

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF MISSOURI

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
DISCOVERY CONFERENCE

Cheri Meadows,)
)
Complainant,) File No. EC-2025-0136
v.)
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Grain Belt Express, LLC,)
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Respondent.

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1 (Beginning audio recording

2 EC-2025-0136-Meadows v. Grain Belt Express-Discovery
3 Conference-20250612 1952-1.)

4 JUDGE CLARK: Can everyone hear me okay?

5 MR. PRINGLE: Yep, I can hear you, Judge.

6 JUDGE CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Pringle. I
7 think I've got everybody necessary to start. Am I
8 waiting on anyone for which anyone is aware?

9 MR. PRINGLE: I'm not sure if Ms. Meadows
10 is on yet.

11 JUDGE CLARK: Good question. Thank you.

12 MS. HANSON: I don't know if I see her.

13 JUDGE CLARK: I do not. I'm going to give
14 it a couple of minutes for Ms. Meadows to show up.

15 (Short break.)

16 MS. HANSON: Good afternoon. I show a
17 call-in user. Ms. Meadows, is that you?

18 MS. MEADOWS: Yes.

19 MS. HANSON: Perfect. Thank you.

20 JUDGE CLARK: Okay. So I'm -- Now it
21 appears we may have everybody we need. Okay. I'm
22 going to go -- Well, I'm going to say this before we
23 go on the record. We do not a court reporter present
24 for this discovery conference, this is a common
25 occurrence, this is something that we have elected to

1 do.

2 Today's date is June 12th of 2025. And the
3 current time is 2:03 p.m.

4 The Commission has set aside this time for
5 a Webex Discovery Conference in the case captioned as
6 Cheri Meadows, Complainant, versus Grain Belt Express,
7 LLC, Respondent. And that is Case No. EC-2025-0136.

8 My name is John Clark. I'm the Regulatory
9 Law Judge overseeing this case. I'm going to begin by
10 asking the attorneys to make their entry of appearance
11 for the record. Starting with Ms. Meadows who is
12 pro se. Ms. Meadows, you're here; correct?

13 MS. MEADOWS: Yes.

14 JUDGE CLARK: And you are representing
15 yourself; correct?

16 MS. MEADOWS: Yes.

17 JUDGE CLARK: On behalf of Grain Belt
18 Express?

19 MS. CALLENBACH: Yes. Good afternoon,
20 Judge. Anne Callenbach of the Law Firm
21 Polsinelli, PC, appearing on behalf of Grain Belt
22 Express, LLC.

23 JUDGE CLARK: Thank you, Grain Belt. On
24 behalf of the Commission Staff.

25 MS. HANSON: So we have me, Andrea Hanson,

1 we also have Travis Pringle, and we have a staff
2 member, and then a number of interns who are observing
3 as well.

4 JUDGE CLARK: Okay. That's great. Thank
5 you, Staff. Is there anyone present from the Office
6 of the Public Counsel? I hear none. They participate
7 in these kinds of cases at their whim, and so just
8 because they're not participating now does not mean
9 that they may not necessarily take an interest in this
10 case in the future, but they're entitled to
11 participate in any proceeding regarding this case.

12 Is there anyone I've missed? I don't
13 believe so.

14 Okay. I'm going to remind everyone that
15 the Presiding Officer, which is me, can rule on
16 substantive issues at a prehearing conference, which
17 would include this kind of conference, pursuant to
18 Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.090, Subsection 6.

19 This discovery conference was called to
20 discuss Ms. Meadows' motion to compel and her
21 subsequent request for a discovery conference.

22 With that, Ms. Meadows, I'm going to kind
23 of just start and go through this and then I'll ask
24 the parties to kind of weigh in.

25 You had filed this Motion to Compel

1 discovery at -- I don't remember the exact date you
2 filed it, but I -- in any normal pleading ten days are
3 given to allow other parties to respond, so I waited
4 ten days to see if any of the parties would respond
5 and no parties responded to your Motion to Compel
6 discovery.

7 I was still tempted to just summarily deny
8 it, and the main reason for denying it is honestly not
9 really the content as much as it is the procedure that
10 you went through. Pursuant to the Commission's rules
11 in these kinds of cases, normally any Motion to Compel
12 can't be filed until after you have attempted to
13 resolve your discovery dispute with the opposing party
14 have represented that to the presiding officer and
15 have asked for an immediate discovery conference via
16 phone.

17 That didn't happen in this case, you did
18 request a discovery conference, and so I decided to
19 wait to deny yours on procedural grounds largely
20 because I think there is some stuff in here that it's
21 -- quite possibly you might be entitled to in the way
22 of discovery, and I thought we could discuss that
23 before further motions are filed.

24 MS. MEADOWS: Yeah. No, I didn't --

25 JUDGE CLARK: Do you understand --

1 MS. MEADOWS: I didn't do that correctly,
2 and I'm sorry. I'll note for future reference, but,
3 yeah, I kind of did one before the other accidentally,
4 so, yeah, that was my fault there, in filing the
5 Motion to Compel without doing the Meet and Confer I
6 believe it's called first?

