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Page 3 1 (7:00 p.m.)2 MR. JANN: I appreciate taking everyone 3 taking time out of their evening to come and join us 4 tonight for tonight's hearing on the U.S. Environmental 5 Protection Agency's proposal to issue permits to the FutureGen Industrial Alliance for four proposed 6 7 injection wells. FutureGen wants the permits to inject 8 carbon dioxide deep underground. 9 My name is Steve Jann. I am the Chief of 10 the Underground Injection Control Branch at EPA Region 5 in Chicago. I will preside over tonight's hearing. 11 12 I'll be on a panel tonight with Jeff 13 McDonald, who wrote the draft permits, and Molly Bayer 14 who co-wrote them together with Jeff. Molly works out of our Washington, DC office. We have a facilitator 15 16 for tonight's hearing whose name is Sue Pastor. She's 17 standing here in front. She will help us kind of keep 18 track of time and call folks to speak. 19 We are pleased to have this opportunity to 20 listen to your comments on EPA's draft permit 21 decisions. Last year EPA received permit applications 22 from the FutureGen Industrial Alliance for four 23 underground injection wells. The application are on EPA's website. The full list of information the EPA 24 25 reviewed is also found on our website. The information

Page 4 1 in all its detail can be viewed in person in EPA's 2 Chicago office. 3 The comment period on the draft permits 4 ends on May 15th. Comments can be made here, either in 5 spoken or in writing. They can be sent to EPA by e-mail, regular mail, fax or by entering a comment form 6 7 that's available on our website. 8 We're holding tonight's hearing in 9 accordance with regulations under the Safe Drinking The hearing is designed to allow you to 10 Water Act. make comments for EPA to consider in making any final 11 12 permitting decision in this matter. All of the 13 comments we receive during this hearing become part of 14 the official record for these draft permits, but unfortunately we will not be responding to your 15 16 comments tonight. And for any of you folks who may be 17 frustrated that we don't answer your questions or 18 respond to your comments I'm sorry for that, but we had 19 two question and answer sessions earlier today in which 20 we were all available for conversation and questions 21 and answers on these draft permits. 22 However, EPA will review all comments 23 after the public comment period ends. We will then prepare a document what we call a "Responsiveness 24 25 Summary." That document will respond to all

Page 5 1 significant comments on the draft permits and will be 2 posted on our website. The time needed to prepare a 3 Responsiveness Summary will depend on the volume and 4 the nature of comments that we receive. 5 When EPA reviews the comments and prepares 6 a Responsiveness Summary, EPA will make a decision to 7 either approve or disapprove the four permit applications. At the same time the Responsiveness 8 9 Summary is sent out, we will send a letter notifying 10 the FutureGen Industrial Alliance whether we approve or disapprove the applications. If EPA approves the 11 12 permits, the permits will authorize the FutureGen 13 Industrial Alliance to construct the injection wells. 14 Before we get started and begin to take your comments let me give you a brief background on the 15 16 Safety Drinking Water Act, the Underground Injection 17 Control program and the permit applications that we 18 have reviewed. The Safe Drinking Water Act has three 19 main parts. One sets drinking water quality standards, 20 another generally protects ground water, and the third 21 is the Underground Injection Control, or as we call it the UIC program. 22 23 EPA developed regulations for the UIC program with the goal of protecting underground sources 24

of drinking water from the potential effects of

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Page 6 1 injected fluid. EPA finalized regulations for 2 so-called Class VI wells in 2010. Class VI wells inject carbon dioxide underground for permanent 3 4 storage, or sequestration is the technical term. 5 The UIC program protects underground 6 sources of drinking water by permitting only those 7 injection wells which meet stringent technical 8 requirements. The program ensures public participation 9 in the permitting process. The public is invited to comment on every draft permit decision. 10 EPA holds 11 hearings for those draft permit decisions that generate 12 significant public interest or EPA anticipates will 13 generate significant interest. 14 EPA received the FutureGen Industrial Alliance permit applications in March of last year. 15 16 EPA thoroughly reviewed the applications using experts 17 from various offices within our agency as well as 18 contractors. EPA has determined that the proposed 19 injection well should protect underground sources of 20 drinking water and the environment. Therefore, EPA is 21 making these draft permits available for public review 22 and comment. 23 EPA announced these draft decisions and this public hearing on March 31st of this year. 24 25 announcement was published in the My Journal Courier

