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17	REPORTER'S NOTE:
18	The original exhibits were forwarded to Mr. Taylor. Exhibit copies were marked and distributed
19	electronically to all parties.
20	Quoted text is as stated by the speaker [phn] indicates a phonetic spelling
21	[sic] indicates the text is as stated
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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	COURT REPORTER: Would you raise your
3	right hand, please. Do you solemnly swear or affirm
4	that the testimony you're about to give will be the
5	truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?
6	THE WITNESS: Yes.
7	JAMES PIROLLI,
8	called as a witness, having been first duly sworn,
9	testified under oath as follows:
10	EXAMINATION
11	BY MR. TAYLOR:
12	Q. State your name for the record, please.
13	A. James Pirolli.
14	Q. Mr. Pirolli, I'm Wally Taylor. I
15	represent the Sierra Club. And I assume
16	Mr. Dublinske has told you what a deposition is and
17	how it goes?
18	A. Yes.
19	Q. Have you been deposed before?
20	A. No.
21	Q. Just a couple of things to remember. If
22	any of us ask a question you don't understand, ask
23	us to repeat it or rephrase it. We want to make
24	sure you understand it.
25	A. Okay.

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1	Q. And if we ask you a question you feel is
2	not in your area of responsibility or expertise, let
3	us know and give us an idea of who might be a better
4	person to ask that question of.
5	According to your written testimony,
6	you're the chief commercial officer for Summit
7	Carbon Solutions. Give us an idea of what that
8	position entails.
9	A. I work with the CO2 providers, like
10	ethanol plants, to bring volume onto the system.
11	Q. Anything else?
12	A. That's the majority of it.
13	Q. So basically you're the person who
14	contacts ethanol plants and gets them to sign up
15	with Summit?
16	A. Yes.
17	Q. How long have you been with Summit?
18	A. Two years.
19	Q. What was the status of Summit when you
20	first joined?
21	A. They had a group of ethanol plants signed
22	up and were hiring the management team.
23	Q. So before you even came onboard, they had
24	some ethanol plants signed up already?
25	A. That's correct, yeah, the majority of

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Page 7 1 them. 2 What ones did you sign up after you came Q. 3 onboard? 4 Α. Bushmills Ethanol in Minnesota. Absolute 5 Energy in Iowa. NuGen Energy in South Dakota. And 6 Chippewa Valley Ethanol in Minnesota. So basically all of the Iowa ethanol 7 0. 8 plants, except for Absolute, were already signed up 9 before you came on? 10 Α. That's correct. 11 Q. Do you know who would have contacted those 12 other ethanol plants in Iowa that were already 13 signed up? 14 The group from Summit Ag. Α. 15 0. Would that have been before Summit Carbon Solutions was even formed, or do you know? 16 17 I don't know, like, when the company was Α. 18 formed, but it was that group that worked with them. 19 Q. And Summit Ag, if I'm correct, is the parent company of Summit Carbon Solutions; is that 20 21 correct? 22 MR. DUBLINSKE: Calls for a legal 23 conclusion. You can answer if you know. 24 I'm not an attorney. I don't think Α. Yeah. 25 we refer to it as the parent, but it's like a kind

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1	of developer. They came up with the idea.
2	Q. (By Mr. Taylor) So you don't know the
3	relationship between Summit Ag and Summit Carbon
4	Solutions?
5	A. I just said it's not we don't refer to
6	it as the parent company.
7	Q. How do you refer to it?
8	A. A developer. I don't know if that's a
9	legal term or not, but that's what they say. That's
10	the group they got started. You know, they hired
11	me. They hired the management team. And then we've
12	gone from there.
13	Q. I guess I'm just trying to figure out what
14	the relationship is between Carbon or, pardon me,
15	Summit Ag and Summit Carbon Solutions. You said
16	they're the developer, but aren't they connected
17	somehow or other, by some relationship?
18	MR. DUBLINSKE: Asked and answered. You
19	can answer.
20	A. Yeah. I mean, there's some investments
21	there through their fund, and they now have
22	transitioned to where they have board members. A
23	few people on our board are from Summit Ag.
24	Q. (By Mr. Taylor) In your prior testimony,
25	you said that at one point you worked for a company

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1	called the Andersons?
2	A. That's correct.
3	Q. What did you do for them?
4	A. I was the president of the ethanol group
5	there and then senior vice president of a once we
6	kind of merged groups together, we called it trade
7	and processing. So it was mostly grain assets in
8	the eastern U.S., cross-country trucking exportation
9	of goods via containers, as well as the ethanol
10	business. So we had five ethanol plants.
11	Q. And the Andersons have some ethanol plants
12	in Iowa?
13	A. They have one.
14	Q. Just one?
15	A. Mm-hmm.
16	Q. I think you said in your testimony that
17	they were that they already had capture
18	facilities for carbon dioxide, including the plant
19	in Denison, Iowa. How were they capturing the
20	carbon dioxide?
21	(Mr. Long entered the room.)
22	A. That plant and a couple of the others have
23	an industrial have a partner that does industrial
24	CO2 supply. So they capture CO2 in due processing
25	and sell dried ice and liquid CO2 and other products
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1	for, like, industrial applications, food grade,
2	things like that.
3	Q. So they were selling it to the companies
4	that would use the CO2 for some kind of
5	manufacturing process, or what?
6	A. "They" as in the Andersons?
7	Q. Yes.
8	A. Yeah. The Andersons sold it to a company
9	called Continental Carbonics. Continental Carbonics
10	had a capture facility, you know, where they would
11	do industrial processing and then make it into, you
12	know, further processed products, so like pelleted
13	dry ice and chips for, like, industrial hydroblast
14	cleaning. You know, liquid CO2 applications. Gas
15	CO2 applications, like delivering in bulk to
16	convenience stores. Dry ice for everything from
17	COVID vaccines to food grade at the Omaha airport.
18	Things like that. I mean, there's, you know, lots
19	of commercial uses for CO2.
20	Q. Was that CO2 captured from the
21	fermentation process?
22	A. Yes.
23	Q. Now, were the Andersons selling all of
24	their CO2 captured from the fermentation process?
25	A. No.

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1	Q. How much of it was being captured? Do you
2	know?
3	A. Generally, about half. Most of those
4	plants are on the, you know, 3- to 500 ton-per-day
5	range, which is about half of what one of those
6	sized plants produces. So you still have a lot of
7	it that's vented. And then larger plants, they're
8	still only capturing that much, so you've got a
9	lower percentage that's actually captured.
10	Q. And then I think you also said in your
11	testimony that you worked for ADM for a while.
12	A. That's correct.
13	Q. Was that in Cedar Rapids?
14	A. I did work in Cedar Rapids for a while.
15	Q. Where else? For ADM.
16	A. Decatur, Illinois; Galesburg, Illinois;
17	Evansville, Indiana. Cedar Rapids. Mexico City.
18	Geneva, Switzerland. Des Moines, Iowa.
19	Q. Was ADM capturing its CO2?
20	A. You know, I wasn't as involved in that
21	part of it at ADM, but they did work with some
22	industrial CO2 suppliers, and then they have the
23	sequestration site in Decatur, Illinois.
24	Q. And how much of their CO2 was being
25	captured?
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1	A. Oh, I don't know. Not I don't really
2	know. I would say percentage-wise very little. And
3	they could have been doing it other places too. I
4	just wasn't aware.
5	Q. Okay. Is it correct that Summit intends
6	to receive the tax credit under Section 45Q for
7	capturing the carbon and sequestering it in this
8	pipeline project?
9	MR. DUBLINSKE: I'm going to object.
10	That's subject to the redacted terms of the offtake
11	agreements.
12	Q. (By Mr. Taylor) Well, your application and
13	the public testimony has talked about the 45Q tax
14	credit, so that's what I'm asking about just to make
15	sure that that's the basis of the project here.
16	MR. DUBLINSKE: Yeah. Same objection.
17	How those are taken is subject to the terms of the
18	offtake agreement. We've talked about 45Q being a
19	revenue stream for the project, but beyond that, our
20	details are governed by the contracts.
21	Q. (By Mr. Taylor) For the record, I think
22	we've all signed a confidentiality agreement, and
23	pursuant to that, I think we have a right to know
24	the information. And although the agreement does
25	say that if it's a highly let me get the exact

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1	term highly confidential, attorneys' eyes only,
2	some things can be redacted, but we need to probably
3	have some discovery discussions about that, then.
4	MR. DUBLINSKE: Yes. We can take that up
5	in a form other than a deposition.
6	Q. (By Mr. Taylor) Do you know what let's
7	back up. It's my understanding that Summit Carbon
8	Solutions now has 13 ethanol plants in Iowa signed
9	up to take the carbon dioxide from those plants; is
10	that correct?
11	A. We have offtake agreements with 13 ethanol
12	plants in Iowa.
13	Q. And do you know what those 13 ethanol
14	plants have been doing with their CO2 from the
15	fermentation process up to this point?
16	A. 11 of them vent a hundred percent of it.
17	Two of them have small capture facilities on-site.
18	I'm not I don't know the status of those, if
19	they're operating in capturing or not.
20	Q. Which two plants would those be?
21	A. One in Nevada, Iowa, and one in Galva,
22	Iowa. Like I said, I don't know if those are
23	operating or not.
24	Q. Do you know before you came onboard,
25	you said there were 12 of those plants in Iowa that
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1 had already been signed up before you came on; is 2 that correct? 3 That's correct. Α. Do you know whether Summit approached 4 0. those ethanol plants or the ethanol plants 5 approached Summit, or how did that arrangement come 6 7 about? 8 Α. I'm not really sure about that. I think 9 it's a mix of both of those. 10 Well, in terms of the plants that you 0. 11 signed up, how did the relationship come about? 12 Α. Primarily me reaching out through my 13 relationships in the industry and at those 14 facilities. Some of them, we had previous contact 15 with. By the time I came onboard, most -- I mean, the entire industry, every admitter in the 16 17 five-state area, is aware of our project, so, you 18 know, I just -- I took over and took over those 19 relationships and worked with them through the 20 process. 21 But initially did you approach the ethanol 0. 22 plants or did they approach Summit? 23 I approached them. Α. As far as the plants that signed up before 24 0. 25 you came onboard, you don't know who approached who?

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1	A. (Moves head in negative manner).
2	Q. Do you know who would know that?
3	MR. DUBLINSKE: Can I back up? You need
4	to give a verbal answer to the court reporter.
5	A. Yeah. I mean, I would say in general I
6	mean, I'd have to you know, I would have to
7	guess. I don't like offering guesses. But for the
8	most part, I would guess that Summit reached out to
9	them directly to initiate contact, but ownerships
10	vary, relationships vary between those companies,
11	and, you know, I can't tell you in each individual
12	case because I wasn't here.
13	Q. (By Mr. Taylor) Okay. Fair enough. I
14	just wanted to know if you had any idea.
15	A. Mm-hmm.
16	Q. You mentioned Absolute Energy or
17	Absolute Ethanol in St. Ansgar, Iowa. And you
18	signed them up, correct?
19	A. I mean, I led that process. It's a team
20	effort. But we signed them up since I've been here.
21	Q. And did you approach them or did they
22	approach you?
23	A. I approached them, you know, when I got
24	here, but they had already been in contact with
25	Summit for some time by the time I got here, and I

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1	don't know who initiated that contact initially.
2	Q. When you sign up an ethanol plant, is it
3	correct that there would have to be a lateral
4	pipeline from either the main line or a feeder line
5	to get to the ethanol plant to capture the carbon?
6	A. We would need a way to get that CO2 to
7	North Dakota, and we'd transport it via pipeline.
8	And if we were to sign a plant that's not sitting
9	directly on the line, then we would have to build a
10	lateral to get there.
11	Q. Right. I think you answered my question.
12	The point is that there would have to be some
13	agreement with the ethanol plant to bring a lateral
14	pipeline up to the plant in order to offtake the
15	carbon dioxide, correct?
16	A. Yeah. Yeah, there would have to be an
17	offtake agreement in place in order to take CO2.
18	Q. What effort is Summit making now to obtain
19	agreements from ethanol plants in Iowa?
20	A. Can you repeat that?
21	Q. Pardon?
22	A. Can you repeat that?
23	Q. Sure. What effort is Summit Carbon
24	Solutions making now to obtain agreements with other
25	ethanol plants in Iowa?
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Α. I mean, that's my job. That's why I come to work every day, to bring more volume onto the And so I'm making every effort that I can system. to bring volume onto the system. ο. What efforts are you making? I mean, building those relationships. Α. Working with the plants to answer questions. And, you know, in general, making sure that everyone's aware of, you know, our effort to hold ourselves out there and be available for service, you know, for those shippers and producers of CO2. Q. How many ethanol plants in Iowa are not already signed up with Summit, Navigator, or Wolf? Do you know? Α. I don't know exactly. I mean, we could look at a map or something, but I don't know exactly that number. 0. Well, I think there are 42 ethanol plants in Iowa. Summit has 13 at this point. I think Navigator has 20, if I'm correct, and Wolf has 2. That leaves about 7. Α. Yeah. I don't know about Navigator and Wolf, what their agreements are. But the 42 and the That's my understanding. 13, those are correct. And I guess my point is, there aren't that Q.