7 JUDGE CLARK: I don't know that it has a
8 particular name, but I do agree with you.

9 Who is on discovery? Hold on just a
10 second, let me look -- And then I'll go over that
11 section, Except when authorized by an order of the
12 Commission, the Commission will not entertain any
13 discovery motions until the following requirements
14 have been satisfied. And have you seen that section
15 of the Commission's --

16 MS. MEADOWS: I have. I still did -- After
17 the fact, but yes.

18 JUDGE CLARK: Okay. So you're aware of
19 that now?

20 MS. MEADOWS: I am.

21 JUDGE CLARK: Okay.

22 MS. MEADOWS: And, I'm sorry, I'm sorry I
23 didn't do that correctly, I'm doing my best here.

24 JUDGE CLARK: Ms. Meadows --

25 MS. MEADOWS: -- although I missed that.

1 JUDGE CLARK: -- you don't have to
2 apologize, there is nothing to apologize for, this
3 happens all of the time, attorneys do this with
4 regularity, so it's not -- I wouldn't --

5 MS. MEADOWS: So --

6 JUDGE CLARK: It is certainly something
7 that is navigateable in a variety of different ways.

8 Grain Belt, do you disagree with anything
9 I've said so far regarding this?

10 MS. CALLENBACH: No, Judge, not really.
11 We, in fact -- we received Ms. Meadows' Motion to
12 Compel that was filed on May 23rd, and we originally
13 reached out to her and let her know of the regulation
14 that requires a meet-and-confer process. We also did
15 request that she withdraw the Motion to Compel, as it
16 was filed on May 23rd and the responses to the data
17 requests that she was trying to compel weren't even
18 due until May 27th, so we did think that it was both
19 procedurally improper and also premature from a timing
20 standpoint. We also did have a meet-and-confer -- I'm
21 just -- I'm saying meet-and-confer, that's just
22 the vernacular --

23 JUDGE CLARK: Yeah, I'm not interested in
24 the vernacular, I'm just curious because you mentioned
25 that it predated, but it looks like -- if this was --

1 if this motion predates a discussion, it looks like
2 what she's listed in here are objections to answering,
3 so that would kind of -- well, put a kind of an ending
4 point on that is discovery going to be provided or
5 not. In other words, I'm not sure that the date
6 matters if she had already received an objection to
7 answering.

8 MS. CALLENBACH: She had received --

9 MS. MEADOWS: Correct.

10 MS. CALLENBACH: Yes, she did receive a
11 timely-filed objection, but she also did receive
12 answers which were filed subsequent -- sorry,
13 submitted to her subsequent to the filing of the
14 Motion to Compel.

15 JUDGE CLARK: Okay. Can I ask what she's
16 received? And if it's out -- if that's out of bounds
17 for me, please let me know. I ask a lot of questions
18 that I may not be allowed to ask, but I do it anyway.

19 MS. CALLENBACH: No. No, certainly that's
20 fine for you to ask. She had requested the Motion to
21 Compel responses to DR No. 18, and we responded to
22 that on May 27th indicating that without waiving the
23 foregoing objection, there were no notes, emails, text
24 memos, etc., that were responsive to the request other
25 than those that were covered by attorney/client

1 privilege.

2 JUDGE CLARK: Okay. And why would those be
3 covered by attorney/client privilege? If neither --

4 MS. CALLENBACH: She re- --

5 JUDGE CLARK: Of them are attorneys?

6 MS. CALLENBACH: Because to the extent that
7 there were emails from either of those -- Invenergy
8 employees were really -- Greg Smith was from CLS, that
9 were copied that we were copied on, then they would be
10 covered by privilege.

11 JUDGE CLARK: Okay.

12 MS. CALLENBACH: So there are no notes, or
13 emails, texts, etc., of anything not privileged that
14 we can provide.

15 JUDGE CLARK: Okay. But she would still be
16 entitled to call this person as a witness; correct?

17 MS. CALLENBACH: Certainly. In fact, Jason
18 Brown is one of our witnesses.

19 JUDGE CLARK: Okay. So, Ms. Meadows, you
20 would be able to ask Mr. Brown those questions at the
21 hearing, you understand that?

22 MS. MEADOWS: I do. But here is where I
23 ran into a little bit of problems with their response
24 to, There were no notes, there were no anything,
25 because Jason brown came to my house and in front of

1 me he said he -- him and Greg Smith had talked about
2 me, and I'm quoting, A lot. So that means more than
3 one or two, or even three times, that's several times.
4 So I wanted to know, after I've literally met Greg
5 Smith in person at my house, and him and Jason have
6 had discussions, I'm assuming about my property, and
7 he even admitted they talked a lot, how come I can't
8 get any information on that, but Grain Belt supplied
9 -- let me see my notes here -- eight attempted calls,
10 visits, and letters from a different land agent, Rick
11 Phillips, who I've never seen or spoken to, but yet
12 Greg Smith actually showed up at my house, and they
13 didn't have any documentation about that other than he
14 came to my house?

15 I mean, it just didn't make any sense that
16 they have all of this documentation on someone else
17 that came here, or tried calling, or whatever, but the
18 guy who actually came here, he didn't take any notes,
19 he didn't make any notes of anything, and him and
20 Jason brown had all of these discussions, but yet they
21 don't have anything to submit? I mean, it doesn't
22 seem right.

23 JUDGE CLARK: Well, and it may not, and I'm
24 going to say first off saying that somebody talked a
25 lot, doesn't necessarily mean that they talked

1 multiple times, it could mean that they talked at
2 length about yours in a single visit, but assuming --
3 but that's neither here nor there. I do not go around
4 all day taking notes on all of my conversations with
5 everybody I talk to, that's not something that people
6 normally do, and even in the prospects of business,
7 they may strike up conversations that are not
8 recorded.