- 1 here in Jacksonville and the State Journal Register in
- 2 Springfield on April 3rd. EPA also posted the
- 3 announcement on our web page. EPA sent a copy of the
- 4 draft permits to the Jacksonville Public Library on
- 5 March 31st. Announcements were also mailed and
- 6 e-mailed to interested parties, State and federal
- 7 agencies, and land owners near the proposed injection
- 8 wells.
- 9 And as I mentioned a moment ago, we were
- 10 here for two two-hour sessions earlier today having the
- 11 so-called open house where we gave some information in
- 12 the form of power point slide and were available to
- 13 answer questions and engage in conversation.
- 14 A public hearing is more formal than an
- open house and it has a different purpose. At an open
- 16 house, EPA engages in those conversations about the
- 17 draft action and takes questions and answers them, all
- 18 with an eye towards improving and understanding of the
- 19 issues involved.
- In contrast, a hearing which we're
- 21 starting now, gives people an opportunity to formally
- 22 and publicly make EPA aware of their views on the draft
- 23 permits. All oral statements will be recorded word for
- 24 word by our court reporter, but you're not sworn in and
- 25 we will not be asking you any questions. The hearing

Page 8 1 is your opportunity to tell EPA whether you feel the 2 proposed permits are consistent with the Safe Drinking Water Act and EPA's underground Injection Control 3 4 regulations and whether the facts, as evaluated and 5 determined by EPA, are accurate. Our role during the public hearing is to 6 7 listen to each comment that is made. We will not 8 respond to your comments this evening. However, we 9 will review and address those comments in a 10 Responsiveness Summary. And we will add the Responsiveness Summary to the so-called administrative 11 12 record for the permitting decisions. 13 After considering all comments, EPA will 14 make its decision to issue or deny the permits. final decisions may be appealed to a body within EPA 15 16 that's called Environmental Appeals Board by any who 17 submits written comments on the draft permits during 18 the public comment period or comments at the hearing. 19 If you wish to make a statement at this hearing, please 20 be sure that you provide your information at the 21 registration table right outside those doors so that we 22 may correctly enter your name into the hearing record. 23 Even if you choose not to make a statement but want to receive a copy of any response for the 24

final permit decision, make sure that you have

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Page 9 1 indicated so on the sign-in sheet at the registration 2 table. No one is required to sign in. 3 Now, just a couple of ground rules for the 4 If you want to speak, please fill out a card 5 at the table. This will help us determine how much 6 time we have available. For our part we want to make 7 sure that everyone who wants to say something gets the 8 opportunity to do so. Based on the tally of the folks 9 who have indicated that they want the speak we can 10 provide four minutes for each person to speak. 11 If you are concerned that you will not 12 have enough time to make a full statement, you can 13 provide more information to EPA in writing either 14 tonight or by the end of comment period on May 15th. If you wish to submit comments in writing, please be 15 16 sure that you send your comments to EPA by that date. 17 Written comments can be as long as you like. 18 are mailing your comments to EPA, the May 15th date 19 means that you have to make sure your letter is 20 postmarked by the 15th. If you're making an oral statement and you 21 22 want to provide a written copy of your remarks or other 23 documents, please give them to Andrew, who is sitting in the maroon shirt in the corner there. Thank you. 24 25 Okay. So let's get started. We will call

- 1 folks to speak in the order in which they filled out --
- that they signed in with an intention to speak. When
- 3 you start to speak, please say your name and spell your
- 4 last name for our court reporter. So we're scheduled
- 5 to end at 9 o'clock tonight. So on behalf of the
- 6 Agency, on behalf of all the Mac Murray staff who are
- 7 here, thanks for coming to tonight's hearing. And,
- 8 Sue, will you please call our first speaker.
- 9 MS. PASTOR: The first person on my list
- 10 is Lucy Swartz, and if she would come up here she can
- 11 give her name to the court reporter and spell it again.
- 12 And then Bradley Zeller will be number two. He's on
- deck so you want to be ready to come up when Lucy is
- 14 done.
- MS. SWARTZ: Good evening. My name is
- 16 Lucy Swartz. It's S-w-a-r-t-z. I serve as the chief
- 17 operating officer for FutureGen Alliance, and with me
- 18 this evening are several Alliance colleagues including
- 19 Ken Humphreys, who is our chief executive officer, and
- 20 Tyler Gilmore, who is head of our sub-surface design
- 21 team and of the UIC permitting team as well.
- The Alliance certainly welcomes the
- 23 opportunity to come talk again about the FutureGen
- 24 project and it's importance to Jacksonville, to Morgan
- 25 County and to Illinois, as well as to the nation. We

