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Kevin T. Warvell

1 BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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3 In the Matter of the :
4 Application of Ohio Edison:
5 Company, The Cleveland :
6 Electric Illuminating :
7 Company, and The Toledo :
8 Edison Company for :
9 Authority to Establish a : Case No. 08-935-EL-SSO
10 Standard Service Offer :
11 Pursuant to RC §4928.143 :
12 in the Form of an :
13 Electric Security Plan. :
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15 DEPOSITION

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17 Gibson, a Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio,
18 at the offices of FirstEnergy, 76 South Main Street,
19 Akron, Ohio, on Thursday, September 25, 2008, at 9:00
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1 Thursday Morning Session,
2 September 25, 2008.

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4 STIPULATIONS

5 It is stipulated by and among counsel for the
6 respective parties that the deposition of Kevin T.
7 Warvell, a witness called by Industrial Energy Users
8 - Ohio under the applicable Rules of Civil Procedure,
9 may be reduced to writing in stenotypy by the Notary,
10 whose notes thereafter may be transcribed out of the
11 presence of the witness; and that proof of the
12 official character and qualification of the Notary is
13 waived.

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1 (Witness sworn.)

2 MR. KUTIK: Why don't we state
3 appearances. My name is David Kutik. I am here on
4 behalf of the companies.

5 MR. BREITSCHWERDT: My name is Brett
6 Breitschwerdt, Bricker & Eckler. I am here on behalf
7 of the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council and Ohio
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24 Steel Marion. Also like to enter an appearance for

1 Garrett Stone.

2 MR. BURK: Jim Burk on behalf of the
3 companies.

4 MR. KUTIK: So I think we agreed that
5 Ms. McAlister will start the examination.

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7 KEVIN T. WARVELL

8 being by me first duly sworn, as hereinafter
9 certified, deposes and says as follows:

10 EXAMINATION

11 By Ms. McAlister:

12 Q. Good morning, Mr. Warvell.

13 A. Good morning.

14 Q. This is a telephone deposition. Please
15 let me know if you cannot hear or understand my
16 questions and I will do my best to clarify.

17 A. Okay.

18 Q. Starting at page 7 of your testimony,
19 there you state that the base generation charges
20 include all required renewable energy resources
21 during the plan; is that correct?

22 MR. KUTIK: Where are you referring to on
23 page 8?

24 MS. McALISTER: I'm sorry, page 7.

1 MR. KUTIK: And where on page 7?

2 MS. McALISTER: The first question and
3 answer.

4 A. Yes, that's true.

5 Q. The FirstEnergy estimated the costs of
6 the renewable energy resource requirements for the
7 plan period?

8 A. No.

9 Q. So FirstEnergy doesn't know at this time
10 whether the costs to comply with the benchmarks will
11 exceed its reasonably expected costs of otherwise
12 producing or acquiring the electricity by 3 percent
13 or more, right?

14 MR. KUTIK: May I have the question read,
15 please.

16 (Question read.)

17 A. There's been no study done so, yes.

18 Q. Okay. If FirstEnergy determines that the
19 costs to comply with the benchmarks will exceed the
20 expected costs of otherwise producing or acquiring
21 the energy by 3 percent or more and chooses not to
22 meet the benchmark, is it reasonable for FirstEnergy
23 to give customers a refund or a credit going forward
24 for the costs that are included in the plan to meet

1 the renewable energy requirements?

2 A. Could you rephrase that question?

3 Q. Sure. Basically what I am asking is
4 since the costs to comply with the renewable energy
5 requirements are already included in the cost of the
6 plan, if FirstEnergy does not go forward with -- to
7 meet the renewable energy requirements because the
8 cost will exceed the benchmark, do you think it's
9 reasonable for FirstEnergy to give customers a refund
10 or credit for the costs that are included in the
11 plan?

12 A. And, again, your question, I just don't
13 agree with, I'm sorry.

14 Q. What part don't you agree with?

15 A. FirstEnergy will meet the requirements of
16 the statute.

17 Q. Even if the cost exceeds the 3 percent
18 benchmark?

19 A. We will meet the requirements of the
20 statute.

21 Q. I am going to turn your attention to page
22 12 of your testimony.

23 A. Okay. I'm there.

24 Q. Okay. There at the bottom of the page

1 you state that "FirstEnergy Solutions capacity at the
2 Fremont Station will also be made available to meet
3 the planning reserve requirements." What's the
4 projected in-service date for the Fremont facility?

5 A. The current projection is to be ready by
6 January 1, 2010.

7 Q. Isn't it true that customers may be at
8 some financial risk at least for any slippage in the
9 in-service date depending on the level of shopping?

10 A. Only if the slippage moves past May 1.

11 Q. Okay. I am going to direct your
12 attention to page 11 of your testimony and there you
13 describe the charge that's identified in the
14 application at paragraph (A) (2) (h) which is a
15 nonbypassable 1 cent per kilowatt default service
16 charge, and you describe the charge as a hedge
17 against the risk of customers leaving.

18 Then in contrast the application at
19 paragraph (A) (2) (k) proposes a standby charge that
20 varies by year for the risk of customers returning.
21 FirstEnergy states that Section 4928.143(B) like boy
22 (2) (d) like David of the Revised Code authorizes the
23 minimum default service charge and a standby charge.
24 My question is if the 1 cent per kilowatt hour charge

1 is intended to compensate FirstEnergy for the hedging
2 costs associated with serving FirstEnergy's entire
3 retail load, what additional costs would result from
4 shopping customers returning?

5 MR. KUTIK: Could I have the question
6 read, please.

7 (Question read.)

8 A. I'm sorry, Lisa. Is there any way you
9 can make that somewhat smaller of a question?

10 Q. I'm sorry. That was a lot of information
11 there. I guess I wanted to make sure that you had in
12 mind both the 1 cent per kilowatt hour minimal
13 default service charge and the charge that varies for
14 customers returning. And the basic question really
15 is if the 1 cent per kilowatt hour charge compensates
16 FirstEnergy for customers -- I'm sorry, for the
17 hedging costs associated serving FirstEnergy's entire
18 load, what other costs could result from shopping
19 customers coming back to FirstEnergy?

20 A. Still I -- I still don't quite understand
21 where you are -- what the question is asking me to
22 answer. I'm sorry, Lisa.

23 Q. Okay. Put more simply what is the
24 standby charge seeking to recover not in dollar

1 amount but what risk is it covering FirstEnergy for?

2 A. The standby charge or the PSR rider is
3 recovering the hedging costs for returning customers
4 to the utility.

5 Q. Right. But if the 1 cent per kilowatt
6 hour is covering FirstEnergy's risk for the entire
7 retail load, are there any additional costs from
8 returning customers?

9 A. And that's where I am getting confused on
10 your question. There's -- there's two separate
11 things there.

12 Q. What are the two separate things?

13 A. The PSR rider is for returning customers,
14 and the minimum default rider is for customers
15 leaving the utility.

16 Q. Aren't they really covering the same
17 risk?

18 A. No.

19 Q. What's the difference?

20 A. One, the minimum default service is
21 covering risk related to opportunity costs,
22 administration costs, and loss of revenue due to
23 customers leaving the utility. The PSR is for
24 hedging for returning customers.

1 Q. Okay. I'll move on. Was the selection
2 of 1 cent per kilowatt hour of the provider of last
3 resort charge the result of any analytical study?

4 A. You would have to rephrase that question.

5 Q. How did you come up with the 1 cent per
6 kilowatt hour?

7 A. The 1 percent per kilowatt hour was
8 weighing a bunch of factors that I talked about
9 earlier as far as risk concerning lost opportunity,
10 hedging for shopping, and administrative costs.

11 Q. Did you do any analytic studies on those
12 risk factors?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Okay. At pages 22 to 23 of your
15 testimony you talk about the Rider ELR and OLR.

16 MR. KUTIK: Let's take a minute to get
17 there.

18 A. Hold on a second, I'm sorry. Okay. I'm
19 at 22, page 22. I'm sorry, Lisa.

20 Q. Okay. Just directing your attention to
21 the Rider ELR and OLR and for each company the
22 availability of service under the economic load
23 response program rider which is the ELR is limited to
24 customers served under interruptible service

1 arrangements as of July 31, 2008; is that correct?

2 A. For ELR, that is correct.

3 Q. What's the justification for restricting
4 service to customers served as of July 31, 2008?

5 A. This program is for -- to match the
6 current interruptible customers that we have today.

7 Q. Okay. And under both of those riders
8 customers are foreclosed from participating in any
9 other load curtailment programs including demand
10 options that may be available through the Midwest
11 ISO. What's the justification for restricting
12 participation in other load curtailment programs?

13 MR. KUTIK: May I have the question read,
14 please.

15 (Question read.)

16 A. An issue would be duplication.

17 Q. Okay. Given that the two interruptible
18 riders are complimentary, shouldn't the customers be
19 able to elect service under both riders?

20 A. You have to rephrase that question, Lisa.
21 I'm sorry.

22 Q. That's okay. The OLR is associated with
23 capacity requirements, and the ELR is based on energy
24 prices so shouldn't customers be able to use both?

1 A. Once again, categorization. You would
2 have to rephrase that.

3 Q. Okay. Why can't customers elect to
4 participate under both riders?

5 A. I believe I answered that previously.
6 The ELR is for -- to match our existing customers.

7 Q. Okay. And there is no other reason?

8 A. They are two separate -- two separate
9 riders.

10 Q. Okay. But there is no other reason for
11 customers not to be able to take service under both
12 except that the ELR is to match current customers?

13 A. No. The difference is they are both --
14 one is for the economic rider which is the ELR, and
15 the OLR is for emergency. You would have duplication
16 if they were on both -- both riders. That's why they
17 can't be at the same time.

18 Q. Aren't there instances where there
19 wouldn't be duplication?

20 A. Administratively we see that there would
21 be duplication.

22 Q. Okay, okay. I am going to direct your
23 attention to page 24 of your testimony. Are you
24 there?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Okay. On that page you talk about the
3 companies not having much control over the
4 transmission and ancillary service-related costs and
5 congestion costs, right?

6 A. Are you -- can you direct me to where you
7 are picking that up at in the testimony on this page?

8 Q. Just give me one second to check my
9 reference.

10 Okay. I am looking specifically at lines
11 12 and 13.

12 A. Okay.

13 Q. Okay. And the EFP doesn't indicate
14 FirstEnergy will take any action to protest or
15 otherwise reduce the charges that could be imposed by
16 the Midwest ISO or other RTOs, does it?

17 A. The company will continue to do its
18 current practice, that we have a group of people that
19 work in the area regarding tariff structures with
20 FERC and also with MISO to represent the interests of
21 the customer at this point in time.

22 Q. Okay. When you said company, did you
23 mean the three operating companies?

24 A. They are a service organization, so they

1 would represent not only the operating companies but
2 also ATSI.

