that reroute isn't set in stone yet. That's
- 21 still subject to negotiations or discussions with Yankton?
- 22 A. Not only the City of Yankton but with the landowners as
- 23 well.
- **24 Q.** And then on this summary sheet, the next one, it says
- 25 Unsigned landowners, Wagner, Townsend, Anderson requested
- 1 reroute to minimize possible impacts to land.
 - When you say unsigned landowners does that mean landowners

- 3 that haven't signed an easement?
- 4 A. That's correct.
- **5 Q.** And did they sign an easement after the reroute?
- **6** A. This being -- yes. Yes. This group of landowners did,
- **7** yes
- **8 Q.** And do you remember what impact that they were concerned
- 9 about that they wanted the pipeline moved?
- 10 A. They were concerned relative to the -- Mr. Wagner had
- 11 approached us with this particular request concerning his
- 12 description of being some of the most prime or valuable farmland
- 13 in the particular county
- 14 I don't know if this is Day or Marshall. But he had
- 15 approached us. In this particular location we are traversing
- 16 kind of northeasterly to southwesterly. So we're cutting across
- 17 tracts of lands in an angular fashion. And this request was
- 18 made to us to adjust our route to where we weren't going through
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- 19 some of the prime tracts of land as he described at that angular
- 20 fashion.
- **21 Q.** What sort of criteria do you use in deciding whether you
- 22 will agree to a request like that from a landowner that they
- **23** would like it rerouted somewhat?
- **24** A. Is we have a process by which we engage the various
- 25 disciplines or expertises involved in the project. And when I

- 1 say that, there's environmental. There's, of course, land and
- 2 right of way itself. There's engineering. There's
- 3 construction.
- 4 Those things, those inputs, are gathered through a process
- 5 that we have. Costs are taken into consideration as well and
- **6** even things like public consultation or other things that might
- 7 be affected by the project. All of that information is
- 8 gathered, and my engineers bring a recommendation to me to
- 9 review and approve.
- Once I have all of that information I -- I guess I somewhat
- 11 serve as judge and jury about the process and determine whether
- 12 or not the reroute should be moved forward with or not.
- 13 Although once I do approve it, TransCanada -- it's forwarded to
- 14 TransCanada for final approval.
- **15 Q.** Have they followed your recommendation in all cases, or
- 16 have they --
- 17 A. I would tell you in, oh, 90 to 95 percent. There's been a
- 18 few that they've rejected that I have forwarded. And I can't
- 19 remember particularly the reasons, but there's been a few.
- 20 Q. Have there been a number of landowner requests that have
- 21 been denied for one reason or another?
- 22 A. There have been a number through the project that have been
- 23 denied. It would be hard for me to quantify in it, but I would
- 24 tell you that probably as many or more have been denied as have
- 25 been accepted.

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- Q. I'm sorry. More have been denied? Is that what you said?
- **2** A. I would say as many if not more, yes, sir.
- **3** Q. Okay. Going down this list --
- 4 MR. RASMUSSEN: Brett, do you have any objection if we
- 5 just mark this as an exhibit since we've been referring to it?
- **6** (Exhibit WEB 1 is marked for identification)
- 7 Q. Mr. Gray, I've just now marked -- that summary sheet we've
- 8 been talking about is WEB Exhibit 1. And I've got the original
- 9 since I've been referring to it. But that's the summary of the
- 10 route variations between April 27 and November 20 of '07 that
- 11 we've been talking about; is that right?
- 12 A. That's correct.
- MR. GERDES: What was the date on that again?
- MR. RASMUSSEN: The dates of this document? April 27,
- 15 '07 through November 20, '07.
- **16 Q.** Following the one about the Wagner, Townsend, et cetera,
- 17 then we have several reroutes due to the Fish & Wildlife
- 18 Service, wetland easements. I don't think we need to talk about
- 19 those individually.
- 20 But reroutes were done because of input from U.S. Fish &
- 21 Wildlife; correct?
- **22** A. That's correct.
- ${\bf 23} \quad {\bf Q.} \quad$ And then we've got the next one we have is a reroute to
- 24 avoid a cultural site; is that right?
- **25 A.** That's correct.