- 1 also want to thank EPA for their sustained effort to
- 2 review our very detailed application for the
- 3 underground injection control permit. They spent a
- 4 year looking at the information we provided, asking us
- 5 questions, reviewing our answers to their questions.
- 6 It was a very long slog on their part and we appreciate
- 7 all of their efforts.
- 8 The Alliance is a nonprofit organization
- 9 made up of businesses that have interest in coal and
- 10 energy sectors. The Alliance is also supported
- 11 substantially by the Department of Energy, United
- 12 States Department of Energy. It provides financial
- 13 assistance and we're also supported by the State of
- 14 Illinois, particularly the Department of Commerce and
- 15 Economic Opportunity and we're happy with that support
- and very grateful for that support as well.
- 17 The project involves retrofitting the
- 18 Meredosia Energy unit -- Meredosia Energy Center in
- 19 Meredosia with oxy-combustion technology. This will
- 20 allow us to capture carbon dioxide, transport it in an
- 21 underground pipeline and injection -- inject it deep
- 22 underground in a site in northeastern Morgan County.
- The project will capture and permanently
- 24 store 90 percent of the CO2 emissions that -- CO2 that
- would normally be emitted from coal fuel in the

- 1 Meredosia Energy Center. We've made great progress on
- the project to date. We have received construction
- 3 permits, air and water construction permits from
- 4 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for the
- 5 construction of the Meredosia Energy Center. We have
- 6 had our pipeline approved by the Illinois Commerce
- 7 Commission. We have done the significant design work
- 8 and will be getting final design. And the Department
- 9 of Energy has completed its environmental impact
- 10 statement process where it analyzed in detail potential
- 11 environmental impacts of the project as a whole and it
- 12 concluded that there were no significant environmental
- 13 impacts.
- 14 And as Steve mentioned in March of 2013
- 15 the Alliance submitted an application for four --
- 16 pardon?
- MS. PASTOR: Thirty second.
- 18 MS. SWARTZ: Thirty seconds. You're
- 19 tough. -- for four injection permits, and supporting
- 20 documentation. Supporting documentation involves the
- 21 description of the geology, as well as construction
- 22 operation plan, a monitoring plan, and assurances that
- 23 the Alliance would maintain financial responsibility
- 24 for the project as a whole for its -- for the life of
- 25 the project.

- 1 Thank you very much and we look forward to
- 2 hearing your comments on the permit.
- MS. PASTOR: All right. Thank you. I may
- 4 be tough, but I want to move it along so that everybody
- 5 has a chance to talk, and we do have the room only
- 6 until 9:00 so we want to kind of abide by the rules
- 7 here. And the college was nice enough to let us have
- 8 the room and we want to kind of be out of here as close
- 9 to 9:00 as possible and make sure everybody has a
- 10 chance to speak.
- 11 So Bradley is up and then we have Phil
- 12 G-o-n-e-t on deck so be ready, Phil.
- MR. ZELLER: I'd like to officially be the
- 14 welcome man for Morgan County as the current chairman
- of the board of the Morgan County Board. So we'd like
- 16 to welcome everyone to Jacksonville and Morgan County.
- 17 I was also past chairman of Regional Economic
- 18 Development Board and I am a lifetime resident of east
- 19 central Morgan County in Alexander where I currently
- 20 reside at my family's centennial farm near the
- 21 sequestration site. And I've lived there my whole life
- 22 and farmed it the past 35 years.
- So I represent the county and I also
- 24 represent land owner -- for myself. I'm representing
- 25 myself. I am not representing anybody else, but I'm

- 1 very familiar with the area. I'm here to briefly
- 2 discuss the economic and environmental impact of the
- 3 FutureGen 2.0 project. Specifically, the sequestration
- 4 site and it's what we're here for today and the ground
- 5 water.
- 6 But economically the project itself is
- 7 a 1.6 billion dollar impact for our economy. That's
- 8 the actual construction cost. To put that in layman's
- 9 terms, we are a board of review for the county. I'm
- 10 looking back. I should be -- but anyway, to put this
- 11 in perspective the County of Morgan has a 500-million
- 12 dollar EAV. That's our total tax base that we base all
- of our taxes. For our school district, the county, all
- 14 the taxing body which is equivalent to a 1.5-billion
- 15 dollar value. 500 million is one-third of our fair
- 16 market value. Now, there's roads and hospitals and
- 17 things out of that EAV, but that's 1.5 billion total
- 18 value of Morgan County. This is bringing in 1.6
- 19 billion dollars to the county, which is more than the
- 20 county is worth in total.
- 21 An independent study by the University of
- 22 Illinois projects a 12-billion dollar impact to the
- 23 community over the next 20 years; 12 billion dollars to
- 24 the county that's worth 1.5 billion. I think that's
- 25 going to have a huge effect 1650 temporary jobs, 650

