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Sincerely,

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	CHAPTER 005, AND 49 CFR)	9 Lexington, Kentucky 40507	
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	Grayson, Kentucky, before me, Jo Ann Betler,	17 ON THE BEHALF OF KENTUCKY FRONTIER:	
	Registered Diplomate Reporter and Notary Public,	18	
	appeared MICHAEL HARRIS, Witness, who being by		
	me first duly sworn, gave his oral deposition in	,, _,	
	the causes pursuant to notice of counsel and for	20 Honaker Law Office, PLLC	
	the respective parties as hereinafter set forth.	²¹ 1795 Alysheba Way, Suite 6202	
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12		12	A. Kentucky Frontier Gas.
13		13	Q. And what is your position there?
14		14	A. I'm the operations supervisor.
15		15	Q. What does that position entail?
16		16	A. Daily daily operations of our
17		17	business, turn ons, turn offs, sending people
18		18	out, fixing line breaks, 811s, compliance.
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2	they, I guess, opted to sell their systems of	2	customer.
3	Jackson, Campton, Hazel Green, Cliffview, their	3	Q. Okay. And Frontier is not a
4	actual gas systems, they sold those. And then	4	gathering system.
5	in the sale and this was not to us, this was	5	Correct?
6	a sale to Gas Natural, an Ohio company.	6	A. No. It is not a gathering company.
7	They also sold, you know, had random	7	Q. Okay. What kind of system is
8	farm taps or what was called farm taps that was	8	Frontier?
9	meters that the company would have to sell gas	9	A. It is considered a distribution
10	to customers. Then you would have to give	10	system. Everything we have.
11	Jefferson the volumes to properly bill, and they	11	Q. Okay. And what about the EKM
12	were not systems or pipelines that was purchased	12	system that you're familiar with is similar to
13	by the company.	13	the Frontier distribution system?
14	Q. Okay. And so those systems are now	14	A. They'll buy gas from major
15	part of?	15	pipelines. They'll buy gas from local
16	A. EKM.	16	production. And then they sell to their
17	Q. Okay. And then Frontier's	17	customers, which would be their farm taps. They
18	relationship to EKM is through the meter?	18	would serve our farm taps. They would serve
19	A. Yes. So basically Frontier owns	19	Frontier. They would serve the city of West
20	the meter. Frontier buys the gas from EKM	20	Liberty. They would serve the state prison in
21	through the meter. And then after it goes	21	West Liberty. And like I said, several places
22	through the meter, it's essentially immediately	22	to Frontier.
23	the customer's.	23	Q. Could you tell me anything that you
24	Q. Okay.	24	know about line A-3 on the EKM system from
25	A. So basically we're billing for the	25	Royalton to Louisa?
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1 2	gas that the customer uses at our rate and then	2	A. So A-3, to my knowledge, was an old
2 3	they send us a bill for their rate on the gas. Q. Okay. So through this relationship	3	it's an old line that that I don't really know what it does besides serve customers.
4	Q. Okay. So through this relationship on the farm taps with the EKM system, you are	4	
5	familiar with the EKM system.	5	Q. Okay. What aboutA. I mean, there was always a
6	Correct?	6	potential. At one time A-3 has got taps in the
7	A. Yes. I'm pretty I mean, I don't	7	Louisa area on which is now TC Energy. There
8	know everything, but I'm pretty familiar with	8	used to be taps along that line that was active,
9	it.	9	I believe, but they're no longer active.
10	Q. Okay. The EKM system that you were	10	They're not you know, they're not using those
11	familiar with, would you describe that as a	11	taps to sell into the Columbia or TC Energy
12	gathering system?	12	line. And basically I'm pretty sure that that
13	MS. ECKERT: Object to the form.	13	line is just there to serve the customers that's
14	BY MS. CANFIELD:	14	connected to it.
15	Q. Is the EKM system a gathering	15	Q. Can you tell me anything you know
16	system?	16	about line A-2 from Royalton to Hazel Green?
17	MS. ECKERT: Objection. Calls for	17	A. Royalton to Hazel Green, the lines
18	a legal conclusion.	18	there I mean, it's there to serve us,
19	BY MS. CANFIELD:	19	Frontier, and lines along the or the
20	Q. Would you describe the EKM system	20	customers along that their pipeline. I'm
21	as you perceive it?	21	pretty sure that that gas would feed into the J
22	A. I would describe the EKM system	22	line. And the J line is connected to
23	and like I said, I don't know everything about	23	TC Energy in Butcher Hollow, which they've I
24	it, but I would describe it much as the system	24	may sometimes sell gas into. I'm not sure. I
25	of Frontier Gas in the Magoffin County area. We	25	know in the wintertime they do not. I don't
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1	know about the summertime.	1	similar to Frontier?
