

**STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES DIVISION  
BEFORE THE IOWA UTILITIES BOARD**

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<b>IN RE:</b>  <b>DAKOTA ACCESS, LLC</b>	<b>DOCKET NO. HLP-2014-0001</b>
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**MATTHEW KANDRACH'S SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY  
RESPONSIVE TO QUESTIONS FROM LINDA SORENSON  
SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF 60 PLUS ASSOCIATION, INC.  
(EXHIBIT MK-1)**

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1           **TESTIMONY RESPONSIVE TO QUESTIONS FROM LINDA SORENSON**

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4           1.       In your testimony of September 8, 2015, you state that you are the vice  
5 president and National Coalitions Director for the 60 Plus Association. Is that correct?

6           **ANSWER:** Yes.

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8           2.       On page 2, lines 17-19 of that testimony, you state that “over the last four  
9 years I have worked on key energy and environmental issues, both at the national and  
10 state level to ensure that public policies passed by state legislatures, the U.S. Congress,  
11 and state and federal regulatory bodies do not negatively impact our senior citizen  
12 supporters.”

13           With that statement in mind, why did the 60 Plus Association recently sign a letter  
14 to Congress in support of the PTC Elimination Act which would cut subsidies for wind  
15 energy production when wind energy is a source of income to many elderly Iowans?

16           **ANSWER:** It’s true that a few Iowa landowners, some of whom may be elderly,  
17 receive income from having wind turbines on their property. However, wind energy  
18 interests have received over \$18 billion in taxpayer subsidies through the PTC over the  
19 last six years alone, with little proven benefit to electricity consumers. In fact, data from  
20 the U.S. Energy Information Administration indicate that nine of the 11 largest wind  
21 power states are realizing skyrocketing electricity prices, rising at more than four times  
22 the national average. Taxpayer subsidies to make wind power appear cost-competitive  
23 with traditional and proven affordable energy resources are financial folly at a time when  
24 our nation is approaching 20 trillion dollars in debt, a debt that will have to be repaid by  
25 seniors’ children and grandchildren. All seniors’ pay these higher electricity rates while

1 only a few seniors receive payments for allowing wind turbines on their land. Seniors are  
2 taxpayers and engaged citizens and have grave concerns over the kind of wasteful  
3 spending needed to support PTC subsidies.

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5 3. You also state on page 3, lines 22-23, and page 4, line 1 of the same  
6 document that, “low and fixed-income seniors are among the most vulnerable, not just to  
7 electric rate increases, but to any energy price increases and fluctuations.”

8 With that statement in mind, why did the 60 Plus organization campaign against  
9 net metering in Arizona for solar projects?

10 **ANSWER:** Seniors who cannot afford the expense of fitting their homes with  
11 solar panels are, in fact, subsidizing those who can under net metering plans opposed by  
12 60 Plus. It has been the public position of 60 Plus that consumers who choose to outfit  
13 their homes with supplemental energy systems ought to pay their fair share of  
14 maintaining the grid that traditional consumers are obliged to pay for. When these  
15 concerns are addressed, and basic fairness is asserted into these arrangements concerning  
16 the costs of maintaining an electric grid and distribution of electricity, 60 Plus has voiced  
17 no objection to solar projects that do not force taxpayers or consumers into subsidizing  
18 their added costs.

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