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1 many ethanol plants in Iowa left for you to solicit, 2 are there? 3 There's a -- I think there's -- we're Α. 4 going after it every single day. I mean, that's 5 what I'm here to do. And, you know, some of those 6 are -- if they're within our footprint in Iowa, outside of Iowa, we'd love to work with them and 7 8 bring that CO2 onto the pipeline system. 9 So you're approaching ethanol plants in Q. 10 other states as well? 11 Α. Correct. 12 On page 3, line 3 of your testimony, you Q. 13 say, "Summit has long-term offtake agreements with 14 32 participating ethanol plants in its five-state 15 footprint." Give me an idea, without any specifics, what you mean by "long-term offtake agreements." 16 17 MR. DUBLINSKE: Objection. That term is 18 redacted in the contracts. 19 MR. TAYLOR: So are you telling him not to answer the question? 20 21 I'm telling him not to MR. DUBLINSKE: 22 answer the question. 23 MR. TAYLOR: Well, he's used the term 24 "long-term offtake agreements" in his testimony. 25 I'm just getting -- I'm trying to get a general idea

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1	of what "long-term" means.
2	MR. DUBLINSKE: And what I'm saying is the
3	length term is redacted, and if it's redacted in the
4	agreement, we're not going to talk about it in
5	deposition.
6	Q. (By Mr. Taylor) Again on page 3 of your
7	testimony, at line 19, you say that "The project
8	would put them," meaning ethanol plants, "on the
9	path towards producing a net 0 carbon fuel."
10	How can ethanol be a net 0 carbon fuel if
11	it's blended with gasoline?
12	A. Can I see that?
13	Q. Sure. Line 19.
14	A. So this says, "utilizing the project to
15	capture and permanently store their CO2
16	emissions" that's the ethanol plant's emissions
17	" enables participating ethanol plants to reduce
18	their carbon footprint by as much as 50 percent,
19	putting them on a path towards producing a net 0
20	carbon fuel."
21	Q. My question is, how can ethanol ever be a
22	net 0 carbon fuel when it's mixed with gasoline?
23	A. The ethanol is net 0 carbon.
24	Q. So you're talking about just the ethanol?
25	A. Yeah. That's what this says.
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Page 20 1 Q. But you agree that it's always mixed with 2 gasoline? 3 Α. No. Isn't ethanol as a fuel always mixed with 4 Q. 5 gasoline? 6 Α. No. You're saying that a car can run on just 7 0. 8 plain pure ethanol? 9 I'm saying ethanol as a fuel is not Α. No. 10 always mixed with gasoline. What other use as a fuel does it have? 11 Q. 12 I mean, I'm not an expert in that area, Α. 13 but I can tell you that there's a lot of ethanol out 14 there that's not mixed with gasoline as a fuel. It 15 can go other directions so ... I'm trying to get an idea what that might 16 0. 17 be. There's technologies out there right now 18 Α. 19 that convert alcohol directly into sustainable 20 aviation fuel. 21 Is that what you're referring to in your 0. 22 testimony? 23 This says, "ethanol plants to reduce Α. No. 24 their carbon footprint by as much as 50 percent, 25 putting them on path towards producing a net 0

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1	carbon fuel." The fuel is ethanol. Net 0 carbon
2	fuel product coming from the plant. What happens
3	downstream is not contemplated.
4	Q. On the same page, on line 20, you talk
5	about the low-carbon fuel market. Do you know if
6	the ethanol plants in Iowa are selling ethanol to
7	low-carbon fuel markets now?
8	A. Some of them do.
9	Q. So if they qualify now for the low-carbon
10	fuel markets, they're selling, or could sell, their
11	ethanol to low-carbon fuel markets now, correct?
12	A. Some of them can.
13	Q. So those plants that are selling to
14	low-carbon fuel markets now, they wouldn't be
15	selling any more ethanol to those markets, would
16	they, if your pipeline comes into existence?
17	A. We believe that the amount of ethanol that
18	plants connected to our pipeline will be eligible
19	and find its way into low-carbon fuel markets
20	will you know, the ones that are currently
21	shipping, they will remain competitive, and the ones
22	that are not able to access that right now will be
23	able to, because in line 21, I go on to say so
24	that's in regards to low-carbon fuel markets, which
25	have increasingly stringent carbon reduction goals,

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1	because those goals continue to increase over time,
2	which means that the qualifying carbon intensity
3	score continues to rachet down. So you have to
4	continue to make improvements on your carbon
5	intensity score to remain competitive in those
6	markets.
7	Q. And if ethanol plants are able to reduce
8	that carbon intensity score without the pipeline,
9	they would still qualify for the low-carbon fuel
10	markets, would they not, without the pipeline?
11	A. That is possible. But those projects
12	are you know, every everything that could have
13	been done has been done or, you know, we've taken
14	this industry from you know, we've cut the carbon
15	intensity score in half already over the last 20
16	years through, you know, technology and process
17	improvements that have, you know, been put in place,
18	and now we're sitting at this level where the big
19	opportunity is to capture the CO2 that's coming off
20	of fermentation, because it's such a large quantity
21	and it's a high purity and we can capture that, put
22	it back underground permanently, and that's the big
23	opportunity to reduce the carbon intensity there.
24	Q. On page 4, line 4, of your testimony, you
25	say that "Without the pipeline, the ethanol industry

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1	in Iowa will leave Iowa for other states." Is that
2	what you say there?
3	A. So it says on line 5 "putting Iowa's
4	ethanol plants at a significant long-term
5	disadvantage to ethanol plants in states like North
6	and South North Dakota and Illinois, which
7	contain proven subsurface geologic storage
8	formations."
9	So if we're not able these plants are
10	not able to access carbon capture in permanent
11	geologic storage, they will not be competitive
12	compared to those plants in other states that are
13	able to permanently store their CO2.
14	Q. But aren't you saying there that without
15	the Summit pipeline the ethanol industry in Iowa
16	will leave Iowa for other states?
17	MR. DUBLINSKE: Objection, asked and
18	answered. Object to the form of the question.
19	Object misstates the testimony. You can answer if
20	you know.
21	A. I mean, I don't say it like that, but what
22	I'm saying is that these plants will be less
23	competitive compared to ones that are able to access
24	carbon capture and storage.
25	Q. (By Mr. Taylor) What proof do you have of

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1	that?
2	A. So that's how we lay out the business
3	model and discussed it elsewhere in the testimony,
4	the benefits to the plants.
5	Q. Is that the only proof you have?
6	A. That the you know, I can tell you that
7	I've been in this industry a long time, and, you
8	know, there's it's very competitive, and, you
9	know, a few cents a gallon positive or negative
10	margins is generally the difference between a plant
11	that's making it or not.
12	And the benefits to the ethanol plants
13	from carbon capture and storage are significant, to
14	the point where if a plant is capturing CO2 and
15	their competitor is not, there is a there is a
16	big enough economic difference there that will cause
17	a dramatic shift over time in, you know, which ones
18	of those companies is going to be viable.
19	Q. Let me ask you this: If the Iowa
20	Utilities Board would not issue a permit to Summit,
21	would Summit go ahead and build the pipeline in the
22	surrounding states?
23	A. I don't know. That's not my area. My
24	area is to bring CO2 onto the system.
25	Q. Who do you think would know?

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1	A. I mean, Jimmy Powell is our COO. He's in
2	charge of building the pipeline.
3	Q. On page 5, line 7 of your testimony, you
4	say that "Submit will continue to offer services to
5	other ethanol plants, nitrogen production, and other
6	industrial sites." What other industrial sites do
7	you have in mind?
8	A. Well, there could be it could be a
9	range, you know, agricultural processing facilities,
10	renewable diesel plants, clean hydrogen, direct air
11	capture.
12	Q. Are there any hydrogen or direct air
13	capture plants that you know anywhere around, around
14	Iowa or in Iowa?
15	A. In Iowa, no.
16	Q. In surrounding states?
17	A. There's no direct-air capture facilities
18	currently in our footprint.
19	Q. How about the hydrogen?
20	A. There's of these other sites there are
21	hydrogen hubs specifically, there are not today, but
22	there are, you know, things being discussed in some
23	of the states.
24	Q. Would those be along the current Summit
25	pipeline route?

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1	A. I don't think any of those facilities have
2	been like sites have necessarily been chosen. I
3	would hope so.
4	Q. Would those other industries, other than
5	the ethanol industry, capture carbon that like
6	the carbon from the fermentation process from
7	ethanol plants, be essentially pure carbon dioxide
8	or would they have other elements in them?
9	A. So I'm not you know, I'm not in charge
10	of specifications. The contracts, the suppliers are
11	required to, you know, supply a specification, and,
12	you know, those have limits, just like any pipeline
13	has on things that it carries. So if they were
14	going to supply, then they would have to meet our
15	specifications.
16	Q. But that's all hypothetical at this point;
17	is that correct?
18	A. The specifications are not hypothetical.
19	Q. But the existence of those industries
20	and
21	A. Direct-air capture and hydrogen you
22	know, green hydrogen hubs, those do not exist
23	currently in the footprint.
24	Q. On page 8, line 7 of your testimony, I
25	think you indicate that Summit would get income from

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1	the low-carbon fuel market, but isn't it the ethanol
2	plant that sells to the low-carbon fuel market that
3	would get the income from that?
4	MR. DUBLINSKE: Objection to the extent
5	that the specific terms of that are redacted in the
6	agreement, but generally speaking as to revenue
7	streams, you can answer if you know.
8	A. Generally speaking, the CO2 offtake
9	agreements are revenue-share agreements, and so
10	we you know, as stated in here, we share that
11	revenue stream.
12	Q. (By Mr. Taylor) For the low-carbon fuel
13	market?
14	A. The value created from carbon capture and
15	storage. And so to the extent that the carbon
16	intensity score is reduced and the low-carbon fuel
17	standard premium is captured and additional value is
18	created there, that additional value from an LCFS
19	market is shared between the ethanol plant and
20	Summit Carbon Solutions. Markets like California,
21	Oregon, Washington, parts of Canada.
22	Q. On page 8, line 17 of your testimony, you
23	talk about a NextGen CDR proposal. What is that?
24	A. CDR is carbon dioxide removal. That
25	refers to a credit generated or an environment
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1	attribute generated by removing 1 metric ton of
2	carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.
3	NextGen CDR is a group made up of
4	multi-national companies, including Swiss Re, UBS,
5	LGT, Mitsui O.S.K., and Boston Consulting Group.
6	And they purchased CDRs generated in 2025 and beyond
7	from Carbon from Summit Carbon Solutions.
8	Q. So how does Summit fit into that?
9	A. It's similar to LCFS in that the
10	environmental attribute from carbon capture and
11	storage related to ethanol is monetized via either a
12	compliance market like LCFS, where the ethanol has
13	additional value by selling it into that market with
14	a lower CI score, or monetizing that removal of
15	carbon dioxide from the atmosphere for companies,
16	organizations that have, you know, aggressive
17	climate-related and ESB goals where they are
18	compelled to incentivize environmental projects like
19	this that remove CO2 from the atmosphere.
20	So that's what this is. Those companies,
21	through NextGen CDR, bought carbon dioxide removal
22	credits from us. Similar to LCFS, those revenues
23	are shared between Summit Carbon Solutions and the
24	ethanol plant.
25	Q. So these companies would buy credits from

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1	Summit; is that right?
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2	A. Yeah. From the project.
3	Q. Back on May 30th of this year, a
4	declaration that you signed was filed with the Iowa
5	Utilities Board, and I wanted to ask you some
6	questions about that.
7	A. Okay.
8	Q. Do you recall reading that and signing
9	that?
10	A. Yes.
11	Q. Toward the bottom of the first page, you
12	say that Summit advertises its services to the
13	public. How do you do this, and who do you consider
14	to be the public?
15	A. "Summit has advertised and continues to
16	actively advertise its CO2 transportation services
17	for hire to the public on Summit's website. Summit
18	is also engaged and continues to actively engage in
19	direct outreach to potential customers to offer
20	Summit's interstate CO2 transportation services."
21	So one thing this is pointing to is our
22	website, but primarily active, direct engagement,
23	that's me, you know, soliciting business from in
24	the form of, you know, offtake services,
25	transportation and storage services, to emitters in

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1	the within our footprint.
2	Q. And as you advertise to prospective
3	customers and approach them by direct outreach, the
4	purpose is then to have them sign an offtake
5	agreement, correct?
6	A. Yeah. For an ethanol plant, it would be
7	an offtake agreement. That's our that's the
8	model for the ethanol plants. And for other CO2
9	emitters, it would be, you know, a range of, you
10	know, transportation and service agreements.
11	Transportation and storage service agreements.
12	Q. What does that mean?
13	A. We transport the CO2 on the pipeline.
14	Q. As opposed to what?
15	A. Doing the full service with ethanol plants
16	where we build everything on their site and then
17	have the revenue-share model where we provide, you
18	know, services to capture and ship and store the CO2
19	and then share revenues back with them.
20	Q. But even with the other arrangement you've
21	just described, it would still be some sort of
22	agreement call it an offtake agreement or not,
23	there's an agreement that the company would sell you
24	the CO2 and you put it on your pipeline and then you
25	transport the CO2, correct?