3 Q. Okay, okay. I am going to turn your
4 attention to page 25.

5 A. Okay.

6 Q. And there you state the companies will
7 continue to file annually to update the transmission
8 rate; is that correct?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Okay. I might have just missed it in the
11 ESP, but I didn't see anywhere where there would be
12 continued PUCO staff review of the RTO costs as is
13 currently required. Do you contemplate there would
14 still be a staff audit process?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Okay. And if you know, is that actually
17 in the ESP anywhere?

18 A. I would have to read through it and not
19 specifically do I know.

20 Q. Okay. And FirstEnergy's application
21 doesn't include partial service and cogeneration rate
22 schedules similar to those that are currently in
23 place, does it?

24 A. I don't believe I am supporting anything

1 of that nature, so I don't recall at this point in
2 time.

3 Q. Okay. What's the justification for
4 making the generation charges all kilowatt based?

5 A. Currently that is the proposal of which
6 way we would purchase it.

7 Q. Okay. And why didn't FirstEnergy
8 recognize load shaping in its proposed kilowatt hour
9 charges?

10 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

11 A. Could you rephrase that question?

12 Q. Well, most of the kilowatt hour charges
13 don't include any type of load shaping, and I am just
14 wondering what the justification was.

15 A. As answered previously, there's not a
16 basis to do so.

17 Q. Would you explain your answer? What did
18 you mean by there is not a basis?

19 A. There is not a fixed cost basis to
20 develop a demand charge.

21 MS. McALISTER: Okay. I think that's all
22 I have. Thank you very much, Mr. Warvell.

23 MR. KUTIK: Brett, I think Brett was
24 next.

EXAMINATION

By Mr. Breitschwerdt:

Q. Good morning, Mr. Warvell. I am here on behalf of the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council and the Ohio Schools Council.

If you could turn to page 5, very bottom of the page, line 23 of your testimony, and then that sentence going on to page 6. You note "The risk premiums" -- this is where you are talking about Dr. Jones and Dr. Graves' testimony. You note "The risk premiums include price risk, volatility risk with volume especially regarding governmental aggregation." I just -- the question I have is in constructing the electric security plan how does the electric security plan account for the risk of governmental aggregation that you note in your testimony here?

MR. KUTIK: Objection.

A. Could you rephrase that question?

Q. All right. I understand that this is explaining how Dr. Jones and Dr. Graves constructed the -- I guess the market retail offer that they expected the electric security plan to be compared to, but in constructing the electric security plan,

1 how did the companies analyze this risk or address
2 this risk regarding governmental aggregation?

3 A. As part of the overall plan, those are
4 some of the parameters that are in the pricing that
5 was developed.

6 Q. Can you give me a specific response -- I
7 guess when you were speaking with Ms. McAlister
8 earlier, you noted that the -- one of the purposes of
9 the minimum default service rider was to compensate
10 the companies for loss of revenue. Do you recall
11 that?

12 MR. KUTIK: Objection. I don't think
13 that's his testimony but go ahead.

14 A. Yeah. I think you need to be more
15 specific.

16 Q. Okay. Could you explain what you meant
17 when you were speaking with Ms. McAlister. You
18 noted -- let me turn back to where I wrote this down.
19 You know, that minimum default service rider charge
20 is designed to compensate the companies for
21 opportunity costs, administrative costs, and loss of
22 revenue. Would loss of revenue in that context be
23 related to the risk from governmental aggregation?

24 A. That's possible, yes.

1 Q. Did the companies contemplate that in the
2 electric security plan -- in developing the electric
3 security plan?

4 MR. KUTIK: Contemplate what?

5 Q. Contemplate the risk of governmental
6 aggregation and the loss of revenues to the
7 companies.

8 A. It's part of the overall risk that the
9 companies looked at to develop the plan.

10 Q. Okay, okay. On page 8 of your testimony,
11 lines 3 through 6, you discuss the development of the
12 minimum default service charge, and then at the end
13 of that sentence you say this charge is not subject
14 to the phase-in. Can you explain why it's not
15 subject to the phase-in?

16 A. I'm sorry. I didn't get to the page you
17 were at. Could you repeat that question?

18 Q. Sure. Page 8 and then lines 3 through 6.

19 A. Okay.

20 Q. I will allow you to read it and then.

21 At the end of that sentence you say the
22 minimum default service charge would not be subject
23 to the phase-in. Can you explain why the electric
24 security plan does not allow for the minimum default

1 service charge to be phased-in?

2 A. As stated before, the risks that this
3 cost risk -- that this is covering, it's just not
4 part of the phase-in.

5 Q. And what would that cost risk be?

6 A. The opportunity costs, the administration
7 costs, and also the loss of revenue from shopping.

8 Q. Okay. On page 9 of your testimony, lines
9 No. 10 through No. 13.

10 A. Okay.

11 Q. You identify in that sentence essentially
12 how the provision of the Ohio Revised Code Section
13 4928.20(I) is going to be -- you identify how the
14 plan is going to address that provision. Do you --
15 do you understand what I am referring to when I say
16 the Ohio Revised Code 4928.20(I)?

17 A. Not specifically, no.

18 Q. Okay. Well, within this sentence you say
19 that the Rider DCG charge -- excuse me, DGC charge
20 that is proportionate to the benefits of the
21 electrical load center within the jurisdiction of the
22 governmental aggregation as a group received. I am
23 trying to find out how the companies within ESP
24 will -- are calculating proportionate to the benefit,

1 how they are calculating the benefit that the
2 governmental aggregation group as a group receives.
3 So can you explain to me how the companies are
4 planning to implement that sentence?

5 A. I am going to ask you to rephrase it
6 because I am not quite sure what you are asking me to
7 do.

8 Q. Okay. In this sentence you say that
9 members of a governmental aggregation group will only
10 be responsible for the portion of Rider DCG which you
11 discuss in lines 3 through 13 on page 9 to the extent
12 that the benefit they -- that is -- they will only be
13 responsible for the charge proportionate to the
14 benefit of the electric load centers within the
15 jurisdiction of the governmental aggregation as the
16 group receives. My question is how are the companies
17 going to address what the proportionate benefit that
18 the governmental aggregations receive is?

19 A. And I believe it's stated there. It
20 would be the proportionate benefit as far as time and
21 amount of recipients that are involved receive.

22 Q. Stated in?

23 A. In that sentence.

24 Q. When you say "time," what do you mean

1 "time"? I don't see where it says "time."

2 A. Proportionate benefits so in my
3 simplistic world would be if they signed up in June
4 of 2009, they would not be charged for all 12 months.
5 That would be proportionated over a six-month period
6 for those customers.

7 Q. So when you say sign up, you mean sign up
8 with a third-party supplier through the governmental
9 aggregation; is that correct?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Okay. And does the company have a
12 current program in place within ESP to track the
13 proportionate benefit that you discuss in this
14 sentence?

15 MR. KUTIK: Well, since the ESP is not
16 currently in effect I'll object.

17 Q. Okay. Excuse me. Can I rephrase then?
18 Are they proposing a program within the electric
19 security plan to track this proportionate benefit?

20 A. Not -- not that I am aware of.

21 Q. Who will be responsible for developing
22 that program to address proportionate benefit that
23 the governmental aggregation group receives?

24 A. I don't know.

1 Q. Okay. But it's your understanding that
2 if this is approved, then there will be some sort of
3 tracking program to assess what the proportionate
4 benefit is?

5 A. Yes, that's -- yes.

6 Q. Okay. If you could turn to page 10 of
7 your testimony starting on line 19.

8 A. Okay.

9 Q. We are back to the minimum default
10 service rider, and you give an explanation of some of
11 the things that is necessary to recover. How do the
12 companies currently recover the costs proposed to be
13 recovered under the minimum default service rider or
14 charge?

15 A. I don't understand your question, I'm
16 sorry.

17 Q. How do the companies -- how do they
18 currently recover generation-related administrative
19 costs, hedging costs, the costs of lost revenue that
20 you noted earlier? I am just trying to find out you
21 have a 1 cent per kilowatt charge that's set out in
22 the ESP. I am trying to understand how that's going
23 to change from the way they are currently recovered,
24 those costs.

1 MR. KUTIK: And so your question is?
2 There are several questions in what you just stated.

3 Q. My initial question -- I was trying to
4 provide context for the initial question.

5 A. Okay. Could you, I guess, rephrase it
6 or?

7 Q. Sure.

8 A. Which one would you want read back to me
9 because I am not understanding?

10 Q. Okay. I can repeat the question.

11 A. Okay.

12 Q. In the current rates and tariffs how do
13 the companies currently recover the costs which I
14 just listed in the ones that you've put into your
15 testimony that are proposed to be recovered under the
16 minimum default service charge?

17 A. Due to the current nature of the PSA
18 agreement I'm not fully aware of all the mechanisms
19 that are done through that process.

20 Q. But there is not a separate charge such
21 as the minimum default service charge to recover
22 those costs, I guess, to your knowledge?

23 A. Currently there is not a separate charge,
24 no.

1 Q. Okay. I am trying to understand how
2 the -- can you explain to me how the 1 cent amount
3 per kilowatt hour was developed for the MBS rider,
4 how that specific 1 penny per kilowatt per hour was
5 developed?

6 A. It was a decision, like I said before,
7 considering a multitude of the three or four risk
8 factors that I stated earlier and that was decided
9 upon as far as the rate was concerned.

10 Q. Who made the decision?

11 A. It was a management decision based on
12 groups being involved.

13 Q. Could you give me the -- a list or just
14 kind of the major groups that were involved.

15 A. It would have been executive management
16 rates, financial planning, and corporate risk.

17 Q. Was there a specific study -- any sort of
18 specific study or analysis done to say that 1 cent
19 is, you know, more reasonable than half a cent or
20 1-1/2 cents?

21 A. Not that I am aware.

22 Q. So these groups essentially came together
23 and said that we perceive 1 cent to be more
24 reasonable than a half a cent or 1-1/2 cents or some

1 other value?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Do you know when this 1 cent was
4 established, when these groups came together and
5 established 1 cent as the reasonable?

6 A. I don't have a specific time frame.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. This was worked on for months. I
9 couldn't specify.

10 Q. Do you know who made the financial
11 decision that the 1 cent would be the reasonable
12 value or the value that ESP would contain?

13 A. Like I said before, this has been through
14 significant management levels. I don't -- I don't
15 think I have a person that I could point you to. I
16 mean, that's -- overall the plan was reviewed by all
17 those groups, and I assume in the -- in the process
18 that's how it was done.

19 Q. Okay. So within the electric security
20 plan are there any workpapers or analysis that
21 explains why the MDS charge is 1 cent, anything that
22 I could look to to understand that?

23 MR. KUTIK: Other than his testimony?

24 Q. Other than your testimony, yes.

1 A. No. All the workpapers that I am aware
2 of are filed.

3 Q. Okay. Thank you. Can you turn to page
4 11, line 6, of your testimony. In your testimony you
5 say "If more customers shop than anticipated, for any
6 variety of reasons." Based on -- does the company
7 have some anticipation of the number of customers
8 that are -- that potentially could shop under the
9 electric security plan?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Did they do any analysis of the number of
12 customers that potentially could shop under the
13 electric security plan?