- 1 permanent jobs.
- Now, the environmental impacts of the
- 3 sequestration, it is CO2. It's carbon and oxygen and I
- 4 see nothing toxic about either one of those elements.
- 5 They're burying it 5,000 feet below the ground. The
- 6 displacement value is equivalent to a dime in a
- 7 bathtub. So there's not much of a factor. There's not
- 8 going to be any heaving. We naturally have natural gas
- 9 pockets in our county that people are using as wells
- 10 for heating sources and things of that nature.
- 11 Nobody's worried about them breaking out of their
- 12 natural cavities.
- We currently have Panhandle Eastern which
- 14 is storing natural gas in east south central Morgan
- 15 County in a natural geological dome that they're
- 16 storing over there. There have been no environmental
- 17 impacts from that process either. Our well water is
- 18 surface water. Our water comes from the top down. It
- does not come from the earth up.
- Just a quick story on myself. My oldest
- 21 son is 30 years old. We didn't have city water at that
- 22 time. We still have our shallow well, which is 18 feet
- 23 deep. The deepest well in Morgan County that supplies
- 24 Morgan County is 90 foot deep. But I have been more of
- 25 a culprit to contaminating my well than FutureGen will

- 1 by my farming practices, because it failed because of
- 2 my trace values were too high in my own well.
- In summary, I'd like to say I have
- 4 confidence in the science. Love the opportunity to
- 5 come into Morgan County a clean energy site of the
- 6 world and am excited about the fact that we did
- 7 something to help with the global warming weather
- 8 issues. Thank you.
- 9 MS. PASTOR: Okay. Phil Gonet is up.
- 10 Randy Harris you're on deck.
- MR. GONET: I'm changing things around
- 12 here because these talks are suppose to be to the EPA.
- 13 So sorry folks in the audience you get to see my back
- 14 side. My name is Phil Gonet. Last name is spelled
- 15 G-o-n-e-t. I'm the president of the Illinois Coal
- 16 Association. We're based in Springfield. I represent
- 17 companies in Illinois that mine coal. The association
- 18 started in 1878. So we've been around for a while.
- 19 Coal mining in Illinois has gone on for
- 20 about 200 years. Last year all of the coal producers
- 21 in Illinois have produced over 50 million tons. Our
- 22 production has increased by about 50 percent the last
- 23 few years. So unlike other parts of the country we're
- 24 seeing now to spike up.
- 25 The Illinois Coal Association supports the

- 1 FutureGen Alliance 2.0 Underground Injection Control
- 2 Class VI permit. The FutureGen project is important to
- 3 the development of clean coal technology, and the
- 4 Illinois Coal Association has been an active supporter
- 5 since this project was first announced in 2003. I
- 6 didn't make a mistake there. It's 2003. Yes, that was
- 7 11 years ago. And that's part of our frustration; it's
- 8 taken 11 years to get to this point. And we still
- 9 don't have steel in the ground. We're not being able
- 10 to learn yet from deployment technology, clean coal
- 11 technology that's going to be able to use coal.
- 12 Even the technology has changed from the
- zero emissions, free-standing power plant in Mattoon to
- 14 retro fitting existing power plants with the
- 15 oxy-combustion technology. We accept that. Kind of
- 16 grudgingly but, and it wasn't your choice to do that.
- 17 I know. But we'd rather be building free
- 18 standing-power plants.
- 19 This project is very important to the
- 20 State of Illinois as coal is an abundant resource here.
- 21 And low cost energy from coal has been the backbone of
- our nation's economy since the Industrial Revolution.
- 23 Illinois is the Saudi Arabia of coal. In fact, the
- 24 energy content from our coal is greater than the energy
- 25 content of the oil than Saudi Arabia and Kuwait

- 1 combined. So we believe coal must be part of America's
- 2 energy mix in the future.
- This project will allow coal to be part of
- 4 the, all of the above energy strategy that's been
- 5 getting quite a bit of attention lately. It's very
- 6 disappointing to us that another part of your agency,
- 7 U.S. EPA, continues to propose emission limits on
- 8 carbon dioxide that cannot be met with the current
- 9 technologies. Last year EPA announced standards for
- 10 new power plants that can only be met by FutureGen-type
- 11 technologies. And next month the standards for
- existing plants will be proposed. Is there any reason
- for me to be optimistic about how those standards will
- 14 effect coal? This process is getting the cart before
- 15 the horse.
- 16 Carbon limits for coal can only be met by
- 17 a technology that isn't even under construction yet for
- 18 project FutureGen. If coal is supposed to be part of
- 19 our future energy basin this doesn't make sense to me,
- the process. The coal industry had a consistent
- 21 request for several years, defer or postpone the
- 22 imposition of carbon limits on power plants until
- 23 commercially proven carbon capture and storage
- technology, CCS, is available. Doing otherwise will
- 25 result in significantly higher electricity costs that

