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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC INVESTIGATION )  
OF JURISDICTIONAL STATUS )  
OF EAST KENTUCKY )  
MIDSTREAM, LLC, AND OF ITS ) Case No.  
COMPLIANCE WITH KRS ) 2022-00238  
CHAPTER 278, 807 KAR )  
CHAPTER 005, AND 49 CFR )  
PARTS 191 AND 192 )

VIDEO DEPOSITION OF DARRELL PARKS

On the 22nd day of June, 2023,  
beginning at approximately 10:38 a.m., at the  
Carter County Courthouse, 100 West Main Street,  
Grayson, Kentucky, before me, Jo Ann Betler,  
Registered Diplomate Reporter and Notary Public,  
appeared DARRELL PARKS, Witness, who being by me  
first duly sworn, gave his oral deposition in  
the causes pursuant to notice of counsel and for  
the respective parties as hereinafter set forth.

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EXHIBITS

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VIDEO INTRODUCTION

VIDEO SPECIALIST: We are now on the record.

This is the videotaped deposition of Darrell Parks. We're beginning at 10:38 a.m., Thursday, the 22nd day of June, 2023, at the Carter County Courthouse in Grayson, Kentucky.

The court reporter is Jo Ann Betler. I'm the videographer, Deborah Greathouse.

Counsel, please identify yourselves for the record, plaintiff's counsel first, and then the court reporter may swear in the witness.

MS. CANFIELD: Jessica Norris Canfield with the Public Service Commission.

MS. FREDERICK: Tina Carson Frederick with the Public Service Commission.

MS. ECKERT: Kathryn Eckert for East Kentucky Midstream.

MR. BENTLEY: Jason Bentley, East Kentucky Midstream.

MS. HONAKER: Allyson Honaker, Kentucky Frontier.

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PROCEEDINGS

DARRELL PARKS was thereupon called as a witness and, after having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

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EXAMINATION

BY MS. CANFIELD:

Q. Mr. Parks, can you state your position with East Kentucky Midstream?

A. Field worker.

Q. Okay. How long have you been with East Kentucky Midstream?

A. East Kentucky Midstream, about two years, two months.

Q. Okay. Did you ever work with Jefferson Gas?

A. For 26 years.

Q. 26 years. So you are familiar with the system?

A. Yes.

Q. Can you tell me what the central point of that system is?



1           A.       I would say Hazel Green, Kentucky.

2           Q.       Hazel Green.

3                    MS. HONAKER: I'm going to  
4 interrupt you real quick. I can't hear you. I  
5 don't know if you're being picked up on any  
6 audio, but I can't hear you. So if you would  
7 speak up for me, I would appreciate it.

8                    THE WITNESS: Sorry.

9 BY MS. CANFIELD:

10           Q.       It's previously been stated that  
11 East Kentucky Midstream does not own any wells;  
12 is that correct?

13           A.       As far as I know, yes.

14           Q.       So no natural gas-producing wells?

15           A.       Not that I'm aware of.

16           Q.       No oil wells?

17           A.       No.

18           Q.       And no abandoned or nonproducing  
19 wells?

20           A.       No, not that I'm aware of.

21           Q.       Okay. And where does the gas come  
22 from that supports the system?

23           A.       Other producers or TCO.

24           Q.       And all of that gas is purchased?

25           A.       Yes.

1 Q. Okay. Where would you say the  
2 majority of the gas comes from?

3 A. In the summertime, from the  
4 producers that's on the line.

5 Q. And in the wintertime?

6 A. Probably TCO.

7 Q. Okay. Let me talk about -- could  
8 you tell me about the pressure of the system,  
9 the PSI on the different lines?

10 A. Any specific one you want to know  
11 about?

12 Q. We can just start with A-1.

13 A. A-1 is probably about 30 pounds.

14 Q. And is that year-round?

15 A. No. In the wintertime about 40 to  
16 45.

17 Q. Okay. And A-2?

18 A. Roughly right now between 5 and 30.

19 Q. Okay. And is that year-round?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Okay. And A-3?

22 A. I'm just rough guessing 50 to 60.

23 Q. And is that year-round?

24 A. Basically. It's really close.

25 Q. Okay. What about the J line?

1           A.       Right now the J line is about 73  
2 pounds as of this morning, 65 pounds normally  
3 through the summer. Around a hundred pounds in  
4 the winter.