14 MR. KUTIK: May I have the question read,
15 please.

16 (Question read.)

17 A. What do you mean by analysis?

18 Q. Were there any estimates, projections,
19 reviews, studies, or other evaluations performed by
20 the companies related to the amount of shopping that
21 would be done, could be -- or that would be done on
22 an electric security plan?

23 A. I believe we looked at historical
24 numbers.

1 Q. And what were the results of those
2 analyses, if you recall?

3 A. I would not call it an analysis. I would
4 say we reviewed historical numbers and that was it.

5 Q. A few lines above that, lines 4 and 5,
6 you talk about the forecasts and assumptions that the
7 company does regarding the number of customers and
8 the amount of load that it has to serve. Did that
9 analysis -- did those forecasts and assumptions take
10 into account potential for shopping by customers?

11 A. No, not at this point.

12 Q. When you say not at this point, if -- are
13 those forecasts and assumptions still being developed
14 currently?

15 A. Forecasts are updated quarterly, and so
16 they will be updated every quarter based on
17 information that the forecasting group receives.

18 Q. Okay. So if the -- if that group
19 receives new information that leads you to believe
20 that there will be a large -- for example, a
21 governmental aggregation that's planning to shop,
22 would that -- that would impact those forecasts and
23 assumptions?

24 A. I don't know how they go about doing

1 their specific forecasts and what information process
2 that determines the level of shopping.

3 Q. But these forecasts and assumptions will
4 be used to essentially analyze the contracts the
5 company enters into with FirstEnergy Solutions; is
6 that correct?

7 MR. KUTIK: May I have the question read,
8 please.

9 (Question read.)

10 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

11 A. I don't know.

12 Q. Well, let me try to rephrase that
13 question. So these forecasts and assumptions, they
14 forecast the amount of load that the company will
15 have to serve under future power supply agreements;
16 is that reasonable?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Okay. And so if the companies knew
19 through these forecasts and assumptions that they
20 would not have to serve a certain group of customers
21 because those customers had contracted to take
22 generation service from a third-party supplier, then
23 that information would be used to form the contract
24 with FirstEnergy Solutions that's contemplated in the

1 ESP plan?

2 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

3 A. Yeah. I don't know the -- how the
4 contract is going to be negotiated.

5 Q. Okay. If you could turn to page 15 of
6 your testimony, please, starting on -- the section
7 lines 12 through 19 regarding the fuel cost
8 adjustment rider, I am just -- I am trying to
9 understand how this rider operates related to the
10 Fremont plant coming online. So within this section
11 you say that 100 percent of the generation from these
12 plants including the Fremont plant will be -- will be
13 required to provide service under the ESP; is that
14 correct?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Okay. So are the companies proposing
17 that 100 percent of the Fremont energy center's fuel
18 costs with the exception of the costs you list in
19 lines 13 and 14 will be recovered for the year 2011
20 through the FCA rider?

21 A. The natural gas cost, yes.

22 Q. Just so I'm clear the -- you know, when I
23 said 100 percent, I mean all the costs so if you
24 know, earlier you had said that the Fremont plant is

1 expected to come online January 1, 2010, right?

2 A. That is the current date, yes.

3 Q. Okay. So then this rider would only
4 cover the starting for 2011. It would only cover the
5 increase for the Fremont plant; is that correct?

6 A. The incremental costs, yes.

7 Q. So that wouldn't actually be 100 percent.
8 It would be 100 percent of the increase.

9 A. The incremental costs from the baseline
10 of 2010.

11 Q. Okay. So I guess hypothetically if the
12 total generation required to serve customers under
13 Rider GEN in 2011 means that none of the generation
14 from the Fremont energy center is necessary to serve
15 the Rider GEN load, would 100 percent of these fuel
16 cost increases still be added to the FCA rider?

17 A. Could you rephrase that question?

18 MR. BREITSCHWERDT: Perhaps you can
19 reread it.

20 (Question read.)

21 MR. KUTIK: Note my objection.

22 A. Yeah. Once again, I guess I am just not
23 following it, I'm sorry --

24 Q. Okay.

1 A. -- the question, I guess.

2 Q. Right.

3 A. Could you state it a little bit more --

4 Q. Sure.

5 A. -- direct?

6 Q. So the hypothetical that I'm -- I tried
7 to explain there would contemplate some third
8 party -- some level of third-party shopping where the
9 generation from the Fremont energy center is not
10 necessary to serve the customers under Rider GEN by
11 the companies. So if that was the case and either
12 none or some percentage less than 100 percent of the
13 generation from the Fremont energy center is
14 necessary to serve the Rider GEN load, would
15 100 percent of the incremental increase in fuel costs
16 still be added to the FCA rider?

17 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

18 A. I didn't -- still I guess -- I am not
19 following your hypothetical at this point.

20 Q. Okay. Let me try it this way, if 100
21 percent of the fuel costs from the entire Fremont
22 energy center are to be recovered -- are to be
23 included for recovery through Rider FCA, will
24 100 percent of the generation output of this plant be

1 included in supplying the Rider GEN load?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Sorry. Just a moment.

4 A. Uh-huh.

5 Q. So once the Fremont energy center comes
6 online 100 percent of that energy output will be used
7 to supply the Rider GEN loads you just stated.

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Potentially -- potentially if the Rider
10 GEN doesn't require the use of 100 percent of all the
11 other generating facilities' capacity, what other
12 generating units then would not be used to serve the
13 Rider GEN load?

14 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

15 A. You are going to have to rephrase that.

16 Q. Okay. So what other -- what generating
17 units are planned to supply the Rider GEN load
18 currently prior to the Fremont energy center coming
19 online?

20 A. All the facilities.

21 Q. Okay. And if all the -- all those
22 facilities and then the addition of the Fremont
23 energy center generate a supply that's greater than
24 what's necessary to supply Rider GEN, then some

1 supply from those other facilities will not be used
2 to supply Rider GEN, correct?

3 A. No.

4 Q. I guess I am not understanding how that's
5 not an accurate statement. If there is a certain
6 amount of supply that's necessary to supply Rider GEN
7 and then that supply is -- the generating facilities
8 plus the Fremont energy center potentially due to
9 third-party shopping creates a level of generation
10 supply that's greater than what is necessary to
11 supply Rider GEN, then there would be some of those
12 facilities that would not be necessary for
13 100 percent of their generation supply to supply to
14 Rider GEN?

15 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

16 A. The FCA rider is to recover incremental
17 costs over 2010 to -- 2011's incremental cost over
18 2010's costs.

19 Q. Okay, okay. So I guess where I am trying
20 to get to with this question is would there ever be a
21 situation where customers of the company who are
22 taking service on Rider GEN would be paying Rider FCA
23 but then the generation from any of the facilities,
24 whether it's Fremont or not, would be not -- would

1 not be used to service -- or to supply generation
2 from Rider GEN? So the customers are paying FCA but
3 are not receiving the benefit of the generation
4 supply from that facility supplying Rider GEN?

5 MR. KUTIK: Objection. Asked and
6 answered.

7 A. That was not assumed in this calculation.

8 Q. So by that would that be the answer is
9 no?

10 MR. KUTIK: Objection. He just gave you
11 the answer.

12 A. Yeah. I just answered it, so I don't
13 know how else to answer that.

14 Q. Okay, okay. That's all the questions
15 that I have. Thank you, Mr. Warvell.

16 MR. KUTIK: OCC.

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18 EXAMINATION

19 By Ms. Roberts:

20 Q. This is Jackie Roberts. Hello. I wanted
21 to stay on that line for a second because I had some
22 questions on this area too. You just said that that
23 was not assumed in the calculation. Do you recall
24 that?

1 A. I just answered that, yes.

2 Q. Yes. And will you tell me why it wasn't
3 assumed in the calculation?

4 A. I guess I am going to ask you -- I don't
5 understand your question.

6 Q. I am asking you about a statement you
7 made that -- that the Fremont generation and --

8 MS. ROBERTS: -- could you just read back
9 Brett's last question and the answer, please.

10 (Question and answer read.)

11 Q. And my question is what wasn't assumed in
12 the calculation?

13 THE WITNESS: I guess just so I get it,
14 I'm sorry, you are going to have to read this back
15 again, but I got lost in all the words so could you
16 do it again.

17 (Question read.)

18 A. Okay. And your question again? I'm
19 sorry. Read that one.

20 Q. My question, you said that was not
21 assumed in the calculation, and I asked you what
22 wasn't assumed in the calculation.

23 A. Generation would be not supplied to a
24 retail customer.

1 Q. And why was that not assumed?

2 A. It wasn't.

3 Q. Do I understand you to be saying the
4 assumption was that all generation would be supplied
5 to retail -- all generation under the contract would
6 be supplied to retail customers?

7 A. For this rider, yes.

8 Q. Okay. And only the generation used would
9 be reflected in the rider?

10 A. Could you rephrase that question?

11 Q. Will the rider -- will the rider only
12 reflect the generation actually used by the
13 customers?

14 A. It's based on total generation.

15 Q. Whether it's used or not?

16 A. The assumption is it would be used by all
17 the customers.

18 Q. That all the generation would be used by
19 all the customers.

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And if all the generation is not used by
22 all the customers, would there be a reduction in that
23 rider, reduction in costs in that rider reflecting
24 that all generation was not used by all the

1 customers?

2 A. As stated before, that was not in the
3 assumption.

4 Q. Okay. And do you -- was that -- is that
5 a decision that was made by you?

6 A. As stated before, this is a total plan
7 that many people had looked at. I was part of the
8 process and am sponsoring the rider.

9 Q. What part of the process were you in
10 this -- in this particular issue?

11 MR. KUTIK: Are you talking about what
12 part of the process was he for Rider FCA?

13 MS. ROBERTS: Yes. For both riders.

14 A. What do you mean both riders?

15 Q. FCA and the generation.

16 A. You are going to have to rephrase that, I
17 guess.

18 Q. You said you played a part in the plan
19 where it was decided that -- if I'm characterizing
20 your testimony properly, that there would not be a
21 reduction if not all generation was needed by all
22 customers. I am asking you what part you had in that
23 plan that you referred to.

24 A. And as I said before, I'm sponsoring the

1 rider for that -- for the FCA.

2 Q. Oh. Did you develop the rider for
3 proposal to management?

4 A. There was a lot of people as part of the
5 development and I was the last portion of that so it
6 would be my sponsorship of that rider.

7 Q. Were those people operating under your
8 direct supervision and control?

9 A. Some were, yes.

10 Q. And the ones that weren't, who were
11 they -- what part of the company were they operating
12 in?

13 A. As stated before, it was executive
14 management. It was the other portions of the rate
15 department. It would be financial planning and
16 corporate risk.

17 Q. Did you participate in meetings with any
18 of those groups as this rider was being developed?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And which groups did you participate in
21 meetings with?

22 A. All those as I stated.

23 Q. All those. Was executive management
24 that -- that you -- the executive management meetings

1 that you participated in, did they include executives
2 from FirstEnergy Solutions?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Did the financial planning group contain
5 personnel that also worked for FirstEnergy Solutions?