9 I think what Grain Belt is getting to, and
10 they'll correct me if I'm wrong, is that they're not
11 required to manufacture something for you that
12 doesn't exist. In other words, they're not required
13 to come up with a transcript of a conversation for
14 which there is no transcript existing before.

15 MS. MEADOWS: True.

16 JUDGE CLARK: You are certainly entitled to
17 propound discovery asking kind of as a gist what was
18 said, you can do that. I believe you can also, as I
19 indicated before, ask the person directly questions on
20 the stand, You talked to such and such, what did you
21 say? Those are certainly things that you can do.

22 MS. MEADOWS: Does a privilege log apply to
23 this case, Judge?

24 JUDGE CLARK: I'm sorry?

25 MS. MEADOWS: Does a privilege log apply in

1 this particular instance?

2 JUDGE CLARK: Does a privilege log? Okay.
3 I follow what you're saying.

4 MS. MEADOWS: Yes.

5 JUDGE CLARK: It certainly could. I see
6 those in cases generally where there is a lot more
7 evidence than here, but usually, yes, they are
8 required if they are asserting privilege to explain
9 briefly what the privilege is. They -- At least in
10 their -- at least in the response as you've put it
11 forth to me, it looks like they have done that, they
12 say that it is a privileged communication in that it
13 was between this person apparently and their attorney,
14 or it was between their attorney and someone regarding
15 this, any of those would correctly fall under the
16 privilege.

17 MS. MEADOWS: Yeah, they referred to Work
18 Product Doctrine and some other things in their reply.
19 Like I said, it's just -- it's gotten to the point
20 where they haven't -- I mean, Invenergy is a billion
21 dollar -- multi-billion dollar company, and I've
22 worked for a couple of companies, they weren't as
23 large as those, but whenever we talked with customers,
24 we had to make notes on the phone of why they called,
25 what it was about, any resolutions, who we transferred

1 them to, whatever. I mean, and those were just
2 companies that sold work comp insurance, or sold
3 products to customers, or whatever, those weren't a
4 transmission line company having talked -- having
5 conversations with people whose lives were going to be
6 affected by their line in it.

7 It seems like for two years I basically
8 protested this line, brought up concerns, worked with
9 I thought the person who could get the line moved off
10 of me, and yet here we are, I'm literally on Data
11 Request No. 21, and I haven't seen a single piece of
12 information about any of those discussions that were
13 take -- that took place between the land agent at
14 Grain Belt and I, in the numerous conversations and
15 meetings we had.

16 So I'm to the point that I almost feel like
17 I got brushed off for two years, and he didn't make a
18 single note, or talk to anyone about my concern, that
19 he just made me think he cared and was listening, and
20 was trying to do whatever he could. And so that's
21 part of the reason why the Motion to Compel was
22 because I'm kind of frustrated at this point because
23 I've sent all of these data requests trying to get
24 where my property was discussed, and what they were
25 saying.

1 Because all I want is a fair hearing here,
2 and I'm not getting anything, and it either doesn't
3 exist apparently, or they're finding ways to avoid
4 turning it over. So that's how I feel about that.
5 And that's why now I'm researching, okay, well, so
6 it's privileged, so can you share a privilege log of
7 what you talked about that's so secretive that you
8 can't share it? I mean, it should have just been,
9 hopefully, it was just about my property, it wasn't
10 anything personal or whatever that they don't want to
11 share.

12 JUDGE CLARK: Okay. Well --

13 MS. MEADOWS: Does that all make sense?

14 JUDGE CLARK: -- we kind of jumped in, and
15 it's partially my fault, I kind of jumped in and
16 started addressing the subject of the Motion to
17 Compel, I heard at one point that they had asked you
18 to withdraw your Motion to Compel, but you chose not
19 to do so.

20 Grain Belt, do you want to address the
21 Motion to Compel today?

22 MS. CALLENBACH: You know, Judge, we're
23 happy to do that, but as we explained to Ms. Meadows
24 when we spoke on the phone on June 3rd, we indicated
25 that these responses that we submitted on May 27th

1 were verified by the witness, and to the extent we say
2 that there are no notes of those conversations, that
3 that is the truth, there are no notes that are not
4 privileged. As you noted, they -- there were --
5 perhaps there were discussions between Jason Brown and
6 Greg Smith, but there were no notes of those
7 conversations, or transcriptions, or etc., so there is
8 simply nothing tangible to provide.

9 JUDGE CLARK: Okay. Well, the --

10 MS. MEADOWS: But I -- Excuse me, I didn't
11 mean to interrupt you.

12 JUDGE CLARK: You're fine. What about
13 Ms. Meadows' request to -- that you provide a
14 discovery or a privilege log?

15 MS. CALLENBACH: I don't think we have any
16 objection to doing that.

17 JUDGE CLARK: Okay. I think that would be
18 appropriate, at least then she would have general idea
19 of why you're objecting to turning that over. Because
20 she just said you either -- that they either don't
21 exist or you're finding ways not to turning them over.
22 And I'm going to caveat that with finding ways to not
23 turn them over is not illegal, it's not even immoral
24 if it's done pursuant to the rules. I mean, saying
25 that something is privileged, or is a trial tactic, or

1 is work product, those are all reasonable reasons to
2 not have to turn something over to you if it would
3 disadvantage them in a way that would be unfair. So
4 -- But if it comes down to it, and you are not
5 satisfied with the privilege log, then it's possible
6 that we could have a situation where I would have to
7 look at the information and determine whether it met
8 the privilege.