- 1 Q. What was the nature of the cultural site?
- 2 A. I cannot speak for the details of it. When we do our
- 3 cultural resource surveys when I say if artifacts or things are
- 4 located, we have some options. One, obviously, is to further do
- 5 cultural surveys to try and clear the site or to see if we can
- 6 make route adjustments to simply avoid it.
- 7 And we generally balance kind of the cost and impacts and
- 8 landowners relative to that, and I would suggest on this one we
- 9 determined that an adjustment to the route was the simplest or
- 10 the easiest thing for us to do.
- **11 Q.** Do you remember what county that site was in?
- **12** A. I would have to reference the site number and mile post,
- 13 but I can't just looking at this table.
- 14 Q. I think Exhibit 9 would have the map indicating that
- 15 it's -- it looks like between mile post 392 and 393, if I read
- 16 that correctly. It would be the one that looks like this at the
- 17 top (indicating).
- 18 A. I have it here. And I'm trying to see if it's got the
- 19 county on there anywhere.
- 20 Q. Yeah. I don't see the county.
- 21 A. I do not. I could determine it by the mile post with a set
- 22 of maps, but I can't do it sitting here.
- **23 Q.** The mile posts, you refer to the entire length of the
- 24 pipeline; is that right?
- 25 A. Our O is at the Canadian border.
 - 1 Q. Right. What's the mile post at the South Dakota border?

- 2 Do you know?
- **3** A. It's 435, 4 something, in that range.
- 4 Q. At the Northern Border?
- **5 A.** Oh, at the northern. 217. Southern is 430. Somewhere in
- 6 that range.
- 7 MR. KOENECKE: Mr. Rasmussen, we've got the maps up
- **8** there. He could answer your question if you let him take a
- 9 look, if you want.
- 10 MR. RASMUSSEN: Yeah. I guess I'd like to know.
- 11 A. It appears to be right -- of course, the county names
- 12 aren't on here in it, but the -- there's Yankton County, would
- 13 know it by name, and then it would be the third county up from
- 14 Yankton.
- **15 Q.** Okay. Well, we can figure that out then.
- 16 A. Okay.
- 17 Q. All right. Going back to Exhibit WEB Exhibit 1 then, the
- 18 next one indicates landowner indicated they would sign easement
- 19 agreement if line was moved west adjacent to road right of way.
- 20 And the landowner must be named Schultz; is that right?
- 21 A. That would be my belief.
- 22 Q. And I know you told me we had a similar situation with the
- 23 Wagners and the Townsends, that they agreed to sign the easement
- 24 after you moved the pipeline.
- 25 Have you had that situation come up frequently?

- 1 A. We've had it come up some. I will tell you, oh, in the
- 2 areas we're acquiring right of way maybe -- we're acquiring in
- 3 North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Illinois at this time.
- 4 And I would say in those states I'd say 20 or 30 times.
- **5 Q.** That you've moved the pipeline in order to get the
- 6 landowner to sign the easement?
- **7** A. No. I misunderstood your request. I thought the number of
- 8 times it's been requested.
- **9 Q.** That may have been what I said.
- 10 A. Okay.
- 11 Q. How many times has it been moved?
- 12 A. I would say less than five.
- **13 Q.** And the Wagner one and the Schultz one, would those have
- 14 been the only ones in South Dakota that you're aware of?
- 15 A. And I can't remember. I think there was one reroute that
- 16 has occurred since November the 20th. I cannot recollect the
- 17 details of it right now. I do not know if it is related to this
- 18 topic or your question, though.
- 19 Q. All right. Okay. The next one then, it indicates it was
- 20 rerouted because the landowner had plans for an equestrian
- **21** facility in the future; is that right?
- 22 A. That's correct.
- 23 Q. And it's similar to the next one, the landowner was going
- 24 to have a future feedlot site, and so you moved it on that
- 25 occasion too?

- **1 A.** That's correct.
- ${\bf 2} \quad {\bf Q.} \quad \mbox{The second to the last one indicates the route was adjusted}$
- 3 to shorten the length and to remove three bends. What was
- 4 the -- removing bends, is that something that you like to do?
- **5** A. As I remember, and I may need to refer to -- one moment,
- 6 please.
- **7 Q.** Sure.
- **8** (Witness examines document)
- **9** A. This is just to the north of Yankton, and if my memory
- 10 serves me -- I'm looking at this aerial photograph, but if my
- 11 memory serves me, it's just north of Yankton. I don't know --
- 12 within our left's the airport. But I believe originally a
- 13 landowner had reflected to us that they would prefer us do the
- 14 red line that had the bends, and in further conversations they
- 15 were fine with the yellow route that was shown.
- 16 And it simply makes the route shorter. Bends just create
- 17 some additional welds for us, and we'd like to remove them.
- 18 Q. Do bends create additional concerns about possible leaks?
- 19 Is a leak more likely to occur at a bend than at a straight
- **20** area?
- 21 A. I would suggest to you no. It's made of compatible and
- 22 comparable materials as the main line pipeline is.
- **23 Q.** Okay. And then the last one on this Exhibit 1 is a
- 24 realignment so not to encroach on a KANEB pipeline. That's
- 25 within the City of Yankton or right near the City of Yankton; is

