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          BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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    In the Matter of:
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     ELECTRONIC INVESTIGATION
     OF JURISDICTIONAL STATUS
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     OF EAST KENTUCKY
     MIDSTREAM, LLC, AND OF ITS
                                       Case No.
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     COMPLIANCE WITH KRS
                                         2022-00238
     CHAPTER 278, 807 KAR
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     CHAPTER 005, AND 49 CFR
     PARTS 191 AND 192
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           VIDEO DEPOSITION OF MICHAEL HARRIS
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                 On the 22nd day of June, 2023,
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    beginning at approximately 11:08 a.m., at the
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    Carter County Courthouse, 100 West Main Street,
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    Grayson, Kentucky, before me, Jo Ann Betler,
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    Registered Diplomate Reporter and Notary Public,
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    appeared MICHAEL HARRIS, Witness, who being by
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    me first duly sworn, gave his oral deposition in
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    the causes pursuant to notice of counsel and for
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    the respective parties as hereinafter set forth.
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                    VIDEO INTRODUCTION
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                  VIDEO SPECIALIST: We are now on
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    the record.
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                 This is the videotaped deposition of
7
    Michael Harris. We are beginning at 11:08 a.m.
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    Thursday, the 22nd day of June, 2023, at the
9
    Carter County Courthouse in Grayson, Kentucky.
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                 The court reporter is Jo Ann Betler.
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    I'm the videographer, Deborah Greathouse.
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                 Counsel, please identify yourselves
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    for the record, plaintiff's counsel first, and
14
    then the court reporter may swear in the
15
    witness.
16
                  MS. CANFIELD: Jessica Norris
17
    Canfield, Public Service Commission.
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                  MS. FREDERICK:
                                  Tina Carson
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    Frederick, Public Service Commission.
2.0
                  MS. HONAKER: Allyson Honaker,
21
    Kentucky Frontier.
22
                  MS. ECKERT:
                               Kathryn Eckert, East
23
    Kentucky Midstream.
2.4
                  MR. BENTLEY: Jason Bentley, East
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    Kentucky Midstream.
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                         PROCEEDINGS
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4
                  MICHAEL HARRIS was thereupon called
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    as a witness and, after having been first duly
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    sworn, testified as follows:
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                         EXAMINATION
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    BY MS. CANFIELD:
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           Q.
                  Mr. Harris, where are you employed?
12
                  Kentucky Frontier Gas.
           Α.
13
                  And what is your position there?
           0.
14
                   I'm the operations supervisor.
           Α.
15
                  What does that position entail?
           Q.
16
                  Daily -- daily operations of our
           Α.
17
    business, turn ons, turn offs, sending people
18
    out, fixing line breaks, 811s, compliance.
19
                  Okav.
                          So were you familiar with
           Ο.
20
    the sale of Jefferson Gas to East Kentucky
21
    Midstream?
22
           Α.
                  Yeah.
23
                   Okay.
                          Were you presented materials
           0.
2.4
    when Jefferson Gas became available for sale?
25
           Α.
                  Yes.
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1 That was part of your position with Ο. 2 Kentucky Frontier? 3 We were doing some due Α. Yes. 4 diligence, because we were looking into purchase 5 -- purchasing Jefferson Gas. 6 Okay. Did those materials describe Ο. 7 the structure of East Kentucky Midstream's 8 system? 9 Yeah. I mean, it is -- it is now Α. 10 part of East Kentucky Midstream, yes. 11 Q. Okay. Or what Jefferson Gas system 12 was? 13 Α. Yeah. 14 Sorry about that. Q. 15 And then do you work with East 16 Kentucky Midstream's system? 17 Α. Yes. Yes, we work hand in hand on 18 -- on some 811s now that we've had some issues 19 We work -- monthly we send them reports 20 of all of our farm tap usage on their system so 21 they can properly bill us for the gas that was 22 sold on their system. 23 Can you talk a little bit more 2.4 about that relationship with Frontier's 25 customers and East Kentucky Midstream?