5           Q.       Okay. What about the C line?

6           A.       Right at the moment I would say 60  
7 pounds to 35 pounds just varying at different  
8 times.

9           Q.       And is that year-round?

10          A.       We don't run the compressor in the  
11 winter, basically that's pretty close for  
12 year-round.

13          Q.       Did you say you don't run the  
14 compressor in the winter?

15          A.       Most of the time not.

16          Q.       And what about the KZ line?

17          A.       The KZ line, which part? East or  
18 West?

19          Q.       We can do East first?

20          A.       East, right at the moment, has  
21 about 73 pounds on it.

22          Q.       And is that year-round?

23          A.       No. Wintertime, it's around 100 or  
24 better. Up to about 115 or something.

25          Q.       Okay. And what about KZ West?

1           A.       KZ West has about 13 to 17 pounds  
2 pretty much year-round.

3           Q.       Okay. And are there producers on  
4 all of these lines?

5           A.       No.

6           Q.       What lines do not have producers?

7           A.       KZ East or West --

8           Q.       Okay.

9           A.       -- does not have them.

10          Q.       But A-1, A-2, A-3, the J line and  
11 the C line all have producers?

12          A.       A-1 does. 1 -- see A-2? Yes. I  
13 would think so, yes.

14          Q.       Okay. Can you tell me about the  
15 volume of gas that is received from the  
16 producers over the course of the year?

17          A.       No, I cannot.

18          Q.       Okay. What about the volume of gas  
19 that's purchased from TC Energy?

20          A.       I don't have a real knowledge of  
21 that.

22          Q.       Okay.

23          A.       That's not really part of my  
24 department, I guess.

25          Q.       And who would know that answer for

1 me?

2 A. Jack.

3 Q. Jack. Let's talk about the  
4 functionality of each line. Could you tell me  
5 the function of A-1?

6 A. Mainly customers at Campton,  
7 basically that's -- that's the main part of it.

8 Q. Okay. And what about A-2?

9 A. It's actual bringing some of the  
10 producer's gas into Hazel Green.

11 Q. Okay. And A-3?

12 A. Brings producer gas to Hazel Green.

13 Q. What about the J line?

14 A. J line, right now is actually --  
15 running the compressor taking gas off and  
16 putting it into Columbia. Or TCO, whoever you  
17 want to call it. Columbia. P-20 line.

18 Q. What about the C line?

19 A. I thought that was the C line.

20 Q. Oh, no. I said the J line. I'm  
21 sorry.

22 A. Oh --

23 Q. So the C line is currently the  
24 compressor is running, taking gas?

25 A. No. The C line is the 6-inch steel

1 line.

2 I was talking about a different  
3 line. I'm sorry.

4 Q. Okay. What line were you speaking  
5 of?

6 A. I was speaking of the J when I was  
7 talking about the compressor.

8 Q. Okay. Yes. That's perfect.

9 So the J line is -- currently the  
10 compressor is running?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And it's taking gas?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. How often does that compressor run  
15 and it functions in that capacity?

16 MR. BENTLEY: Can I object for a  
17 second? I think he said putting gas on  
18 Columbia.

19 THE WITNESS: Yes. Yes.

20 BY MS. CANFIELD:

21 Q. Okay. How often does the J line  
22 put gas onto Columbia?

23 A. I'm going to say from, just roughly  
24 guessing, May to September.

25 Q. So then from September to May is

1 the function of that line different?

2 A. It's -- it's not -- we don't run  
3 the compressor. More or less it's -- it's part  
4 of the system, but it's not -- as far as it  
5 doing anything at that time, it just has gas on  
6 it.

7 Q. Okay.

8 Are there any customers on the J  
9 line?

10 A. A few. Very few.

11 Q. And so they are served from  
12 September to May, though?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Okay. The functionality of the C  
15 line, what would that be?

16 A. That brings the producer gas out of  
17 Frozen and Breathitt County into Hazel Green.

18 Q. Okay. And then the functionality  
19 of KZ East?

20 A. It brings gas from TCO back into  
21 the system for customers and runs completely to  
22 West Liberty from Means.

23 Q. Okay. And KZ West?

24 A. KZ West runs from Means to  
25 basically Winchester with customers. That's

1 all.

2 Q. Okay. Regarding East Kentucky  
3 Midstream customers, are all of East Kentucky  
4 Midstream's customers farm tap customers?

5 A. Yes. As far as I know, they are.

6 Q. Okay. And what is the distinction  
7 of a farm tap customer with East Kentucky  
8 Midstream?

9 A. It's a tap run off of one of our  
10 lines.

11 Q. Okay. And that tap is connected to  
12 a meter; is that correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And where is the meter located?

15 A. On the line.

16 Q. On the line. Is that the situation  
17 for all East Kentucky Midstream customers?

18 A. I won't say all, but -- I'm trying  
19 to think of an example, but I can't right off.  
20 But I don't think all of them will be.