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1	A. Not
2	MR. DUBLINSKE: Objection, form.
3	Objection, legal conclusion. You can answer if you
4	know.
5	A. Not necessarily sell. If they wanted to
6	pay us for you know, for services to transport
7	CO2 and permanently store CO2, those are the
8	services that we offer.
9	Q. (By Mr. Taylor) Also in your declaration,
10	you talk about having an open season. What do you
11	mean by that?
12	A. A period of time that's set to engage with
13	interested shippers for commitments on the pipeline.
14	Q. Explain to me exactly how that open season
15	would work.
16	A. I don't know, you know, exactly all of
17	the, you know, regulatory implications and rules
18	around it, but in general, we publish the fact that,
19	you know, there is volume out there available,
20	there's transportation capacity, and it's available
21	for contracting to any shipper of CO2.
22	Q. But if you're already advertising on your
23	website and if you're out there yourself soliciting
24	business, what's the purpose of the open season?
25	A. I'm told by, you know, our legal team and
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our regulatory team that it's a requirement to do.
You know, I say that we've been holding an open
season for 2 $1/2$ years because that's what I do, but
if it's a required exercise, then we'll, you know,
go ahead and go through that process as well.
Q. When do you plan to have this open season?
A. I'm not really sure.
Q. As far as you're concerned, it would be
just basically what you're already doing; is that
correct?
A. My understanding is that there's, you
know, official announcements and things that go
along with that for that are required and
considered best practice, you know, to do to go
through that process, and so, you know, that
might it might look a little bit different or
have some announcements around it, but in general, I
look at it and say I've been openly soliciting
business to every CO2 emitter within the outside
the five-state area is aware of our project already.
We get a whole lot of calls from people in
Missouri and Tennessee and Wisconsin that are
outside the footprint that want to ship that
unfortunately our line isn't going there, but and
it might look a little different. I'm not really

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1	sure.
2	Q. You also say in your declaration that
3	Summit will reserve a portion of the pipeline
4	capacity. What do you mean by that?
5	A. So you're looking down there at the
6	bottom, and it says, "And as a common carrier,
7	Summit is reserving a portion of its capacity for
8	future shippers that may desire to receive
9	interstate CO2 transportation services after the
10	pipeline has begun operations."
11	So there's you know, there's going to
12	be the idea there is that there should be
13	additional capacity in the system if there's more
14	volume over time.
15	Q. But those future shippers that you reserve
16	capacity for would still sign a long-term contract,
17	just like the other shippers, correct?
18	MR. DUBLINSKE: Objection, calls for
19	speculation. You can answer if you know.
20	A. Yeah. I would assume that's the case, but
21	I would also you know, I'd already say that it
22	says "future shippers." It could also say "future
23	volume." So the current shippers could increase
24	production of CO2 over time.
25	Q. (By Mr. Taylor) May I see your

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Page 34 1 declaration? I just had the one copy. I have one 2 of the contracts of the 13 that were supplied to us. 3 Α. Okay. 4 0. The one I chose was the first one that 5 came up on the list, Corn, LP. Are you familiar 6 with that one? 7 Α. Yes. 8 For the record, I didn't copy all of it. Q. 9 I just copied the first 20 pages because I'm going 10 to ask you some questions just about some things in 11 the first 20 pages. 12 Α. Okay. 13 MR. TAYLOR: So let's mark this as an 14 exhibit. 15 (Exhibit 6 marked.) Look on page 9, if you would, of 16 0. 17 Exhibit 6. 18 Α. Okay. 19 Q. And item number 2.02 talks about the 20 offtake agreement shall automatically renew for a 21 Is that your understanding of that subsequent term. 22 term, or that provision? 23 You know, it says, "Following the initial Α. 24 term, this agreement shall automatically renew for" 25 a redacted, you know, portion --

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1 Q. Sure. 2 "-- renewal terms, unless either party Α. 3 elects not to renew upon giving the other party at 4 least" some sort of "written notice" -- it's redacted there --5 6 Q. Right. "-- prior to the expiration." 7 Α. 8 The agreement would continue year after Q. 9 year unless notice is given that it's going to be 10 terminated, correct? 11 Α. Correct. 12 And then on that same page, Section 3.02, Q. 13 it says that "Offtaker --" that's Summit "-- agrees 14 to take and accept title, ownership, and delivery of the contract volume," which means the CO2. 15 Am I interpreting that correctly? 16 17 MR. DUBLINSKE: Calls for a legal 18 conclusion. You can answer if you know. 19 Α. Yeah. I'm not a lawyer, but that sounds 20 correct. The contract volume is a defined term. 21 (By Mr. Taylor) But it's your 0. understanding that Summit would take title to the 22 23 CO2? 24 Same objection. MR. DUBLINSKE: You can 25 answer if you know.

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1	A. Yeah. Again, we take we would it
2	says we'd "accept title, ownership, and delivery of
3	the contract volume, or a lesser volume, to be
4	determined by offtaker in its sole discretion, from
5	the supplier at the title transfer point."
6	Q. (By Mr. Taylor) Then go to page 12,
7	Section 5.01. Are you familiar with that provision?
8	A. I'm familiar with it, to the extent that
9	this is where, you know, my kind of realm of
10	expertise then is handed off to our operations
11	group, right at this defining point.
12	Q. But is it your understanding, at least
13	from your perspective, that Summit would own,
14	operate, and maintain all of the equipment involved
15	in capturing and putting the CO2 in the pipeline?
16	MR. DUBLINSKE: Calls for a legal
17	conclusion. You can answer if you know.
18	A. I'm not a lawyer, but yes, that's
19	generally my understanding.
20	Q. (By Mr. Taylor) And then go to the next
21	well, actually, it starts at the bottom of page 12,
22	Section 5.04. Am I correct that Summit is leasing
23	the entire land where the ethanol plant and all of
24	the carbon capture equipment would be located?
25	A. No.
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Q. No? Α. No. So what is Summit actually leasing, if you Q. know? That's in -- that is defined in 5.01 (a), Α. (b), and (c). Well, 5.04 --0. Α. Sorry. 5.04. -- says, "that the CO2 facility and Q. necessary transportation infrastructure shall be located on land owned by" the ethanol plant "in Goldfield, Iowa, or on other suitable land owned or controlled" by the ethanol plant. And that's defined as the site. Do you agree with that? Α. Yes. And then it says supplier -- that's Q. Summit -- agrees to lease the site. MR. DUBLINSKE: Objection to form. Q. (By Mr. Taylor) I'm sorry. If you'd use names, I'd understand it. The ethanol plant agrees to lease to Summit the site, which is the area where the ethanol plant is, correct? It's the area where the capture facility Α. We're not leasing the ethanol plant. We're is.

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1	just leasing the area where the site's going to be.
2	That's my understanding. We're not leasing the
3	whole land where the ethanol plant is. That's what
4	I understood you said a couple times.
5	Q. I gotcha. Okay.
6	MR. DUBLINSKE: Sometimes my objections
7	are to try to help my opposing counsel out.
8	MR. TAYLOR: I think that's all the
9	questions I have for now.
10	MR. DUBLINSKE: Can we take and I guess
11	it's probably long enough we can take 10 and let
12	people run to the restroom too before we go to Tim.
13	MR. WHIPPLE: That's fine.
14	(Recess taken from 10:39 to 10:50 a.m.)
15	EXAMINATION
16	BY MR. WHIPPLE:
17	Q. My name's Tim Whipple, and I represent
18	seven counties. For the record, I will read them
19	off, but I'll just refer to myself as the counties.
20	Shelby, Kossuth, Emmett, Floyd, Dickinson, Woodbury,
21	and Wright have all intervened, and I represent
22	them.
23	I think next I'd like to make the same
24	objection Wally did, Bret. I mean, you guys have
25	made ridiculous redactions that we're going to have
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1	further disputes over. And you're objecting to
2	things that he's covered in his written testimony,
3	and we object to that.
4	MR. DUBLINSKE: And we can have those
5	further disputes.
6	Q. (By Mr. Whipple) For today, then, I'd like
7	to start with what is in the agreements that hasn't
8	been redacted and what he does cover in his
9	testimony. Well, let's start with this. So you
10	talked a little bit with Wally about sorry,
11	Mr. Taylor.
12	MR. DUBLINSKE: We've all spent too much
13	time together.
14	Q. (By Mr. Whipple) We've got a lot of hours
15	in this conference room. You've been with Summit
16	for a couple years, you're part of the management
17	team, so you're familiar, generally, with the
18	business and its structure, right?
19	A. Generally.
20	Q. I'm going to hand you a copy of something
21	that Summit has produced I think to OCA, according
22	to the Bates stamp at the bottom. Do you recognize
23	that?
24	MR. DUBLINSKE: Will this be marked?
25	MR. WHIPPLE: I'm going to have her mark

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1 it now. 2 (Exhibit 7 marked.) 3 (By Mr. Whipple) It's just an org chart. Q. 4 I'd like your help just understanding how to 5 interpret it, I guess. 6 I hadn't seen this before. Α. Okay. But I 7 could --8 Well, then tell me what you do know, I Q. 9 So starting at the top, SCSMM, LLC, do you guess. 10 know what that entity is? 11 Α. No. 12 Do you know what Summit Carbon Holdings, Q. 13 LLC is? 14 No, not exactly, I don't. Α. 15 Q. Do you know what SCS Management Company I assume that's what that means. 16 LLC is? 17 MR. DUBLINSKE: Objection, foundation. 18 You can answer if you know. 19 Α. Not exactly. That has something to do 20 with -- I don't want to speculate. I'm not exactly 21 sure. 22 Q. (By Mr. Whipple) Summit Carbon Solutions, 23 LLC, do you know what that is? I don't know for sure. My understanding 24 Α. 25 is that's the -- I think that's the company that we

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1	all work for.
2	Q. I think that's the company you all work
3	for. I think that's the company you have the
4	offtake agreements, right?
5	A. I believe so.
6	Q. So that's the company you're on the
7	management team of, right?
8	A. Yes. I believe so.
9	Q. So what is Submit Carbon Project Holdco.?
10	A. I don't know exactly what the definition
11	of that is, but it has something to do with, you
12	know, the structure that has been set up with, you
13	know, capture and transport and storage.
14	Q. So do you know generally what role it
15	plays in the business? Are you also an officer or
16	employee in any way connected with that entity, that
17	you're aware of?
18	MR. DUBLINSKE: Objection, form. You can
19	answer.
20	A. Not that I'm aware of. I believe I am of
21	those three bottom companies, or at least the
22	removal and transport. I think.
23	Q. (By Mr. Whipple) Okay. So let's go to the
24	bottom ones that you know a little bit more about,
25	it seems.

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Page 42 1 Α. But everything I do, that I'm aware of, is 2 here [indicating]. That's my understanding. 3 Q. Okay. 4 Α. That's what these agreements say. But tell me what you do know about 5 Yeah. 0. 6 the three at the bottom, starting from the left. 7 SCS Carbon Removal, LLC. 8 Α. That's my understanding, is that's the 9 company that will, you know, have everything related 10 to the capturing compression equipment related to the ethanol plants primarily. 11 12 Q. Does it enter into agreements with the 13 ethanol plants? Does that entity? 14 To this point, from what I've seen, Α. 15 everything we've done has been under Summit Carbon Solutions, LLC. 16 17 So there's no separate agreements that we 0. 18 don't have pertaining to the capture equipment? 19 Just the offtake agreements? Like any -- like I said, anything that's, 20 Α. 21 like, operational, I don't know what contracts or 22 what entity name those are under. 23 So when you're out working with the Q. 24 ethanol plants --25 We're Summit Carbon Solutions. Α.

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Page 43 1 Q. You're always Summit Carbon Solutions and 2 you're not -- in your role, you're not saying, "Hey, 3 today I'm going to do an agreement that relates to 4 Carbon Transport, LLC"? You're --The way I think of it is like -- the way I 5 Α. 6 think of it, we're all this here [indicating]. Ι don't exactly know what Holdco. does, but we're all 7 8 of this here [indicating]. 9 Do you know what SCS Carbon transport Q. 10 does? My understanding is that -- I've seen 11 Α. 12 that, like, in South Dakota specifically, but 13 that's -- you know, when I hear the word 14 "transport," I think pipeline. 15 0. Is that also an Iowa registered business? Do you know? 16 17 I don't know. Α. 18 0. Do you know what SCS Permanent Carbon 19 Storage does? 20 My understanding is that we've got Α. 21 capturing compression pipeline. Permanent storage 22 would be sequestration-related activities. 23 So you just did a visual thing so --Q. 24 Α. Oh, yeah. Sorry. 25 -- I'm going to try to restate what you Q.

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Page 44 1 did for the court reporter, at the risk of Bret 2 coming across the table at me. 3 Α. Okay. 4 0. So you pointed a moment ago to Carbon Removal and said that is the capture equipment? 5 That's how I think about it. 6 Yeah. Α. That's how you think of it. And then you 7 0. 8 pointed to Carbon Transport and you said you think 9 of that as the pipeline part? 10 That's transportation. Α. Yeah. 11 Q. And Permanent Carbon Storage, that's the 12 part that goes underground in North Dakota? 13 Yeah. Α. Yes. 14 MR. DUBLINSKE: I wasn't going to come 15 across the table. I was just waiting to be amused by your effort to describe his gestures. 16 17 (By Mr. Whipple) Well, thank you for 0. 18 walking me through the org chart. There's a lot of 19 acronyms on there, and it's just helpful to 20 understand what role they all play. 21 I want to move now to some parts of your 22 testimony. You talk on page 8 -- do you happen to 23 have a copy still of your --I don't. 24 Α. 25 Mr. Taylor, do you still have --Q.

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1	A. Thank you.
2	Q. Thank you. Mine's got notes all over it.
3	Sorry. I'd like to keep those.
4	On page 8, starting at line 3 and going
5	down through line 18, you're talking about the two
6	primary revenue streams for the project, and you say
7	there are environmental attributes and federal
8	stimulus. Describe for me what you mean by
9	environmental attributes.
10	A. So that is it's it represents the
11	reduction and removal of 1 metric ton of CO2 after
12	accounting for project emissions.
13	Q. The net removed? The net amount removed?
14	A. Correct.
15	Q. On a per-metric-ton basis?
16	A. That's how it's generally considered,
17	yeah.
18	Q. That's how it's measured?
19	A. Mm-hmm.
20	Q. Is that how it's
21	A. Yes.
22	Q defined?
23	A. I mean, that's loosely how we defined that
24	here and what we're I mean, that's not a defined
25	term. You could probably Google it and look it up.
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But what we think of, as far as environmental
attributes go, are we went on to talk about it in
here compliance markets, so that would be
low-carbon fuel standard markets, where you're
monetizing a higher value of the product, in this
case ethanol, by improving its carbon intensity or
environmental attributes. Compliance markets. Or
monetizing that ton of carbon removal in a voluntary
market by selling a carbon dioxide removal credit.
So that's the environmental attribute piece.
Q. Okay. Good. And I want to kind of follow
both of those paths here momentarily. But just to
go back to what you said a moment ago about the 1
metric ton, were you referring to that in terms of
the compliance market or the voluntary market or
both?
A. Generally, it's both. You know, like
California, Canada, Oregon, they publish there's
the low-carbon fuel standard credits in those
markets, or however they're referred to specifically
in those markets, trade on a 1 on a 1 metric ton
net basis. That's how that's thought of. And then
also in the voluntary markets, a CDR is generally
considered to be 1 metric ton of net removals from
the atmosphere.