9 So at least with DR 18, it doesn't sound
10 like there is information that was not privileged, and
11 I'm going to ask Grain Belt to provide a privilege log
12 in regards to the DR 18.

13 And, Grain Belt, are you okay with that?

14 MS. CALLENBACH: Yes, Judge. Thank you.

15 JUDGE CLARK: Okay. I believe there was
16 also a DR 13, which is: Provide all documents, maps,
17 memos, communications, transcripts report, risk
18 assessments, notes, and any other documents, including
19 electronic documents in the possession of Grain Belt
20 Express, its routing contractor, or any other persons
21 involved in the Tiger Connector Routing project that
22 discussed my property.

23 And Grain Belt said it was overly broad,
24 unduly burdensome, and not reasonably calculated to
25 the -- to lead to the discovery of admissible

1 evidence. The request contains no temporal bounds and
2 is not narrowed to focus on any particular issue which
3 related to a matter before the issue. And my
4 immediate thing to look at that and say -- is to say,
5 I disagree because it simply at the end states "That
6 discussed my property." Why, Grain Belt, would you
7 find that that would be overly broad if it's
8 restricted to her parcel of land?

9 MS. CALLENBACH: Well, first I'd like to
10 point out, the DR 13 is not part of the Motion to
11 Compel, it was simply referenced in here, but it is
12 not part of her request for relief in the Motion.

13 JUDGE CLARK: Okay.

14 MS. CALLENBACH: She did not re- -- that 13
15 be compelled, so I don't believe that that's actually
16 on the table this afternoon.

17 JUDGE CLARK: Okay.

18 MS. CALLENBACH: But to answer your
19 question from a substantive standpoint, "Discussed her
20 property," that would include all notes from our
21 routing team going back three years, every detail, and
22 graphic, and discussion that went into the preparation
23 of the 100-plus page routing study, all of those could
24 reasonably be construed to have, quote, "Discussed her
25 property." It -- we do feel that it's extremely

1 broad. I think "Discussed my property," is overbroad,
2 and since there is no time constraint on it, that
3 could go back to four years ago when we established
4 the routing team and we were doing windshield
5 drive-bys on various routes.

6 JUDGE CLARK: Let me think about that for a
7 little bit. I'm going to put a star on that. As you
8 pointed out (technical difficulty). Give me just one
9 second, I want to make a note. All right. You're
10 correct, she only asks that responses to Request 18
11 and 19, so at this point, for right now at least,
12 we'll skip over 13.

13 Now 19 was a request regarding tower
14 placement. And I believe -- and, Ms. Meadows, I had a
15 little bit of trouble following this, so correct me if
16 I'm wrong, I'm going to kind of summarize it. My
17 understanding is that you had a route explained to you
18 and that -- or shown to you and that route indicated
19 there would be a tower on your neighbor's property,
20 and then at some point you saw another map that showed
21 no tower there, and you are asking for a rendering --
22 Just a second. Can you provide the rendering of the
23 line being extended west from the 34, slash, 3 tower
24 and remaining along the roadway approximately 700
25 feet?

1 As I explained at the beginning of this,
2 you can ask for things that they have, but you can't
3 require them to manufacture things for you, so if a
4 map doesn't exist of that, I'm not going to require
5 them to make one. So I'm not sure what to do with
6 your request at this time because you're saying
7 essentially, I saw something previously that is not
8 the way it is being shown to me now; is that correct?

9 MS. MEADOWS: Well, basically going back to
10 we've -- I've been in discussions with Grain Belt for
11 over two years now, they haven't once provided a map
12 of the alternative route not going on me. I've
13 provided a alternate route of the line not going on
14 me, but I thought this was interesting, because when I
15 mentioned that in the February 20th procedural
16 conference, bam, they made a map of it. But for over
17 two years I've been saying, Please, don't risk my
18 life, just move the line south of me where it's not
19 going to block my drive, or burn my house down if it
20 falls, and yet, no map, nothing.

21 So once again it goes back to is anyone
22 even listening to me? I mean, I really feel like at
23 this point I was just being listened to for the, I
24 don't know, fact of just let her talk and then we'll
25 keep doing what we're already planning on doing.

1 We're not going to make any effort to move this line
2 or have a discussion about these possible risks or
3 anything. So I just thought, how is it that they can
4 draw a map up lickety-split based on that one
5 conversation, but yet no others in over two years of
6 me trying to get this line moved.

7 And also the fact in the response they said
8 that they didn't have possession, custody, or control
9 of this and it would be more easily prepared by other
10 parties using publicly acceptable records.

11 JUDGE CLARK: When you say "This," what are
12 you meaning "this"? Define that with particularity
13 for me --

14 MS. MEADOWS: Well --

15 JUDGE CLARK: -- when you say "They don't
16 have this in their possession," what do they not have
17 in their possession?

18 MS. MEADOWS: I guess the map. Because it
19 didn't make sense to me either to be honest with you.

20 JUDGE CLARK: You're talking about a map of
21 an alternative route?

22 MS. MEADOWS: Correct.

23 JUDGE CLARK: Why would that be relevant to
24 whether or not --

25 MS. MEADOWS: Because to date I have not

1 seen a single map of a possible alternative route.