21 MS. HONAKER: Can I ask one  
22 clarifying question? When he says off the line,  
23 are you asking -- are you stating off the main  
24 line or is there other lines?

25 THE WITNESS: The tap itself was on



1 the main line.

2 BY MS. CANFIELD:

3 Q. Were you familiar with the sale of  
4 Jefferson Gas to East Kentucky Midstream?

5 A. I know it happened. I don't know a  
6 lot about the details as far as that goes.

7 Q. As to the system that is currently  
8 East Kentucky Midstream, is it the exact system  
9 that was Jefferson Gas?

10 A. I would say, yes. I don't know  
11 that 100 percent, but I would say yes.

12 Q. Were there any sections of  
13 Jefferson Gas that were not -- that are not now  
14 part of East Kentucky Midstream?

15 A. Not that I'm aware of.

16 Q. Okay. Has East Kentucky Midstream  
17 added any sections to their system that were not  
18 originally part of Jefferson Gas?

19 A. No, not that I'm aware of.

20 MS. CANFIELD: Okay. I think  
21 that's all of the questions. Thank you so much.

22 MR. BENTLEY: Can I redirect?

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EXAMINATION

BY MR. BENTLEY:

Q. You stated you were given some ranges on the operating pressures on the various lines. Do those pressures fluctuate daily?

A. Yes.

Q. Okay.

A. To a certain extent, yes.

MR. BENTLEY: Okay. That's all I have.

Katie, do you have anything.

MS. ECKERT: I'm looking.

MR. BENTLEY: Okay.

MS. ECKERT: I don't have anything.

MR. BENTLEY: Hang on one second. You got a second? Can we go off the record?

VIDEO SPECIALIST: Go off the record?

Okay. We are off the record at 10:52 a.m.

(A recess was taken, after which the proceedings were resumed as follows.)

VIDEO SPECIALIST: Okay. We are back on the record at 10:54 a.m.

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EXAMINATION

BY MS. HONAKER:

Q. This is Allyson Honaker with  
Kentucky Frontier.

When you were talking about where  
the meters were placed for the farm taps, do  
you-all serve a school?

A. Yes, we do.

Q. Do you know where that meter is?

A. It's right out by the line.

Q. It's up by the main line, it's not  
down by the school?

A. No.

Q. And what about a car lot kind of  
near the school?

A. Car lot kind of near the school.

Oh, oh, I'm sorry, one second. I  
think I know where you're talking about now.  
That meter is at the school.

Q. Okay.

A. I think I'm -- I know where you're  
talking about.

Q. And so it's not up at the main  
line; correct?

1           A.       No, ma'am.  It's at the school.

2           Q.       Do you know how long the line is  
3 that comes off of that main line that has to go  
4 down to serve the school?

5           A.       Not necessarily.  I'm going to  
6 roughly say a quarter of a mile maybe.  I'm not  
7 sure about that.

8           Q.       And do you know if that same  
9 quarter of a mile line that comes down to serve  
10 the school, does it also branch off and serve  
11 the car lot --

12          A.       Serves the --

13          Q.       -- and there's a meter at the car  
14 lot and not up at the main line?

15          A.       Yes.

16          Q.       And you stated, I believe, you've  
17 got over 20 years with Jefferson and EKM  
18 together.

19                    Correct?

20          A.       Yes.

21          Q.       And so you're pretty familiar with  
22 the system?

23          A.       Yes.

24          Q.       Do you take notes or anything when  
25 you're out in the field?

1           A.       Notes as of what?

2           Q.       Do you keep records or notes or  
3 anything for yourself or is that all just done  
4 through EKM?

5           A.       Well, I do some stuff on my own,  
6 but it's all through EKM.

7                    MS. HONAKER: All right. Nothing  
8 further.

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11                   EXAMINATION

12 BY MS. CANFIELD:

13           Q.       Just a clarification. The school  
14 that you're referencing, what school and  
15 location is that?

16           A.       It's in Johnson County, but I don't  
17 know the name of the school.

18                   MS. CANFIELD: Thank you.

19                   VIDEO SPECIALIST: Okay. If there  
20 are no objections, we are off the record at  
21 10:57 a.m.

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1 CERTIFICATION OF COURT REPORTER AND NOTARY  
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4 I, Jo Ann Betler, Registered  
5 Diplomate Reporter and Notary Public within and  
6 for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, duly  
7 commissioned and qualified, do hereby certify  
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Before completion of the deposition,  
review of the transcript [ ] was [ X ] was not  
requested. If requested, any changes made by  
the deponent (and provided to the reporter)  
during the period allowed are appended hereto.

Given under my hand this 24th day of  
June, 2023.

My Commission expires January 8,  
2025.

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Jo Ann Betler

Commission No.: KYNP2127

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