2	Q. Will you tell me anything you know	2	A. Yeah. There's there's several
3	about line A-1 from Hazel Green to Campton and	3	places down on 205. There's Bearpen Hollow has
4	beyond Campton?	4	got you know, there may be a mile or, you
5	A. That's just to serve Campton and	5	know, plus sections of lines that are we're
6	Cliffview and the customers along the pipeline	6	calling them farm tap customers because they're
7	of that.	7	not they're not we don't have a master
8	Q. Okay. Can you tell me anything you	8	meter that measures the one gas to 50 customers
9	know about the C line from Hazel Green to KZ?	9	or a hundred customers. So to us they're farm
10	A. Well, I mean, I know that they're	10	taps because we don't own any of the pipelines.
11	claiming that is a transmission line, and, you	11	So there's Bearpen. And it's got there is a
12	know, they're taking gas from the KZ line coming	12	well there, and I know that they'll take gas out
13	south towards Jackson and Hazel Green from	13	in the summertime. And then there's a regulator
14	and they're basically getting the gas from Means	14	set there that when the pressure drops low
15	in the wintertime, because that's their major	15	enough, the gas will then go back up the
16	supply of gas that runs through the KZ line to	16	pipeline in the wintertime just to be sure that
17	the C line.	17	the customers have gas. So I know there is a
18	Q. Okay. And when you say major	18	well there, but I don't know their production of
19	supply of gas	19	it or anything like that.
20	A. Well, it's on a FERC-regulated	20	Q. But you are familiar with the fact
21	pipeline they're buying gas from.	21	that they're being served by other gas on that
22	Q. Okay. And can you tell me more	22	well?
23	anything else you know about the KZ line in	23	A. Yeah. Yes. Yes, other gas besides
24	general?	24	the well. And there's a lot of places to where
25	A. KZ line used to be a Columbia	25	there's there's our customers and EKM
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1	kind of customers are those for Frontier?	1	a farm tap. Yeah, they would have been a farm
2	A. Well, those are those would be	2	tap. And we would have called the Public
3	farm taps. I mean, what we would call farm	3	Service Commission and got an inspection, and
4	taps, where we don't own any lines.	4	they would have been a Frontier customer on an
5	Q. Okay. And where does that gas come	5	EKM system.
6	from for those customers?	6	MS. CANFIELD: No further
7	A. EKM.	7	questions.
8	Q. Okay. And where would the main	8	MS. ECKERT: I have some questions.
9	line be located?	9	THE WITNESS: Okay.
10	A. The main line could be a hundred	10	· · · · ·
11	foot away, it could be 5 foot away. It could be	11	* * *
12	thousands of feet away.	12	EXAMINATION
13	Q. So you're saying it varies based on	13	BY MS. ECKERT:
14	the customer?	14	Q. Kathryn Eckert, again for East
15	Are you familiar with the school in	15	Kentucky Midstream.
16	Johnson County?	16	What's your background in the oil
17	A. Highland Elementary, yes.	17	and gas industry?
18	Q. Okay. Could you tell me about that	18	A. Well, I have when I was in high
19	service?	19	school, my grandfather owned a company called
20	A. That service is tapped off of their	20	East Kentucky Utilities, which Frontier now
21	main line. There's a mile of line, I would say,	21	owns. When I was in school and the summers, I
22	running adjacent to 23, and the meter is sitting	22	worked at the gas company in the summers
23	at the back of the school. I think I even have	23	painting meters and working on meter houses and
24	some pictures of it, I believe.	24	painting and cutting weeds. And I done that
25	Q. And that is not a Frontier	25	every summer in high school. Then I got out of
	18		20
1	customer?	1	school and I went a different direction. I
2	A. They're not a Frontier customer,	2	worked on a strip job for a little while. But
3	no. I actually was contacted about checking on	3	I've been in the oil and gas business, in
4	a service for a car lot there, Discount Auto	4	distribution, for 20-plus years.
5	Brokers, that I thought we were going to get as	5	Q. How long have you been with
6	a customer, but we didn't get them as a	6	Kentucky Frontier?
7	customer. Jefferson got them as a customer.	7	A. I was it would have been 2008 or
8	Q. Okay. So they were previously a	8	'9. 2008, I believe. November 2008.
9	customer of Jefferson Gas?	9	Q. Did you work at any utilities prior
10	A. Well, no. That would have been a	10	to 2008?
11	brand-new service.	11	A. Yeah, which was East Kentucky
12	Q. Okay.	12	Utilities.
13	A. So they were they didn't have	13	Q. Well, immediately prior was my
14	any service at all, but they kind of contacted	14	question or meant to be my question.