1 So Jefferson Gas, when they -- when Α. 2 they, I guess, opted to sell their systems of 3 Jackson, Campton, Hazel Green, Cliffview, their 4 actual gas systems, they sold those. And then 5 in the sale -- and this was not to us, this was 6 a sale to Gas Natural, an Ohio company. 7 They also sold, you know, had random 8 farm taps or what was called farm taps that was 9 meters that the company would have to sell gas 10 to customers. Then you would have to give 11 Jefferson the volumes to properly bill, and they 12 were not systems or pipelines that was purchased 13 by the company. 14 Okay. And so those systems are now Q. 15 part of? 16 Α. EKM. 17 Okay. And then Frontier's Q. 18 relationship to EKM is through the meter? 19 So basically Frontier owns Yes. 20 the meter. Frontier buys the gas from EKM 21 through the meter. And then after it goes 22 through the meter, it's essentially immediately 23 the customer's. 2.4 0. Okay. 25 So basically we're billing for the Α.

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    gas that the customer uses at our rate and then
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    they send us a bill for their rate on the gas.
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                         So through this relationship
           0.
                  Okay.
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    on the farm taps with the EKM system, you are
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    familiar with the EKM system.
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                  Correct?
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           Α.
                        I'm pretty -- I mean, I don't
8
    know everything, but I'm pretty familiar with
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    it.
10
                  Okay.
                         The EKM system that you were
           Ο.
11
    familiar with, would you describe that as a
12
    gathering system?
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                  MS. ECKERT:
                                Object to the form.
14
    BY MS. CANFIELD:
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           0.
                  Is the EKM system a gathering
16
    system?
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                  MS. ECKERT:
                                Objection.
                                            Calls for
18
    a legal conclusion.
19
    BY MS. CANFIELD:
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                  Would you describe the EKM system
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    as you perceive it?
22
                  I would describe the EKM system --
           Α.
23
    and like I said, I don't know everything about
2.4
    it, but I would describe it much as the system
25
    of Frontier Gas in the Magoffin County area.
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    buy gas from gas wells. We sell to the
2
    customer.
3
                        And Frontier is not a
           Ο.
                  Okay.
4
    gathering system.
5
                  Correct?
6
          Α.
                       It is not a gathering company.
                  No.
7
                         What kind of system is
           0.
                  Okay.
8
    Frontier?
9
                  It is considered a distribution
           Α.
10
    system. Everything we have.
11
           Q.
                  Okay.
                        And what about the EKM
12
    system that you're familiar with is similar to
13
    the Frontier distribution system?
14
                  They'll buy gas from major
15
    pipelines. They'll buy gas from local
16
    production. And then they sell to their
17
    customers, which would be their farm taps.
                                                  They
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    would serve our farm taps. They would serve
19
                They would serve the city of West
    Frontier.
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              They would serve the state prison in
    Liberty.
21
    West Liberty. And like I said, several places
22
    to Frontier.
23
                  Could you tell me anything that you
2.4
    know about line A-3 on the EKM system from
25
    Royalton to Louisa?
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1 So A-3, to my knowledge, was an old 2 -- it's an old line that -- that I don't really 3 know what it does besides serve customers. 4 0. Okav. What about --5 I mean, there was always a Α. 6 At one time A-3 has got taps in the potential. 7 Louisa area on -- which is now TC Energy. 8 used to be taps along that line that was active, 9 I believe, but they're no longer active. 10 They're not -- you know, they're not using those 11 taps to sell into the Columbia or TC Energy 12 line. And basically I'm pretty sure that that 13 line is just there to serve the customers that's 14 connected to it. 15 0. Can you tell me anything you know 16 about line A-2 from Royalton to Hazel Green? 17 Royalton to Hazel Green, the lines Α. 18 there -- I mean, it's there to serve us, 19 Frontier, and lines along the -- or the 20 customers along that -- their pipeline. pretty sure that that gas would feed into the J 21 22 And the J line is connected to line. 23 TC Energy in Butcher Hollow, which they've -- I 2.4 may sometimes sell gas into. I'm not sure. Ι 25 know in the wintertime they do not. I don't