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Page 47 1 Q. So in these markets, that's the unit that 2 traders use? Is that --3 Or, yeah, whoever's buying and selling. Α. 4 Q. When you were talking with Mr. Taylor a few minutes ago, do you remember talking about the 5 6 revenue sharing model? 7 Α. Yeah. We talked about that at a high 8 level. 9 So at a high level in these markets, are Q. 10 you sharing the environmental -- the revenues from the sale of the environmental credits or the 11 12 attributes? 13 MR. DUBLINSKE: Objection to the extent 14 that the details are in the redacted portions, but 15 if you can answer at a general level. At a high level, that revenue is 16 Α. Yeah. shared between Summit Carbon Solutions and the 17 18 partner ethanol plant. 19 Q. (By Mr. Whipple) Through the offtake 20 agreement? 21 Α. Yes. 22 Q. Okay. I'm not trying to trip you up. Ι 23 mean, I'm -- so we were also provided a copy of a 24 carbon transportation services agreement. 25 Α. Correct.

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1 Q. Are you familiar with that? 2 Α. Yeah. Generally? 3 Q. 4 Α. Yes. And it's labeled "Draft." It's labeled 5 ο. "HuntonAK Draft 6.21.23." Are you familiar with 6 7 this document? 8 Α. Yes. Yeah. 9 So -- can I have that back, actually? Q. 10 It's my own copy. I'm just going to ask you general 11 questions. 12 Α. Yeah, sure. 13 I'm not going to ask you to parse the Q. 14 language of it. 15 MR. DUBLINSKE: Just to clarify, we're not 16 going to mark or introduce this one? 17 MR. WHIPPLE: I'm not sure yet. 18 MR. DUBLINSKE: Okay. 19 MR. WHIPPLE: I don't know anything about 20 it, Bret. 21 (By Mr. Whipple) I presume from the Q. 22 "Draft" stamp that unlike the other 12 or 13 offtake 23 agreements, which have corporate names attached to 24 them and appear to be executed, that this hasn't 25 been executed yet?

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1	A. That's correct.
2	Q. And as part of your role, are you out
3	offering this agreement or
4	A. Yes.
5	Q services under this agreement?
6	A. Yes.
7	Q. Actively? Currently?
8	A. Yes.
9	Q. So this agreement talks about an open
10	season to solicit binding commitments from
11	interested shippers. Do you agree that that's the
12	general content of this agreement?
13	A. An open season?
14	Q. Well, that the subject matter it covers is
15	approaching entities with CO2 who are interested in
16	shipping but aren't interested in the long-term
17	agreements? Is that right?
18	A. I would describe that as a fee-for-service
19	agreement to transport CO2.
20	Q. Okay. Yeah. Maybe I should stop putting
21	words in your mouth and let you describe it.
22	A. That's how I would describe that. Whereas
23	I would describe these others as a you know, a
24	revenue-share model, that's a fee-for-service
25	agreement.
25	agreement.

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1	Q. Okay. Good. I like that. And the other
2	agreements, would you agree they have an obligation
3	under the agreement to provide whatever the
4	contracted volume is?
5	MR. DUBLINSKE: Objection, calls for a
6	legal conclusion. You can answer if you know.
7	A. The we can look at that and read
8	exactly what that says, but I don't want to agree to
9	that exactly because some of those concepts are
10	spelled out very specifically on what the obligation
11	is.
12	The way we classify it is, generally, say
13	the ethanol plants produce CO2. They aren't
14	required to run, but they are required to give us
15	everything that they produce.
16	Q. (By Mr. Whipple) Right.
17	A. Or make it available.
18	Q. I just want to talk about this at your
19	understanding level
20	A. Yeah. That's how I would describe it.
21	Q at a business level, right?
22	A. Mm-hmm.
23	Q. So your understanding correct me if I'm
24	wrong, but your understanding is they have a
25	requirement to provide the CO2 on the offtake
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1 agreements, correct? 2 Yes. Α. 3 Q. Okay. 4 Α. Not an obligation to produce, but everything that's produced, they are required to 5 6 provide. 7 Well, the portions that are redacted 0. 8 clearly provide for some kind of contracted volume, 9 right? 10 Α. I'd have to look. 11 MR. DUBLINSKE: Objection. They're 12 redacted so --13 (By Mr. Whipple) We don't know the Q. 14 amounts. 15 Α. Yeah. The amounts have been redacted. 16 0. But we 17 can see from what's not redacted that there's a contracted volume --18 19 Α. Mm-hmm. 20 -- covered in the offtake agreements, Q. 21 correct? 22 Α. Right. 23 And the carbon transportation services Q. 24 agreement, which we'll call the fee-for-service 25 agreement --

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1	A. Yeah, or transportation services
2	agreement. That's how we describe it.
3	Q. What is the term of the fee-for-service
4	arrangement, the length? Of the fee-for-service
5	agreement?
6	A. I'd have to look and see what it has
7	listed in there.
8	Q. Well, it's a draft, so it's not binding to
9	anyone, but as you're currently out there marketing
10	the fee-for-service, what are you promoting about
11	this, about you're willing your fee for services?
12	It is still a contract, so I'm presuming there's
13	some term, right?
14	A. Those depend on it could depend on, you
15	know, different factors related to the industry that
16	those companies are in, and we don't have any of
17	them signed yet, but the difference there's still
18	capital involved that's being spent.
19	In those situations, the supplier of the
20	CO2 is the one spending the capital up front, and so
21	their outlook on the revenue streams, you know,
22	could affect, you know, how that what kind of
23	terms they want as far as the length of the
24	contract. When you say "term," you're talking about
25	length of the contract?

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Page 53 1 Q. I'm talking about length of the contract. 2 Α. Mm-hmm. 3 Are you willing in those negotiations to Q. 4 offer different lengths on the fee-for-service 5 arrangement? I think there's probably --6 Maybe. Α. there's probably minimums, but they could take 7 8 different forms. You know, we're open to discussing 9 them, but like I said, we don't have any of those 10 signed or executed yet. So we'll have to talk about it 11 Q. 12 hypothetically. Is that okay? 13 Yeah. Α. 14 Pretend -- and this is laughable -- but ο. 15 I'm an owner of CO2 because I've got -- I'm like an ethanol producer, okay? Or some other factory that 16 17 has emissions. But I didn't want to enter into a 18 long-term -- or I don't want to enter into a 19 long-term agreement with you. Mm-hmm. 20 Α. So I want to talk about fee-for-service. 21 0. 22 Α. Yeah. 23 So this is a fee-for-service, and if I Q. 24 only wanted a shorter-term agreement, this is what 25 we would negotiate, right?

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1	MR. DUBLINSKE: And I'm going to object
2	I want to be careful about letting Mr. Whipple sort
3	of get a back door around the term is redacted
4	the length of the term is redacted in both
5	contracts, so talk generally about how you might
6	negotiate that, but that is a redacted portion of
7	both contracts.
8	MR. WHIPPLE: It's a draft agreement, and
9	he's already answered that he would offer different
10	terms, or at least consider it.
11	A. Because there's two different things. In
12	that draft agreement, I believe that one refers to
13	some there's reference to a level of commitment
14	or uncommitment. Commitment would you know,
15	would involve commitments by both parties. That is
16	my, you know, nonlegal understanding of it.
17	An uncommitted shipper, like discussed
18	with Mr. Taylor earlier, there's a certain amount of
19	volume that's, you know, generally available for
20	future shippers, and, you know, as applied in that
21	agreement we looked through and had seen, you know,
22	if there is if the shipper is not willing to make
23	a long-term commitment, there's not a commitment on
24	behalf of the transportation company either.
25	And so that can you know, that can

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1	affect several of those terms. And there's
2	different terms out there. I don't know if they're
3	legal or not. But they say uncommitted shipper or
4	walk-up or something like that. Hey, you can if
5	there's room on the pipeline, they want to ship,
6	there's an agreement out there on which they can
7	and terms on which they can ship. That's how I
8	think about that one.
9	Q. Okay. So and I think you said with
10	regard to Mr. Taylor's questions that you're
11	reserving 10 percent; is that right?
12	A. That's yeah, that's generally the
13	number we use.
14	Q. So if my company is not willing to enter
15	into the long-term agreement and is interested in
16	the short-term, when I sit down to negotiate with
17	you to talk about that, help me understand, how
18	would I get my CO2 onto the pipeline?
19	A. Well, you agree to provide the pipeline
20	specifications and we agree to get the pipeline
21	there that's a big part of it and look at the
22	terms and put that agreement in place. And if you
23	can provide that specification and we can get the
24	pipeline there or attempt to do that, then we would,
25	you know, proceed to work through that agreement.

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1	Q. So would I be able to load it onto a truck
2	and deliver it to another point in the pipeline?
3	MR. DUBLINSKE: Calls for speculation.
4	You can answer if you know.
5	A. At this point, I'm not aware of any truck
6	receiving in our plants currently.
7	Q. (By Mr. Whipple) Mostly I'm asking from a
8	business standpoint. If I ask for that ability, in
9	your role, would you accept such an offer like that
10	or would you likely take a pass?
11	A. My role is to you know, to bring volume
12	onto the pipeline. Currently I would not in good
13	faith agree to contract terms that we can't meet,
14	and right now we're not, to my knowledge, designing
15	truck receiving onto the line.
16	So to the extent that we look at something
17	like that in the future, we would definitely be open
18	to it, but right now, we don't have truck receiving
19	capability designed yet.
20	Q. Is there any other way that would be
21	feasible, other than another pipeline connection,
22	another lateral or another trunk line?
23	A. Well, at some point, it needs to meet
24	pipeline specifications and be at that right
25	pressure, so if you know, I don't care we're
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1	agnostic of what happens to it before it gets to the
2	pipeline, so if you wanted to build a truck
3	receiving facility along the pipeline and there's
4	CO2, you know, available there that's in spec, that
5	would be a way to do it.
6	Q. But I would have to build that?
7	A. At this point, we don't have plans to, but
8	if a customer approached us about doing something
9	like that, we would we'd entertain that.
10	Q. Would you want to make me front the
11	capital for that?
12	A. That's not really my, you know, decision
13	to make from a financing standpoint, so I'm not
14	going to say yes or no. What I would say is that if
15	you had an industrial facility that's not an ethanol
16	plant that wanted to ship and either the pipeline
17	was there or we thought we could get it there, that
18	would be your responsibility to have you know, be
19	able to supply CO2 at the specs, which would mean
20	that the capital would be on your side.
21	Q. The capital would be on my side?
22	A. (Moves head in affirmative manner).
23	Q. So you've talked a little bit about
24	committed and uncommitted shippers. Just give me
25	your understanding of those in a little bit more

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Page 58 1 detail. Start with committed shippers. 2 MR. DUBLINSKE: Calls for a legal 3 conclusion. You can answer. Is it defined? 4 Α. 5 ο. (By Mr. Whipple) I don't even want you to 6 look at the contract. I'm not asking you about the 7 contract. 8 Α. It's --9 But you have said you're familiar with the Q. 10 contract, correct? I'm familiar generally. 11 Α. I mean, if 12 there's a defined term, I'd like to look at that. 13 So you've testified that you're talking to Q. 14 ethanol plants and trying to recruit them, right? 15 Α. Mm-hmm. So you're going to talk about the deals 16 0. 17 and terms under which that will happen, right? 18 Α. Mm-hmm. Yes. 19 So just narrate for me your understanding Q. 20 of committed shipper. 21 I look at it -- a committed shipper as Α. 22 they are -- that that is a shipper that is 23 committing to volume on -- or capacity on the 24 pipeline. So they are committing to ship a certain 25 volume, and in respect of that, the pipeline is --

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1	you know, we're going to reserve space for that on
2	the pipeline.
3	Q. For committed shippers?
4	A. Correct. For that specific committed
5	shipper.
6	Q. Thank you. Let's do the same for
7	uncommitted shipper. So just narrate for me your
8	understanding of uncommitted shipper.
9	A. Uncommitted shipper, we use this
10	10 percent number of available capacity for which
11	shippers that are not have not committed to
12	always supplying, that they're not committed
13	shippers, they're in the uncommitted category, which
14	means that if we have an agreement in place where if
15	we have capacity and they have product, they can
16	ship.
17	Q. And assuming that a prospect is in the
18	uncommitted shipper category, would they have to
19	acquire somehow capture equipment or manufacture
20	A. In general, I would say yes. I don't care
21	how they do it, but they need to provide in-spec
22	CO2.
23	Q. Okay. So if they have to have capture
24	equipment to provide CO2 to you, would they own that
25	equipment?