- 1 that right?
- 2 A. That's correct.
- 3 Q. What would have been the concern about being -- well, when
- 4 it says "encroach" I guess what does that mean? Does that mean
- 5 it was close to it or --
- **6** A. It's my understanding there was two issues here. One is
- 7 the existing KANEB pipeline. But there's a large tower with guy
- 8 wires that extend from -- that you see on the left hand, the
- 9 little white dots or square there and the guy wires, and we were
- 10 between the guy wires and the tower and did not realize we were
- 11 there. And we were asked to move out from under that guy wire,
- 12 and we did as such.
- 13 The encroachment with KANEB, I honestly can't answer the
- 14 question. I don't remember that as being the issue. I thought
- 15 the issue was indeed moving away from the guy wire.
- **16 Q.** The KANEB pipeline isn't shown on the aerial photograph, is
- **17** it?
- **18** A. It is not to my knowledge, no. I don't see it.
- 19 Q. Then why don't you turn to Exhibit 10. We don't have a
- 20 summary sheet for those. Those are just the two-page exhibit --
- 21 the second page is the hotel situation we've already talked
- **22** about.

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- 23 The first page, do you know -- that's a Marshall County
- 24 reroute. Do you know the specifics of that one?
- 25 A. And I do believe these may be the two I've referenced that
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have came up since November 20.

- **2 Q.** That's my understanding. These are the more recent ones.
- **3** A. Okay. The particular landowner's name on Exhibit 10, the
- 4 first page that you see the very wet area where the pipeline w
- 4 first page that you see the very wet area where the pipeline was
- 5 routed in red around it -- I don't know the best way to say this
- **6** but the farmer has drained all of that, and he has dried it out.
- 7 And my understanding from the request was that he has
- $oldsymbol{8}$ drained that. It's no longer wet. And he's going to be farming
- 9 it. And he made the request that we go straight versus what we
 - had.
- 11 Q. Do you anticipate any additional changes -- well, I guess
- 12 you've already talked a little bit about Yankton, there might be
- 13 some additional change there.
- 14 Other than through the City of Yankton, do you anticipate
- **15** any additional changes to the route?
- **16** A. Certainly my experience would tell you yes. And any time
- 17 you move from kind of the initial routing phase into the
- 18 easement acquisition phase, particularly in meeting with
- 19 landowners, you get feedback to issues that you just don't learn
- 20 about until you're in kind of more of an intimate setting of
- 21 negotiation with them. Whether it's issues like we discussed on
- this list.
- 23 But I would tell you that I think at this stage of the
- 24 project they will be minimal, but to say there would be none,
- 25 that's -- I don't know that we've uncovered absolutely every

- 1 landowner's issue.
- 2 Q. In constructing the pipeline you will cross a number of
- 3 rural water pipelines. You're aware of that?
- 4 Α. That's correct.
- 5 Q. Are there any special precautions that are taken or do you
- 6 plan to take when crossing the water pipelines?
- 7 It's relative to whether it's water pipelines or other
- 8 utilities. We will typically communicate with those companies
- 9 or organizations to determine any special things relative to
- 10 their utilities.
- 11 But I will tell you normally other than construction
- 12 methods, how we excavate, how we support, how we do things as
- 13 far as a design perspective other than meeting our code
- 14 requirements, no.
- 15 You don't negotiate separate agreements with the other
- 16 utilities you pass to ensure that those -- that those utilities
- 17 are -- are okay with your construction methods, that sort of
- 18 thing?

- 19 When I say the interfacing, the meeting with those
- 20 utilities is -- I'm trying to determine if the word "negotiate"
- 21 is the proper term that I would say. We certainly -- any linear
- 22 facility like this we intersect other utilities and highways and
- 23 railroads, and we have to deal with those particular entities.
- 24 My experience has been is that other utilities that have an
- 25 easement similar to what we have, which I call a nonexclusive