6 A. No.

7 Q. The rate section?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Corporate risks?

10 A. And, again, I just want to be specific,
11 you are asking me if FES was involved?

12 Q. Yes.

13 A. The answer is no.

14 Q. And were any of the executives in any of
15 these meetings also employed by FES or also have
16 responsibilities in FES?

17 MR. KUTIK: I am not sure how that's
18 different from the last question he just answered, so
19 I will object as being asked and answered.

20 You can go ahead and tell her again.

21 A. I was not involved with any FES personnel
22 during any of the meetings that I mentioned of those
23 groups.

24 Q. All right. And what I was trying to

1 clarify is that sometimes we wear FES hats and
2 sometimes FirstEnergy hats and sometimes operating
3 company hats and I was just trying to determine
4 whether -- even though members of these different
5 groups may have been meeting on behalf of the
6 operating companies whether they also had
7 responsibilities in FES, and your answer is no.

8 A. That is correct.

9 Q. Okay. All right. Well, in that case
10 I -- how was it that you determined what terms FES
11 would require for the recover -- the recovery of
12 Fremont and whether -- let's start with that
13 question. How is it you determined what FES would
14 require regarding the recovery of Fremont costs?

15 MR. KUTIK: Objection. It assumes to --
16 they have to know what FES would want to recover
17 those costs. Go ahead.

18 A. Yeah. We developed the rider to recover
19 incremental fuel costs.

20 Q. And wouldn't those be costs of FES?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And on what basis did you determine that
23 those costs would be -- FES would require those costs
24 be separately recovered?

1 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

2 A. As I tried to state previously, this is
3 an overall plan. This is one piece of the entire
4 plan, so it was incorporated into the knowledge of
5 putting the entire plan together, not one piece at a
6 time.

7 Q. And is there any information or belief
8 that you have that FES will agree to the terms of
9 this plan in providing capacity?

10 A. I'm sorry. Could you -- I am not sure
11 what I am supposed to be answering there.

12 MS. ROBERTS: Would you read the question
13 back, please.

14 (Question read.)

15 A. I am not part of the negotiations with
16 FES.

17 Q. Do you have any information or belief
18 that FES will provide power on these terms?

19 A. And I am going to answer the same way I
20 just answered, I am not part of those negotiations.

21 Q. All right. In your testimony it -- let's
22 just --

23 MS. McALISTER: Hello?

24 Q. Oh, I'm sorry. I hit the mute button by

1 accident. I thought you didn't like my questions.

2 Page 4 --

3 A. Okay. I'm sorry. Hold on. Let me get
4 there.

5 There we go. I'm there.

6 Q. On page 4 commencing at lines 10 and 11,
7 your testimony says that the base generation rates
8 will be 7.5, 8, and 8.5 cents respectively from 2009
9 through 11; is that correct?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And what is the basis of your opinion
12 those rates will be the rates in effect?

13 A. I am not understanding your question at
14 all.

15 Q. Why do you think that FES operating
16 companies will be able to supply base generation at
17 those rates for those years?

18 MR. KUTIK: Objection, mischaracterizes
19 the testimony.

20 A. That is our proposed base G rate.

21 Q. And to provide that proposed base G rate,
22 do you need a contract for power, or do you need
23 someone to provide power -- let me rephrase that.

24 Do you need someone to provide power to

1 the FE operating companies?

2 A. The operating companies will require
3 power, yes.

4 Q. And upon what basis do you know or have
5 information that generation will be provided at those
6 rates?

7 A. I have none.

8 Q. You have no information whatsoever?

9 A. I do not.

10 Q. So is it fair to say this number is based
11 on nothing?

12 A. I don't understand your question, I'm
13 sorry.

14 Q. So is it fair to say that in your
15 testimony commencing at lines 11 where you say the
16 generation rate will be 7-1/2, 8, and 8-1/2 cents
17 respectively for 2009 through 11 is based on nothing?

18 A. This is based on our overall proposal for
19 the plan with this being our base G rate.

20 Q. And what information do you have that you
21 will be able to acquire power at those rates?

22 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

23 A. I don't have information to that.

24 Q. Then why do you believe you will be able

1 to provide power at those rates?

2 MR. KUTIK: Objection. Assumes that
3 that's what his testimony is and it's not.

4 A. I'm sorry.

5 MR. KUTIK: She has mischaracterized your
6 testimony but go ahead.

7 Q. Let me rephrase the question. In making
8 this statement commencing on line 11, and I quote,
9 "The proposed plan base generation rate of 7.5
10 cents/kilowatt hour in 2009, 8.0 cents/kilowatt hour
11 in 2010, and 8.5 cents/kilowatt hour in 2011 is
12 reasonable and favorably priced compared to the
13 results provided in the testimony on expected
14 outcomes of competitive bid processes as a part of
15 the market rate offer offered by Dr. Scott Jones and
16 Dr. Frank Graves." Your plan includes these rates
17 for base generation. Are these rates included
18 because of the testimony provided by Dr. Jones and
19 Dr. Graves?

20 A. As stated earlier, our overall plan is to
21 be better than the market price and incorporating as
22 reduced impacts to customers on total retail rates
23 and this is an overall plan.

24 Q. And to include these rates in the plan

1 you will have to -- you will have to purchase power
2 on behalf of the customers of the FE operating
3 companies?

4 MR. KUTIK: Can I have the question read,
5 please.

6 (Question read.)

7 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

8 Q. Let me rephrase that. Does this
9 statement including these rates in the electric
10 security plan assume that FE operating companies will
11 be able to purchase power at these rates in 2009
12 through 2011?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Then how will the generation be supplied
15 and if it's at a different rate, how will that be
16 treated?

17 MR. KUTIK: Objection, compound.

18 MS. ROBERTS: Objection what? I'm sorry.

19 MR. KUTIK: Objection, compound. You
20 asked him two questions.

21 A. Could you rephrase that, please?

22 Q. Yes. Do you know where you are going to
23 get generation to supply this plant?

24 A. I believe we have stated FES.

1 Q. All right. But you don't know whether
2 FES will provide power at these rates?

3 A. As stated before, I have not been part of
4 the negotiations with FES.

5 Q. Do you have any information and belief
6 that power will be provided at these rates?

7 MR. KUTIK: Objection, asked and
8 answered.

9 A. As stated before, I haven't been involved
10 in that process.

11 Q. In your meetings with executive
12 management reviewing the plan, was the rate that FES
13 would provide generation at discussed?

14 A. Not while I was present.

15 Q. In the corporate risk meetings?

16 A. As stated before, I have not been part of
17 the process with FES.

18 Q. So in putting together the plan and
19 sponsoring this -- this base generation rate in your
20 testimony, do I understand that you have nothing to
21 base this rate on?

22 A. Could you rephrase that?

23 Q. So is it -- is it a correct understanding
24 that in your testimony where you sponsor the base

1 generation rates that you can provide no information
2 regarding whether the FES -- FE operating companies
3 can acquire generation at these rates?

4 MR. KUTIK: Objection. Assumes facts,
5 mischaracterizes his testimony. Go ahead.

6 A. I have no cost basis for these numbers.

7 Q. Do you have a market basis for the
8 numbers?

9 A. As stated in my testimony, we believe
10 that we are below market based on the analysis of
11 Jones and Graves.

12 Q. Is it common for you to be able to buy
13 power under market price?

14 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

15 A. Yeah. Could you rephrase that?

16 Q. Has it been your experience at FE
17 operating companies to buy power under market rates,
18 below market rates?

19 MR. KUTIK: Objection, incomplete
20 hypothetical. Go ahead.

21 A. I have not bought power for the operating
22 companies.

23 Q. Certainly you are aware that power has
24 been purchased for the operating companies; is that

1 correct?

2 A. You would have to rephrase that, I guess.

3 Q. Certainly. You are aware, aren't you,
4 that power has been purchased to supply the FE
5 operating companies?

6 A. I know there is a power sales agreement
7 in place for the FE operating companies.

8 Q. And what rate is that power sales at?

9 A. I don't know.

10 Q. Do you have any information about that
11 whatsoever?

12 MR. KUTIK: Objection, asked and
13 answered. He just told you he doesn't know.

14 MS. ROBERTS: He said he doesn't know but
15 that's a definite certain statement.

16 Q. Do you have any information about what
17 the rate may be?

18 MR. KUTIK: He just told you he didn't
19 know.

20 Go ahead. Tell her again.

21 A. Yeah. I do not have anything, no.

22 MR. KUTIK: If you are going to another
23 line of questions, why don't we take a break at this
24 point for 5 minutes.

1 MS. ROBERTS: I just have a follow-up
2 question.

3 MR. KUTIK: Sure. Go ahead.

4 Q. You said on page 1 of your testimony,
5 line 12, that you're responsible for -- says in the
6 various roles you are responsible for overseeing
7 wholesale market purchases and sales of power?

8 A. Specifically where are you at?

9 Q. Line -- page 1, line 12.

10 A. Yes. I'm there. I'm sorry. Yes, I'm
11 there on line 12.

12 Q. Look that over.

13 A. I'm sorry. I did not hear your question.

14 Q. What period of time was that for?

15 A. I did that job for FES for roughly, I
16 believe, six months.

17 Q. And what six months? What year was that,
18 please?

19 A. That would have been back in 2006.

20 Q. In 2006 and what months, please?

21 A. I don't remember specifically. I would
22 have to go back and go through my bio. I'm sorry.

23 Q. And in 2006 when you worked with FES,
24 were you aware of the power sales of FES?

1 A. The power sales agreement?

2 Q. No, any power sales that FES made.

3 A. You would have to be more specific than
4 that, I'm sorry.

5 Q. When you were at FES, did you have any
6 responsibilities concerning wholesale market
7 transactions of purchases and sales?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And would you have known the rates or the
10 prices that those transactions were conducted at?

11 A. Yes, I would have signed off on the
12 transaction.

13 Q. And for the power sales agreement between
14 FES and FE operating companies for 2006, would you
15 have signed off on that agreement?

16 A. No.

17 Q. And why is that?

18 A. It was not in my job duties.

19 Q. Will you please explain to me how it
20 was -- how you would have signed off on it but it's
21 not in your job duties.

22 MR. KUTIK: Well, now, you are
23 mischaracterizing his testimony so why don't you ask
24 him a fair question.

1 Q. Did you oversee wholesale market
2 transactions, purchases, and sales of FES to FE
3 operating companies while you were at FES?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Why is that?

6 A. It was not my job.

7 Q. And what -- what market transactions were
8 your job?

9 A. Third-party wholesale transactions.

10 Q. Wholesale transactions so you would be
11 aware at the wholesale rates charged third parties by
12 FES for 2006?

13 A. You are going to have to rephrase your
14 question.

15 Q. You just testified you were in charge of
16 wholesale market transactions. So would you know the
17 wholesale rates charged by FES to customers in 2006?