1 know about the summertime. 2 Will you tell me anything you know Q. 3 about line A-1 from Hazel Green to Campton and 4 beyond Campton? 5 That's just to serve Campton and 6 Cliffview and the customers along the pipeline 7 of that. 8 Can you tell me anything you Ο. Okay. 9 know about the C line from Hazel Green to KZ? 10 Α. Well, I mean, I know that they're 11 claiming that is a transmission line, and, you 12 know, they're taking gas from the KZ line coming 13 south towards Jackson and Hazel Green from --14 and they're basically getting the gas from Means 15 in the wintertime, because that's their major 16 supply of gas that runs through the KZ line to 17 the C line. 18 0. Okay. And when you say major 19 supply of gas --2.0 Α. Well, it's on a FERC-regulated 21 pipeline they're buying gas from. 22 0. Okay. And can you tell me more --23 anything else you know about the KZ line in 2.4 general? 25 Α. KZ line used to be a Columbia

trans- -- a Columbia Gas transmission pipeline that served the city of Frenchburg and the city of West Liberty. And it also had a KZ West, which went -- I don't know where it ended at, but it went towards Winchester. They may have sold gas to Winchester at one time. And then they wanted to abandon sections of it, and then Elam -- Elam Gas owed a big, huge debt and that was -- that was out of West Liberty, and basically the line from Frenchburg to West Liberty was really useless to them because it was going to nowhere and nobody was paying the bills.

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So they were wanting to shut it down. They were wanting to shut the pipeline down. And I'm pretty sure that's when Jefferson stepped in and they wanted to take over the pipeline, and then they would have the major meter at Means and they would also have the sales to West Liberty and the farm taps and the sales to the West Liberty prison. So they wanted to take over that pipeline.

Q. Okay. So in your experience working around the system, are there any specific areas that appear to be distribution

similar to Frontier?

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Α. Yeah. There's -- there's several places down on 205. There's Bearpen Hollow has got -- you know, there may be a mile or, you know, plus sections of lines that are -- we're calling them farm tap customers because they're not -- they're not -- we don't have a master meter that measures the one gas to 50 customers So to us they're farm or a hundred customers. taps because we don't own any of the pipelines. So there's Bearpen. And it's got -- there is a well there, and I know that they'll take gas out in the summertime. And then there's a regulator set there that when the pressure drops low enough, the gas will then go back up the pipeline in the wintertime just to be sure that the customers have gas. So I know there is a well there, but I don't know their production of it or anything like that.

- Q. But you are familiar with the fact that they're being served by other gas on that well?
- A. Yeah. Yes. Yes, other gas besides the well. And there's a lot of places to where there's -- there's our customers and EKM