 - easement because it doesn't have specific things in it that
- 2 preclude -- the landowner still has the ultimate rights, and
- 3 that's who we buy the land from.
- 4 But we typically will meet with those organizations. The
- 5 industry has a practice of we will enter a voluntary agreement
- 6 with other utilities as long as the requirements put forth by
- 7 those utilities are reasonable.
- 8 There's been testimony about the thickness of the pipe
- 9 being increased when you go under a roadway. Are you familiar
- 10 with that?
- 11 Α. I am.
- 12 Okay. And is that -- is that done under every roadway that
- 13 the thicker pipe would be used?
- 14 Α. I will tell you there's a distinguishment between public
- 15 and private roads.
- 16 Q. Under every public roadway?
- 17 Typically -- although I will tell you it varies by state
- 18 and region -- for an oil pipeline, which is a liquid pipeline,
- 19 is our federal codes do not require different design factors
- 20 which relate to different wall thicknesses. Typically, what we
- 21 run into in a lot of states and counties is is it's a local
- 22 requirement and not a federal requirement.
- 23 Well, what is the plan for South Dakota?
- 24 The plan in South Dakota, the project, and across the Α.
- 25 entire route is to put heavier wall pipe at public road

- 1 crossings.
- 2 Q. I represent a rural pipeline, and I believe virtually all
- 3 of our pipeline runs right next to the roadway or close to the
- 4 roadway anyway. Would there be any reason that the wall
- 5 thickness couldn't be extended a little farther so that it would
- 6 be thicker as it went over or above the rural water lines?
- 7 I think the -- I think what's relative to the question is
- 8 that it would be a function of distance for me. If it's a few
- 9 feet from the road right of way line, it's facilitated. But if
- 10 it's a substantial distance, then I'm not certain that it would
- 11 be warranted.
- 12 Q. What would be --
- 13 A. Not warranted but would be practical. I'm sorry.
- 14 Q. What would be your definition of a substantial distance?
- 15 A. I think probably anything greater than 5 or 10 feet.
- 16 There's been testimony here today about hydrostatic
- 17 testing, and everybody says you're the guy to talk to about
- 18 that. So tell me how that works or what the plan is for the
- 19 hydrostatic testing of the pipe that would run through
- 20 South Dakota.
- 21 We typically segment the pipeline into about 20- or 30-mile
- 22 sections relative to the length that we'll test at one
- 23 particular time. Sometimes you might get 40. And worse case
- 24 maybe 50 miles in it. But there are a variety of things that
- 25 make you break up your test.
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- 1 Some of it's elevation is because of the hydrostatic head

- 2 of the water it adds pressure into the test that gives you
- 3 limits as to what you can -- length of test. And then things
- 4 like where one contractor starts, another one stops, pump
- 5 stations, other things in it.
- 6 But with that in mind, I would have to go back and -- I
- 7 don't know that I -- it's been filed anything to see, but at
- 8 this time we do have a preliminary test plan across the State of
- 9 South Dakota that has the various test sections and the water
- 10 sources and discharge locations spelled out. And that will be
- 11 submitted in various permit applications. But it is -- it has
- 12 not been submitted today, but I would suggest to you within the
- 13 month it would be.
- 14 Q. And who does -- who will that be submitted to?
- 15 It's generally an attachment to a number of applications.
- 16 When I say the Corps of Engineers, which the 401 certifications
- 17 which are a part of the state processes. But you don't seek a
- 18 particular permit for the test plan itself. It's an attachment
- 19 to other permits.
- 20 Q. In reference to a discharge permit, I assume it would be
- 21 attached to that?
- 22 Right. Discharge permits. I guess NPDES permits and
- 23 things like that that it's attached to.
- 24 Q. What will be the source of the water that's used for the
- 25 hydrostatic testing?

- $\textbf{1} \quad \textbf{A.} \quad \text{Again, without it in front of me, it's some of the larger}$
- 2 streams that we cross in South Dakota. I mean, the James River,
- 3 probably the Missouri River, those that have a significant
- 4 supply of water at the time that we would be constructing that
- 5 would have the volumes needed to fill our pipeline.
- **6 Q.** Is the water then returned to that particular stream when
- 7 you're done using it?
- **8** A. We have sought in our permits to return it to the watershed
- 9 of the stream, but my experience in the past 10 years is it's
- 10 typically mandated that we return it to the same stream that it
- 11 came out of.
- 12 MR. RASMUSSEN: Thank you. That's all the questions I
- **13** have.
- MR. SMITH: Mr. Hohn, do you have guestions of the
- 15 witness?

