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directed towards you? 2 MR. GLUDT: Yes, Your Honor. 3 ALJ HOGAN: Okay. If you want to go ahead. And STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA DUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION I don't know if Summit's planning to call any additional 5 witnesses or have other witnesses available or other SCS Carbon Transport LLC Midwest Carbon Express CO2 Pipeline Project Siting Application 6 evidence it plans to cover at this next hearing? 7 MR. GLUDT: Thank you, Your Honor. 8 As you mentioned, this is the fourth hearing. I 9 think the details of the project are known TRANSCRIPT OF TELEPHONIC PREHEARING CONFERENCE 10 Accordingly, Summit does not intend to present any April 28, 2023 11 witnesses at this hearing. However, should the 12 Commission like to have any followup or ask questions of 13 a company representative, Summit would be willing to APPEARANCES 14 make that representative available under the provision 15 that the company witness would no longer be subject to TYLER GLUDT, Fredrikson & Byron, P.A., on behalf of Applicant SCS Carbon Transport LLC 16 any further cross-examination by any of the intervenor JESS VILSACK, General Counsel, Summit Carbon Solutions 17 counsels BRIAN E. JORDE, Domina Law Group, on behalf of 18 As you may recall, I think Mr. Bender made the 19 STEVE J. LEIBEL, Knoll Leibel LLP, on behalf of argument at the Wahpeton prehearing conference that the 20 intervenors have had their chance to conduct their RANDALL J. BAKKE, Bakke Grinolds Wiederholt, on behalf of Intervenor John H. Warford as Trustee of the John H. Warford, Jr. Revocable Trust 21 cross-examination, both Mr. Leibel and Mr. Jorde and Mr. LUCAS FRANCO, on behalf of Intervenor Laborers District Council of Minnesota and North Dakota (LIUNA) 22 Bakke. Accordingly, we think it's inappropriate to 23 allow further cross-examination of our witnesses. And, ZACHARY PELHAM, Special Assistant Attorney General Advisory Counsel to the Public Service Commission 24 you know, essentially this equivocates to, even though 25 Summit hasn't made this request, I'm sure that if it did PAGE 3 1 ALJ HOGAN: All right. It is 1:32 p.m. on it would be denied, but requiring every single one of 2 April 28th, 2023. This is the time and date scheduled 2 the intervenor witnesses to appear at each one of 3 for a prehearing conference in Public Service Commission 3 these -- travel and appear at each one of these 4 Case No. PU-22-391. This is also OAH File No. 4 hearings. So it's just -- I think further 5 2023-0002 5 cross-examination is inappropriate 6 Appearing for our prehearing conference this 6 The company's willing to bring a representative 7 7 afternoon are the following: On behalf of Summit is to answer Commission questions or Commission staff 8 Tyler Gludt and Jess Vilsack; on behalf of the Public 8 questions, but that would be our intention for the 9 Service Commission is Zach Pelham; on behalf of a group 9 Linton hearing 10 10 of intervenors are Attorneys Jorde and Mr. Leibel; on ALJ HOGAN: Okay. Mr. Gludt, just so I'm 11 behalf of the intervenor John Warford is Attorney Bakke: 11 hearing Summit's position on this, you know, it's my 12 12 on behalf of the Laborers Union is Lucas Franco. And understanding each of these hearings were set up --13 then also I have PSC staff member Victor Schock on the 13 well, excluding the fifth hearing because that's kind of 14 line as well 14 a different situation, but these first four were set up 15 I scheduled this prehearing conference to 15 to talk about certain segments of the pipeline 16 discuss procedures and any preliminary issues regarding 16 And maybe it's not applicable, but if there's 17 the upcoming Linton hearing on May 9th, 2023. This will 17 issues relevant to just this portion of the pipeline, is 18 be the fourth hearing scheduled for Summit's siting 18 Summit's position the same as far as intervenors' 19 application for the Midwest Carbon Express CO2 pipeline 19 questions for Summit representatives? 20 project. 20 MR. GLUDT: Yeah. Summit is more than willing 21 So I think where I want to start is I just want 21 to give another broad overview of the project and 22 to kind of go around and just get an idea of what the 22 identify any specific issues relative to the counties at 23 parties anticipate or are planning to present as far as 23 issue in Linton, but that would be only if there was an 24 witnesses or additional evidence at this hearing 24 order from you, Judge, that no further cross-examination 25 So on behalf of Summit, Mr. Gludt, would that be 25 could be conducted by the intervenors