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Page 60 1 Α. I would think so, yeah. 2 Would you accept it from them if they Q. 3 owned it, all the equipment? 4 MR. DUBLINSKE: Objection to form, calls 5 for speculation. You can answer if you know. 6 I would -- yeah, I believe so. Α. (By Mr. Whipple) But you said a minute ago 7 0. 8 that it would have to meet pipeline specifications, 9 and that's what I'm driving toward here. 10 Α. Mm-hmm. 11 Q. Do you trust them to meet pipeline 12 specifications? 13 It's not a trust issue. I think the Α. 14 specifications -- I'm not sure if they're redacted 15 in the back. I haven't looked. But they're in the back of that. So it's not a trust issue. 16 It's 17 either a yes or a no. They would -- you know, I believe the 18 19 concept is in there that if the specifications 20 aren't met, then we're not required to receive it 21 into the pipeline. 22 Q. Would you inspect their equipment? 23 I don't think we'd inspect their Α. 24 equipment, but I believe there's concepts in there 25 where the CO2, you know, is tested to meet

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Page 61 1 specifications. That's what we care about. I don't 2 care about what happens upstream. 3 Do the uncommitted shippers retain Q. 4 ownership of the carbon? I'm going to object to the 5 MR. DUBLINSKE: 6 extent that that calls for a legal conclusion. You can answer if you know. 7 8 Α. My understanding is both committed and 9 uncommitted shippers retain ownership of the CO2. 10 (By Mr. Whipple) The amended and restated Q. 11 offtake agreement has unredacted portions related to 12 title transfer. 13 Right. Α. 14 So let's review those. Title transfer ο. 15 point on page 8. I guess that bounces us over -- do you see at the bottom of page 8, Section 1.78, where 16 17 it says, "Transfer title point shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 8.01"? 18 19 Α. Yes. So I'd like to flip over to Section 8.01. 20 Q. 21 This is on page 17. Do you see Section 8.01? 22 Α. Yes. 23 So will you read for the record the Q. 24 definition -- or the provision related to the title 25 transfer point here?

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1	MR. DUBLINSKE: Slowly, please.
2	Q. (By Mr. Whipple) Slowly, please, yes.
3	A. 8.01, "Title transfer point. Supplier's
4	physical delivery of the contract volume hereunder
5	shall be at the intersection of the CO2 facility and
6	plant, the title " sorry, "(title transfer point).
7	Title to and ownership of the contract volume shall
8	pass to and vest in offtaker at the time the
9	contract volume passes through the title transfer
10	point."
11	Q. So what is your understanding of that, of
12	what we just read there, or what you just read?
13	MR. DUBLINSKE: Calls for a legal
14	conclusion. You can answer if you know.
15	A. I'm not a lawyer, but it says that, you
16	know, the title of the CO2 passes from supplier to
17	the offtaker at that point.
18	Q. (By Mr. Whipple) And in the real world,
19	where is that point? Where is that located?
20	A. Near the top of the CO2 scrubber. Like
21	the current emissions point. Wherever the current
22	emissions point of the CO2 is, that's where we
23	would you know, generally our facility would
24	begin.
25	Q. So is it at the ethanol plant?

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1	Q. Do the offtake agreements relate to the
2	shippers?
3	MR. DUBLINSKE: Legal conclusion. You can
4	answer if you know.
5	A. Yeah. I'm not a lawyer. The way I think
6	about it is that, you know, again, Summit Carbon
7	Solutions holistically is a company that offers
8	capture, transportation, and sequestration services,
9	and so with the overall, like, revenue-share model,
10	we build and sell capture equipment. We receive the
11	CO2 from the ethanol plant supplier and, you know,
12	capture, compress, ship, and store it on their
13	behalf.
14	Q. (By Mr. Whipple) So that's let me
15	approach it this way, I guess. The offtake
16	agreement refers to suppliers and offtakers, right?
17	A. Right.
18	Q. I don't see shippers there. Do you?
19	A. I don't think the offtake agreement
20	necessarily says that, but my opinion is that, you
21	know, the you know, Summit is shipping the
22	plants' CO2. They're supplying the CO2. We're
23	capturing it, compressing it, shipping it, and
24	storing it for them.
25	Q. But the fee-for-services agreement does

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1	talk about carrier and shipper, right?
2	A. Right.
3	Q. Why doesn't the offtake agreement use the
4	term "shipper"? Why aren't you
5	MR. DUBLINSKE: Objection, calls for a
6	legal conclusion. You can answer if you know.
7	A. Yeah. I'm not sure why it doesn't say
8	that specifically, but, again, I look at it and I
9	think that philosophically the idea was that the
10	plants wanted we put together something that
11	would provide this holistic service to the plant.
12	So, you know, like I said on upstream of
13	uncommitted or committed, you know, or a shipper in
14	that specific transportation agreement, we don't
15	care what happens upstream. They don't care what
16	happens downstream. We're providing those services
17	for the plants on their you know, on their
18	behalf, so, you know, we're shipping it in the
19	pipeline.
20	Q. (By Mr. Whipple) So just trying to make
21	sense of all your testimony.
22	A. Mm-hmm.
23	Q. I'm going to state to you what
24	understanding I've come away with.
25	A. Mm-hmm.
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Page 66 1 Q. Just tell me if, in your opinion, you 2 think that's wrong. 3 Α. Okay. 4 0. The shipper seems to own it under the fee-for-services, and it seems there's a title 5 6 transfer under the offtake. Do you agree? 7 MR. DUBLINSKE: Legal conclusion, but you 8 can answer if you know. 9 Α. Yeah, I agree. I mean --10 (By Mr. Whipple) So there's that 0. 11 difference at least between the two types of 12 business deals you're offering? 13 I mean, that goes back to when I Α. So yes. 14 say Summit Carbon Solutions overall and we have -you know, that includes capture and compression 15 services, transportation services, storage services. 16 17 So, you know, an ethanol plant gets all of those 18 under this agreement. 19 Q. Sorry. Which agreement? The offtake agreement. 20 Α. 21 Q. Okay. 22 Α. And, you know, an industrial emitter that 23 just wants the contract for transport and storage would just pay for transportation and storage 24 25 services.

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1	Q. Do you treat under the two agreements
2	just generally, not with regard to any specific
3	facility or plant, but do you treat generally the
4	environmental attributes the same way?
5	MR. DUBLINSKE: Let me object for just a
6	second because the comparative terms are going to be
7	redacted in both. Try that a different
8	MR. WHIPPLE: Environmental attributes is
9	not redacted in this agreement.
10	MR. TAYLOR: How they're treated with
11	respect to Summit vis-a-vis the counter-party is.
12	Q. (By Mr. Whipple) Let me approach it this
13	way. I'm asking from a business standpoint, do the
14	uncommitted shippers get the same deal as the
15	committed shippers in terms of revenue sharing?
16	MR. DUBLINSKE: I'm going to object to
17	form. You're mixing and matching language that are
18	not the same in the two contracts.
19	MR. WHIPPLE: I'm not talking about the
20	contracts.
21	MR. DUBLINSKE: Everything is about the
22	contracts. The whole relationship is driven by the
23	contracts.
24	MR. WHIPPLE: Then we might as well end
25	the deposition now, Bret.
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1	MR. DUBLINSKE: That's up to you. I'm
2	just telling you, it's a confusing question because
3	you're using defined terms of one contract and
4	asking him to compare the two contracts. The
5	concepts are different.
6	MR. WHIPPLE: The witness didn't say he
7	was confused. I guess he now is.
8	A. I'm not sure what the question
9	committed and uncommitted are, you know, terms that
10	are thought of in one contract, and the offtake
11	agreement is you know, is separate from that.
12	Q. (By Mr. Whipple) Some people are already
13	signed up, correct, some businesses, some partners?
14	Already signed up?
15	A. Mm-hmm.
16	Q. But I'm not yet. Will I receive the same
17	terms?
18	MR. DUBLINSKE: Objection, form. You can
19	answer.
20	A. Are you what type of
21	Q. (By Mr. Whipple) Let's do both. First I'm
22	a new committed shipper. Do I get the same economic
23	deal as everybody else? Meaning all the other
24	committed shippers?
25	A. We haven't signed any of those agreements

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1	yet.
2	Q. Would I receive the same revenue sharing
3	deal?
4	A. That's so if you're an ethanol plant?
5	Is that what I'm confused on the question.
6	MR. VILSACK: He's speculating on what
7	these future deals are going to be.
8	A. Our ethanol plant structure is
9	generally, the way I look at it is, you know,
10	ethanol plants, we have a business model that works
11	for that industry, so you have an ethanol if
12	you're an ethanol plant, coming in under that
13	structure.
14	If it's a you know, not an ethanol
15	plant but you wanted to either be a committed or
16	uncommitted shipper, my understanding is that
17	committed shippers are going to have a set of terms
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	and uncommitted shippers are going to have a set of
19	and uncommitted shippers are going to have a set of terms that are not the ethanol plant partners.
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Page 70 1 Q. In the future or as you're negotiating 2 with them now, whenever that is, will every 3 uncommitted shipper have the same terms? Whatever 4 those are. Yeah, I think so. 5 Α. 6 Will the uncommitted shippers receive Q. 7 revenue sharing? 8 MR. DUBLINSKE: Objection, speculation, 9 legal conclusion. You can answer if you know. 10 I don't think so. Α. 11 Q. (By Mr. Whipple) You don't think they'll 12 receive any? In other words, you have to be a 13 committed shipper to get that? 14 No. Α. No. 15 Q. No, you don't have to be a committed shipper to share revenue? 16 17 The revenue sharing in the offtake Α. agreements, the ethanol plants are different than 18 19 the transportation agreements of which there could 20 be committed or uncommitted shippers, but either 21 way, that's a fee-for-service agreement. This is a 22 revenue-share agreement. 23 MR. WHIPPLE: Okay. I think that's all I 24 have for now. 25 Nothing for me. Thank MR. OSTERGREN:

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1	you.
2	MR. LONG: I don't have any questions.
3	MR. DUBLINSKE: Chris?
4	EXAMINATION
5	BY MS. GRUENHAGEN:
6	Q. Good morning. Is it still morning? Yes.
7	A. Good morning.
8	Q. My name is Chris Gruenhagen, and I'm
9	representing Farm Bureau here today, and I do have
10	quite a few questions for you.
11	A. Okay.
12	Q. But before that, I need to get some things
13	on the record here with Mr. Dublinske, and then you
14	and I will chat a little bit, okay?
15	A. Okay.
16	MS. GRUENHAGEN: So the I guess would
17	you acknowledge that I did request a copy of the
18	unredacted agreements pursuant to the protective
19	agreement?
20	MR. DUBLINSKE: You did.
21	MS. GRUENHAGEN: Is Summit willing to
22	provide those?
23	MR. DUBLINSKE: We are not.
24	MS. GRUENHAGEN: Will you be will you
25	produce the witness here should the Utilities Board

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Page 72 1 order that additional disclosure of information be 2 provided with regard to the agreements or the 3 questions that are asked here today? 4 MR. DUBLINSKE: We will either comply with the order of the utilities board or appeal and 5 6 comply with the board on appeal. 7 MS. GRUENHAGEN: Thank you. 8 (By Ms. Gruenhagen) So we can go ahead and Q. 9 chat now. So you previously worked for the 10 Andersons? 11 Α. That's correct. 12 And they have an ethanol plant in Crawford Q. 13 County? 14 That's correct. Α. 15 Q. That plant has not signed with Summit at this point? 16 17 No, it has not. Α. You mentioned earlier, I think when you 18 0. 19 were talking to Mr. Taylor, that about 50 percent of their carbon dioxide is sold? 20 Yeah. 21 Α. 22 Q. With the agreement that they currently 23 have? That's what it was when I was there, yeah. 24 Α. 25 So potentially they could have another Q.

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1	50 percent should they decide to sign one?
2	A. Sure.
3	Q. And the route goes does it go fairly
4	close to that plant?
5	A. Yes, it does.
6	Q. Looking at the map, it appears that way.
7	Okay. When you make a pitch to ethanol
8	plants so bear with me just a moment. What's
9	your 2-minute elevator speech of why Summit?
10	A. Because, you know, we provide the capital
11	up front. We build and develop the sequestration.
12	Build and operate the pipeline system. And we
13	construct the capture facility on-site. And then we
14	share in the revenue streams that are produced.
15	Q. Are you familiar that there's competition
16	right now with the Navigator pipeline?
17	A. I'm familiar with Navigator.
18	Q. So when you're approaching a plant that
19	has both options, what are you explaining to them as
20	the benefits of Summit versus Navigator?
21	A. I don't know what their pitch is, but like
22	I said, we approach it as, you know, from the
23	standpoint that we have a business model that was
24	developed I think with from a company's
25	standpoint that has a long history in agriculture in

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1	the U.S. and agriculture in Iowa, along with
2	investments in, you know, the intersection of
3	technology and renewable fuels and agriculture, and
4	developed a business model that works really well
5	for the ethanol industry and for, you know, a lot of
6	the plant partners we have in Iowa, most of which
7	are still independent or part of a you know, a
8	small ownership group owned by local farmers and
9	landowners and community members.
10	And we put together a business model and
11	agreement that works really well, and that's why we
12	were able to, you know, get going earlier, you know,
13	have build this business in the business model
14	that we have that's been, you know, accepted and
15	that others feel comfortable with. And that's
16	you know, that's really the biggest thing, is that
17	around the business model, it's one that was built
18	for this industry.
19	Q. Thank you. Throughout your direct
20	testimony, you have references to what it's going to
21	do for the ethanol industry or for the corn market
22	or for farmers. In some places and I can get to
23	page and line if you'd like, but we can just talk
24	generally for the moment.
25	In some places, it talks about protecting