15	us and asked us about it. And then the next	15	A. Immediate prior to that I worked
16	thing I knew, they ended up being a Jefferson	16	for Interstate Natural Gas, which owns which
17	customer.	17	owned a lot of gas wells that used to be Nytis
18	Q. Okay. And so now	18	Exploration, now Diversified owns. So I worked
19	A. And not Frontier.	19	for Interstate Natural Gas.
20	Q. So they're now an East Kentucky	20	Q. Do you handle 811 calls yourself?
21	Midstream customer currently?	21	A. Heather at the office, she she
22	A. Yes.	22	is the one that does most of all of our 811s.
23	MS. FREDERICK: What kind of	23	I'm involved in 811s on who I'm going to send
24	customer would they have been for Frontier?	24	out, and then if there's questions when they go
		0.5	and the set the set The set of the set
25	THE WITNESS: They would have been	25	out there, then I'm usually the one that tries

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1	to answer the questions for them or go out there	1	check this gas?
2	myself if I need.	2	It's blowing. So it had blowed for
3	Q. Can you walk us through the process	3	numerous hours, and it was not Frontier's gas
4	of responding to an 811 call for Kentucky	4	blowing.
5	Frontier farm tap customer?	5	O. But this was Jefferson
6	A. So a Kentucky Frontier Gas farm tap	6	A. Yeah.
7	customers Kentucky Frontier Gas has not	7	O Gas at the time?
8	does not own any pipelines. So we were not	8	A. Yes, it was Jefferson Gas at the
9	doing 811s for any of any of those pipelines.	9	time. It was not EK but I'm giving you an
10	Or anything that was a farm tap, because we've	10	example of some issues that has been out there.
11	got Kinzer farm taps. We've got Nytis farm	11	Q. Well, again, we're focusing on East
12	taps. We've got or now Diversified Oil &	12	Kentucky Midstream today. I'm not asking about
13	Gas. We've got EKM farm taps. And so it was	13	Jefferson Gas at this time. Thank you.
14	not until we were getting 811s on a project that	14	You also testified earlier that you
15	EKM just said that they were not going to go	15	had knowledge of the EKM system and walked us
16	locate, and I had contacted the Public Service	16	through some of that.
17	Commission about, well, what should Frontier do?	17	Correct?
18	Should Frontier I mean, we don't feel we	18	A. Um-hum.
19	don't know anything about their system. We	19	Q. Have you ever worked for East
20	don't feel comfortable doing 811s or doing	20	Kentucky Midstream?
21	locates with them. And we actually had a little	21	A. No.
22	hearing on that of what we were going to do.	22	Q. Have you ever worked, you know,
23	And Frontier has agreed to help and work hand in	23	servicing any of those lines of East Kentucky
24	hand with EKM on some of the farm taps that	24	Midstream?
25	could affect our customers. And so we're	25	A. Yeah. I actually have had to
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4 5	Correct?	5	Q. I want to take you back to some of	
6	A. No.	6	Ms. Norris Canfield's questions early on when	
7	Q. Okay. So you weren't necessarily privy to their discussions about, you know, any	7	you were talking about when Jefferson decided to	
8		8	sell off some of their system to Gas Natural. A. Um-hum.	
9	decisions that went into, you know, how they	9		
10	built their system. Correct?	10	Q. And you were talking about the Jackson system, the Campton system, going	
11	A. No.	11	through that. And then you went on to talk	
12		12	about some other things about farm taps and she	
13	MR. BENTLEY: Is it okay if I ask a question?	13	asked about the systems. I think you said that	
14	question?	14	those were EKM systems now?	
15	* * *	15	A. No. Those are Frontier gas	
16	EXAMINATION	16	systems. We own the pipelines and the	
17	BY MR. BENTLEY:	17	customers.	
18	Q. So tell me about your time at	18	Q. And that's at Jackson and Campton	
19	Interstate Gas.	19	and those areas?	
20	A. Um-hum.	20	A. Jackson, Campton, Pine Ridge,	
21	Q. Did you what was your	21	Cliffview, and Hazel Green.	
22	responsibility there?	22	Q. Okay. I just wanted to clear that	
23	A. I built well locations and I done	23	up, because I think you were talking about the	
24	reclamation and I worked in the pipeline side.	24	farm tap things that she was asking, but	
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1	distribution for you all?	1	school and Discount Auto Brokers. I'm not a
2	A. Yeah. Basically there's pipelines	2	hundred percent sure on where the meter is at
3	there's a pipeline along the road or the	3	Discount Auto Brokers, I don't recall, like,
4	highway or the highway or could be in the	4	seeing that one. I've not looked for it. But
5	mountains that serve customers across the road	5	I'm pretty sure it's on the same tap.