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             ALJ HOGAN: And do you know, are there any
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     issues specific to this portion of the pipeline, in
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     Summit's opinion, that haven't been addressed already at
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     the other hearings?
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             MR. GLUDT: I do not know that right now, Your
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             Mr. Pelham, does the PSC plan on calling any
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             MR. PELHAM: Good afternoon, Judge. No, the PSC
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     does not anticipate calling any witnesses.
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             I would just comment briefly on Mr. Gludt's
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     statements. You know, from the Commission's
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     perspective, the Commission would ask that the company
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     present a witness to outline the project generally and
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     specific as to Emmons County -- there's one other
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     county, which escapes me right now which I should know
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     that, for purposes of testimony specific to the counties
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     in which this hearing is specified for, that that would
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     be appropriate questioning as to -- as to intervenors
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     asking questions on what would effectively be new
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             MR. GLUDT: And, Your Honor, may I --
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             ALJ HOGAN: I just want to note, Mr. Gludt -- I
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     think that was you, Mr. Gludt, before you respond --
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     the Commission is requesting, what Summit has done in
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     you think something similar at this hearing is
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     appropriate or is that what you're requesting that they
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             MR. PELHAM: Judge, you summed it up a lot
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     better than I did. That's what we would be requesting.
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             ALJ HOGAN: Okay. And was that you, Mr. Gludt?
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the same type of questions that we've gone over in the 1 their pleading in this case. Thank you 2 2 last two hearings. MR. GLUDT: And, Your Honor, I'll just quickly 3 And I just want to make it clear, this is what I 3 respond to that. Mr. Jorde, Mr. Leibel, Mr. Bakke have 4 understood you to say, that that's -- you agree with 4 all had that opportunity. What they're getting now is a 5 that and that's not the intent on behalf of your 5 few weeks in between each hearing to go back and clients, but if there's new questions to ask, that you 6 collectively think about what they've missed and what 6 7 have the latitude to ask those? 7 they're going to do next. And I think out of the pure 8 MR. JORDE: Well, I mean, like any trial, you 8 fairness standpoint, these hearings weren't set up to do 9 don't want to ask the same question over and over again. 9 that and to allow intervenors, you know, to -- this 10 10 Once you get an answer, it's time to move on. And, I extra time and come back and keep rehashing the issues, 11 mean, I -- you know, I think any lawyer participating, 11 whether or not it's the exact question or not. You 12 whether they've been present at a prior hearing, 12 know, this is exactly what's going on here. 13 probably needs to avail themselves to at least the 13 And obviously I've told you Summit is willing to 14 subject matter so we're not just doing the same thing. 14 get a -- present a broad overview, give a right of way 15 You know, I don't think anyone wants to do that. 15 update, but I do not think that should open this up to 16 I'm simply saying that as to the suggestion that 16 this extensive cross-examination. I wish I could take 17 they didn't intend to have anyone there, I don't think 17 Mr. Jorde's word for it, but I -- we've gone through two that's at all appropriate. And it doesn't sound like 18 of these now and I think we can expect that public 18 19 Your Honor or the PSC staff are interested in that, 19 testimony is not going to occur until late in the day 20 which is good. I'm simply saying I think they need to 20 again. 21 21 have somebody that can be cross-examined on the MR. JORDE: Your Honor, I'm sorry, I have to 22 22 application insofar as it's not road we've already respond to that. 23 23 traveled down. That's all I'm saying. Whether it occurs late in the day or not, I 24 24 mean, let's all do our jobs. And, you know, the fact ALJ HOGAN: Okay. Yeah, and I -- I don't want 25 to put words in Mr. Gludt's mouth, but it was my 25 that Mr. Leibel or I have appeared for other people has PAGE 9 understanding that they will have people there that are nothing to do with the intervenors that are going to 2 able to answer questions so that's -- that's what I 2 appear in Linton. They've their own case. This isn't a 3 understood. 3 class action. They have their own case. They can ask 4 4 MR. GLUDT: Your Honor, this is Mr. Gludt again. their own questions through the counsel that they've 5 5 I just received word that the only new information that hired. 6 6 Summit would have to present in Linton would be a right So, again, this suggestion that basically they 7 7 of way progress, the same information, county by county. want to hide and only put out information they want when 8 And that would be it. And if that's the information, we 8 they're the applicants, they should be subject to 9 would request -- I'll renew my thoughts -- that 9 cross-examination, we got to test the application, and 10 cross-examination should be limited to right of way 10 that's all fair game. And they knew that when they got 11 11 started in this process. 12 ALJ HOGAN: Okay. 12 MR. GLUDT: I would object that we're hiding 13 MR. JORDE: Well, Your Honor, then I have to 13 anything, Your Honor. That's an unfair characterization 14 respond to that. 14 of what we're trying to accomplish here. We're trying 15 Again, they are the applicant. And the way this 15 to make this hearing as efficient as possible so that 16 has been set up, that it's essentially a new hearing 16 public testimony can occur at a reasonable time in the 17 each time. Now, those aren't my rules. Apparently, 17 day and the public is not sitting at this hearing for 18 that's how the PSC admin rules work. And so those have 18 hours on end, waiting to appear. 19 19 been the rules of the road, the rules of the game here. Because, in reality, Summit filed this 20 And they don't get to just show up on what they want to 20 application last fall. It's been public knowledge since 21 talk about. This is an opportunity for intervenors to 21 then. We've made our case several times now. We are 22 ask them questions on the pleading, which is the entire 22 not hiding anything. 23 thousand-page application. 23 And, you know, at this point, you know, I think 24 So, again, I just, for the record, reiterate our 24 a comment was made prior by Mr. Jorde that this is the 25 request that they have someone there that can speak to Public Service Commission and the point is to run an