18 A. Third-party wholesale customers, yes.

19 Q. And how do you distinguish the
20 third-party wholesale customers from FE operating
21 companies?

22 A. I was not part of any dealings with the
23 operating companies in 2006 from a wholesale
24 transaction process.

1 Q. All right. And what rates in 2006 was
2 FES selling power to third parties at?

3 MR. KUTIK: That's -- I am advised by
4 Mr. Burk that that information is confidential, and
5 since all the other parties on this call are not
6 subject to a protective agreement I will instruct the
7 witness not to answer.

8 Q. In selling wholesale power to third
9 parties were you required to seek any FERC approval
10 of the rate at which that power was sold?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Would it surprise you then to know that
13 those rates for wholesale sales to third parties are
14 included in an FES settlement in a FERC docket?

15 A. You're beyond my scope, I'm sorry.

16 Q. You are responsible for wholesale --

17 MR. KUTIK: Well, hold on a second. At
18 this point you said you had a follow-up question. We
19 have now been going after 15 minutes. We are going
20 to take a break so let's do that right now.

21 MS. ROBERTS: Okay.

22 MR. KEIFFER: This is Lance Keiffer. I
23 have been on the phone since about 9:15. I just
24 wanted that noted before the break.

1 (Recess taken.)

2 MR. KUTIK: I guess we will go back on
3 the record.

4 MR. KEIFFER: This is Lance Keiffer,
5 K-E-I-F-F-E-R. I am representing NOAC, Northwest
6 Ohio Aggregation Coalition, and actually I came in on
7 the call at a little bit before 9:15. I apologize.
8 I did not want to interrupt the questioning.

9 MR. KUTIK: Thank you for that.

10 MS. ROBERTS: Shall we continue?

11 MR. KUTIK: Yes, please.

12 MS. ROBERTS: I did fax a document or I
13 am having a document faxed over to your offices. I
14 just wanted to alert you to that.

15 Q. (By Ms. Roberts) Turning to page 4 of
16 your testimony, line 6, you testified that "The
17 companies have committed to fixed generation prices."

18 A. I'm sorry. I'm not there. Could you
19 repeat that again? Page 4.

20 Q. Page 4, line 6, you state "The companies
21 have committed to fixed generation prices." And it's
22 also your testimony that the companies don't know
23 what they are going to have to pay to supply the
24 fixed generation.

1 A. I am not involved in any negotiations for
2 acquiring power for the operating companies.

3 Q. So you are not able to say whether the
4 operating companies will be able to acquire
5 generation at the rates proposed for customers or at
6 any rate for that matter?

7 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

8 A. Yeah. My answer didn't change from the
9 last one.

10 Q. All right. Do you think it's reasonable
11 to commit to all of your customers and service
12 territory and the Ohio Public Utilities Commission to
13 provide fixed generation prices without knowing what
14 you will have to pay for the generation?

15 MR. KUTIK: Well, that question is
16 argumentative and I will instruct him not to answer.

17 Q. You -- in your experience in wholesale
18 rates and transactions do you believe it's a good
19 business practice to commit to fixed generation
20 prices without knowing what you are going to have to
21 pay for the generation?

22 A. This is an overall plan for retail
23 customers to supply retail load.

24 Q. And if the prices are higher than those

1 proposed by the companies, will they be passed on to
2 customers?

3 MR. KUTIK: Objection. What prices?

4 Q. The proposed prices, the proposed fixed
5 generation prices.

6 MR. KUTIK: Well, that's --

7 A. It's the overall plan.

8 MR. KUTIK: You mischaracterized his
9 testimony. He can't answer that question.

10 MS. ROBERTS: He has testified that the
11 companies have committed to fixed generation prices.

12 MR. KUTIK: Those are the prices that the
13 companies are going to charge, yes. Go ahead.

14 Q. And that's a true statement regardless of
15 what the companies are required to pay.

16 MR. KUTIK: Objection, asked and
17 answered. Tell her again.

18 A. This is the overall plan that the company
19 is proposing which includes these -- these generation
20 prices as well as everything else in the plan.

21 Q. All right. So regardless of the actual
22 purchase price of the generation, this fixed
23 generation price will not be adjusted up or down; am
24 I understanding that?

1 A. Based on the overall approval of the
2 plan.

3 Q. Is that a yes or no?

4 MR. KUTIK: Objection. His answer is
5 what it is.

6 Q. Based on the overall approval of the
7 plan, customers will not be charged anything
8 different than these fixed generation prices; is that
9 correct?

10 MR. KUTIK: For the generation portion of
11 this; is that what you are saying?

12 MS. ROBERTS: Yes.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Okay. Thank you. On page 5.

15 A. Okay.

16 Q. You discuss transmission costs, and I
17 would like to refer you specifically to the area of
18 your testimony between lines 11 and 15.

19 A. Okay.

20 Q. Would you expect any generation supplier
21 for the FE operating companies to charge these
22 transmission costs as part of their rate --

23 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

24 Q. -- their contract rate?

1 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

2 THE WITNESS: Could you read that
3 question back, I'm sorry.

4 (Question read.)

5 A. It would be based on the product that the
6 company was requesting.

7 Q. All right. So it could be net of
8 transmission or including transmission, the price
9 could be.

10 A. It would be based on the product.

11 Q. Okay. On page 7 of your testimony.

12 A. Okay.

13 Q. Line 4, you say "The base generation
14 charges described above include all required
15 renewable energy resources." Can you quantify what
16 that dollar amount is that's included in the
17 generation charges?

18 A. What specifically do you mean by
19 quantify?

20 Q. I am trying to -- I am trying to figure
21 out the dollar amount of the generation charge that
22 would be represented in the generation charge.

23 A. As said before, there's not a cost basis
24 for the G rate.

1 Q. And what basis was it included if not
2 cost?

3 MR. KUTIK: Objection. What basis was
4 what included?

5 MS. ROBERTS: The renewable energy
6 resource requirement.

7 MR. KUTIK: Well, I don't know what you
8 are asking. If the witness does, he can answer.

9 A. I don't understand the question.

10 Q. You have testified that renewable energy
11 costs are included in the base generation charge,
12 correct?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Then where are they included?

15 A. I'm not understanding your question. I'm
16 sorry. I'm not following.

17 Q. I believe you testified on line 4 that
18 the base generation charges are sufficient to comply
19 with RC 4928.64; is that correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And in response to questions by
22 Ms. McAlister, you testified, do you recall, that the
23 company has done no studies to determine what those
24 charges may be for renewable energy resources?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And has the company made any projections
3 about what the renewable energy resources charges
4 might be?

5 A. I don't know.

6 Q. Is FE operating companies on a calendar
7 year fiscal basis?

8 A. Yes, that I am aware.

9 Q. I'm sorry?

10 A. Yes, that I am aware.

11 Q. Thank you. Then has the company
12 engaged -- begun to be engaged in a budget process
13 for 2009?

14 A. That I am aware of, yes.

15 Q. And are you aware that in that budget
16 process whether renewable energy costs are included?

17 A. No, I am not.

18 Q. And who would be aware of that?

19 A. I don't know.

20 Q. And your -- but you are supporting this
21 in your testimony so what department would this
22 estimate come out of in the FE operating companies?

23 MR. KUTIK: Well, you are assuming that
24 because he supported it he should know so I object.

1 MS. ROBERTS: Yes.

2 MR. KUTIK: Well, your assumption is
3 wrong so I will object.

4 THE WITNESS: Could you read back that
5 question, please.

6 (Question read.)

7 A. I don't know.

8 Q. But it's not your department; is that
9 what you are saying?

10 A. I am not involved in it.

11 Q. Okay. On line 16 of the 7 -- of the same
12 page, page 7.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. You say that average base generation
15 prices are across all customers in the three
16 companies. Can you tell me what you mean by all
17 customers?

18 A. All classes of customers of all three
19 companies on average before voltage differentiated
20 and seasonally adjusted average 7 -- 7-1/2 cents per
21 kilowatt hour.

22 Q. Does that include special contracts
23 customers?

24 A. Yes, prior to the discount.

1 Q. Does it include wholesale customers if
2 there are any?

3 A. I am not aware of any wholesale
4 customers.

5 Q. Do you know whether spreading this price
6 across all customers results in any increase to
7 residential customers on an intraclass basis?

8 A. What do you mean by interclass basis,
9 please?

10 Q. Intraclass basis.

11 A. Okay.

12 Q. Are any costs shifted as a result of this
13 to residential customers?

14 A. I am sorry. I am not understanding the
15 question.

16 Q. Does the overall base generation rate
17 across all three companies of 7.5 cents a kilowatt
18 hour in '09 result in any customer class cost
19 allocation shift to residential customers?

20 A. Okay. I'm -- could you kind of give me
21 an example or be specific? I am not understanding
22 what you are trying to get to.

23 Q. Sure. I am just trying to figure out if
24 using an average price across all customers will

1 serve to increase the prices paid by residential
2 customers talking about the allocation of these costs
3 among classes.

4 A. They are all exactly the same. They all
5 start with the base of 7-1/2 cents for all classes.

6 Q. Will it cause any cost shifting as
7 compared to the rates currently in effect?

8 A. I don't understand what -- I don't
9 understand cost shifting.

10 Q. From one class to another.

11 A. Once again, I don't understand what you
12 mean by cost shifting.

13 Q. All right. Will this 7.5 cent rate that
14 will be assigned to residential customers be a change
15 in -- a change in -- in the rate responsibility as
16 compared to what they are currently experiencing?

17 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

18 A. I don't understand what rate
19 responsibility means.

20 Q. I am talking about cost allocation and
21 rate design. I am just trying to understand whether
22 this rate will cause any cost shifting from
23 commercial or industrial customers to residential
24 customers by applying this rate across the board as

1 compared with the rate design presently in effect.

2 MR. KUTIK: He just said earlier he
3 didn't understand what you meant by the word cost
4 shifting. Go ahead.

5 A. That's where I am at. I don't understand
6 what I am comparing.

7 Q. All right. Moving on to page 8 of your
8 testimony, Ms. McAlister asked you questions about
9 the minimum default service charge. And can you
10 quantify for me what you expect the 1 cent per
11 kilowatt hour charge to produce in terms of revenues
12 in 2009?

13 A. Quantify --

14 Q. In terms of dollars.

15 A. Well, 1 cent times the entire load.

16 Q. And what is that?

17 A. I think it's estimated to be about
18 58 million megawatt hours, so I am assuming it would
19 be about \$58 million.

20 Q. And a 1 cent per kilowatt hour would be
21 added in 2009, for example, the 7.5 percent
22 generation price per kilowatt hour?

23 A. No. It depends on if it was a shopping
24 customer or a non-shopping customer.

1 Q. I understand. So if it was a shopping
2 customer?

3 A. The 1 cent would be under the minimum
4 default service rider.

5 Q. Uh-huh.

6 A. And there would be no G rate.

7 Q. And if it were a non-shopping customer?

8 A. It is part of --

9 Q. Would --

10 A. I'm sorry, I started to answer your first
11 question so could you --

12 Q. Go ahead and answer.

13 A. Could you rephrase it then or ask it
14 again?

15 Q. And for non-shopping customers?

16 A. We are talking about the 1 cent?

17 Q. Yes.

18 A. It's part of the GEN rate for SSO
19 customers.

20 Q. So it's part of the 7.5?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Okay. So included, included in the 7.5.