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- 16 MR. HOHN: Yes. Please.
- 17 <u>CROSS-EXAMINATION</u>
- **18** BY MR. HOHN:
- **19 Q.** Mr. Gray, in terms of your project, the way you construct
- 20 your project and design the project, will the Keystone Pipeline
- 21 come in contact with ductile iron, water lines on any of the
- 22 eight rural water systems you'll be crossing?
- 23 A. I'm trying to say I don't know that I know the answer to
- 24 the questions. We have sent correspondence to all the rural
- 25 water companies, and two or three have responded to us and some
 - have not. Particularly we requested size, type, being cast iron
- 2 or plastic, and that information. But I can't tell you that
- **3** I've reviewed them today. My guess would be yes, though.
- **4 Q.** And if there is, in fact, pipe that you either cross with
- 5 this pipeline -- a ductile iron water line that serves a rural
- 6 water system, they have cathodic protection and that pipeline,
- 7 your system, will have cathodic protection -- what precautions
- 8 do you take to ensure that neither pipe damages the other pipe?
- **9** A. I'm not going to profess to be a cathodic protection
- 10 expert, but when we cross other metallic utilities, be it
- 11 another pipeline which would cross ours, we'll typically work
- 12 with that company to bond -- to bond a wire on to their system
- 13 and on to our system and put a cathodic test station at that
- 14 location where we can check for interference.
- **15 Q.** That is a very sensitive issue for your pipeline and
- **16** possibly for a water line because straight current can affect
- 17 either, can't it?
- **18** A. Straight current can affect either but we cross thousands
- 19 of other pipelines and utilities. It's a very manageable
- 20 interface.
- 21 Q. Thank you. The next question regarding the routing, your
- 22 pipe tends to -- say more than water lines, rural water lines,
- 23 your pipe tends to cut across quarter sections, cut across the
- 24 center of property or center of a section whereas rural water
- tends to follow the section lines.

- 1 Is there a reason that the pipe is not routed along the
- 2 section line for maintenance and for accessibility?
- **3** A. No. I would tell you that -- of course when you look in a
- 4 microscale -- but, I mean, we are in essence trying to go from
- **5** point A to point B as efficiently as we can go because it takes
- 6 energy to pump product down the pipeline.
- 7 And because -- excuse me. Because our desire to try and go
- 8 as expediently as we can and our belief that we can restore the
- **9** right of way to preexisting conditions, pipeline industry's had
- 10 a tendency to route in the most expedient routing it can.
- **11 Q.** I have attended meetings where you've been present, several
- 12 meetings where landowners have discussed issues with all pipes,
- 13 water pipes, oil pipes.
- **14** Would it be fair to say that cutting across a quarter or
- 15 section is an issue of concern for most landowners, farmers,
- **16** because of the sectioning off of the property?
- 17 A. I will tell you that from a landowner's perspective I would
- 18 concur that more landowners are concerned when we are crossing
- 19 diagonally versus parallel to their property. Even though as
- 20 you've heard me at meetings try and convince landowners that
- 21 that is not a concern, I would agree that it is.
- **22 Q.** Well, and the issue that came up at those same meetings and
- 23 the colony at Britton and the various places, the question that
- 24 often comes up, and I'll pose it to you again, you've heard it
- **25** from landowners so this is not a new one.
- 1 If a leak occurs in the center of the section, the center
 - 2 of the quarter, the access for your crews to get to it you have
 - 3 to cross crop to get to it. In most cases you're not right
 - 4 along the road. Is that fair to say?
 - **5 A.** That's fair to say.

- **6 Q.** That's an issue for the landowner because they're concerned
- 7 about the damage to the crop to get out in the middle of the
- 8 field where the leak is?
- **9** A. It's certainly a concern. My comment being is we are
- 10 responsible for the damages that we cause. If we have to access
- 11 due to an unlikely event of an emergency and destroy crops, we
- 12 would have to compensate for those damages.
- **13 Q.** On page 3, if I could refer you to your testimony -- I
- 14 think it's item 12 -- this is the hydrostatic testing again.
- **15** A. I have that.
- **16 Q.** Okay. This statement refers to the hydro testing as being
- 17 125 percent of maximum pressure; correct?
- **18 A.** 125 percent of the maximum operating pressure.
- **19 Q.** So that would be how much pressure?
- 20 A. Approximately 1,800 pounds.
- **21 Q.** When you're testing the pipeline, a section of pipeline or
- 22 a pump station at that pressure, do you evacuate homes that are
- 23 nearby or property that's occupied or nearby?
- **24 A.** We typically do not. We do typically notify landowners
- 25 that we are -- a testing operation will be occurring to make