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1 efficient hearing, get the public up so the Commission 1 hearings. 2 2 can hear the public's concern and so Summit can hear the It's not my intention to rehash areas of 3 public's concern and respond appropriately. 3 evidence that have been presented before. However, this 4 ALJ HOGAN: Well, okay. So this is my 4 process is a process where in advance we don't get to understanding. I think when the PSC determined that it 5 5 see what the evidence is from Summit, we don't get a 6 6 was going to hold four separate hearings for this chance to take depositions of their witnesses, and there 7 application, which is something it's done on other 7 are certain areas of testimony and evidence presented by 8 projects of similar scale, when they decided those 8 Summit that since the initial hearing in Bismarck where 9 parameters, we didn't have intervenors at the time so. 9 they said they didn't have information, where we have 10 10 you know, I don't know that -- I think it became more subsequently learned about other information that seems 11 complicated once we had intervenor parties, especially 11 to contradict what they've presented to the PSC. 12 with like Mr. Jorde's and Mr. Leibel's group because 12 Similarly, there are other areas where some of the 13 they represent so many landowners along, you know, 13 testimony provided we believe to be inaccurate and we 14 different counties within this project. 14 would intend to present that. 15 So I think from my standpoint, I agree that -- I 15 You know, they say, well, we shouldn't be 16 don't think it's a sufficient or good use of time to 16 allowed to cross-examine. That would be patently unfair 17 continue to go over the same issues that we've had 17 because our witnesses are going to go last. Our 18 18 questioning and we've heard testimony on in Bismarck and witnesses are not going to be heard until, at least one, 19 Gwinner and Wahpeton. Whether or not there's new stuff 19 during this hearing in Linton, you know. 20 -- and sometimes it's hard to talk about this stuff in 20 The Court will recall we didn't get a chance, 21 21 abstract because, you know, we're talking about new due to time constraints -- and I'm not blaming anyone. 22 22 testimony that we've heard versus new, well, you know, I mean, I know my cross-examination was -- of Summit's 23 23 what is that? I don't know. witnesses was extensive and so I'm not blaming Summit. 24 24 So I think there is a line there and so I would I took my time as I felt was necessary to question their 25 witnesses. However, I didn't get to present any of my just ask all the parties to, if we've gone through it, 25 PAGE 13 PAGE 15 1 if we heard testimony on these issues, we need to move 1 witnesses. 2 2 on. Because I think at this point the most important So what Mr. Gludt is requesting is to have the 3 information for the PSC is to hear from the landowners 3 advantage of going through all of these hearings and 4 4 and the public on this project. So that's kind of where waiting until our witnesses are presented in Bismarck 5 5 I'm at and I guess the direction I can give at this and one or two in Linton, and then he gets full point. 6 6 opportunity to cross-examine them on the same issues 7 7 Mr. Bakke, can you tell me how many -- I know that have arisen perhaps in a number of these hearings, but yet we don't get a level playing field. That's not 8 you're planning to appear, and I think you mentioned in 8 9 your email that you had at least one witness or one 9 right. If he's going to get a chance to cross-examine 10 client that was -- witness, I think, because you only 10 our witnesses in Bismarck and Linton, we should have 11 have one client, that was planning to testify in Linton, 11 full opportunity to cross-examine Summit witnesses. 12 but can you tell me -- give me more information on where 12 And the other thing I'll say is it sounds to me 13 13 like Summit has -- essentially is telling the Court 14 MR. BAKKE: Yes, thank you, Your Honor. Yes, I 14 they're throwing in the towel at least as to the 15 will have at least one witness, perhaps two. 15 propriety of the Summit route in Logan and Emmons County 16 And just kind of responding to the issues that 16 at the Linton hearing and are not going to try to 17 have been raised so far, I'm kind of looking at this 17 establish it's an appropriate route. That's their 18 globally in regards to the entire PSC process, which I 18 burden of proof to establish, as well as on the other 19 understand is -- you know, it's the burden of Summit to 19 issues in those counties, at the Linton hearing. But it 20 establish that this pipeline is a benefit to the 20 sounds to me they are just giving up on that and don't 21 21 intend to present evidence to the PSC as to why their citizens of North Dakota, that there aren't public 22 22 health issues of significant concern so the PSC can route is appropriate, how it's safe, how it's to the 23 23 benefit of the citizens in those counties, and these analyze those issues, not in a vacuum based on a single 24 hearing but on all four hearings. And I think it goes 24 other issues that are very much at play in this case. 25 without saying that these are all very important But I think Mr. Jorde is correct on that, they're going