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customers, you know, right -- right beside each
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    other or within reason.
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                  What county is Bearpen Hollow?
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           Α.
                  It's in Campton, so I guess that's
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    Wolfe County.
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                  Is that right?
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           0.
                  Campton?
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                  It's right outside of Campton.
           Α.
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                  MS. CANFIELD:
                                  I don't think I have
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    any other questions at this moment.
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                  MR. BENTLEY:
                                 I think we're going
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    to have some.
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                  MS. CANFIELD: Do we need to break?
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                  MR. BENTLEY:
                                 Yes, let's take a
15
    break.
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                  VIDEO SPECIALIST: We are off the
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    record at 11:23 a.m.
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                 (A recess was taken, after which the
19
    proceedings were resumed as follows.)
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                  VIDEO SPECIALIST:
                                      Okay.
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    back on the record at 11:30 a.m.
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    BY MS. CANFIELD:
23
                  Mr. Harris, when you were talking
    about the EKM customers and the Frontier
2.4
25
    customers being placed next to each other, what
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1 kind of customers are those for Frontier? 2 Well, those are -- those would be Α. 3 I mean, what we would call farm farm taps. 4 taps, where we don't own any lines. 5 And where does that gas come Okay. 6 from for those customers? 7 Α. EKM. 8 And where would the main Ο. Okay. 9 line be located? 10 Α. The main line could be a hundred 11 foot away, it could be 5 foot away. It could be 12 thousands of feet away. 13 So you're saying it varies based on Ο. 14 the customer? 15 Are you familiar with the school in 16 Johnson County? 17 Α. Highland Elementary, yes. 18 Q. Okay. Could you tell me about that 19 service? 20 That service is tapped off of their Α. 21 main line. There's a mile of line, I would say, 22 running adjacent to 23, and the meter is sitting 23 at the back of the school. I think I even have 2.4 some pictures of it, I believe. 25 And that is not a Frontier Ο.

1 customer? 2 Α. They're not a Frontier customer, 3 I actually was contacted about checking on 4 a service for a car lot there, Discount Auto 5 Brokers, that I thought we were going to get as 6 a customer, but we didn't get them as a 7 Jefferson got them as a customer. customer. 8 So they were previously a 0. Okay. 9 customer of Jefferson Gas? 10 Α. Well, no. That would have been a 11 brand-new service. 12 Ο. Okay. 13 So they were -- they didn't have Α. 14 any service at all, but they kind of contacted 15 us and asked us about it. And then the next 16 thing I knew, they ended up being a Jefferson 17 customer. 18 Q. Okay. And so now --19 And not Frontier. Α. 20 So they're now an East Kentucky Ο. 21 Midstream customer currently? 22 Α. Yes. 23 MS. FREDERICK: What kind of 24 customer would they have been for Frontier? 25 They would have been THE WITNESS:

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    a farm tap. Yeah, they would have been a farm
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          And we would have called the Public
3
    Service Commission and got an inspection, and
4
    they would have been a Frontier customer on an
5
    EKM system.
6
                  MS. CANFIELD: No further
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    questions.
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                  MS. ECKERT:
                                I have some questions.
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                  THE WITNESS:
                                 Okay.
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                        EXAMINATION
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    BY MS. ECKERT:
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                  Kathryn Eckert, again for East
           Q.
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    Kentucky Midstream.
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                 What's your background in the oil
17
    and gas industry?
18
           Α.
                  Well, I have -- when I was in high
19
    school, my grandfather owned a company called
20
    East Kentucky Utilities, which Frontier now
21
           When I was in school and the summers, I
    owns.
22
    worked at the gas company in the summers
23
    painting meters and working on meter houses and
2.4
    painting and cutting weeds. And I done that
25
    every summer in high school. Then I got out of
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- school and I went a different direction. I

 worked on a strip job for a little while. But

 I've been in the oil and gas business, in

 distribution, for 20-plus years.
 - Q. How long have you been with Kentucky Frontier?

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- A. I was -- it would have been 2008 or '9. 2008, I believe. November 2008.
- 9 Q. Did you work at any utilities prior to 2008?
- 11 A. Yeah, which was East Kentucky
 12 Utilities.
 - Q. Well, immediately prior was my question or meant to be my question.
 - A. Immediate prior to that I worked for Interstate Natural Gas, which owns -- which owned a lot of gas wells that used to be Nytis Exploration, now Diversified owns. So I worked for Interstate Natural Gas.
 - Q. Do you handle 811 calls yourself?
 - A. Heather at the office, she -- she is the one that does most of all of our 811s.

 I'm involved in 811s on who I'm going to send out, and then if there's questions when they go out there, then I'm usually the one that tries

to answer the questions for them or go out there myself if I need.