- 1 them aware of it. But at the types of distances and setbacks
- 2 that we have, 100 or 200 feet, we're not concerned because, one,
- 3 water's not combustible, and then, secondly, because it's not a
- 4 compressible fluid, it's water, that you don't have an explosion
- 5 or -- if you did have a leak or a rupture.
- 6 Does the federal regulation that you have to comply with,
- 7 does it require vacating the property when you're testing within
- 8 300 feet?
- 9 A. Vacating property?
- 10 Q. Asking people to leave while you're testing.
- 11 A. I do not believe that it requires you to vacate it.
- 12 Q. Okay. The next question is in regard to discharge of the
- 13 water you use to test. You're moving the water from one section
- 14 to the other so it's used multiple times. You might pull the
- 15 water out of the James River at say Britton and then use it all
- 16 the way to Yankton? Is that what you're saying? Is that an
- 17 example of what you're saying?
- 18 Is we do transfer water from one test section to another
- 19 test section. I would have to review this particular test plan.
- 20 But because, again, of contractor breaks, other topographical
- 21 features, the transfer of one, say, 30-mile section of water six
- 22 or eight or 10 times is typically not -- I would tell you more
- 23 of a rule of thumb would be two or three uses of the same water.
- 24 When you do secure a permit from the State to discharge,
- 25 generally are you required to put the water in some kind of
- 1 containment and settlement? There must be weld debris or steel
- 2 debris or something in the pipe with all of those welds. 3
- 4 to treat the water before it's discharged?
- 5 Well, at the start of the filling process we clean the
- 6 pipeline. We actually use what we call wash water. And we'll

There's a weld every 40 feet. Do you do anything in particular

- 7 put in say -- I'd have to figure it up in gallons or barrels,
- 8 but we'll put in several hundred feet of what we call wash water
- 9 between some cup or cleaning pigs by which we clean any debris
- 10 out of the pipeline that's been put into it during construction.
- 11 So, in essence, once you have cleaned the pipeline and you
- 12 put water in it for testing, the majority of this debris that
- 13 you're describing's already been removed.
- 14 Is there anything in the wash water? Is it just water
- 15 between two Styrofoam pigs?
- 16 It's wash water between two cup pigs we call it. It's
- 17 just -- it's -- I'm at a loss for words. It's just heavy duty
- 18 plastic
- 19 Q. Which kind of pushes the sediments or the pieces on down?
- 20 A. That's correct.
- 21 Q. On page 9, again, 49 you talk about the -- you know,
- 22 testing the sections. We're kind of a water hungry state. A
- 23 lot of where you're going through there's not a lot of water in
- 24 creeks and streams as the environmental person testified.
- 25 Have you identified any well sources that you might use in

- 1 the event that a stream is not available?
- 2 We haven't at this time is that my staff in Kansas City and
- 3 interfacing with -- I don't know whether it's DENR here in
- 4 South Dakota or agencies. We generally get information
- 5 concerning the flow in streams and the volume available at the
- 6 times of year that we'll be testing. Many times we may get a
- 7 permit restriction that limits the rate that we can withdraw the
- 8 water.
- 9 We like to withdraw it around 3,000 gallons per minute, but
- 10 sometimes we may be restricted on what we can withdraw so that
- 11 we don't cause impact to the stream. But at this time no one on
- 12 my staff has advised me that they don't believe that we will not
- 13 have adequate water from streams that we cross along the route.
- 14 And when you do draw water out of the stream, in terms of
- 15 getting a discharge permit from DNRD, you would probably also
- 16 have to consult with the Game, Fish & Parks because of the
- 17 impact on fisheries?
- 18 Mr. Hohn, I might have to defer back to Mr. Ellis or
- 19 someone more into the details of the permitting. My familiarity
- 20 is the permits that I mentioned and getting permits to the
- 21 streams we have, and whether that agency gets input from all the
- 22 other agencies, I'm not sure exactly how that works.
- 23 But at some point you're going to issue contracts to
- 24 someone who's building and testing, and you will tell them where
- 25 you've got permission to draw water; is that correct?
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 - 1 A. That's correct.

- 2 Q. And that contractor will be instructed -- they won't just
- 3 go out and do it on their own, they'll have direction in the
- 4 document they bid?
- 5 When I say at the time of bid we typically don't have that
- 6 information. We give them assumptions about what can be used.
- 7 But once we receive our permits with the actual locations we
- 8 truth our bid document and put that in the actual construction
- 9 contract that will be executed.
- 10 So you would convey to the contractor where and when they
- 11 could draw and what the permits told them they could do? Is
- 12 that fair to say?
- 13 A. That's fair to say.
- 14 Q. On page 2 of your -- I guess this would be your rebuttal,
- 15 page 2.
- 16 A. I have that document.
- 17 Q. 6, item A, your answer to 6, about the third line down you
- 18 were responding to compaction caused by construction? This is 6
- 19 and then your answer, second or third line, "These include
- 20 topsoil removal." Do you see --
- 21 Α. Yes. I do see that.
- 22 You're talking about the contractors went through, built
- 23 the project, and now there's compaction of what soil? What
- 24 area?
- 25 Okay. Is what we call the work space or where the heavy

1 equipment moves up and down the right of way is compaction 2 caused by our heavy equipment.