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| 1 | to fail in their burden of proof. | 1 | mean, right now I know the one for sure, but it's hard |
| 2 | I know these hearings are long. They're | 2 | for me to say depending on what they present. But |
| 3 | important issues. They're important issues to the | 3 | that's |
| 4 | public. So I think everything has to be, you know, fair | 4 | ALJ HOGAN: Okay. |
| 5 | game for the PSC to consider all of the evidence on the | 5 | MR. BAKKE: call for sure. |
| 6 | issues where they have the burden of proof. | 6 | ALJ HOGAN: All right. Mr. Gludt, is Summit |
| 7 | But like I say, I don't intend to rehash the | 7 | going to call Mr. Powell again to go through the right |
| 8 | same things I did before, but to the extent there's | 8 | of way and summarize the project? |
| 9 | additional information that's become available or | 9 | MR. GLUDT: Yes, that is our intent, Your Honor. |
| 10 | contradictory information from what Summit testified to | 10 | ALJ HOGAN: Okay. All right. Okay. With that |
| 11 | or the evidence they presented or areas as the Court | 11 | again, I know this is an unusual format, but I'll |
| 12 | will recall where they said, "Well, we don't have an | 12 | just reiterate that, in the interest of time and, |
| 13 | answer to those questions," if we now have information | 13 | again, we don't know how many members of the public are |
| 14 | that provides the answers to those questions, we should | 14 | going to be there that want to testify. So once we get |
| 15 | have full opportunity to present that evidence to the | 15 | there and I have a better idea of that, you know, we can |
| 16 | PSC for their consideration. | 16 | estimate how long public testimony is going to be, but |
| 17 | ALJ HOGAN: Mr. Bakke, can you give me more | 17 | every well, I guess other than Gwinner, every single |
| 18 | information about the witnesses you intend to call? | 18 | one of these we've used it's been long days and we've |
| 19 | Like who are the witnesses I don't I just need | 19 | used a lot of time. |
| 20 | like the nature of the type of witnesses. Because it's | 20 | So like I said before, and I just want to |
| 21 | my understanding you only have one client; correct? | 21 | reiterate, I think, from the Public Service Commission's |
| 22 | MR. BAKKE: I have one client, yeah. It's going | 22 | perspective, at this point testimony from the landowners |
| 23 | to deal with the safety issues in relation to the | 23 | and the public is what's going to be most beneficial for |
| 24 | pipeline. | 24 | the Public Service Commission, and rehashing you |
| 25 | MR. PELHAM: This is Zach here. | 25 | know, I get what the intervenors are saying, and I know |
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- Commission consider the concept of submitting each 2 party, i.e., intervenors submitting written direct 3 testimony and Summit submitting written direct testimony 4 of its rebuttal witnesses. Those written -- those 5 written items will both be due on the same day. Each party gets an opportunity to review and submit written 6 7 responses. And the Commission will have time to review 8 those. All witnesses that submitted direct testimony 9 will be available at the hearing for questions by 10 Commission and Commission staff but there will be --11 that will be the extent of the witness questioning at 12 Bismarck. 13 I think this process will allow -- it's really 14 the only feasible way of getting through the last 15 Bismarck hearing and allowing time for public testimony. 16 ALJ HOGAN: Okay. Yeah, and I do plan on 17 holding a prehearing conference before that hearing as well because I think that one, as far as what needs to 18 19 happen on that day and time constraints, etcetera, is 20 going to be the most challenging, and, hopefully, we can 21 do that sooner rather than later so that there's time to
 - But continuing on, Mr. Pelham, thoughts on prefiled testimony and setting deadlines for that and any other issues you want to address this afternoon?

