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SENATOR LANDIS: Right. So in the history...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If there has been no test, there has not been an establishment of that fact, one way or the other.

SENATOR LANDIS: Well, there...to the extent that we've had a rate case, to the extent that they've submitted rates, to the extent that those rates were investigated by a public advocate, to the extent the public advocate had the right to claim all the evidence necessary to justify where the rates came from, and there was a statutory formula by which rates, costs from other states are excluded, don't we have a standard that...don't we have an example of this being done, tested and not found wanting?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: In the example you gave, obviously the outcome was what you said it was, but it still doesn't address what I said about the company choosing to open...

SENATOR LANDIS: I think you've answered my question.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...one of these other things.

SENATOR LANDIS: Fair enough. Yeah. The line is some place else. Let's be clear. We do not lack the powers to keep Kansas mistakes or other areas or the Disneyland example out of Nebraska rates. Nebraska rates come from Nebraska-based costs, and only Nebraska-based costs. You've got to be able to justify in the system every dime that goes into the rate, and that's the power we gave the PSC. Now that we're in the middle of what I think would be fair to say the MUD filibuster, which could keep us here a long time, let me turn in that case to the map that was provided to us by Senator Bourne. The map is visually misleading. The map that would be provided wouldn't look...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...like this by a county. It would follow the existing piping, which might look like a pine tree. Where there were pipes, you'd draw an area around those pipes, because