23 Turning to page 10 of your testimony.

24 A. Okay.

1 Q. You talk about MISO beginning in lines 9
2 through 15, and you use the day ahead MISO hourly
3 price to determine the seasonal relationship; is that
4 correct?

5 MR. KUTIK: Objection. That
6 mischaracterizes his testimony.

7 A. Could you repeat that? I'm sorry.

8 Q. What do you use the MISO day ahead LMP
9 for in this section of your testimony?

10 A. To develop the seasonal factors.

11 Q. All right. And going down to lines 19
12 and 20, I believe you were -- were asked about the
13 generation-related administrative costs and hedging
14 costs, and you explained how the company recovers
15 these costs now. Do you recall that?

16 A. No. I'm sorry.

17 Q. Okay. How does -- how do the companies
18 recover these costs you've identified in your answer
19 to the question on line 16 now?

20 MR. KUTIK: Objection. Assumes the
21 companies recover those costs. Go ahead.

22 Q. If they recover it.

23 A. There is no separate rider today.

24 Q. So does that mean that the costs aren't

1 recovered or they are not recovered through a rider?

2 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

3 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. Could you
4 reread that back to me.

5 Q. You said --

6 A. No. I am asking --

7 Q. -- this nonbypassable charge is necessary
8 to recover among other things generation-related
9 administrative costs and hedging costs. How are
10 those costs recovered now by the companies, if they
11 are?

12 A. And as I believe I previously answered
13 this, I am not aware of all the aspects related to
14 FES and the PSA. All I know there is no current
15 rider today.

16 Q. So are you saying that you know they are
17 not recovered in a rider, correct?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. Are you also saying that if they are
20 recovered, you expect it would be in the PSA?

21 A. No. I am saying I am not aware of where
22 it would be recovered today.

23 Q. Okay. Would those costs be FES costs or
24 FE operating companies costs?

1 A. What costs are we talking about again?
2 I'm sorry.

3 Q. The generation-related administrative
4 costs and hedging costs.

5 A. Well, until an agreement is gathered, it
6 would sit on the operating companies.

7 Q. All right. And if the operating
8 companies had a power supply agreement for full
9 requirements, would it be the supplier's obligation
10 to meet those costs?

11 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

12 THE WITNESS: Could you reread her
13 question, I'm sorry.

14 (Question read.)

15 A. It would depend on the contract, I would
16 assume.

17 Q. All right. In your experience working
18 for FES did you ever engage or approve power supply
19 agreements where the requirements of power were
20 separated from administrative and hedging costs?

21 A. And I am going to answer this I was
22 involved in wholesale third-party transactions
23 period.

24 Q. But wholesale party transactions have

1 administrative costs?

2 A. Yes, back office costs.

3 Q. All right. And did you ever approve a
4 contract where the administrative costs were born
5 separately by the purchaser of power?

6 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

7 A. Can you tell me who these parties are
8 that -- who is purchasing and who is selling so I
9 understand your question?

10 Q. I mean, you have said that the companies,
11 the FE operating companies, would need to recover
12 administrative -- generation-related administrative
13 costs.

14 MR. KUTIK: Well, now, you have changed
15 the question. You asked -- no, let me finish now.
16 You asked about a series of costs which included
17 administrative costs. Now, you are changing his
18 answer to only be referring to administrative costs.
19 So let's be clear that now you are mischaracterizing
20 his prior testimony.

21 Q. Did you testify that FE operating
22 companies would need to recover generation-related
23 administrative costs? On page 10, lines 19 and 20.

24 A. Yes, generation and administration costs

1 and hedging costs associated with the companies'
2 obligation, yes.

3 Q. All right. And the generation-related
4 administrative costs you are referring to are the
5 costs of the FE operating companies or the costs of
6 the power supplier?

7 A. Both.

8 Q. Regarding the generation-related costs of
9 the FE operating companies, are those costs above the
10 costs included in its current rates?

11 A. Could you rephrase that question?

12 Q. Regarding FE operating companies, are the
13 generation-related administrative costs in addition
14 to costs currently recovered?

15 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

16 A. Yeah. I don't know.

17 Q. But you do testify that it's necessary to
18 recover these costs. On what basis is it necessary
19 to recover the costs?

20 A. What do you mean -- could you rephrase
21 that question?

22 Q. I believe you had testified that
23 generation-related administrative costs need to be
24 collected by the company. Is it your testimony that

1 they are not now being collected?

2 A. I don't know that.

3 Q. Regarding the hedging costs, are these
4 hedging costs of FE operating companies or the power
5 supplier?

6 A. Until a contract would be struck it would
7 be the operating companies.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. And that could move to either party.

10 Q. All right. And if the hedging costs move
11 to the supplier, would -- would they be eliminated
12 from this bypassable charge?

13 A. No. As stated before, one of the reasons
14 the rate is at the level that it is is due to the
15 fact that they do not have to incur the added
16 shopping risk that is associated with having this
17 minimum default service rider.

18 Q. They being the power supplier?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. All right. And on what basis do you have
21 that information? How do you know that?

22 A. That is part of our plan.

23 Q. But you don't have any information from a
24 supplier that would indicate that that would be a

1 reasonable or expected term of a power supply
2 agreement, do you?

3 A. No, I do not.

4 Q. Regarding the generation-related
5 administrative costs, you said that those could be
6 costs of both FE and FES; is that correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. The FES generation-related
9 administrative costs, would this plan cover the FES
10 generation-related administrative costs?

11 A. I'm not following your question.

12 Q. You had testified that the
13 generation-related administrative costs could be the
14 costs of the operating companies or FES; is that
15 correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Are the generation-related administrative
18 costs of FES going to be included in this bypassable
19 charge?

20 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

21 A. It would be total related administrative
22 costs.

23 Q. Of both companies; is that what you are
24 saying? I am not sure what you mean total related.

1 A. Yes, of both companies as part of this
2 rider.

3 Q. And how do you know, if you do, what the
4 FES generation-related administrative costs are?

5 A. As stated before, the rate for the
6 minimum default service charge is related to all of
7 these risks.

8 Q. And how do you know that FES's
9 generation-related administrative costs are not
10 included in the rate that it will supply power to FE
11 operating companies at?

12 A. Once again, I am not part of the
13 negotiations of a PSA agreement or a power sales
14 agreement, sorry, with FES.

15 Q. If FE operating companies and FES execute
16 a power sales agreement where generation-related
17 administrative costs and hedging costs of FES are
18 included in the rates, will those costs be removed
19 from this bypass -- nonbypassable charge?

20 A. Those are assumptions I am not aware of.

21 Q. You wouldn't double recover them though,
22 would you? That's not your plan?

23 A. And --

24 MR. KUTIK: Objection. Assumes what you

1 have just suggested is "double recover" so go ahead.

2 A. Yeah. I am not aware of what's part of
3 the PSA agreement.

4 Q. Your proposal is to only recover the
5 costs once though, isn't it?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. So to the extent these costs are included
8 in -- in another rate paid by customers, you will not
9 try to also recover these costs in the minimum
10 default service rider; is that correct?

11 MR. KUTIK: I object. There is no
12 testimony and no facts that any of these costs are
13 anywhere else, hence, the purpose of this rider.

14 Q. All right. Let --

15 MR. KUTIK: If you can answer that
16 question, you can go ahead and answer it,
17 Mr. Warvell.

18 A. Go ahead. I'm sorry.

19 Q. Well, just let me ask you this, you were
20 at FES and approving wholesale power contracts in
21 2006, correct?

22 A. Third-party wholesale contracts, yes.

23 Q. And were generation-related
24 administrative costs and hedging costs part of those

1 contracts?

2 A. I'm -- once again, I'm not understanding
3 your question. I was responsible for third-party
4 wholesale energy contracts.

5 Q. All right. For third-party wholesale
6 energy contracts were there generation-related
7 administrative costs?

8 A. For the company, yes.

9 Q. For FES?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And were they included in the contract
12 rate, or were they separately recovered from the
13 buyer?

14 A. I don't understand where -- what this --
15 where this is going or what it -- what it is. I am
16 not understanding your question. Third-party
17 contracts, wholesale contracts, have nothing to do
18 with FES.

19 Q. Okay. With FE operating companies or
20 FES?

21 A. What is the question? I'm sorry.

22 Q. You said whole -- third-party wholesale
23 contracts have nothing to do with FES. I said did
24 you mean FE operating companies or FES?

1 A. When I worked at FirstEnergy Solutions, I
2 worked on wholesale third-party contracts, energy
3 contracts.

4 Q. And it is your testimony then that
5 generation-related administrative costs are
6 applicable to those contracts?

7 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

8 A. To the point that FES had costs, yes.

9 Q. All right. And third-party wholesale
10 contracts, could hedging costs be associated with
11 those contracts?

12 A. I definitely don't understand your
13 question.

14 Q. All right. Let's move to page 11 of your
15 testimony.

16 A. Okay.

17 Q. In reading your testimony on page 11, and
18 correct me if I mischaracterize, you discuss the
19 companies' risk if they are left with higher priced
20 generation and no load to serve.

21 MR. KUTIK: Where is that?

22 MS. ROBERTS: Lines 9 through 11.

23 MR. KUTIK: Thank you.

24 A. I am on page 11, lines 9 through 11.

1 Q. All right. You talk about two scenarios,
2 don't you, when you have high priced generation and
3 no one to sell it to and when you have retail load
4 and you have to go to market and supply it because
5 you don't have supplies; is that correct?

6 A. Yes, those are two things that could
7 happen, yes.

8 Q. All right. And how -- how do the
9 operating companies account for these risks now?

10 A. The operating companies do not -- it's --
11 part of that would be handled by FES.

12 Q. That would be handled by FES?

13 A. My understanding is --

14 Q. FES -- do you know if FES charges for
15 handling this?

16 A. No. I am not aware of the cost
17 structure.

18 Q. All right. If you don't know whether FES
19 charges for this now, why do you think they are going
20 to charge for it in the future?

21 A. Once again, individual parts of the plan
22 encompass the total plan. I don't know what FES is
23 going to charge or not going to charge.

24 Q. But yet you propose --

1 MR. KUTIK: I'm sorry. Had you finished
2 your answer?

3 THE WITNESS: Yes.

4 Q. But yet you propose a nonbypassable
5 charge of 1 cent per kilowatt hour to compensate
6 companies for these risks.

7 A. As stated before --

8 MR. KUTIK: What's your question?

9 MS. ROBERTS: Is that correct that he
10 supports in his testimony a nonbypassable charge of 1
11 cent per kilowatt hour to compensate for these risks
12 we are discussing?

13 A. Yes, as an overall process to this --
14 overall part of this plan.

15 Q. All right. Turning to page 12 of your
16 testimony, the answer beginning on line 7, you say
17 that capacity requirements will be provided by FES
18 under a wholesale power supply agreement.