2 And even at this point --

3 JUDGE CLARK: Well, I guess why does --
4 Your complaint, and it is a complaint, complaints are
5 limited to whether or not Grain Belt violated a
6 Commission rule, tariff, order, law subject to the
7 Commission's authority, that would be the limitation
8 of that. In regards -- So the question really before
9 the Commission is largely: Are they violating the
10 order, or some rule, tariff, law provision, by running
11 it across your land. So I'm kind of struggling to see
12 what the relevance would be of an alternative route
13 other than an attack on the Commission's previous
14 order granting them the authorization to construct the
15 line along a preset route.

16 MS. MEADOWS: Well, the preset --

17 JUDGE CLARK: So is there another purpose
18 or relevance to that?

19 MS. MEADOWS: I'm trying to keep up here.
20 So basically the route that they have across my
21 property is across my drive, during that procedural
22 conference, I mentioned if they really have to go
23 across my property, why can't they just go north of my
24 house where it's not over my electric line, not over
25 my drive, I don't walk every day with my animals, why

1 don't they --

2 JUDGE CLARK: I remember you saying that.

3 MS. MEADOWS: That would have been a much
4 easier pill to swallow here. And so they immediately
5 drew up a map for that, but for the last two years
6 I've said, All you have to do is move it south of me a
7 few hundred feet, and then I have no risk. There is
8 zero risk to me of ever getting blockaded in, or
9 falling on my existing -- I mean, you know, there is
10 just so many benefits of this not being across my
11 property and blocking my drive and stuff.

12 And so I'm like, How can you come up with a
13 map that quick and -- for that question, but you can't
14 for me for over the past two years, and then go on to
15 say you don't have that within your ability, and it's
16 burdensome, and there is other parties using publicly
17 acceptable records that could more easily prepare it.
18 And I'm like, Well, tell me who that is. Because I
19 thought the people building the line would have the
20 ability and ease of putting the map together, but
21 apparently it's supposed to be someone else.

22 JUDGE CLARK: What are you asking for a map
23 of again, an alternative route, or a proposed
24 alternative route by yourself?

25 MR. PRINGLE: And, Judge, I don't mean to

1 interrupt, real quick, but just Ms. Hanson is going to
2 be on line for Staff but I need to go to another
3 meeting real quick.

4 JUDGE CLARK: Thank you for letting me
5 know, Mr. Pringle. And for everybody's information,
6 I, too, have another meeting coming up shortly, but --
7 so we may have to continue this at a future date if we
8 can't resolve something now. But, thank you,
9 Mr. Pringle, you're excused.

10 MR. PRINGLE: Thank you, Judge.

11 JUDGE CLARK: Okay.

12 MS. CALLENBACH: Judge, may I respond? I'm
13 sorry, go ahead.

14 JUDGE CLARK: No, you may go ahead and
15 respond and then I'll ask my question again.

16 MS. CALLENBACH: Okay. Ms. Meadows has
17 said that -- I don't recall the exact wording, but
18 that there was a question about a route north of her
19 property, and we prepared it I believe she said
20 lickety-split. That map was prepared in response to a
21 request from Staff for -- I believe it was
22 Staff DR 12. And, Ms. Hanson, correct me if I'm
23 wrong, for a -- had we ever considered a route that
24 went north of Ms. Meadows' property. And we did, I
25 believe, prepare that, and we did explain why there

1 were certain issues with that route as far as
2 additional turning structures, and crossing through
3 agricultural fields, and unnoticed landowners, etc.,
4 so we did prepare that for Staff, but that was really
5 the only purpose.

6 The reason that we objected to this DR 19
7 is it is a request for a very specific rendering
8 extending the line west from one tower remaining along
9 the roadway for 700 feet before crossing the road at a
10 gap in the trees, etc., that is a rendering that we
11 have not done, it's a very specific --

12 JUDGE CLARK: Is that -- Ms. Callenbach, is
13 that a rendering of a route that she is proposing?

14 MS. CALLENBACH: That is our understanding,
15 yes, sir.

16 JUDGE CLARK: Is that correct, Ms. Meadows?
17 Is this -- that you're wanting a rendering of a route
18 you're proposing.

19 MS. MEADOWS: Well, it's a possible --
20 yeah, it's a proposal of avoiding my property by just
21 continuing the line south of me before crossing over
22 instead of coming across the road and crossing over
23 me. Do you have --

24 JUDGE CLARK: Why would --

25 MS. MEADOWS: I'm sorry. Do you have this

1 map?

2 JUDGE CLARK: Why would they prepare your
3 map for -- why would they prepare a map of your route
4 for you when you're capable of preparing that map?

5 MS. MEADOWS: Because I don't know where
6 towers would need to be or any of the -- I mean, they
7 put all of the details in their map that --

8 JUDGE CLARK: Okay. So you believe that
9 you lack -- you can propose an alternative route, but
10 you're saying you lack the technical expertise to
11 place the towers for that route; is that correct?

12 MS. MEADOWS: Correct.

13 JUDGE CLARK: Such that you believe the map
14 would be satisfactory?

15 MS. CALLENBACH: Well, Judge, I'd also
16 point out that Ms. Meadows has already provided a map
17 with a route that is south of her property, it was
18 submitted in response to her November 26th, '24,
19 reply. It does not have tower placement on it, but it
20 is a proposed southern route on a map.