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> last hearing. And you, ALJ Hogan, know that you're going to set a time for the company to present and likely

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6 ALJ HOGAN: Okay. Mr. Jorde.

8 I make a motion on behalf of all intervenors

and depositions. I'd like to take the deposition of Jim

In terms of Fargo -- pardon me, Bismarck, you

Summit just highlighted that they don't think there's

17 time and there's not an opportunity to extend this into

21 or five witnesses. Then Summit's rebuttal. Is that

come and testify. So are we picking winners and losers

in terms of who can give testimony?

MR. PELHAM: Thank you, Judge.

As far as prefiled testimony, it's been done by the Commission in the past to lead to more efficiency. In terms of -- in terms of witnesses, I think, from my

4 5 perspective as counsel for the Commission, we need to be

sure that we can accomplish the hearing in Bismarck --

7 specifically I know we're talking about Linton here, but 8 it was brought up -- in Bismarck within the time frame

9 that we have. And I think that is a practical

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plan for that last day.

And perhaps what we can do after this call is perhaps the attorneys for all involved here can get together and try to develop some type of plan in advance of Bismarck that hopefully we can all agree on, you know, whether it's some prefiled testimony, as the plan that Mr. Gludt has explained, or some variation of that. I think it's going to have to be something. And I think it would be appropriate for the parties to do that.

As far as the information, the testimony, the evidence being presented, it was noted by Mr. Bakke that there's no opportunity for depositions and discovery. There's opportunity for intervenors to conduct discovery under the rules. I just want to be clear on the record

23 24 that intervenors have the opportunity to conduct

25 discovery, but it's their choice to ask for it. And it

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It just hasn't been done here. So I just want to be clear on the record from

6 7 the Commission's rules, the Administrative Code and the

hasn't been done in this case. So there has been

discovery on cases in the past. It's not been done

here. So this is not a unique situation or hearing in

which discovery does not take place or it takes place.

Administrative Agencies Practices Act both allow 9 discovery, as everyone knows on this call. It's just 10

simply not been done. So in terms of this hearing, it appears that we're ready to go and have the witnesses and just look

forward to having a good hearing. But in terms of the Bismarck hearing, I do think that it would be appropriate for the attorneys to get on a call or exchange some emails as far as thoughts on how best to efficiently present what needs to be presented so that the Commission, the three commissioners -- I

19 guess one non-commissioner who's a substitute 20 decisionmaker -- can make a decision.