3 And further on it talks about what you would do -- what

4 TransCanada Keystone would do to get the soil back to sort of

5 the normal state? Is that what it's saying?

6 In other words, how do you do that? How do you get the 7 compacted soil back to sort of a normal --

8 We decompact with the use of ripping and tools and

9 para plows and things very similar to what the farmers utilize.

10 Is that portion of the contract in the construction

11 contract -- does the contractor who built that part of the

12 pipeline have to go back then and do that?

13 He does. That's correct.

14 Q. And you have that specifically in the document --

15 A. That is correct.

16 -- as a requirement? The last sentence then talks about

17 agricultural production. And if the compaction wasn't done just

18 quite properly you might have a problem. It says, "Keystone

19 would be liable to work with the landowner to restore the land

20 further."

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21 If the contractor did the ripping as you spelled out in

22 your contract and left the area, probably moved on down the

23 pipeline, and the next season the landowner contacted your

24 office and said, you know, I'm not happy with what happened,

25 what do you envision the mechanism might be? Does your person

go back out and meet with them?

2 And then what happens -- if the contractor's out of the

3 area, what happens? Who takes care of it?

4 Is TransCanada or Keystone in establishing its operations

5 in the area, generally one of the departments that it would have

6 for the project it maintains a land or right of way interface

with all landowners along the project.

8 What I would envision here -- and, granted, I do want to

9 make perfectly clear I'm not the operations person. But from my

10 experience is that a landowner would contact Keystone's office

11 registering a concern about the restoration of the land and the

12 productivity of his crops. And he would either present evidence

13 of such, say photographs, other things that he would submit to

14 TransCanada to substantiate his claims, or he may simply request

15 a meeting with a representative on his property to look at the

16 land and the issues that have occurred.

And that is a relatively normal process I would suggest to

18 you, whether it's one year after the pipeline's built or 10

19 years after it's built.

20 Mr. Gray, you've been in the business a long time. I have

21 not been in it that long, but my experience has been -- and I'd

22 like to ask you this question: Do contractors always do what

23 you tell them in the contract specs?

24 You know, the question is you have to say is do contractors

comply 100 percent? Certainly it's our expectation to enforce

1 the contract specs and requirements to the fullest extent

2 possible or practical, but just as you've described with deep

3 compaction is are there potentially places along these thousand

4 miles of pipeline that are going to have compaction issues? I

5 would suggest to you there will be.

6 I believe they'll be minimal and localized. And that is 7 why we have these follow-up mechanisms to deal with the 8 process.

9 **Q.** Well, I'm leading to this guestion then. Will your office

10 have -- or Keystone have on-site inspectors that if a landowner

11 felt that the things that you promised when you were up in the

12 area when you talked to people at public meetings were not being

13 done the way they thought you or somebody had represented, will

14 there be representatives on-site, inspectors that they can go

15 to and on the job site issue a question to get enforcement?

16 Actually what you've described is that during construction

17 there will be probably at the peak of construction I would say

18 some 25 to 30 inspectors on a construction spread. That's a

19 contractor covering say 100 to 130 miles of pipeline.

20 And if you recollect from some of my presentations, the assembly line, these inspectors generally are associated with

23 But a couple of things that -- and certainly they're

looking for quality. But there will be anywhere from two to

25 three environmental inspectors that their sole responsibility is

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the various crews.

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the environmental permit requirements.

2 Typically imbedded within those two or three inspectors,

3 environmental inspectors, are when I say somebody that's very

4 familiar with agriculture and when we can arrange for it for

5 someone out of this region that's familiar with agriculture in

6 this region. But one of the most difficult tasks I face is the

7 restoration of the land to return it to its original

8 productivity for farming.

9 And to do that, whether it's ripping the land for

10 decompaction and testing it for that decompaction relative to

11 off-site lands, we try to achieve the same level of compaction

12 that's in the adjacent land to the right of way. Or removal of

13 rock or various things like that that there's documentation and

14 inspections done to ensure that those specifications are met to

15 the best of our ability.

16 Q. I have one last question, and it refers to page 4 of your

17 rebuttal -- or your rebuttal. Page 4, item 10 has to do with

18 township roads.