6	from it or and there's also, you know, like I	6	Q. Okay. And there was questions
7	said, EKM and Frontier Gas customers along this.	7	about the auto brokers possibly being a customer
8	There could be connected wells, but that they	8	of Kentucky Frontier, and that they would have
9	buy gas from. But still again, it's you	9	been a farm tap?
10	know, they're buying gas from a well, and	10	A. Yeah.
11	serving customers just like Frontier.	11	Q. Would you have set that meter at
12	Q. Okay. And so when you're saying	12	EKM's main line?
13	that there's a pipe, so they will have a main	13	A. Yes.
14	pipeline, but then there's pipelines that come	14	Q. If you had been the one to set that
15	off of that and then meters are set off of those	15	meter?
16	lines, not the main line; is that what you're	16	A. Yes. I would have set the meter at
17	talking about?	17	the EKM main line. I would have had to got EKM
18	A. Yes. Yes. And these pipelines are	18	to tap their line or whatever, but
19	not the typical A-1, A-2, C line. These are	19	Q. And would you have called the
20	whatever I don't know.	20	Public Service Commission to come and inspect
21	Q. What you-all would call	21	that?
22	distribution lines in your system?	22	A. Yes, we would have done an
23	A. Yeah, I would. Yeah.	23	inspection.
24	Q. And we were talking about the	24	MS. HONAKER: Okay. I think that
25	school. And I think you said that was Highland	25	clears up the questions I had.
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1 2	Elementary. Is that correct?	2	MS. ECKERT: I have some redirect.
3	A. Yes.	3	* * *
4	Q. And then we were talking about the	4	EXAMINATION
5	Discount Auto Brokers that's near there?	5	BY MS. ECKERT:
6	A. Yeah.	6	Q. You know, we just talked about the
7	Q. And that that was maybe going to be	7	school. So you don't know when that meter was
8	a customer of your alls?	8	installed.
9	A. The Discount Auto Brokers was. The	9	Is that correct?
10	Highland Elementary has always been a customer	10	A. No. I mean, like I said, it's a
11	of Jefferson now EKM from, I guess, the day that	11	newer school, but it's more than ten years old.
12	the school was built. It's a fairly new school.	12	Q. Okay. And so you don't know the
13	Q. Okay.	13	circumstances that caused that meter to be
14	A. And this was before these	14	placed.
15	transactions were done.	15	Is that correct?
16	Q. Okay. And the school is not	16	A. I have no idea.
17	their meter is not at EKM's main line.	17	Q. You're not aware of any
18	Correct?	18	conversations that the PSC had with Jefferson
19	A. No. The school's is directly	19	Gas about the need for the school to have
20	behind the school. Like against the wall on the	20	gas?
21	back of the school.	21	A. I didn't get in the middle of that,
22	Q. Okay. And how is the auto brokers	22	no.
23	connected to EKM's line?	23	Q. So you don't really have any direct
24	A. It's on the same tap. I think	24	knowledge of why
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	they're using the same regulator that serves the	25	A. I just know the meter's there.

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1	Q. Wait a second. Let me finish my	1	
2	question so I can get it out. Thank you.	2	Before completion of the deposition,
3	A. Sorry.	3	review of the transcript [] was [X] was not
4	Q. So you don't have any actual	4	requested. If requested, any changes made by
5	knowledge of why the decision was made for that	5	the deponent (and provided to the reporter)
6	to be done the way it is.	6	during the period allowed are appended hereto.
7	Correct?	7	
8	A. Nope.	8	Given under my hand this 24th day of
9	Q. You're just speculating?	9	June, 2023.
10	MS. HONAKER: I object. He's not	10	
11	speculating. He said he's seen the meter and	11	My Commission expires January 8,
12	knows where it is at.	12	2025.
13	MS. ECKERT: But he's not been part	13	
14	of any conversations with the PSC or with	14	
15	Jefferson Gas as to why it was placed.	15	
16	MS. HONAKER: And he didn't testify		Jo Ann Betler
17	to that.	16	
18	MS. ECKERT: Okay. Anything else?	17	Commission No.: KYNP21279
19	I think that's it for us.	18	
20	VIDEO SPECIALIST: Okay. If there	19	
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	are no objections, we are off the record at	21	
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