I'd also remind everyone too that we have post-hearing briefing on these cases and everyone's going to -- there's no page limit on post-hearing briefing. There's no limitation on what exhibits can be

cited to. And all of that can be presented after the

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intervenors to respond, perhaps even some rebuttal, as

5 to those post-hearing briefs. So thank you.

7 MR. JORDE: Yes, thank you.

9 that we be allowed to conduct discovery, both written 10 11 Pirolli and Mr. Blank for Summit. So if we could get a

12 ruling on that ASAP, I'd appreciate it. 13

14 know, I think we've got a real problem there because 15 16 going to be enough time. So then if there's not enough

18 a second day, then who are the winners and losers? You 19 know, Mr. Bakke has a case he wants to put on, and

20 that's fair for him to do that. There are his four

22 going to squeeze out the time? Because we've got people

23 that are intervenors that have just as much right to

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1 1 As to the written testimony comment, sure, And, with that, Mr. Bakke, any thoughts or that's a concept, but we have the due process right to 2 2 anything you want to put on the record? 3 be heard orally via question and answer. And so we 3 MR. BAKKE: Sure. Just very quickly, Your 4 don't have to stipulate or consent to that process. And 4 Honor, I will be filing an objection, I think on Monday 5 so I think there's a real problem. 5 or Tuesday, Summit's application to protect information. 6 6 And so I'll get that to the Court, like I said, Monday I also make a motion that the hearing be 7 continued or set aside a second day so that everyone can 7 or Tuesday at the latest. 8 be heard in terms of all intervenors. If you're going 8 In relation to Mr. Pelham's comments about 9 to cut off the public and they chose not to intervene, I 9 discovery, and this is my fault for not always keeping 10 10 him in the loop, I have been trying to obtain discovery guess that's one thing, but in terms of not having 11 enough time for the intervenors to testify, I just don't 11 directly through Mr. Bender, one of the attorneys for 12 see possibly how that works. And I think that brings up 12 Summit, and have been wholly unsuccessful in that regard 13 some significant appeal issues that could be 13 despite assurances they'd consider our requests. So I 14 catastrophic to Summit. 14 don't disagree with Mr. Jorde's request for depositions, 15 So those are my thoughts there, Your Honor. 15 but I did try to accomplish that through Mr. Bender and 16 ALJ HOGAN: In response to some of that, 16 was unsuccessful. 17 Mr. Jorde, your motions, if you could file something in 17 In regards to prefiled testimony, written writing for me, I'd appreciate that. I think it's --18 18 testimony, I understand that has been used in the past. 19 since this is just a prehearing conference, I think 19 I mean, on behalf of my client, we would strenuously 20 having something for the record, I think, would be good. 20 request -- or object to that, the biggest part of the 21 21 As far as I know, the Commission is not in favor reason being that the PSC needs to assess the 22 22 credibility of these witnesses, may have questions of scheduling more time for this hearing so I think we 23 23 themselves for the witnesses, which is best done in an have what we have. I can tell you I haven't decided 24 anything yet, but in thinking about -- from what I've 24 oral format. 25 heard from everybody and thinking about that Bismarck 25 And a big factor as well is the cost issue. Of PAGE 27 hearing, I have similar concerns about the amount of course we know Summit has \$5.5 billion so they have tons 2 2 of money to fight the intervenors here. I represent one time all the parties are going to want and the amount of 3 time that we're going to have. 3 individual, and this is a significant financial 4 So when -- I like Mr. Pelham's idea about the 4 commitment and cost to him. And if he were to have to 5 5 parties getting together and trying to figure out some have us do prefiled testimony, that would be 6 of that and potentially filing pre- -- prefiled 6 tremendously expensive and inefficient and I just don't 7 7 testimony is something the Commission normally and think that would be fair to the intervenors to approach 8 regularly does, especially in cases like this that they 8 it that way. 9 know are going to be lengthy so that's a common practice 9 We are bringing in the one witness in Linton. 10 with the Commission. And I think it helps. It makes 10 That should, I hope, expedite things. I don't disagree the testimony or information we need to get through with 11 11 that we'd probably need a second day, but I keep getting 12 testimony less. 12 back to how important this case is to the citizens of 13 As far as the Bismarck hearing, I think that 13 North Dakota. I mean, I know there's been other bigger 14 we're going to have to set some guardrails and time 14 issues and projects presented to the PSC before, but 15 limits on how much time every party is going to get to 15 this has to rank right up there. And so if it means, 16 present its testimony or cases that day. I just don't 16 you know, the PSC has to consider another day of 17 think going into that hearing without a plan or without 17 hearing, I know it's difficult on everyone's schedule, 18 but I think it's just that important. So that's my two time limits for the various parties is a good idea 18 19 cents' worth. 19 because it's just going to create a mess. And if we 20 know that that's the amount of time we have, it makes 20 ALJ HOGAN: Thank you. 21 21 sense to think about it in that way. And I didn't mean to ignore you, Mr. Franco. I 22 22 So, you know, I'm open to other ideas, but just kind of assumed in my head that the labor union had 23 that's something I'd like the parties to discuss and 23 presented its witnesses and weren't going to present any 24 talk about when you, hopefully, get together and discuss 24 further witnesses, but maybe I should ask or have you 25 some of these issues. confirm one way or the other if I was right about that.