21 MS. MEADOWS: Are you talking about the one
22 that I drew myself?

23 JUDGE CLARK: Again, Ms. Meadows, I'm going
24 to have to say, you can't -- the fact that they chose
25 to prepare something for Staff doesn't mean that they

1 are compelled to provide something to you that would
2 be different. So they were asked a question by Staff,
3 it sounds like there is a number of ways they could
4 have answered that, including as simply as "Yes" we
5 have considered a route to the north, but instead they
6 decided to answer that question by preparing a map.
7 Discovery does not require them to do that, and so me
8 requiring them to create a map that they have not
9 previously created is not something that discovery
10 contemplates.

11 MS. MEADOWS: Okay. So who would this
12 other party using publicly accessible records that
13 could more easily prepare it, who would that be? Who
14 would have the public --

15 JUDGE CLARK: I --

16 MS. MEADOWS: -- records of the towers and
17 stuff then?

18 JUDGE CLARK: I don't know, you would have
19 to ask Grain Belt since they're proposing it.

20 Grain Belt, do you have an answer to that,
21 why was a third party thrown in here?

22 MS. CALLENBACH: Judge, I believe that's
23 just the standard language that we utilize when we
24 make the indication that it's not in our possession,
25 custody, or control, but it could be done by other

1 means. As Ms. Meadows has already shown by providing
2 a southern rendering in her November reply.

3 JUDGE CLARK: So basically you're just
4 saying a third party could do it, but it's not our
5 responsibility, if Ms. Meadows wants to hire a third
6 party to do so, she can do so; is that correct?

7 MS. CALLENBACH: Yes, for the most part. I
8 wouldn't say that we indicated she should hire
9 somebody, but we said that it would be -- she's
10 clearly created one map already, so she clearly has
11 the ability to create a second one.

12 MS. MEADOWS: But it says "Using publicly
13 accessible records," so there is public records of
14 where these towers are going to be now, or how they'll
15 need to be --

16 JUDGE CLARK: I think -- Here is the
17 problem I think you're running into, Ms. Meadows, is
18 you're postulating a route that they may or may not
19 have considered. They've certainly indicated that
20 they don't have a map of it -- of this proposed route
21 of yours to provide you, and so it doesn't sound like
22 they have a map of any towers along the route you've
23 contemplated, so you are in essence asking them to
24 take your map and essentially place towers as they
25 should be appropriately placed along that route. I

1 think you can ask them at the hearing, subject to
2 objection, to point out where they might put towers
3 along a map that you provide, but I don't think that
4 they are required to provide where they might put
5 towers along a route that you've proposed --

6 MS. MEADOWS: Well, they did indicate --

7 JUDGE CLARK: -- outside of that for
8 discovery purposes.

9 MS. MEADOWS: They did indicate in one of
10 their data requests, and I don't have that one in
11 front of me unfortunately, but they indicated one of
12 the reasons that it would be a problem moving the line
13 is because of having to -- because of the towers, and
14 how they would have to do turning structures, and I
15 don't know, it was way over my head what they were
16 talking about. But it sounded like to me they had
17 already had a map that they had drawn up and they knew
18 that, or maybe they were just able to -- I don't know
19 how any of this works, maybe they were just able to
20 look at a map and be like, Oh, yeah, if we put a line
21 there, we'd have to (technical difficulty,) maybe they
22 don't actually have to map it out to know that, I
23 don't know.

24 But again, we're going on me going back and
25 forth, Please move this line, please (technical

1 difficulty,) you'll see the detriment that this is
2 going to cause, this -- why can't you just move the
3 line a little south of me. And yet no maps were ever
4 drawn of that potential. And is that going to be the
5 excuse they have if hopefully the hearing -- after the
6 hearing, the PSC agrees this should be moved? Well,
7 we don't have a map, so we can't move it. I mean, I
8 don't know how this works maybe, that's not even an
9 excuse.

10 JUDGE CLARK: Well, I'm not going to get to
11 what kind of relief would be available to the
12 Commission if it's determined that Grain Belt violated
13 a rule, order, tariff, law, so I'm not going to get
14 into what relief would be done, but certainly one
15 would assume that if the Commission ordered an
16 alternative route, that we would have to design a map
17 thereof.

18 MS. MEADOWS: Okay. That's fine.

19 JUDGE CLARK: Here is what I'd like to do
20 with this right now, because I am running around --
21 out of time on this with another conference, it sounds
22 like for DR 18 they're going to submit a privilege log
23 for me to look at. And that's correct,
24 Ms. Callenbach?

25 MS. CALLENBACH: Yes, Judge.

1 JUDGE CLARK: And if they have -- they have
2 voiced an objection to answering DR 19 because it asks
3 to -- it asks them to render something that currently
4 does not exist for them, and I'm not going to require
5 them to do that. However, if you can somehow come up
6 with different questions that they might be able to
7 answer around that subject, that might be something
8 you could do.

9 And since Ms. Callenbach correctly said
10 that while you have added DR 13, or that Request 13,
11 from January 13, that is not something you asked them
12 to compel in regard to providing all maps, memos,
13 communications. It sounds like from them, I asked
14 them if "Discuss my property," narrowed it
15 sufficiently. And I still have my thoughts on that
16 going both directions as to whether I think what
17 they're saying in that regard is reasonable or not,
18 but certainly I think there is room to narrow down
19 that request timewise or subjectwise in such a way to
20 give them another chance to answer that.