- 1 will have a negative economic impact on this State, the
- 2 region and the nation. That's why FutureGen is so
- 3 important and needs to move forward now.
- 4 This landmark draft permit is integral to
- 5 the advancement of CCS technology for future use in the
- 6 United States and around the world. While the
- 7 Department of Energy, which issued it's record -- a
- 8 decision for financial support as you know of this
- 9 project in January has had several pilot projects
- 10 designed to capture and store CO2. It is time to scale
- 11 up the technology to commercial size on coal-fueled
- 12 power plants that will be fully integrated with
- 13 geologic storage. The lessons learned from this first
- of its kind project will be key to the wide-spread
- 15 commercialization of CCS technologies.
- 16 On behalf of the Illinois Coal
- 17 Association, I urge final approval of the permit
- 18 without delay to enable the FutureGen 2.0 project to
- 19 move forward. Thank you.
- 20 MS. PASTOR: Okay. Randy Harris you are
- 21 up. Terry Denison, get ready you're on deck.
- MR. HARRIS: I'll stand here so she
- 23 doesn't have to keep moving the mike around. My name
- 24 is Randy Harris. I'm with the Laborers' International
- 25 Union of North America Midwest Region. We're a

- 1 construction craft labor union based out of
- 2 Springfield, Illinois and we cover 10 states. We have
- over 52,000 members in that 10-state region. And as
- 4 was previously mentioned this project -- we support the
- 5 approval of the permits. That's my -- what I wanted to
- 6 say.
- 7 But as it was previously mentioned this
- 8 project stands to create over 1600, as someone called
- 9 part, or temporary jobs. Those temporary jobs aren't
- just temporary jobs. They're construction jobs.
- 11 And when people talk about construction
- 12 jobs as if they're temporary, I guess, in one sense
- they are temporary in that construction by it's very
- 14 nature is temporary. You either build something or you
- 15 tear something down. So all construction jobs by their
- 16 very nature are temporary. However, construction
- 17 careers are permanent.
- 18 This is the kind of project, particularly
- in the State of Illinois and in this area where
- 20 construction unemployment is nearing 50 percent. It
- 21 can carry over these men and women through two or
- three, maybe four seasons to help the next set of
- 23 projects get going. They help more private investment
- 24 get to take off. They help the state and federal
- 25 government invest more in infrastructure. These are

- 1 the kind of projects we need.
- The 600 permanent jobs stand to be good
- 3 family supporting jobs. We encourage the EPA to
- 4 approve the permits, issue the final permits. Not just
- 5 for the construction and the economic benefit, but also
- 6 what this can do for the area in terms of research,
- 7 because this will be a pilot plan as everyone has
- 8 suggested in terms of research and development in this
- 9 area.
- 10 So I encourage the EPA to approve the
- 11 project, approve the permit. On behalf of the
- 12 Laborers' International Union of North America, our
- employers, and signatory contractors, I encourage the
- 14 EPA to approve it. Thanks.
- 15 MS. PASTOR: Terry Denison. Folks, don't
- 16 forget to say your name and spell it for the court
- 17 reporter. She's looking a little lost over there.
- 18 Paul Moore will be on deck after Mr. Denison.
- 19 MR. DENISON: Good evening. My name is
- Terry Denison, D-e-n-i-s-o-n. I am president of the
- Jacksonville Regional Economic Development Corporation.
- We are a professional nonprofit organization whose
- objective is to retain, create, and recruit job
- opportunities for the residents of our region. One of
- 25 these opportunities is FutureGen 2.0 and the many

- 1 benefits associated with it.
- In today's economic environment it is
- 3 tough to attract new businesses to Morgan and Scott
- 4 Counties, but we've had some good fortune to attract
- 5 several companies recently and FutureGen is among them.
- 6 FutureGen represents an excellent opportunity to give
- 7 the community an economic shot in the arm.
- 8 According to a recent University of
- 9 Illinois FutureGen 2.0 Economic Impact Study report,
- during the construction phase, which you just heard
- 11 from of FutureGen, the project is likely to generate as
- many as 683 direct jobs. That's 452 jobs at the power
- 13 plant and 231 construction jobs for the CO2 pipeline
- 14 and at the storage site and a total of 1600 jobs for
- 15 Illinois. And this is by 2015 which should be the
- 16 second year, or Phase 3 the construction part.
- 17 Of course, many of these jobs by their
- 18 nature being construction will be short-term. Now, as
- 19 the project matures and it goes into full operation
- 20 starting in 2018, the number of direct jobs for Morgan
- 21 County is estimated to be 118; 91 at the power plant
- 22 and 27 for the CO2 pipeline and the storage site. And
- 23 the number of total jobs, direct and indirect, is
- 24 estimated to be about 200 new jobs, which we very much
- 25 need and want. In the long-term, FutureGen will