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- Q. Can you walk us through the process of responding to an 811 call for Kentucky Frontier farm tap customer?
- 6 So a Kentucky Frontier Gas farm tap Α. 7 customers -- Kentucky Frontier Gas has not --8 does not own any pipelines. So we were not 9 doing 811s for any of -- any of those pipelines. 10 Or anything that was a farm tap, because we've 11 got Kinzer farm taps. We've got Nytis farm 12 taps. We've got -- or now Diversified Oil & 13 We've got EKM farm taps. And so it was Gas. 14 not until we were getting 811s on a project that 15 EKM just said that they were not going to go 16 locate, and I had contacted the Public Service 17 Commission about, well, what should Frontier do? 18 Should Frontier -- I mean, we don't feel -- we 19 don't know anything about their system. 20 don't feel comfortable doing 811s or doing locates with them. And we actually had a little 21 22 hearing on that of what we were going to do. 23 And Frontier has agreed to help and work hand in 2.4 hand with EKM on some of the farm taps that 25 could affect our customers. And so we're --

1 we're just doing it for the safety of everybody 2 until we figure something out. 3 0. Okay. And, you know, you send 4 someone from your office to go physically arrive 5 at the farm tap location --6 Α. With an EKM employee, yeah. 7 And that's been the process that's 0. 8 been in place for how long? 9 I'm not sure. Four months, five Α. 10 months. 11 We had -- we had one instance years 12 I mean, I would have to go back to -- I 13 don't have the information on me. We had an 14 incident years ago where a guy hit a 1-inch gas 15 line in a farm tap area in the Denver area of 16 Johnson County, and they were a customer of 17 Frontier, and they broke the gas line. And I 18 had called Jefferson -- I had called Jack Banks 19 with Jefferson and told him about the pipeline 20 that had been broken, and he said he would get 21 somebody out there. 22 And that was fairly early one day. 23 I don't know the times or anything right now. 2.4 And then late that evening, they called and said, Is anybody going to come and 25

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1
    check this gas?
2
                  It's blowing. So it had blowed for
3
    numerous hours, and it was not Frontier's gas
4
    blowing.
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                  But this was Jefferson --
           Ο.
6
           Α.
                  Yeah.
7
                  -- Gas at the time?
           0.
8
           Α.
                  Yes, it was Jefferson Gas at the
9
    time. It was not EK -- but I'm giving you an
10
    example of some issues that has been out there.
11
           0.
                  Well, again, we're focusing on East
12
    Kentucky Midstream today. I'm not asking about
13
    Jefferson Gas at this time.
                                   Thank you.
14
                 You also testified earlier that you
15
    had knowledge of the EKM system and walked us
16
    through some of that.
17
                  Correct?
18
           Α.
                  Um-hum.
19
           0.
                  Have you ever worked for East
20
    Kentucky Midstream?
21
           Α.
                  No.
22
                  Have you ever worked, you know,
           Ο.
23
    servicing any of those lines of East Kentucky
2.4
    Midstream?
25
                         I actually have had to
           Α.
                  Yeah.
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service a line that was a customer of ours and they refused to do it, and they refused to fix their line because they were a customer of Frontier's.

2.4

- Q. A Kentucky farm tap -- Kentucky Frontier?
- A. A Kentucky Frontier farm tap, which we don't own any lines. A farm tap, the meter should be at the main.

And they refused to fix the line.

And we did fix the line, and we sent EKM a

notice that we done it, and we fixed it. Got

the gas back on.