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1	jobs, sustaining jobs, preserving the longevity and
2	I think it's commercial viability I think that's
3	the right word
4	A. I think so.
5	Q of ethanol plants. Do you view this
6	project as sustaining the status quo with regard to
7	production and corn sales to ethanol plants or do
8	you view the goal of this project as increasing
9	ethanol production and increasing the purchases of
10	corn? If my question doesn't I can rephrase it
11	if it doesn't make sense.
12	A. Yeah. You know, the I think yes to
13	both of those. There's it depends on we're
14	there to work with our partners and support them.
15	You know, we are building a company that's going to,
16	you know, capture, transport, and store CO2 for the
17	ethanol plants and, you know, give them you know,
18	provide a benefit that's going to help their
19	business model and revenue stream, at least sustain.
20	I hope you know, I hope it's able to grow, but
21	sustain at the minimum. You asked sustain or grow.
22	Q. With your experience in agribusiness
23	you've been in it quite a long time do you see
24	the demand for ethanol growing?
25	A. Yeah. U.Sproduced ethanol I think is a

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1	great platform for you know, both as a low CI or
2	potentially net 0 CI fuel in the U.S. and
3	internationally, and it's, you know, emerging as a
4	really good building block molecule also for other
5	fuels. So I think the demand for ethanol is
6	actually, you know, very bright going forward.
7	Q. Do you anticipate sales being exported
8	overseas or to other countries other than just the
9	States?
10	A. Well, right now, you know, roughly
11	10 percent of U.S. ethanol is exported already. So
12	I see that as continuing to grow. Canada recently
13	published their Clean Fuel Standard, which is a
14	long-awaited, you know, program that is intended,
15	similar to California's, to reduce greenhouse gas
16	emissions related to transportation fuels in the
17	future, and that, you know, specifically looks at
18	renewables like ethanol.
19	And Canada is already the U.S.'s biggest
20	export market, and we expect that to continue to
21	grow. They're focused on higher ethanol blends as
22	well, like E15. And so I think, yeah, there's
23	opportunities for additional exports.
24	Q. When you talk about Canada, are you just
25	talking about certain providences or is it a

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1	national standard change?
2	A. So there's been provincial up to a point,
3	but the Clean Fuel Standard was a national one
4	that's published that's due to start here in a
5	couple years.
6	Q. Thank you. So you mentioned carbon
7	intensity scores, so let's talk about that a little
8	bit.
9	A. Mm-hmm.
10	Q. In your testimony, on page 3, if you want
11	to look at it, you mentioned that the project is
12	going to reduce the partner ethanol plants' score by
13	as much as 50 percent? Do you recall that?
14	A. Yes.
15	Q. About how many CI score points does that
16	equate to for the project?
17	A. At the plant level?
18	Q. So if an ethanol plant subscribes to the
19	service that's described in the offtake agreements,
20	how much will that reduce their carbon intensity
21	score by?
22	A. Roughly half. The average plant in the
23	U.S. is roughly it depends on what model you look
24	at, but if you're looking at California GREET, which
25	is measured in grams of CO2 emissions per megajoule,

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1	the average plant is 70 or 71, and there would be
2	about a 35-gram reduction, so roughly 50 percent.
3	Q. So when you say "35-gram reduction," is
4	that like 35 points? Because that's how we've been
5	talking about that.
6	A. People talk about points
7	Q. Yeah.
8	A but when you talk about a point, it's
9	grams of CO we looked at it. Yeah, it's the same
10	thing. We're talking about the same thing. Points
11	in LCFS is grams.
12	Q. Did you assist the ethanol plants in
13	determining what their carbon intensity score was or
14	helping them get that expertise?
15	A. So there are, you know, firms out there
16	that do that, and we've looked at those models and
17	those are the ones we've used, as well as publicly
18	available documents for pathways that have been
19	submitted using carbon capturing storage to reduce
20	the CI score of ethanol.
21	So both we don't do the work. We seek
22	out experts to do that and also look at the publicly
23	available information.
24	Q. So in Iowa, who do you refer people to?
25	Or people who do you refer the ethanol plants to?

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1	A. I don't know if we, you know, refer them.
2	We, you know, understand who they're using. A firm
3	in Des Moines would be EcoEngineers.
4	Q. Are there any others?
5	A. In Iowa, they are the predominant firm in
6	that space.
7	Q. Do you know what the CI score is for all
8	of the 13 plants that Summit has partnered with?
9	A. So the CI scores that for the plants
10	that have established pathways, such as with
11	California, those are public. I'm not sure that all
12	13 of those of the plants in Iowa have CI scores
13	with carbon. The vast majority do. And those are
14	available on the carb website, so we would
15	understand what those are.
16	Q. For the ones that are not on the carb
17	website, are you aware of what their CI score is?
18	A. Either generally or they are in process of
19	establishing working with an engineering firm to
20	establish exactly what those are.
21	Q. Do you know which plants do not have their
22	CI score yet?
23	A. Not off the top of my head.
24	Q. On page 4 of your testimony, lines 15
25	through 18, it talks about how the pipeline project

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Page 80 is going to create better markets for corn. Can you explain what you mean by that? In general, by improving margins for the Α. ethanol plants, they're going to be more competitive, and that has a trickle-down effect in either sustaining or hopefully growing production, which means that they would maintain or improve their corn demand locally at that plant. Would you expect the ethanol plant, then, Q. to pay more per bushel for the corn? MR. DUBLINSKE: Objection, speculation. You can answer if you know. I mean, the way -- you know, Α. Yeah. there's recently a study done by Iowa Renewable Fuel Association that shows the impact of domestic processing like ethanol on corn bases and prices over time. But I can just tell you from being in the industry for a long time, in order to buy something from a farmer, you have to have the best price, and that's what they do, is sell it to their best market. So in order to remain competitive, you have to be able to be -- the entire margin structure to work and provide that price. If, you know,

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you're not able to make money in your business and
pay for raw materials, then, you know, not going to
be a sustainable business model in the long term.
So according to those studies, you know,
ethanol has added significantly to corn prices and
to land prices. Historically here in Iowa and
across the region, I think we're the ethanol
industry consumes 53 percent of the corn produced in
Iowa, and so if the ethanol industry isn't
sustainable and goes away, some of that corn might
be able to find a market, but the prices are going
to be significantly reduced.
Q. (By Ms. Gruenhagen) When you talk about
the Iowa Renewable Fuel study, are you referencing
the Decision Innovation Solution study that was
released earlier this year or are you talking about
a different study?
A. I think that's the one that was I think
that one.
Q. The one that came out earlier this year?
A. Mm-hmm, earlier this year.
Q. I believe that's on their website.
A. It is.
Q. Also on page 4, line 20 through 22, how
would the 12 ethanol partners and I guess it's

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1	now 13 earn more for producing low carbon fuel?
2	A. By reducing the carbon intensity score
3	capturing CO2, reduce the CI score, if they're able
4	to access LCFS markets, they're able to sell their
5	product at a premium that has a lower score. So
6	that produces a revenue stream. That's the simplest
7	way to think about it.
8	If they're not able to access one of those
9	markets and we can sell those environmental
10	attributes at a higher value, that would be a
11	revenue stream in place of LCFS.
12	And so that's you know, generally the
13	idea is that processed corn produces a third
14	ethanol, a third feed products, and a third CO2. If
15	the CO2 is currently being, you know, vented and
16	there's not any revenue there for it, we can help
17	provide a revenue stream for that product that
18	they're making.
19	Q. So is the increased revenue coming from
20	the revenue-sharing components or is it coming from
21	the actual premium in price that may be offered?
22	A. Well, the premium the trickle-down is
23	through the revenue-share, but, you know, the total
24	revenue, you know, bucket is there created by the
25	premium in an LCFS market. And then whatever

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1	additional value is created from carbon capture and
2	storage, that is what's shared between the ethanol
3	plant and Submit Carbon.
4	Q. If a majority of the ethanol utilizes one
5	of the pipeline projects that are available and
6	lowers their CI score so they're producing
7	low-carbon fuel, does the premium go away? If
8	everybody's doing it, does the premium go away?
9	A. If everyone is doing it, then there's
10	competitive there's competitive pressures. If
11	you have a situation where one plant or one group of
12	plants are able to and another group is not, there's
13	a significant advantage or disadvantage and
14	dislocation between those two.
15	So with the ethanol, you know right
16	now, looking out there in the next few years, it's
17	pretty roughly it's a small enough group to where
18	we think there's going to be a good premium
19	available at least initially, but that's why we're
20	also looking at things like the voluntary markets to
21	be able to monetize the environmental attributes in
22	those as well. So we have, you know, a couple
23	different options for the environmental attribute.
24	Q. So as a business model, you built in some
25	risk tolerance or risk mitigation by using all the

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1 different types of revenue sharing? 2 Correct. Α. 3 So if the premium goes away for the Q. 4 low-carbon fuel, there's other revenue sources? 5 Α. That's correct. Page 5 of your testimony, I'd like some 6 Q. 7 clarification of that as well. On lines 11 through 8 15. 9 MR. DUBLINSKE: I'm sorry. Line what 10 through 15? 11 Q. (By Ms. Gruenhagen) 11. Starting on 11. 12 And it's the sentence where you're talking about how 13 Summit can have an opportunity to play a crucial 14 role in decarbonizing the ag supply chain, just to 15 orientate you to the topic. Could you explain how what Summit is doing 16 17 is going to allow farmers to make decisions that will drive further reductions of the life cycle 18 19 emissions of renewable fuels? 20 And it says in here "Although not directly Α. related to this petition, " so --21 22 Q. I understand. 23 -- other collaborative activities that we Α. 24 have, you know, with our philosophy of decarbonizing 25 the agricultural supply chain, making, you know,

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1	Midwestern U.S. farmers more competitive long-term
2	in, you know, domestic and global marketplaces, and
3	working with our partners to do that.
4	You mentioned emissions life cycles and CI
5	score calculations. Part of what goes into that
6	are you know, there's a range of inputs, and so
7	if we can work with our partners to identify other
8	places in the supply chain that could, you know,
9	either utilize carbon capture in storage or in some
10	way, you know, positively influence those life cycle
11	analysis scores, then we would like to do that.
12	We'd like to see the CI score of ethanol be net 0 or
13	net negative.
14	Directly related to the petition, we're
15	focused on carbon capture and storage from the
16	ethanol plants because that represents a removal
17	from the atmosphere, you know, a large portion of
18	CO2 that's just being recycled right now. So we can
19	take that out of the atmosphere and remove that
20	permanently.
21	But there's other things along those lines
22	that are interesting to us that, you know, our
23	partners have approached us and said, "You have this
24	large influence, this huge base of, you know, 33
25	plants, millions of acres" that we touch across the

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1	upper Midwest. What other types of activities can
2	we kind of do and pursue from an industry standpoint
3	longer term?
4	And that all fits within our philosophy,
5	but that's not a core part of our business model.
6	The business model is capturing the CO2 right now
7	that's coming off of fermentation.
8	Q. So, if you know, why did Summit choose a
9	business model of building a pipeline versus working
10	with farmers to lower their CI score for reducing
11	corn, which is a major input into ethanol?
12	A. So the I think there's a couple
13	different things there. The corn, you know, filters
14	a lot of carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere while
15	it grows, a significant amount. A lot of that
16	carbon flows with the seed to the ethanol plant and
17	it's released there during fermentation.
18	And so that represents a really good place
19	to capture that carbon. So there's that's really
20	what drove the business model to do carbon capture
21	and storage. So we all have these emissions points.
22	We need to efficiently take it somewhere where we
23	can permanently store it. The place we chose to do
24	that is North Dakota.
25	And then looking at what the options are,

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1	okay, what else could help these plants be more
2	competitive? What are the other if we cut the CI
3	score from 70 down to 35, what makes up those other
4	35 points? What else in there? Is there anything
5	else that we could directly or indirectly help
6	influence?
7	And that's, you know, kind of what's
8	contemplated, you know, down in here. Can we reduce
9	the CI score of fertilizer? Can we help, you know,
10	the plants understand their you know, their life
11	cycle, you know, touch points with farmers in corn
12	production and inputs and machinery and all of that
13	different holistic view of life cycle emissions
14	that's more upstream?
15	Again, not directly related to the
16	petition, but opportunity, we think, to, you know,
17	play a positive role in reducing the carbon
18	intensity of agriculture.
19	Q. So I guess I'm still trying to understand
20	why Summit chose building a pipeline versus I
21	mean, because there's lots of work being done on the
22	production end as well?
23	A. Absolutely.
24	Q. And so is that more Summit Ag is working
25	on that component or is that Summit Carbon Solutions

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1 working on that component, when you're talking about 2 this here? 3 I think Summit -- yeah, Summit -- I mean, Α. 4 I'm not sure all the things that Summit Agricultural Group has going on, but this is -- you know, we're 5 6 focused on CCS from the ethanol plants, capturing the -- you know, the CO2 from fermentation, lowering 7 8 the CI score by, you know, 30 points, capturing 9 millions of tons and permanently removing and 10 storing that. And there's just these, you know, 11 other benefits that have come along and ideas, and 12 that's kind of where this comes from. 13 For instance, California, life cycle 14 emissions doesn't currently take into account 15 differences in corn production. If you're a dry mill -- a dry ethanol mill in Iowa, here's your 16 17 number for corn production. It doesn't matter if 18 the CI score at the farm level is higher or lower 19 than that. 20 But through our work with those agencies 21 and opening up some of these, getting down into some 22 of these life cycle models, some of our partners 23 have approached us and said, "This seems like a really good platform to, you know, help look at 24 25 what's going on on the farm level," and we're not a