- 1 produce increased tax revenues and help replace jobs
- 2 lost as a result of the closure of the Meredosia Power
- 3 Plant.
- 4 Speaking of Meredosia, we are already
- 5 seeing some economic benefits of FutureGen. With the
- 6 Meredosia Power Plant, when it deceased generating
- 7 power in December of 2011, the County faced a potential
- 8 loss of more than \$500,000 per year in property taxes.
- 9 Most of the money goes to the Meredosia School District
- 10 and without those funds the school district would be
- 11 facing or did face uncertain financial future.
- 12 However, with FutureGen's project active maintenance of
- 13 the plant and preparations for future construction
- 14 those property taxes continue to be paid. That makes a
- 15 very real financial difference to the county and to our
- 16 schools.
- 17 And, lastly, over 50 percent of power
- 18 delivered by rural electric co-opps nationwide is
- 19 coal-based. Plus, I just received this in the mail the
- other day with my Ameren bill. Ameren, which supplies
- 21 the electricity to a lot of us in downstate Illinois,
- 22 71 percent of the power that they provide is from
- 23 coal-based plants. So coal is important to rural
- 24 America. However, with ever tightening environmental
- 25 regulations we need new technology to make coal

- 1 cleaner. FutureGen is a great opportunity to
- 2 demonstrate clean coal technology.
- Recently our office had the honor and the
- 4 pleasure of hosting and visiting with former New Jersey
- 5 Governor and U.S. EPA Administrator, Christine Todd
- 6 Whitman. As Mrs. Whitman stated, alternative energy
- 7 sources are not going to replace coal as the main
- 8 producer of electricity. And electric demand is going
- 9 to increase greatly in the next few years. Coal is and
- will be very important to our economy. So let's build
- 11 this plant and pipeline and protect the coal power that
- 12 rural America needs. Thank you.
- MS. PASTOR: And you are Paul. And Glen
- 14 Baugh is next.
- 15 MR. MOORE: Hi, my name is Paul Moore,
- 16 M-o-o-r-e, and I'm the president from the Central
- 17 Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council.
- 18 This counsel is made up of the skilled craft who will
- 19 build this project. We whole-heartedly support
- 20 FutureGen for the following reasons:
- 21 The importance of a carbon capturing
- 22 system, which is widely used as an essential technology
- 23 in the effort to address climate change concerns. This
- 24 system offers the potential to largely eliminate the
- 25 CO2 emissions associated with power plants, cement

- 1 plants, refineries and other stationary industrial
- 2 sources.
- 3 Also, the educational value that FutureGen
- 4 2.0 will gain with worldwide attention by being one of
- 5 the first near single zero emissions commercial scale
- 6 coal-fueled power plant that is fully integrated with
- 7 underground carbon capture and storage, and will prove
- 8 out that the integration of the power plant, CO2
- 9 pipeline, CO2 storage site result will to be used to
- develop additional projects in Illinois, the Unites
- 11 Stated, and possibly around the world.
- 12 It will also be a safe system as CO2 is
- 13 non corrosive and nonflammable. The CO2 that will be
- 14 transported in the pipeline and injected underground
- 15 for permanent storage. It is the same CO2 that would
- 16 be released into the atmosphere.
- 17 There is also community support for this
- 18 project with an open dialogue between the building
- 19 trades, FutureGen Alliance and the citizens board, and
- 20 most importantly is job creation for Morgan and
- 21 surrounding counties. Thank you.
- MS. PASTOR: Okay, Glenn. Followed by
- 23 Marc Landers you'll be next.
- MR. BAUGH: My name is Glenn Baugh. Last
- 25 name is B-a-u-g-h. I'm the business manager of IBEW

- 1 Local 193 in Springfield, Illinois. We represent a
- 2 little over 300 electrical workers and we're ready to
- 3 start this project and build this project. I won't be
- 4 redundant with all the technical information that's
- 5 been presented before me, but I would like to sum it up
- 6 if I could.
- 7 This is the first for a near zero
- 8 emissions coal-fueled power plant. And this project
- 9 when finished will be viewed and visited by the world.
- 10 Putting Jacksonville and Meredosia, Illinois in the
- 11 spotlight. It will bring jobs and revenue to an area
- 12 at a time when jobs are limited. And I believe from
- 13 the folks that spoke before me, as well as the EPA who
- 14 has looked at this hard, that the homework's been done
- 15 and it's time to move forward and grant these permits.
- 16 Thank you.
- 17 MS. PASTOR: Okay. Marc Landers followed
- 18 by Jason McKinley.
- 19 MR. LANDERS: My name is Mark Landers,
- 20 L-a-n-d-e-r-s. And I don't have a lot of long titles
- or appointments or boards that I sit on. But I am
- 22 father and a husband and a resident here in Central
- 23 Illinois, and I can trace my lineage back in the State
- over five generations. So I think I have somewhat of
- 25 an investment in what goes on in the State that I live