- Q. So I think in a broader sense, you walked us through a pretty robust discussion at the beginning of the deposition where you, you know, told us all these things about the different lines, you know. Jefferson wanted to do this, for example. You know, so on and so forth. Where did you come by that knowledge?
- A. Mostly during our due diligence to purchasing the pipeline, which was given to us by Jack Banks, by their lawyer at the time -- I don't recall his name right offhand -- and Copper Run, which was the people trying to sell

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    the company.
2
                  But you never worked directly for
           Q.
3
    Jefferson Gas.
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                   Correct?
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           Α.
                  No.
6
                  Okay.
                          So you weren't necessarily
           Q.
7
    privy to their discussions about, you know, any
8
    decisions that went into, you know, how they
9
    built their system.
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                  Correct?
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           Α.
                  No.
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                  MR. BENTLEY:
                                  Is it okay if I ask a
13
    question?
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                         EXAMINATION
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    BY MR. BENTLEY:
18
           Q.
                   So tell me about your time at
19
     Interstate Gas.
20
           Α.
                  Um-hum.
21
           0.
                  Did you -- what was your
22
    responsibility there?
23
                   I built well locations and I done
2.4
    reclamation and I worked in the pipeline side.
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                   So production gathering?
           Ο.
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1	A. Um-hum.
2	Q. Did Interstate Gas own a gathering
3	system?
4	A. They did.
5	Q. Okay. Did they have farm tap
6	customers?
7	A. They do.
8	Q. Okay.
9	MR. BENTLEY: That's all I've got.
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11	* * *
12	EXAMINATION
13	BY MS. ECKERT:
14	Q. I just wanted to clarify something
15	I heard in your testimony earlier. You said
16	that if you had provided service for the car
17	lot, it would have been a farm tap customer?
18	A. Um-hum. Yes.
19	MS. ECKERT: I think that's all my
20	questions for right now.
21	MS. HONAKER: I have a couple
22	redirect.
23	
24	* * *
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1 2 EXAMINATION 3 BY MS. HONAKER: 4 Ο. I want to take you back to some of 5 Ms. Norris Canfield's questions early on when 6 you were talking about when Jefferson decided to 7 sell off some of their system to Gas Natural. 8 Um-hum. Α. 9 And you were talking about the 0. 10 Jackson system, the Campton system, going 11 through that. And then you went on to talk 12 about some other things about farm taps and she 13 asked about the systems. I think you said that 14 those were EKM systems now? 15 Α. No. Those are Frontier gas 16 We own the pipelines and the 17 customers. 18 0. And that's at Jackson and Campton 19 and those areas? 2.0 Jackson, Campton, Pine Ridge, Α. 21 Cliffview, and Hazel Green. 22 Okay. I just wanted to clear that Ο. 23 up, because I think you were talking about the 2.4 farm tap things that she was asking, but --25 Α. Those are Frontier gas customers.

1 And the Bearpen is close to Campton, so like 2 I've got a pipeline here and my pipeline stops 3 here, and theirs keeps going. So we -- I guess 4 I've got -- I've got customers here close to the 5 system, but there's also farm taps real close 6 that are -- that are EKM's or ours. They could 7 be both. 8 I've also got -- you know, I've got 9 a map kind of show you if anybody wanted to see 10 any of it would be fine. 11 0. Okay. And then she also asked you 12 about describing places where EKM's system looks 13 like what Kentucky Frontier's distribution 14 system is. 15 Α. Um-hum. 16 And you talked about Bearpen Ο. 17 Hollow? 18 Α. Yeah. 19 Are there others? 0. 20 Α. Yeah. There's Cannel City is a 21 place. Wolverine, which is in Jackson is also 22 the same. 23 Can you kind of describe those to 24 me, what you're talking about, that those look 25 like a Kentucky Frontier -- what is considered

distribution for you all?