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Do you know whether the last wholesale
21 power supply agreement required FERC approval?

22 A. I'm not aware.

23 Q. Do you know whether the proposed plan,
24 wholesale power agreement, will require FERC

1 approval?

2 A. I am not aware.

3 Q. And who would be aware of that?

4 A. My best estimate would be our legal
5 department.

6 Q. So when you were overseeing wholesale
7 market transactions with third parties, you were not
8 required to seek FERC approval of those agreements
9 when you were at FES?

10 A. We did standard agreements that had
11 standard EEI attachments with them.

12 Q. Are you aware of the corporate separation
13 requirements for affiliate transactions?

14 A. You are going to have to rephrase that
15 question.

16 Q. Are you aware that there are any
17 requirements for affiliate transactions between the
18 FES operating companies required by FERC?

19 A. What do you mean by aware?

20 Q. Do you know -- are you aware? Do you
21 know that there are out there affiliate transaction
22 requirements required by FERC?

23 A. I have not read of such things, but I am
24 aware that there are requirements out there.

1 Q. All right. And do you have any
2 understanding whatsoever of what those requirements
3 are?

4 A. Not specifically.

5 Q. Do you have any general understanding of
6 what those requirements are?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Are you aware that the Public Utilities
9 Commission of Ohio has affiliates transaction
10 regulations?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Turning to page 12, line 16, of your
13 testimony.

14 A. Okay.

15 Q. I believe, you correct me if this is --
16 if I read this wrong, but I believe your testimony is
17 that "the associated costs of doing so will be
18 included in the wholesale power supply agreement, and
19 recovered by the companies." What exactly are you
20 talking about in those lines?

21 A. Yeah. It's the same question I have for
22 you. I am not reading that there so could you
23 rephrase that question?

24 Q. Page 12, the answer beginning at line 14.

1 A. Okay.

2 Q. "In the event this capacity is
3 insufficient, FES will supply the needed capacity to
4 meet the planning reserve requirement."

5 A. Okay.

6 Q. But the costs will be included in the
7 wholesale power agreement and recovered by the
8 company pursuant to a separate charge recovered in
9 this Rider CCA. Is that your testimony?

10 A. You read exactly what's written there,
11 yes.

12 Q. All right. How do you know what the
13 terms of the FES power supply agreement will be?

14 A. I do not. This is part of our proposal.

15 Q. Okay. So FES has not agreed to do this?

16 A. Once again, I am not aware of the
17 negotiations --

18 Q. To your knowledge -- to your knowledge,
19 FES has not agreed to do this?

20 A. That is -- I am not aware of the
21 negotiations on any agreement with FES.

22 Q. What was the basis for you to include
23 this sentence in your testimony?

24 A. Once again, it's part of the overall plan

1 of the riders, the generation rate combined.

2 Q. Was this a part of the plan that you
3 helped formulate?

4 A. Along with the other people as mentioned
5 before in those groups, yes.

6 Q. All right. So there were discussions in
7 those groups about what would be -- or what would
8 hope to be in the FES power supply agreement?

9 THE WITNESS: Could you reread back that
10 question, I'm sorry.

11 (Question read.)

12 A. I would not characterize it that way.

13 Q. How would you characterize it?

14 MR. KUTIK: How would he characterize
15 what?

16 MS. ROBERTS: The statement that he said
17 he wouldn't characterize that way.

18 MR. KUTIK: Well, if he wouldn't
19 characterize it that way, how could he characterize
20 it any other way? Why don't you ask him a question
21 that's fair and makes some sense so I will object and
22 instruct him not to answer. Ask your next question.

23 Q. Going to the next page, 13, you talk
24 about the DNR, the designated network resource --

1 resources, through MISO; is that correct?

2 A. Are you on line 8 or?

3 Q. Yes.

4 A. Okay.

5 Q. How is this different from MISO's

6 resource adequacy requirements, if it is?

7 A. DNR is -- is the capacity requirement for
8 adequate -- the resource adequacy requirement.

9 Q. Oh, good. That was an easy question.
10 I'm glad we got an easy one. And so is part of the
11 plan FE operating companies are taking the
12 responsibility to meet the DNR; is that correct?

13 A. I'm not understanding your question. I'm
14 sorry.

15 Q. You say "to the extent" -- on line 13 "to
16 the extent any charges for the planning reserves
17 exceed 1.5 percent of the existing total rate to the
18 customer," that there will be a phase-in credit and
19 the companies will be compensated for that. Did I
20 characterize that correctly?

21 A. No.

22 Q. All right. Will you explain to me how
23 this DNR works.

24 A. I'm sorry. What question are you asking?

1 Q. I am discussing the answer to your
2 question on line 12 -- page 12, line 10, the question
3 is "Will capacity requirements associated with
4 planning reserve requirements receive separate
5 treatment?" And to that question you answer
6 beginning on page 12, line 12, and ending on page 13,
7 line 15. I'm asking what -- whether the FE operating
8 companies are assuming responsibility for the
9 planning requirements of MISO.

10 A. And as I believe that you brought up when
11 you say FES -- FE operating companies are doing this,
12 it's through the assumption of what was stated
13 earlier of the power sales agreement.

14 Q. All right. Thank you. On page 15.

15 A. Okay.

16 Q. Your answer to the question on --
17 beginning on page 4 which is the basis for the
18 proposed fuel cost adjustment recovery rider, does
19 this rider assume that your costs will not be part of
20 the power supply agreement?

21 A. I'm -- I'm not understanding your
22 question, I'm sorry.

23 Q. The FES sells power under the power
24 supply agreement to FE operating companies. Are you

1 assuming that the fuel costs will not be part of that
2 contract?

3 A. I guess that's a very broad question that
4 I'm not understanding where -- what you are asking me
5 specifically.

6 Q. When FES provides power to FE companies
7 pursuant to the proposal of this plan, are you
8 assuming that FES will not absorb the risk of fuel
9 price increases in the power supply agreement?

10 A. And are we still on page 15? Are we
11 talking about the FCA rider?

12 Q. Page 15, lines 6 through 10.

13 A. This is -- the FCA rider is the
14 incremental change, and it's only in relationship to
15 the incremental change in 2010 through 2011.

16 Q. And it's to account for the risk of fuel
17 price increases; is that correct?

18 A. No. It's specific fuel prices.

19 Q. Specific fuel prices. Are you assuming
20 that these specific fuel prices will not be in -- in
21 a rate charged by FES to FE for power?

22 A. Once again, this is part of the plan and
23 this is a rider. I am not assuming anything when it
24 comes to a contract with FES.

1 Q. All right. If FES assumes this risk and
2 doesn't change FE operating companies for it, would
3 this rider be necessary?

4 MR. KUTIK: Objection, incomplete
5 hypothetical.

6 A. Once again, I go back to this is the plan
7 we proposed with this rider.

8 Q. Is there a situation where you can
9 imagine where you will not need to recover the risk
10 of fuel price increases?

11 MR. KUTIK: You mean if the prices don't
12 go up?

13 MS. ROBERTS: Well, that would be one
14 situation.

15 MR. KUTIK: You are mis -- you are
16 misunderstanding his testimony with respect to the
17 rider so I'll object.

18 THE WITNESS: Could you repeat her
19 question again, please.

20 Q. I am trying to understand whether the
21 costs that you are trying to recover from the FCA
22 could be costs that FES includes in its power sales
23 rates to the FE operating companies.

24 A. And to --

1 Q. And if it is, I am wondering whether the
2 FCA would be necessary.

3 MR. KUTIK: And your question is what?

4 Q. Whether the FCA would then be necessary.

5 MR. KUTIK: Objection. That question has
6 been asked and answered.

7 Go ahead and tell her again.

8 A. Once again, I can't assume what's in a
9 negotiated price with FES. I am not part of that.
10 This is a total package which includes this rider.

11 Q. All right. Turning to line 16 of your
12 testimony on the same page, you say on line 18 that
13 "the companies projected load exceeds the peak output
14 of the FES MISO plants;" is that correct?

15 A. What line are you on again?

16 Q. Lines 18 and 19.

17 A. Okay.

18 Q. How -- how would you expect that
19 additional load to be met if the projected load
20 exceeds the peak output of the FES MISO plants?

21 A. I would assume it would be purchased.

22 Q. And how do you assume it would be
23 purchased? In what fashion?

24 A. If there -- with the assumption of this

1 plan being that there is a -- an agreement it will be
2 purchased by whoever that third party decides to
3 purchase it from.

4 Q. Okay. So it would be part of -- are you
5 assuming that it would be part of FES's obligation to
6 meet that need?

7 A. If -- yes.

8 Q. Okay. On page 18 of your testimony.

9 A. Okay.

10 Q. Line 18, can you tell me what a
11 commercial activities tax is?

12 A. It's a -- state of Ohio roughly replaces
13 a sales tax.

14 Q. And what is the rate? Do you know?

15 A. It's in the workpapers. I don't know
16 specifically.

17 Q. Okay. On page 20 of your testimony.

18 A. Okay.

19 Q. Line 13, can you explain to me why the
20 deferred income tax rate is part of the unrecovered
21 deferred balance?

22 A. I believe Harvey Wagner talks about all
23 the deferrals and the reason why the rates are the
24 way they are in the deferral process.

1 Q. Okay. And lower on page 20 starting at
2 line 19, you discuss the standard -- the standby
3 charge proposed in this plan.

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And can you tell me what the basis of
6 setting these standby charges is? How were they
7 developed?

8 MR. KUTIK: Objection, asked and
9 answered. Go ahead.

10 A. It was looked at by those same groups of
11 people from risk categories of hedging returning
12 customers.

13 Q. And did they evaluate the cost projected
14 of -- of the risk compared to the revenues that they
15 thought would be generated? Do you know?

16 A. What do you mean by evaluated?

17 Q. Did they compare projected costs and
18 revenues concerning this rider, PSR? For instance,
19 am I -- maybe I am misunderstanding. Do I understand
20 that the standby charge PSR represents a risk to the
21 FE operating companies that they wish to be
22 compensated for?

23 A. Yes. It's a bypassable charge, yes.

24 Q. Okay. And in determining how the company

1 should be compensated for that risk and the rates you
2 have identified commencing on line 20, what kind of
3 evaluation did the company do of the revenues that
4 could be produced by these standby charges compared
5 to the cost of the risks that are identified?

6 A. The company did not perform an analysis.

7 Q. And who -- what part of the company was
8 responsible for developing the Rider PSR?

9 A. As stated before, the same groups
10 throughout this entire process were involved,
11 executive management, the rate department, financial
12 planning, and corporate risk.

13 Q. And do you know whether one of those
14 groups actually generated this proposal for the
15 others to consider?

16 A. No. It was a collaborative effort.

17 Q. Okay. On page 21 you talk about the
18 market price for returning customers as set forth in
19 Attachment C. I am looking at lines 3 and 4.

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Okay. And if you turn to Attachment C.

24 A. Hold on one second. All right.

1 Q. It says that the off-peak prices
2 multiplied by 160 percent to determine the -- I
3 believe it's the market price for returning
4 customers; is that correct?