- in. And I truly believe FutureGen would support the
- ongoing and future use of the nation's abundant coal
- 3 reserves in a manner that addresses both the aging
- 4 power production and environmental concerns.
- 5 As a nation and as a community we have an
- 6 opportunity to develop technologies that utilize the
- 7 abundant resources our State has. One of them happens
- 8 to be lots of coal. While keeping environmental --
- 9 while keeping environmental concerns up front and as a
- 10 number one priority we can move these technologies and
- 11 processes forward so our sons and daughters will have
- the opportunity to raise their sons and daughters with
- 13 a safe, reliable environmental responsible power
- 14 supplies. All the while shoring up our local economy
- 15 and putting Illinois residents to work.
- 16 I'm very much in favor of moving this
- 17 permitting process forward and letting the men and
- 18 women of Central Illinois show the world what an
- 19 educated well-trained work force can achieve. This
- 20 country did not put men on the moon by sitting on our
- 21 hands. Let's put that same spirit of progress and
- 22 innovation behind FutureGen and the proud residents of
- 23 Morgan County. Together we can develop these processes
- in a safe environmentally responsible manner and set a
- 25 standard for the rest of the power industry worldwide.

Page 28 1 Thank you. 2 MS. PASTOR: Okay. Jason, you're up. 3 Bill Hoback you're on deck. 4 MR. McKINLEY: Hello. I'm Jason McKinley, 5 M-c-K-i-n-l-e-y. I represent the Boilermakers Local 6 363, and approximately 600 members. We serve 57 7 counties here in Illinois and we have several members 8 that live here in Morgan County and the surrounding 9 counties. And I'm here to speak in favor of the permits on behalf of myself and our members. 10 11 Our primary work is in power plants and 12 power generation facilities and we believe not only the 13 jobs that will be created during construction and the 14 direct and indirect jobs that will be created will be more permanent jobs after construction are important, 15 16 but also the ramifications of this power plant and the 17 carbon capture technology that could spread to other 18 plants and keep our industry viable for many years. 19 And I think it should also be noted when 20 talking about the jobs that a lot of our living is made 21 during, what we refer to as the outage season. 22 do periodic maintenance on these power plants. And so 23 there will be -- I think the job numbers are low because we will be back to service the facility on a 24 25 fairly regular basis. And those are jobs that haven't

- 1 been talked about today, but they're very important to
- 2 myself and our members because that's how we make our
- 3 living.
- We, you know, we aren't scientists. We
- 5 have read, we're well-read on the carbon capture and we
- 6 do believe that the Environmental Protection Agency and
- 7 FutureGen Alliance has our -- has protected us and
- 8 looked out for our best interest. So, again, we're in
- 9 favor of moving this forward. Thanks.
- MS. PASTOR: This is Bill Hoback and Harry
- 11 Driver be ready you'll be next.
- MR. HOBACK: My name is Bill Hoback. I'm
- 13 Bureau Chief of the Illinois Office of Coal
- 14 Development. My last name is spelled H-o-b-a-c-k. The
- 15 Office of Coal Development has been an active member of
- 16 the FutureGen 2.0 oxy-combustion carbon capture and
- 17 storage project since it's inception.
- 18 Projects of this type are complex and have
- 19 many moving parts at the same time. A lot has been
- 20 accomplished in a very short time. I would like to
- 21 commend the citizens of Jacksonville and Meredosia and
- 22 your elected officials, the citizens of Morgan County
- 23 and your county board members for their support, their
- 24 patience, and their enthusiasm for FutureGen 2.0.
- 25 This is a first Class VI well application the U.S. EPA

- 1 has taken to a hearing. I'm aware of the scrutiny of
- the permitting process, testimony and your responses
- 3 will receive. The State of Illinois has worked with
- 4 the FutureGen Alliance and U.S. DOE to ensure the best
- 5 practices have been used since the very early stages of
- 6 the FutureGen project.
- 7 After reviewing the criteria used by the
- 8 U.S. EPA to evaluate the technical and the project's
- 9 specific information, I am confident that the U.S.
- 10 EPA's efforts to evaluate all available information to
- 11 reach the decision to issue this draft permit was
- 12 comprehensive and accountable to the people of the
- 13 State of Illinois.
- In addition to FutureGen which will
- 15 capture and store more than 20 million metric tons of
- 16 CO2, Archers Daniel Midland in Decatur is fast
- 17 approaching a 1-million metric ton milestone as one of
- 18 the nations first large scale carbon capturing
- 19 sequestration projects. We offer, meaning Illinois,
- offer some of the best sequestration geology anywhere.
- The Mount Simon Sandstone in this case is
- 22 a large capacity porous rock layer filled with briny
- 23 water. This project in a constructive manner takes
- 24 clean coal technology to the next level by capturing
- 25 carbon dioxide and permanently storing it underground