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             MR. FRANCO: Well, thank you, Your Honor. Not a
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                                                                                   Okay. One other thing I wanted to ask about
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     problem. Our intention was to call a single witness for
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     a relatively limited amount of time, 15 to 20 minutes at
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     most. So that was our -- that was our plan, and that's
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     what, ideally, we would like to pursue. And that
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     witness would be Evan Whiteford.
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             ALJ HOGAN: And that's for the Linton hearing;
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             MR. FRANCO: That's correct.
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                                                                           any objection to that petition to intervene. If there
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             ALJ HOGAN: Okay. Okay. All right. Thank you.
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                                                                           isn't any, I'll just go ahead and get an order out
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             MR. FRANCO: And just to --
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             ALJ HOGAN: Go ahead.
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             MR. FRANCO: Sorry to interrupt.
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             Just to a second point. We would be comfortable
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     and have done this many times before with the prefiled
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                                                                                   MR. GLUDT: Your Honor, this is Mr. Gludt.
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     testimony.
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             ALJ HOGAN: Okay. Yeah, and just, you know, for
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     our intervenors, I don't know how familiar you guys are
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     with the Commission process and hearing process, but
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     almost every hearing I do for the Commission we have
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     prefiled testimony. And those witnesses are then
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     available for cross-examination.
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             But the whole purpose of that prefiled testimony
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     is to address the issue we have here. We've got a
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     limited amount of time for hearing and lots of
                                                                                   Mr. Gludt, would close-of-business Monday be a
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     information to get through. So that's the whole purpose
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     of prefiling it so that the commissioners can read --
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     everybody can read through that testimony and that we
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     don't have to go through everything the day of the
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     something that's routinely done, the Commission is
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     comfortable with that format, and that the whole purpose
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     of that is to address time issues at the hearing.
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             Mr. Schock, I just wanted to confirm that the
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     Commission is not planning on scheduling a sixth hearing
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     day: correct?
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             MR. SCHOCK: Yes, Judge, that is correct.
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             ALJ HOGAN: Okay. So with that in mind, we have
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     what we have. So I know the intervenors want more time,
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     they want another day. Ideally, that would be great,
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     but this is where we're at. We have two hearing dates
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     left and we have to find a way to make it work.
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             So I hope and strongly suggest the parties get
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     together and talk about -- I'm talking more for Bismarck
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     than Linton, but I hope you guys get together and try to
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     come up with a plan of how to manage that day. If it's
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     prefiled testimony, if we're setting time limits for the
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     parties, whatever, because like I said before, I think a
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     game plan is needed for that hearing day.
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                                                                                   MR. GLUDT: Nothing further from Summit, Your
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| 1 | Honor. |
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| 2 | ALJ HOGAN: All right. Well, hearing nothing |
| 3 | else, I'll note for the record that it's 2:18 p.m. |
| 4 | That will conclude our prehearing conference for |
| 5 | this afternoon. Thank you all for calling in and I hope |
| 6 | everybody has a nice weekend. |
| 7 | UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You as well. Thank you. |
| 8 | UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. |
| 9 | ALJ HOGAN: Thanks. Bye-bye. |
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