21 MS. MEADOWS: Okay.

22 JUDGE CLARK: What I would --

23 MS. MEADOWS: Because if it's as --

24 JUDGE CLARK: What I would like to do --

25 MS. MEADOWS: -- easy as submitting a new

1 data request, I'm not opposed that, I just -- I don't
2 want the same response back or whatever if I do that
3 that --

4 JUDGE CLARK: I can't guarantee that. I
5 mean, they're allowed to object to any response they
6 don't like, and I'll determine whether or not their
7 objections are valid or not, I'm asking them to submit
8 a privilege log as to that one where they have to at
9 least in a general kind of way indicate to me what the
10 privilege is such that I can see how it would apply.
11 That's generally I believe the requirement for a
12 discovery log.

13 But in regards to DR 13 and DR 19, it
14 sounds like -- what I would like you to do is to
15 communicate with Grain Belt and see if you can --
16 Ms. Callenbach, will you guys see if you can help her
17 narrow it down to something where you might be able to
18 provide her something?

19 MS. CALLENBACH: Yes, we can talk with her
20 about that.

21 JUDGE CLARK: Okay. And the answer may be,
22 you know, "no", there is nothing we can narrow it down
23 to that we can provide. But again, you know, you may
24 have to -- you may have to submit your reasons for
25 that, and then I'll have to determine whether those

1 reasoning -- that reasoning is correct. Not in terms
2 of the privilege log, but in regard to overly broad or
3 burdensome.

4 But it sounds like, as I had indicated
5 before, Ms. Meadows, I was going to deny this motion
6 on its face for failure to follow procedures, but then
7 Grain Belt did not respond or object, and then you
8 asked for a discovery conference. I don't like having
9 to force parties to provide stuff, I prefer them to
10 provide it in good faith, I would like to -- for you
11 to make another stab at getting the information from
12 them, and then if that doesn't work, if you'll follow
13 the rule, and to that effect, ask for an immediate
14 telephone conference with me, or, I honestly don't
15 mind having things noticed up for a discovery
16 conference, so we can certainly have another one of
17 those.

18 But it's -- I'm in a very interesting
19 situation in that I am talking about the substance of
20 a motion that I would have to rule on but for the fact
21 that it was procedurally deficient, but at the same
22 time I think there is some merit in there, and so if
23 you can work to resolve that without me having to make
24 a ruling on it, I think that keeps communication open
25 better between the parties. But certainly, you know,

1 you're opposing parties, and you're allowed to dig
2 into that position, and if that's what you choose to
3 do, then I will be happy to rule on Motions to Compel.

4 Give me just a second to think. Given that
5 we're currently scheduled, I believe, for what,
6 August 19th, I think I lists -- I think I put out the
7 procedural schedule today that was agreed to by the
8 parties, given that we're scheduled for August the
9 19th, and we're now in the mid part of June,
10 Ms. Meadows, would you attempt to resolve your
11 discovery issues with Grain Belt by perhaps narrowing
12 the scope of what you're asking for, or trying to
13 reach with them an agreement as to what they are
14 willing to provide before the end of the month, and
15 then if that is -- if you guys are unable to agree to
16 something, Ms. Meadows, you can at that time file
17 another motion which I will take up.

18 MS. MEADOWS: Okay. That's fine.

19 JUDGE CLARK: Is that reasonable?

20 MS. MEADOWS: Sure.

21 JUDGE CLARK: And so, if you are unable to
22 resolve it by the 30th of June, you can file a motion
23 on July the 1st if you'd like or any time thereafter.

24 Grain Belt, is that an acceptable
25 resolution to you or would you like me to go ahead and

1 rule on this motion and then do all of that outside of
2 the --

3 MS. CALLENBACH: Excuse me, Judge. Well, I
4 mean, as I indicated, we thought the Motion to Compel
5 was premature to begin with, which is why we did not
6 file a written response to it since we had conferred
7 with Ms. Meadows and requested that it be withdrawn.

8 JUDGE CLARK: And I believe you said that
9 was because you had until May 27th to answer; is that
10 correct?

11 MS. CALLENBACH: Yes, sir. And this was
12 filed on May 23rd.

13 JUDGE CLARK: Okay. So are you -- I guess
14 the bottom line question, are you opposed to the way
15 I'm addressing this?

16 MS. CALLENBACH: No, sir, we are not
17 opposed. If I could just ask one clarifying question,
18 you asked that narrowing to occur if possible by
19 June 30th, is that the date you'd like our privilege
20 log as well or is that some other date?

21 JUDGE CLARK: I would say, if ever having
22 communicated with Ms. Meadows in regard to discovery
23 she wants, there is still discovery for which you are
24 unwilling to provide because it would fall under
25 privilege, or work product, or some other privilege,

1 that at that time you would provide a privilege log.
2 I'm not -- If you guys reach an agreement whereby
3 she's satisfied that you provided sufficient
4 information, and you don't believe you need to claim
5 privilege as to what's been asked, then that -- I
6 don't see why that would be necessary, but if it's
7 still an outstanding issue like it is where you're
8 objecting to answer on privileged grounds, then, yes,
9 I think the privilege -- I think the -- I think prior
10 to me ruling on the Motion to Compel I would need to
11 see the privilege log.