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1	company that goes out there and does, you know,
2	on-farm sequestration, but I think taking a look at
3	the programs that are out there and how can those
4	be, you know, implemented and included in a way to
5	help drive more value so that they're more
6	economically feasible.
7	That's kind of what that's about. That's
8	not again, that's not the core part of our
9	business model, but it's you know, it's an
10	opportunity to work closer with agriculture and with
11	our partners.
12	Q. Would it be fair to say that this business
13	model was developed because there are pathways to
14	monetize the effort, as compared to doing it at the
15	farm level? It's easier to monetize it?
16	A. Oh, there's direct yeah, a direct path
17	to monetize yeah, that's a good point direct
18	path to monetize through LCFS markets, whereas the
19	pathway to monetize on farm level is much more
20	opaque, and there's a lot of groups out there trying
21	to do that.
22	So if you could say well, we could lower
23	the CI score of corn and instead of, you know,
24	trying hard and this isn't us, this is our
25	partners trying to work with the farmers to

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1	you know, to monetize a soil organic carbon credit,
2	which is very problematic, you just step back and
3	look at it, hey, the CI score of growing corn can be
4	reduced. If there's a better pathway to monetize
5	that, great. If their CI score is lower, then
6	they're going to be more competitive. It's
7	fantastic.
8	Q. Thank you.
9	A. Doesn't directly benefit us either way.
10	Q. I want to talk a little bit about project
11	funding. I think you start talking about that in
12	your direct testimony on page 7. Right away at the
13	beginning of your response in talking about funding,
14	you say, "No federal funding will be required or
15	obtained to install the transportation system." Do
16	you consider the 45Q and 45Z tax credits to be
17	federal funding?
18	A. No. This is in regards to grants.
19	Q. So when you talk about no federal funding,
20	you're talking about there are no federal grants?
21	A. Correct.
22	Q. Any federal loans?
23	A. Not that I'm aware of at this time.
24	Q. And so the federal funding does not
25	include the tax credits that are available?
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1	A. Correct.
2	Q. Thank you for that clarification. So are
3	you familiar with how 45Q and 45Z operate, like how
4	someone would qualify for those?
5	A. At a very high level.
6	Q. Could you explain your knowledge of 45Q
7	and who might qualify?
8	A. Yeah. I mean, I'm not a tax equity or
9	tax credit expert, but, you know, in general, 45Q is
10	a tax credit that's available to the owner of
11	capture equipment if the CO2 is permanently stored.
12	Q. So on line 19 there, where you say, "The
13	project is eligible to receive federal 45Q tax
14	credits," that's because it's on, I think, page
15	8. Sorry. Page 8, line 19. Where you're saying
16	the project is eligible to receive federal 45Q tax
17	credits, it's because Summit owns and is
18	sequestering the carbon dioxide?
19	A. That's my understanding, yeah. At the
20	ethanol plants, our model is that we own the capture
21	equipment and we qualify for the 45Q.
22	Q. In your testimony here, I'm just going
23	through that finishing out that paragraph, onto
24	the next page. It lists the categories of funding
25	for the project, or revenues for the project. Is it

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Page 92 1 appropriate to say funding or revenues? Which word 2 do you prefer or what would be more descriptive? 3 I think about -- I generally talk about Α. 4 revenue streams, but ... 5 Okav. So the categories are revenues. Q. So 6 first is the environmental attributes that you talked about. I think you talked with -- about that 7 8 with Mr. Whipple. 9 Α. Yes. 10 And then, secondly, is the 450 tax credit. 0. 11 Α. Correct. 12 And then also the 45 -- you mentioned the Q. 45Z tax credit as well --13 Yeah. 14 That's on page 9. Α. 15 0. -- is that correct? Yeah. Clean Fuel production credit. 16 Α. 17 Continuing that paragraph there on the top 0. 18 of page 9. And then you talk about the hydrogen 19 credits as a revenue stream, but that hasn't 20 developed yet; is that correct? 21 You know, I think -- it says, Α. Yeah. 22 "Additional opportunities to maximize the value of 23 carbon removals through the Inflation Reduction 24 Those are -- you know, came available through Act." 25 that piece of legislation.

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1	The one that's applicable to us currently
2	is the 45Z, and that's you know, and, again, I'm
3	not an expert in this. I'm not the you know, the
4	tax equity person. 45Q goes to the owner of the
5	capture equipment. 45Z would go to the producer of
6	the low CI renewable fuel, which would be the
7	ethanol plant.
8	Those others the SAF credit, which
9	replaces the old BTC clean hydrogen credits, all of
10	that, you know, it says in here "Currently under
11	evaluation" and become you know, were proposed,
12	and there's a lot of talk about that, and hopefully
13	things develop there.
14	Q. And you've also mentioned the low-carbon
15	fuel sales as well as a revenue source?
16	A. Correct.
17	Q. So all of those revenue sources we just
18	went through, are all of those revenues shared with
19	the ethanol plants?
20	MR. DUBLINSKE: Objection, calls for a
21	legal conclusion. Details are covered by the
22	redacted. If you can answer at a high level, go
23	ahead.
24	A. I just want to be clear that not yes,
25	in general, all the revenue streams that you

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1	mentioned, if they're qualified for it, they would
2	be shared, but it's also important to understand
3	that again, I'm not an expert.
4	There's certain, you know, clarifications
5	that are still coming out, but the 45Q and the 45Z
6	can't be taken concurrently, and you would not so
7	you'd get a tax credit, could be the Q or the Z, and
8	then the value of the environmental attribute, which
9	could be an LCFS credit or a voluntary credit, like
10	a CER, but you can't monetize that same ton twice.
11	So you can either reduce the CI score of
12	the ethanol, sell it into an LCFS market. We
13	account for that ton of carbon. That's monetized.
14	The value is shared. Or we sell a carbon dioxide
15	removal credit and that value is shared, but that
16	ton of carbon is also tracked because we can't
17	you can't sell an environmental attribute as a
18	voluntary credit and in a compliance market.
19	(Mr. Ostergren left the room.)
20	Q. (By Ms. Gruenhagen) So some of them may be
21	in the alternative?
22	A. Right.
23	Q. But they're all available when any of
24	those revenues are received, they're shared to some
25	extent?
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1	A. Correct.
2	Q. You just mentioned the difference between
3	the 45Q and the 45Z, they cannot be taken
4	concurrently?
5	A. That's my understanding of what, you know,
6	the initial proposal says.
7	Q. And in your direct testimony, Summit
8	qualifies for 45Q? We just talked about that?
9	A. As the owner of the capture equipment,
10	yeah, that would be my understanding.
11	Q. And then the ethanol plants would qualify
12	for 45Z, to your knowledge?
13	A. Yeah. Yes.
14	Q. To your knowledge, is the 45Z tax credit
15	transferable?
16	A. I've been told that it is, and I don't
17	necessarily understand how that works or what it
18	means, but yes.
19	Q. So the 45Z tax credit can be monetized,
20	then?
21	A. Correct.
22	Q. And so that would be how the revenues
23	would be shared?
24	A. That's how the revenue would be created,
25	yeah, or the cash would be generated.

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Q. Thank you. I just want to make sure I understood that correctly. So in your last sentence there, in lines 5 and 6, it says, "We estimate that participating ethanol facilities will earn on a net basis 10 to 35 cents more per gallon." Α. Correct. Q. What's the basis of that statement? How's that estimate derived? That's our estimate of the ethanol plant's Α. share of the total revenue streams on a per-gallon basis. When you say "our estimate," is that your Q. estimate or who came up with the estimate? Α. I would say our -- you know, our finance team and investment banks and, you know, the folks that put together the business model. 0. When it says "on a net basis," is net derived by having a gross amount and then subtracting something from it? Is that why the term "net basis" was used? Α. Yeah, I would -- I think that's fair to say. So what would be subtracted from the 0. amount to make it a net basis?

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In general, you know, applicable costs.

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mean, that's the ethanol plant's share. So the rest would be -- you know, some goes to us and some goes to pay different costs that could be involved in -that's what it would be net of. So you say "costs." So the ethanol plants Q. have to pay some costs? Α. You mentioned, for instance, monetization or transferring. I mean, anything that's -- you know -- yeah. We try to boil this down to provide, you know, a general sense of what the benefit is to the ethanol plants. Are the ethanol plants responsible for any Q. operation costs? MR. DUBLINSKE: Objection to the extent that may go to any redacted terms, but subject to that, you can answer. You want me to actually look and see if Α. it's redacted? (By Ms. Gruenhagen) There is a reference Q. to the agreement statement. It doesn't say the amount, of course. I'll get you a page. Α. So --MR. DUBLINSKE: Yeah. Just a second. Were you finding testimony? You said there's a

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Page 98 1 reference? 2 (By Ms. Gruenhagen) There's a reference in Q. 3 the agreement, I believe. 4 Α. Oh, in the agreement. And there may have been one in the 5 ο. 6 testimony as well. Give me a second if you need a reference. Page 9, lines 12 and 13, is what I have, 7 8 is where that is in the testimony. 9 So that line 13 -- 12 and 13 says, Α. Yeah. 10 "The ethanol partners in Summit share the revenues 11 and operating costs," and in the offtake agreement, 12 there's -- offtaker operating costs are defined in 13 there, and those are shared. 14 What categories of operating costs would ο. 15 that include? General things related to capture, 16 Α. 17 compression, transportation, and sequestration. So just to understand the business 18 0. 19 structure here, so the capital costs of putting the 20 infrastructure in is being borne by Summit Carbon 21 Solutions? 22 Α. Correct. 23 But the operation costs of running the Q. 24 capture equipment, running the pipeline, that's a 25 shared cost?

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1	A. Yeah. Yeah, that's correct. The ethanol
2	partners and Summit share the revenues and the
3	operating costs.
4	Q. Thank you. If an ethanol plant
5	representative said that they were going to be
6	making 60 cents a gallon by participating in the
7	project, would that be an incorrect statement?
8	MR. DUBLINSKE: Calls for speculation.
9	You can answer if you know.
10	A. Yeah. I can't tell you if that would be
11	correct or incorrect right now. I mean, you know,
12	it could be.
13	Q. (By Ms. Gruenhagen) Because your testimony
14	says that it's a 10 to 35 cents-a-gallon benefit
15	or
16	A. I think if somebody said, "Hey, you
17	know, we'll make another 60 cents a gallon," I would
18	generally say that's, you know, the total revenue
19	stream that would then be shared. But it is
20	possible that if LCFS markets, you know, go higher
21	and carbon credit values go higher that it could be
22	a lot more than 35 cents a gallon directly to the
23	plant.
24	Q. So what's the difference what makes the
25	difference between a 10-cent payback versus a

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1 35-cent payback, in your estimate? 2 Things such as, you know, I mean, the Α. 3 value of those revenue streams, which are, you know, 4 driven by the CI scores and the value of the environmental attributes. 5 Those are the -- you 6 know, more of the variables. 7 0. So the offtake agreements -- and you're 8 familiar with the offtake agreements --9 Α. Mm-hmm. 10 -- you testified here already. 0. Some of 11 them are of slightly different lengths, by a few 12 And you mentioned that there's little things pages. 13 that are different between the contracts. 14 (Moves head in affirmative manner). Α. 15 0. Could you describe what those little things are? 16 17 MR. DUBLINSKE: Subject to the redacted 18 materials, you can answer. 19 Α. What I would say is that in general, you 20 know, what I was provided here and what you guys 21 were provided, this is an amended and restated 22 carbon dioxide offtake agreement dated November 3rd, 23 2022. There were some that you were provided that were, you know, dated after that. And those are 24 25 probably a little bit longer. And there were, you

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1	know, a set of terms that, you know, over time some
2	things grew. So I would say that if you have, like,
3	a vintage of agreements that all have about the same
4	date on them, they're all going to be about the
5	same, you know, from a length standpoint.
6	Q. (By Ms. Gruenhagen) So you mentioned that
7	this was an amended agreement. What precipitated
8	going through and amending all the contracts?
9	A. Primarily the well, a couple things.
10	The first one was that and these are amended.
11	The original ones, they were all drafted and signed
12	before I got here.
13	Q. I understand.
14	A. But we just found things over time that
15	looked at them and said I mean, these are in a
16	lot of ways first-of-their-kind agreements, so we
17	looked at them over time and said, "Okay. There's
18	some things that at some point we'd like to amend."
19	And so we had, you know, a list of those mostly
20	smaller things, but just as, you know, we got into
21	it and started engineering and designing the
22	project, it felt like "Oh, if we said this a little
23	bit differently, that would make this work a little
24	bit better." So we had, you know, some stuff like
25	that, cleanup to do.