- 1 greatly reducing the emission footprint for a
- 2 coal-fired power plant.
- 3 The FutureGen-type coal projects along
- 4 with the great strides means increasing America's
- 5 renewable energy portfolios goes a long way in meeting
- 6 all of the above domestic energy portfolio's strategy.
- 7 The FutureGen 2.0 oxy-combustion -- the coal to
- 8 electricity 90 percent carbon capture and storage
- 9 project is in the best interest of the citizens of the
- 10 United States.
- I hope that everyone understands that
- 12 FutureGen is a well-planned world-class effort to
- demonstrate technology that can make a difference in
- 14 reducing emissions of greenhouse gases. I thank you
- 15 all for your time.
- 16 MS. PASTOR: Harry Driver come on down.
- 17 Betty Niemann, you're on deck.
- 18 MR. DRIVER: My name is Harry Driver,
- 19 D-r-i-v-e-r. I'm a member of the Pipefitters Local 137
- 20 out of Springfield, but I live in Jacksonville. And
- 21 everybody's talking about the impact on Morgan County.
- Well, what about the counties around Morgan County?
- When we built that power house they was from Brown
- 24 County, Pike County, all around. They wasn't all just
- 25 from Morgan County. And it's going to help the people

- of Meredosia because they'll be buying groceries there,
- they'll fill their cars up with gas when they come to
- 3 work or when they leave.
- 4 So I think this is an impact on the whole
- 5 community. West Central Illinois total. Not just
- 6 Morgan County. Thank you.
- 7 MS. PASTOR: Betty and David Gross will be
- 8 following Betty.
- 9 MS. NIEMANN: Thank you. My name is Betty
- 10 Niemann, N-i-e-m-a-n-n. I'm a land owner and a
- 11 concerned citizen. I will be submitting my written
- 12 comments, but I do have a few oral comments I wish to
- make.
- 14 Most of you know that I'm against granting
- 15 the permits for the underground injection well. And
- 16 just recently as of Sunday a thought occurred to me,
- 17 the Houston Chronicle reported Brazoria County, Texas,
- 18 which is south of Houston, is going to use the saline
- 19 aquifer and pump out the saline and apply desalination
- 20 to fulfil their water requirements in a drought
- 21 situation.
- So as the U.S. EPA is over the drinking
- 23 water, what plans do you have for the future if the
- doomsday predictions are that we are going to end up in
- 25 drought and we will have to seek other ways for water?

Page 33 1 The Mount Simon sandstone is a saline 2 It's large and could possibly be a water source with the desalination as a result of its being 3 4 pumped out to produce fresh water for this water and 5 for agriculture. I believe people like to eat. I know 6 we need power but we also need to eat. 7 Now, this is my main concern for tonight, 8 is the fact that we do have a responsibility for the 9 future. Not only with clean air and clean water, but we also have to protect our resources for the future. 10 11 And those resources are not only our coal but our water 12 and I find that the oxy-combustion method used by FutureGen uses a lot more coal and we will run out of 13 14 it faster if this is deployed as a widespread 15 technology. 16 FutureGen is not the first sequestration 17 power-generated plant. It's the first oxy-combustion. 18 Edwardsport, Indiana has a facility that is to produce 19 greater than 500 megawatts of energy. However, it was 20 supposed to be a CCS technology but the "S" dropped out 21 when the Mount Simon Sandstone couldn't support it. 22 The next one that is almost operational is Kemper down 23 in Mississippi. Both of these plants uses less coal 24 for their carbon capture than the FutureGen project. 25 So I'm hoping that FutureGen is a

Page 34 1 one-of-its-kind, because if we need to go widespread 2 CCS deployment we need to also use our coal wisely. 3 Thank you very much. 4 MS. PASTOR: David Gross. No David 5 gross? Going once, going twice. Well, I see a lot of 6 people in the room and my list only has up to those 7 people, up to David Gross who left, as signed up to 8 speak. We have the room until 9 o'clock so if anybody 9 out there came late, didn't sign the sheet and would 10 like to make a comment or a second comment we can give you, spare you at least another few minutes. 11 12 anybody? Anyone else want to make a comment? Okay. 13 Well, then I guess for now we're done unless 14 somebody walks in, in the next hour or so. We have the room until 9:00 and we're obligated to stay. 15 far as anybody else making any comments, we'll close it 16 17 for now and thank you for coming. 18 (7:50 p.m.)19 (9:00 p.m.)20 MR. JANN: Meeting is closed. 21 22 23 24 25

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