12 MS. CALLENBACH: Okay. So, I'm sorry, I
13 thought you had said that you would like a privilege
14 log on DR 18, but I'm sorry to be --

15 JUDGE CLARK: I did say that. I did in
16 fact actually say that --

17 MS. CALLENBACH: Okay.

18 JUDGE CLARK: -- but it does not sound like
19 that is what's going to be necessary, so --

20 MS. CALLENBACH: Okay. I'm just trying to
21 clarify what you --

22 JUDGE CLARK: If you you're attempting to
23 work things out, I don't want you to have to prepare a
24 document that may ultimately be unnecessary --

25 MS. CALLENBACH: Okay.

1 JUDGE CLARK: -- but if you're unable to
2 work things out, then, yeah, I'm going to need to see
3 that document just so that I can say satisfactory to
4 Ms. Meadows, Yes, this meets of the privilege
5 requirement.

6 MS. CALLENBACH: Okay. Thank you. I
7 appreciate the clarification.

8 JUDGE CLARK: Okay. And that's acceptable?

9 MS. CALLENBACH: Yes, that's acceptable.

10 JUDGE CLARK: Because I know I do things in
11 a rather unorthodox manner sometimes and that I'm not
12 getting on and saying, I'm going to deny this motion
13 but you can file another one, because I don't see the
14 need to add unnecessarily additional procedure.

15 MS. CALLENBACH: Understood.

16 JUDGE CLARK: Okay. Well, I do have
17 another conference to get to, and I apologize for
18 that.

19 Are there other matters that the Commission
20 needs to take up at this time?

21 MS. HANSON: Judge Clark, just one
22 clarifying question. So Grain Belt and Ms. Meadows
23 would be trying to resolve, let's see, 13, 18, and 19
24 by June 30th, and if that's not -- it's not resolved
25 by then, then she would -- Cheri would file the

1 motion?

2 JUDGE CLARK: Then I'm authorizing her to
3 file a Motion to Compel.

4 MS. HANSON: Okay. Okay. Perfect. Thank
5 you.

6 JUDGE CLARK: Then we don't have to do all
7 of the other stuff and I will consider that as having
8 occurred here. In other words, we're doing things
9 backwards, we're doing the -- what would normally be
10 the immediate phone conference now, and then working
11 back from that, we are doing the trying to work it out
12 with Grain Belt, and then finally a Motion to Compel
13 could be filed on the 1st provided that neither of
14 those things are satisfied.

15 MS. HANSON: Great. Okay. Thank you.

16 JUDGE CLARK: Did I make sense?

17 MS. HANSON: Yes.

18 JUDGE CLARK: All right. Is there anything
19 else the Commission needs to take up at this time?

20 MS. CALLENBACH: No, Judge --

21 MS. MEADOWS: No.

22 JUDGE CLARK: One at a time, please. I'll
23 just start with, Ms. Meadows, anything that I need to
24 take up at this time?

25 MS. MEADOWS: My (inaudible) is still

1 stemming from all of this from trying to digest
2 because you just keep saying a new motion, you're
3 meaning another Motion to Compel I would need to file;
4 correct?

5 JUDGE CLARK: Essentially. Because
6 essentially what I'm asking the parties to do is to
7 work together, you're pro se, but the rules say that
8 you have to follow the same rules as an attorney --

9 MS. MEADOWS: Sure.

10 JUDGE CLARK: -- I can't bend or break
11 those, but it -- when parties communicate, it makes
12 everything easier, so I'm asking you and Grain Belt to
13 communicate to see if you could work out the discovery
14 issues without involving me, and then if you're unable
15 to work -- if you're unable to work those out, I would
16 like you to file a Motion to Compel. If this --

17 MS. MEADOWS: Okay.

18 JUDGE CLARK: -- Motion is still accurate,
19 you can use most of this motion, if the requests have
20 been narrowed or changed that they are refusing to
21 answer, then you would need to point out how those
22 have been narrowed or changed --

23 MS. MEADOWS: Sure. Yeah.

24 JUDGE CLARK: -- for me to go on --

25 MS. MEADOWS: Yeah, I got all of that, but

1 you just kept --

2 JUDGE CLARK: So you would need to, you
3 know --

4 MS. MEADOWS: -- saying a motion, and I
5 wanted to make sure I understood exactly when you said
6 motion you meant Motion to Compel, not some other
7 motion that --

8 JUDGE CLARK: Just like you did here, this
9 is a great Motion to Compel. Again, I'm always
10 impressed with your legal work.

11 MS. MEADOWS: Okay. Okay. I just want to
12 make sure I understand exactly what you're saying, so
13 that all sounds good with me, I'm fine with that.
14 Thank you.

15 JUDGE CLARK: Okay. Thank you,
16 Ms. Meadows.

17 Anything additional from Grain Belt?

18 MS. CALLENBACH: No, Judge. Thank you.

19 JUDGE CLARK: Anything from Commission
20 Staff?

21 MS. HANSON: No, Judge. Thank you.

22 JUDGE CLARK: Okay. Thank you all for
23 being here today. I appreciate you taking the time.
24 I'm sorry that I am a little bit rushed today, and I
25 -- we will go off the record and I will adjourn this

1 discovery conference.

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