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1	But the big driver was the Inflation
2	Reduction Act and the creation of the 45Z. That was
3	the primary driver. And, you know, that was a large
4	body of work by finance and legal to create language
5	that allows different types of credits to be
6	monetized. That was the primary driver.
7	Q. So are the little changes between the I
8	think the December drafted agreements and the June
9	drafted agreements I think we had one that was
10	dated in June are those just different negotiated
11	terms? Are they I'm just trying to get a feel
12	for what was different between them.
13	A. Less different terms and more just how
14	do I want to say it? Like, over time, you know,
15	everybody wants to add, you know, a word in
16	somewhere to negotiate something and change it and
17	make it their own.
18	The economic construct for ethanol offtake
19	agreements and CO2 offtake agreements with the
20	ethanol plants, it's the title of all economic
21	contract is the same for all of them. They all work
22	the same way. You know, you go from this one to the
23	ones in the spring, and there's just some I don't
24	know, some things I think you'd find in there that
25	are not redacted, and some of the redacted sections

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Page 103 1 are larger also, and it's just terms that have grown 2 over time. Are there different economic terms between 3 Q. 4 those agreements? 5 Α. Not necessarily. 6 Q. So that's a no? 7 MR. DUBLINSKE: You can't get into the 8 specifics. 9 Yeah, we can't talk about that Α. 10 specifically. Like I said, the way I look at it is 11 the premise of these agreements is the same for all 12 of them. And the specifics, we don't -- can't talk 13 about. 14 (By Ms. Gruenhagen) So are there 0. 15 nonfinancial differences between the contracts? Same objection. 16 MR. DUBLINSKE: The 17 specifics of the individual contracts, we're not 18 going to talk about. 19 Q. (By Ms. Gruenhagen) So what happens if a 20 current ethanol partner decides they want to sell some of their carbon dioxide instead of putting 21 22 it --23 That's governed by the MR. DUBLINSKE: 24 redacted terms of the contract. 25 MS. GRUENHAGEN: Let me finish my

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1	question, and then you can object.
2	Q. (By Ms. Gruenhagen) So what happens if an
3	ethanol plant wants to sell some of their contract
4	volume carbon dioxide to another user?
5	MR. DUBLINSKE: Objection. The specifics
6	are covered by the redacted terms of the contract.
7	Q. (By Ms. Gruenhagen) I don't think that
8	how many pages is in the contract that you were
9	provided for the exhibit?
10	A. Yeah. This is only a partial.
11	MR. DUBLINSKE: What did you say, Tim?
12	It's the first 20? Is that what you said? Wally?
13	MR. TAYLOR: Yeah, page 20. I think it
14	was Section 10.04.
15	Q. (By Ms. Gruenhagen) I just hate to
16	introduce another contract as an exhibit. That's
17	what I was trying to avoid here. So I'll just ask
18	the question generally, and if we need to give you a
19	full one, we can do that here.
20	You testify you have some direct
21	testimony regarding the safety of pipelines relative
22	to other transportation structures.
23	A. At a very high level, yes.
24	Q. Yeah. I think you said you're not an
25	expert but you represented that they're safer?

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1	A. Correct.
2	Q. What is the basis for that? Is it just
3	the statistics kept by DOT and PHMSA?
4	A. Yes.
5	Q. Any other basis for that?
6	A. No. Just that's the you know, that's
7	the factual basis behind it.
8	Q. So if there is a release, which we all
9	hope doesn't happen but if there is a release, is
10	it your understanding that Summit Carbon Solutions
11	will indemnify the plants if they're sued?
12	MR. DUBLINSKE: Yeah. That's
13	Q. (By Ms. Gruenhagen) That's not redacted.
14	A. We can look at it. I believe that's the
15	case.
16	Q. I can give you the full
17	A. Yeah, I'd have to look at
18	Q. This is a different agreement.
19	A. See, I just want to see what's redacted
20	and what's not, but I believe that is the case, yes.
21	Q. We'll not mark it right now. I'll just
22	have you look at it's page 28, Section 8.03. And
23	this one is of the Pine Lake contract.
24	A. You said 8.03?
25	Q. Yeah.

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Page 106 1 Α. You must be on another page. 2 Page 20. Did I not have the right page Q. 3 number? 4 MR. DUBLINSKE: You had said 28. It doesn't match up. 5 I'm showing 19. 8.03 is an 6 Α. indemnification on page 19. 7 8 Q. (By Ms. Gruenhagen) Okay. I had a typo in 9 my note here. So we'll just go to -- yeah, we'll go 10 to that corrected page. So do you view that as Summit Carbon's --11 12 when you're talking about ethanol plants, do you 13 view it -- when they ask questions about that, do 14 you view it as Summit is going to indemnify the 15 ethanol plants if there's a release? MR. DUBLINSKE: Calls for a legal 16 17 conclusion. You can answer if you know. 18 Α. Yeah. I'm not a lawyer, but that's how I 19 think of it. 20 (By Ms. Gruenhagen) And then on -- since Q. 21 you have the copy of that, also in the contract --22 and I have down page 29, so I hope my -- I don't 23 have a continuing typo there, but 9.01 of the 24 It talks about insurance. contract. 25 MR. DUBLINSKE: It should be an earlier

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1 page. 2 (By Ms. Gruenhagen) Okay. Let's try page Q. 3 19, then, because it seems I have --4 Α. Page 21. I didn't get my page numbers right 5 ο. Okay. 6 It talks about the type of insurance on there. that's necessary to cover its obligations and 7 8 responsibilities that each party is required to 9 have. 10 Α. Yes. Who determines the amount that is 11 Q. 12 necessary for that insurance? 13 I don't know. That would be a finance or Α. 14 a legal question. 15 Q. Has Summit hired a CFO yet, or is that still in process? 16 17 We are -- that's still in process. Α. 18 0. So questions about the insurance would 19 need to go to that person if they are hired here 20 before the year end starts? 21 Α. Correct. 22 Q. And you also talked about earlier your 23 operations folks knew some of the answers to the 24 questions that were being asked. Who's in charge of 25 operations for Summit?

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1	A. Jimmy Powell.
2	Q. I just wanted to make sure we had the
3	right person there.
4	When you were talking to Mr. Taylor, you
5	said that some of the I'm going to do a little
6	cleanup on questions I had from earlier testimony
7	today. He had asked about whether some of the
8	plants are currently selling into the low-carbon
9	fuel markets, and you said there are some but not
10	all.
11	A. Correct.
12	Q. Do you know which ones are selling out to
13	the low-carbon fuel market currently?
14	A. Not off the top of my head. I can't tell
15	you exactly which ones.
16	Q. Would you have a record of that somewhere?
17	A. We may. There's not a the plants don't
18	always share their you know, their sales, the
19	destinations and their customers with us.
20	Q. So you don't know which plants do or don't
21	sell to those low-carbon fuel markets?
22	A. Not on a consistent basis.
23	Q. Are they going to be required to disclose
24	those types of that type of information under the
25	outtake agreements, then?

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1	A. When we are in operation, they'll be
2	required to disclose sales to low-carbon fuel
3	standard markets.
4	Q. So yes?
5	A. Yes. When we are in operation, they will
6	be required to disclose that. Because that affects
7	revenue-share and it affects carbon accounting that
8	we're required to do.
9	MS. GRUENHAGEN: I don't have any more
10	questions at this time but ask that the deposition
11	remain open should there be further developments on
12	the issues of the redacted documents and questions
13	that were objected to today.
14	FURTHER EXAMINATION
15	BY MR. TAYLOR:
16	Q. I've got a few more questions.
17	A. Okay.
18	Q. With respect to the
19	MR. DUBLINSKE: Wally, can I stop you for
20	just a second? I'm just curious and I won't hold
21	you to it, but if you guys have a rough sense of how
22	much more time you have. We can either go straight
23	through or we can look at the court reporter, who's
24	now been at it for a little over 2 hours, take a
25	short break. If you guys have a lot, we can talk
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Page 110 1 about that, but just trying to figure out whether to 2 take a quick break or whether we can just plow 3 through. 4 MR. TAYLOR: Maybe 15 minutes. 5 MR. WHIPPLE: I have the same request that 6 Chris does to remain open. I'm done for today unless Wally says something that sparks a --7 8 MR. DUBLINSKE: You just can't resist 9 following up on? 10 It's unlikely. I'm likely MR. WHIPPLE: 11 done for the day. 12 MR. DUBLINSKE: Yeah. We have an 13 agreement that we're going to set that issue aside, 14 and we all know that's going to get dealt with 15 another day somewhere else. But I defer to you. Do 16 you want a short break? 17 COURT REPORTER: No. I'm qood. 18 MR. DUBLINSKE: Let's qo. 19 Q. (By Mr. Taylor) With respect to the 20 fee-for-service agreement you discussed with 21 Mr. Whipple, am I correct that you are marketing 22 that just the same as you are marketing the offtake 23 agreements? As far as holding ourselves, you know, out 24 Α. 25 there open publicly, yes.

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1	Q. (By Mr. Taylor) And you're out there
2	soliciting customers for the fee-for-service
3	agreement?
4	A. Yes.
5	Q. And the fee-for-service agreement is for
6	both committed and uncommitted customers?
7	A. Either would be applicable, yeah.
8	Q. You used the term "shipper" I think in
9	different contexts, and I'm wondering what your
10	understanding is of who the shipper is in these
11	agreements.
12	MR. DUBLINSKE: Calls for a legal
13	conclusion. You can answer if you know.
14	A. Yeah. Once again, exactly, I'm not a
15	regulatory attorney on this part.
16	Q. (By Mr. Taylor) Well, you used the term.
17	That's why I'm asking.
18	A. I'd say the shipper is who's ever paying
19	for the transportation services.
20	Q. So it would be Summit's customer. Is that
21	a fair statement?
22	A. Yeah.
23	Q. I thought you said at one point that
24	Summit would be the shipper.
25	A. Well, I think the answer to both of those
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1	is yes. I mean, we'll be shipping the ethanol
2	plants' CO2 on the pipeline and also be
3	transporting hopefully transporting, you know,
4	CO2 supply that comes from other industries as well.
5	Q. With respect to the fee-for-service
6	agreement, what entity would own the CO2 after it
7	goes into the pipeline?
8	MR. DUBLINSKE: Calls for a legal
9	conclusion. You can answer if you know.
10	A. I would say the shipper.
11	Q. (By Mr. Taylor) Which would be the
12	industry that's emitting the carbon?
13	A. Correct. Capturing the carbon.
14	Q. An uncommitted shipper we'll use the
15	term "shipper" is basically the same as an
16	uncommitted the same as a committed shipper
17	except they're not committing to a certain volume?
18	Is that your understanding?
19	MR. DUBLINSKE: Same objection. You can
20	answer.
21	A. Yeah, I think in general, but there could
22	be other differences too, so I don't want to, you
23	know, say that that's the only one, but overall
24	that's how I think about it.
25	Q. (By Mr. Taylor) And even for the

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1	uncommitted shipper, is it correct that Summit would
2	have to construct a lateral pipeline to that
3	shipper's facility?
4	A. There needs to be a pipeline connection.
5	Generally, I would I think are you asking who
6	would construct it? Is that the question?
7	Q. Well, yes, and the fact that there has to
8	be a lateral pipeline to that shipper's facility.
9	A. Yeah. A shipper is required to deliver
10	CO2 into the pipeline, so they have to have a
11	connection there.
12	Q. Sure. And that 10 percent capacity
13	reservation that you talked about, that's for both
14	committed and uncommitted shippers, correct?
15	MR. DUBLINSKE: Same objection. You can
16	answer if you know.
17	A. Yeah. On the regulatory side, not exactly
18	my it's not my area of expertise, but that is
19	amount reserved for uncommitted shippers or future
20	shippers. If there's a commitment, the shipper and
21	Summit have a commitment that, you know, that volume
22	will be provided and that that space is reserved.
23	Q. (By Mr. Taylor) Who would be a better
24	person to ask those questions of about the
25	committed, uncommitted shippers and the reserve

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1	10 percent?
2	A. I'd say our legal team, regulatory team.
3	MR. TAYLOR: Well, they aren't witnesses.
4	I'd love to ask them questions. That's all the
5	questions I have.
6	MR. DUBLINSKE: Anyone have anything else?
7	MS. GRUENHAGEN: I think we do need to
8	mark the Pine Lake agreement as an exhibit, and so
9	can we go ahead and mark that since we referenced it
10	a couple times?
11	(Exhibit 8 marked.)
12	MR. WHIPPLE: I think we also need to make
13	the HuntonAK draft an exhibit. I don't know if I
14	had that one marked.
15	MR. DUBLINSKE: I don't think you did.
16	You said you were trying to decide whether
17	MR. WHIPPLE: I asked him enough questions
18	about it. I don't know if my copy's clean, Bret.
19	Do you have a clean copy?
20	MR. DUBLINSKE: I think mine is clean.
21	MR. WHIPPLE: I think mine is clean too.
22	(Exhibit 9 marked.)
23	MS. GRUENHAGEN: I think also for the
24	record, Bret, that this deposition is to remain
25	attorneys' eyes only for seven days after the

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Page 115 1 transcript. 2 MR. DUBLINSKE: Correct. 3 MS. GRUENHAGEN: So that you can identify 4 those items which are confidential. 5 MR. DUBLINSKE: Correct. 6 MS. GRUENHAGEN: And then how are you 7 going to -- you'll notify us through email on that, 8 or how are you going to tell us that? 9 MR. DUBLINSKE: I haven't thought that far 10 ahead, but yes, I think that probably makes sense, 11 that we will give -- do it one or two ways, 12 depending on which turns out to be easier once we 13 read it. We can either do a copy and highlight and 14 scan the copy or we can -- if it's shorter, we can 15 just describe page and line and send an email with 16 that. 17 MS. GRUENHAGEN: Okav. 18 MR. WHIPPLE: Are you proposing that we 19 resolve issues over the transcript and the 20 redactions all in the same --21 MR. DUBLINSKE: Yeah. 22 MS. GRUENHAGEN: I think it's the same 23 issue. 24 Just making sure we agree. MR. WHIPPLE: 25 MR. DUBLINSKE: And I don't know that

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1	CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER
2	I, the undersigned, a Certified Shorthand
3	Reporter of the State of Iowa, do hereby certify
4	that there came before me at the time, date, and
5	place hereinbefore indicated, the witness named on
6	the caption sheet hereof, who was by me duly sworn
7	to testify to the truth of said witness's knowledge,
8	that the witness was thereupon examined under oath,
9	the examination taken down by me in shorthand and
10	later reduced to a transcript through the use of a
11	computer-aided transcript device under my
12	supervision and direction, and that the deposition
13	is a true record of the testimony given and of all
14	objections interposed.
15	I further certify that I am neither attorney or
16	counsel for, nor related to or employed by any of
17	the parties to the action in which this deposition
18	is taken, and further that I am not a relative or
19	employee of any attorney or counsel employed by the
20	parties hereto or financially interested in the
21	action.
22	Dated this 13th day of July, 2023.
23	Jonya M. Wright
24	CERTIFIED SHORTHAND REPORTER Sonya M. Wright, Iowa CSR #1094
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