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- 2 Basically there's pipelines Α. Yeah. 3 -- there's a pipeline along the road or the 4 highway or the highway or -- could be in the 5 mountains that serve customers across the road 6 from it or -- and there's also, you know, like I 7 said, EKM and Frontier Gas customers along this. 8 There could be connected wells, but -- that they 9 buy gas from. But still again, it's -- you 10 know, they're buying gas from a well, and 11 serving customers just like Frontier.
 - Q. Okay. And so when you're saying that there's a pipe, so they will have a main pipeline, but then there's pipelines that come off of that and then meters are set off of those lines, not the main line; is that what you're talking about?
 - A. Yes. Yes. And these pipelines are not the typical A-1, A-2, C line. These are whatever -- I don't know.
- Q. What you-all would call distribution lines in your system?
 - A. Yeah, I would. Yeah.
 - Q. And we were talking about the school. And I think you said that was Highland

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    Elementary.
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                  Is that correct?
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           Α.
                  Yes.
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                  And then we were talking about the
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    Discount Auto Brokers that's near there?
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           Α.
                  Yeah.
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                  And that that was maybe going to be
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    a customer of your alls?
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                  The Discount Auto Brokers was.
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    Highland Elementary has always been a customer
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    of Jefferson now EKM from, I guess, the day that
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    the school was built.
                             It's a fairly new school.
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                  Okay.
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                  And this was before these
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    transactions were done.
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                  Okay. And the school is not --
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    their meter is not at EKM's main line.
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                  Correct?
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                       The school's is directly
                  No.
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    behind the school. Like against the wall on the
21
    back of the school.
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                  Okay.
                         And how is the auto brokers
           Ο.
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    connected to EKM's line?
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                  It's on the same tap.
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    they're using the same regulator that serves the
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    school and Discount Auto Brokers.
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    hundred percent sure on where the meter is at
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    Discount Auto Brokers, I don't recall, like,
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    seeing that one. I've not looked for it. But
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    I'm pretty sure it's on the same tap.
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                        And there was questions
           Ο.
                  Okay.
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    about the auto brokers possibly being a customer
8
    of Kentucky Frontier, and that they would have
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    been a farm tap?
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           Α.
                  Yeah.
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           0.
                  Would you have set that meter at
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    EKM's main line?
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           Α.
                  Yes.
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                  If you had been the one to set that
           Q.
15
    meter?
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                        I would have set the meter at
           Α.
                  Yes.
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    the EKM main line. I would have had to got EKM
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    to tap their line or whatever, but --
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                  And would you have called the
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    Public Service Commission to come and inspect
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    that?
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           Α.
                  Yes, we would have done an
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    inspection.
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                  MS. HONAKER:
                                 Okay. I think that
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    clears up the questions I had.
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1	MS. ECKERT: I have some redirect.
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4	EXAMINATION
5	BY MS. ECKERT:
6	Q. You know, we just talked about the
7	school. So you don't know when that meter was
8	installed.
9	Is that correct?
10	A. No. I mean, like I said, it's a
11	newer school, but it's more than ten years old.
12	Q. Okay. And so you don't know the
13	circumstances that caused that meter to be
14	placed.
15	Is that correct?
16	A. I have no idea.
17	Q. You're not aware of any
18	conversations that the PSC had with Jefferson
19	Gas about the need for the school to have
20	gas?
21	A. I didn't get in the middle of that,
22	no.
23	Q. So you don't really have any direct
24	knowledge of why
25	A. I just know the meter's there.

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                  Wait a second. Let me finish my
           Ο.
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    question so I can get it out.
                                     Thank you.
3
           Α.
                  Sorry.
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           0.
                  So you don't have any actual
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    knowledge of why the decision was made for that
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    to be done the way it is.
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                  Correct?
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           Α.
                  Nope.
9
                  You're just speculating?
           Q.
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                  MS. HONAKER:
                                 I object.
                                            He's not
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    speculating. He said he's seen the meter and
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    knows where it is at.
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                  MS. ECKERT:
                                But he's not been part
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    of any conversations with the PSC or with
15
    Jefferson Gas as to why it was placed.
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                  MS. HONAKER: And he didn't testify
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    to that.
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                  MS. ECKERT:
                                Okay.
                                       Anything else?
19
                  I think that's it for us.
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                  VIDEO SPECIALIST:
                                              If there
                                      Okay.
    are no objections, we are off the record at
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    11:49 a.m.
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