19 The road system in some of the rural areas is -- ranges

20 somewhere from county blacktop, gravel, to dirt road section

21 lines. And you've probably seen all of that.

22 MR. KOENECKE: Excuse me. Is that a question you want

an answer to?

24 MR. HOHN: That's a question, yes.

25 Yes. I've certainly seen the roads in this region of the

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1	country.	1	their roads until we get a permit to cross them. So they have	
2	Q. I guess the question is when the contractors that are	2	quite a bit of leverage to negotiate, for lack of a better word,	
3	bringing in equipment are bringing in some fairly heavy	3	requirements in it and encourage them to do so.	
4	equipment compared to what we might see in those areas. It's	4	MR. HOHN: Thank you.	
5	large construction equipment?	5	MR. SMITH: Mr. Rasmussen, you I don't think offered	
6	A. You know, Mr. Hohn, it's certainly very large equipment	6	WEB Exhibit 1.	
7	that I would say as far as equipment goes. But then and I	7	MR. RASMUSSEN: I made a note of that, yeah. And I	
8	don't mean this to be argumentative, but, I mean, there's heavy	8	guess the only Mr. Hohn, did you already mark exhibits?	
9	loads moved by farmers with agricultural grain and things as	9	MR. HOHN: No.	
10	well. And some of that's comparable to us. But we do have some	10	MR. RASMUSSEN: Okay. Then I would offer it as	
11	equipment that's large.	11	Exhibit 1 then.	
12	Q. And when the pipe gets hauled in that will be heavy loads	12	MR. SMITH: Is there an objection?	
13	on trucks. Would that be correct?	13	MR. KOENECKE: None from the Applicant.	
14	A. That is correct.	14	MS. SEMMLER: No objection.	
15	Q. What can you do or what do you plan to do, I guess, in the	15	MR. SMITH: WEB Exhibit 1 is admitted. It is	
16	document that would give the farmers and the township officials	16	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Mr. Smith, I might just note, this	
17	the assurance that the roads will be maintained while the	17	of course is a unique situation so this has more to do with the	
18	construction is going on as well as after they leave?	18	exhibits that were offered earlier today. If we have exhibits	
19	There's always road restrictions in our part of the world	19	that have not been offered to the Commission, in the past if we	
20	in the spring of the year, and the question is, you know, you	20	could get copies for the Commissioners, I think it would be very	
21	bid the job. Does your instructions to your contractor also	21	helpful. Sometimes we have a hard time if we can't look over	
22	talk about him that contractor maintaining these roads?	22	it.	
23	A. It speaks in terms of a couple of things. And one is I	23	MR. KOENECKE: I apologize again, Commissioner. It's	
24 25	guess just some background. I constructed a large diameter	24 25	an oversight on my part. I do apologize. I know how difficult	
25	pipeline across North Dakota in 1999 and 2000, and I'm	23	it is, and I won't let it happen again.	228
1	intimately familiar with township and county roads, particularly	1	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: You may have apologized before in	220
2	high ground water and heavy equipment and the damage that can be	2	which case I missed it. I'm sorry for beating you up so much.	
3	done to roads in that environment.	3	MR. SMITH: Due to our reporter's schedule, we're	
4	And we are in the again, like so many of our permits, we	4	going to adjourn for the evening, and we will reconvene at	
5	are in the process of filing all of our road crossing permits	5	9 a.m. tomorrow morning. Thank you. And you will still be on	
6	with the various counties and townships here over the next	6	the stand, Mr. Gray.	
7	month.	7	(The proceedings are in recess at 5 o'clock p.m.)	
8	Typically what that instigates is the very question that	8		
9	you're asking about is you're asking for a permit to cross our	9		
10	road but we want assurance about damage to our road system	10		
11	besides just where you're going to cross it. And, again, in	11		
12	many rural counties in areas that don't have a lot of energy	12		
13	pipelines like we are, they many times don't even know how to	13		
14	deal with us.	14		
15	But typically what we work with them with is whether it's	15		
16	an agreement drafted by the county, an agreement about what are	16		
17	responsibilities for roads, we typically will work with counties	17		
18 19	about which roads we use, when we use them, kind of a traffic	18 19		
20	plan to minimize disruption or damage to the roads because we	20		
21	have to pay to fix them in it. So we certainly try and do that coordination. But that is,	21		
22	again, something in our process that just occurs at this point	22		
23	in time. But that is very common that we enter into some type	23		
24	of agreement. And many times people ask me about enforcement	24		
25	there in it is that the county and townships, we cannot cross	25		

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