5 MR. KUTIK: It says the on-peak and
6 off-peak price but go ahead.

7 Q. On-peak and off-peak.

8 A. Yeah. It's based on the quarterly
9 forward.

10 Q. Quarterly forward, yes. And how was the
11 multiplier of 160 percent arrived at?

12 A. Looked at risk factors and costs
13 associated with moving that power from the Cyn hub to
14 the FESR point.

15 Q. And that is -- is that something FES
16 would typically do or would that be a responsibility
17 of the operating company?

18 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

19 Q. I'm sorry?

20 MR. KUTIK: I objected.

21 A. I don't believe that's been determined
22 yet.

23 Q. Okay, okay. And what risk factors were
24 considered in determining that the multiplier should

1 be 160 percent?

2 A. Are you asking me what type of risk
3 factors?

4 Q. You said risk factors were considered. I
5 am just asking what they were.

6 A. It would be like load profiles, basis
7 difference between the two points, any type of
8 renewable issues that would come up through this
9 process, any type of additional capacity that would
10 have to come up to -- for returning customers, things
11 of that nature.

12 Q. Is it possible that a returning customer
13 could not or -- create any of those risks for the
14 operating companies?

15 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

16 A. I don't understand your question.

17 Q. Is it possible for a customer to return
18 to FE operating companies and not create these
19 additional costs -- cost risks for the company?

20 A. Not that I am aware of.

21 Q. And so it's not possible for a customer
22 to return and not affect the load profile of the
23 company?

24 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

1 A. I don't understand your question. You
2 are talking about a customer.

3 Q. Yes.

4 A. That was not your question.

5 Q. You said that one of the risks considered
6 was load profile.

7 A. Of a customer.

8 Q. Of a customer. Is it possible for a
9 customer to return to FE operating companies without
10 creating a load profile risk?

11 MR. KUTIK: Objection, asked and
12 answered.

13 A. Not that I am aware.

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. They would have to be perfect.

16 Q. Okay. Is it possible for customers to
17 return to FE operating companies without requiring
18 additional capacity?

19 A. Not that I am aware.

20 Q. So you can't envision a situation where
21 the FE operating companies could be capacity long and
22 the customer would return?

23 A. That wasn't -- that wasn't your question.

24 Q. Well, then I will take this question

1 then.

2 MR. KUTIK: Do you understand what you
3 are supposed to be doing?

4 THE WITNESS: No. I have no question to
5 answer at this point that I know of.

6 Q. Is it possible for a customer to return
7 to FE operating companies and FE operating companies
8 to be long on capacity so that no additional capacity
9 is required to be obtained to serve that customer?

10 A. It would still require a cost to the
11 operating companies for a returning customer for
12 capacity.

13 Q. On page 27 of your testimony --

14 A. Hold on one second. Okay.

15 Q. You talk about the companies' 2009 budget
16 and this relates to transmission and ancillary --
17 ancillary-related expenses from MISO.

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Do you also in the 2009 budget have
20 projected power supply costs for the operating
21 companies?

22 A. I am not aware that the 2009 budget is
23 completed at this point.

24 Q. Was the 2009 budget including -- include

1 projections for power costs?

2 A. I'm not aware.

3 Q. Do you have any responsibilities in the
4 budget process?

5 A. No, I do not.

6 Q. Do you have responsibilities for
7 budgeting for your own department?

8 A. No, I do not.

9 Q. Lower on that page on page 23 you talk
10 about the mapping issue.

11 MR. KUTIK: Can you please --

12 MS. ROBERTS: Page 27.

13 MR. KUTIK: Okay. Thank you.

14 Q. Line 23.

15 A. Okay.

16 Q. You talk about the mapping issue to the
17 new voltage-based rate schedule.

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. Can you tell me how the mapping affects
20 residential customers?

21 A. What do you mean by "affects"? I am not
22 understanding.

23 Q. Will it have any cost impact to
24 residential customers?

1 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

2 A. Once again, cost impact, the mapping
3 issue is that this is based on a voltage base. The
4 residential voltage would have been the same in the
5 old process as it is in this process for residential
6 customers.

7 Q. All right. Thank you.

8 MR. PETRICOFF: Hello?

9 MS. ROBERTS: Yes.

10 MR. PETRICOFF: This is Howard Petricoff.
11 Who is on the line?

12 MR. KUTIK: Well, let's go off the record
13 at this point.

14 (Discussion off the record.)

15 MR. KUTIK: We are back on the record.
16 Howard, do you want to state your appearance?

17 MR. PETRICOFF: Yes. This is Howard
18 Petricoff and I appear on behalf of Constellation
19 NewEnergy. Sorry for the interruption.

20 Q. I just have a couple more questions. One
21 relates to Attachment D --

22 A. Okay.

23 Q. -- of your testimony. Do you know
24 whether the upgrades listed in Attachment D are in

1 any of the MISO generation queues?

2 A. I don't -- I do not know.

3 Q. And in Attachment E --

4 A. I don't sponsor Attachment E.

5 MS. ROBERTS: Oh, I see. Oh, you don't.

6 Then I have no other questions for you. Thank you.

7 MR. KUTIK: Before we go to Mr. Yurick
8 who I believe is next why don't we take basically a
9 5-minute break.

10 (Recess taken.)

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12 EXAMINATION

13 By Mr. Yurick:

14 Q. My name is Mark Yurick. I represent The
15 Kroger Company.

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. I am going to ask you a couple of
18 questions. Hopefully they will be clear. They may
19 very well not be clear. If I ask you anything
20 objectionable, it doesn't seem like your attorney is
21 real shy about piping in.

22 MR. KUTIK: No, I am not.

23 Q. I am sure he will let me know, and if you
24 need me to restate a question if I am not clear or if

1 the question just doesn't make sense to you which is
2 possible, just let me know, okay?

3 A. Okay.

4 Q. On page 9 of your testimony, a question
5 and answer in lines 14 through 17.

6 A. Hold on one second. Let me get there.

7 Q. Uh-huh.

8 A. All right. I am on page 9 and you said
9 lines?

10 Q. 14 through 17.

11 A. Okay.

12 Q. You are talking about carrying charges
13 for the deferral associated with the phase-in; is
14 that right?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. Okay. And you have basically forecast
17 carrying charges to be included with that deferral;
18 is that correct?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And if your forecast is off, do you -- is
21 there anywhere because I just -- if there is, I
22 don't -- I don't know where it is and this is if your
23 forecast is off, do you expect to recover for the
24 difference between what interest rates are going to

1 be in the future and the carrying charges that you've
2 forecast?

3 A. And I am going to answer this and then
4 also state that I believe Harvey Wagner would have
5 covered this. My assumption would be that at the
6 time that we're forecasting the recovery it will be
7 based on that time frame for the interest calculation
8 so year-end 2008's long-term debt cost.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. But that would be covered by Harvey.

11 Q. If the interest rates are different in
12 the future, you don't know of an area where you are
13 going to try to recover that delta?

14 A. I'm sorry. Can you repeat your question?

15 Q. Yeah. You've got a forecast carrying
16 charge, correct?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. This deferral, as I read it, begins
19 January 1, 2013, and will be amortized over a period
20 not to exceed 10 years, correct?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. So if interest rates in January 1, 2013,
23 through January 1, 2023, are substantially different
24 than you forecast, do you expect to collect that

1 somewhere?

2 MR. KUTIK: Well, I would suggest that
3 question --

4 A. That's a Harvey question.

5 MR. KUTIK: Right. Thank you.

6 Q. Okay. Very good. That's fine. Turning
7 to page 10.

8 A. Okay.

9 Q. You are talking about the purpose of the
10 minimum default service rider, how that charge was
11 developed and how it will be applied in lines 16
12 through let's say 23, okay? And you stated "This
13 nonbypassable charge is necessary to recover, among
14 other things, generation related administrative
15 costs," and I think I know what you are talking about
16 there. And then you say "hedging costs associated
17 with the companies' obligation to serve the entire
18 load of their retail customers." Do you see that?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Okay. I am going to ask you to kind of
21 contrast that with page 21 of your testimony, line --
22 line 10 through say line 20. You are explaining the
23 purpose of the standby charge included as part of
24 Rider PSR.

1 A. Okay.

2 Q. Is that correct? And particularly lines
3 15 through 16 you say "As such, if the companies
4 hedge the risk of customers returning, there is the
5 potential to lose significant investment in energy
6 forwards, thereby potentially placing the companies'
7 credit at risk. Implementation of the standby charge
8 is recognition that providing protection from market
9 prices, and the volatility associated with market
10 pricing, imposes a significant cost and risk on the
11 companies." Do you see that?

12 A. On page 21?

13 Q. Yes.

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Okay. How is that different from the
16 hedging costs that you are talking about on page 10,
17 or is it the same thing?

18 A. I am going to answer both questions at
19 the same time so hold on one second.

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. The minimum default service charge
22 hedging cost is associated with customers leaving the
23 operating company. The hedging costs associated with
24 the PSR is for customers coming back to the operating

1 company. They are not the same.

2 Q. Okay. So the risk that you are talking
3 about on page 21 of customers coming back, that is
4 essentially revenue that you -- this is a question,
5 not a statement, but this is essentially revenue that
6 you are losing by not having entered into long-term
7 lower cost contracts; is that correct?

8 A. Yes, with the assumption that the
9 returning customer is coming back at the SSO
10 agreement.

11 Q. Okay. Let me ask you this, as far as
12 that risk goes, as far as, you know, companies
13 leaving and/or coming back, did you yourself
14 consider -- I am not talking about anybody else, but
15 did you yourself consider the effect of special
16 arrangements or contracts with particular customers
17 on -- as far as hedging or trying to reduce that
18 risk?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Okay. On page 19.

21 A. Okay.

22 Q. In line 4, I guess, through 23 you are
23 talking about the deferred fuel cost rider; is that
24 correct? Do I have that right?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Okay. And your -- you testified that
3 there are three different riders for the three
4 different companies; is that correct?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Okay. Well, let me direct you more
7 specifically. Let's see, on line 6 of your answer to
8 the question on lines 4 and 5, "Each operating
9 company will have a separate charge for Rider DFC,
10 correct?" You say, "Yes." I guess -- and then you
11 go on to "A separate rider value was established for
12 each of the companies." I thought that that meant
13 each company would have its own value for the Rider
14 DFC.

15 A. It will have its own charge, yes, but
16 it's one rider.

17 Q. Okay. So it's called the same thing and
18 it's for the same purpose but the monetary values of
19 the charges for each of the companies differ; is that
20 correct?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And I apologize for the awkwardness, but
23 I guess what I am trying to get to, I guess I should
24 just say it in straight English, would be I am trying

1 to -- I have read this testimony, but I'm trying to
2 figure out why the companies have different monetary
3 values for that rider. Is that because they have
4 different costs of fuel? Is that because their sales
5 amounts are different? I think at one point in your
6 testimony you try to explain that, but I just wasn't
7 very clear on that, and I wondered if you could
8 expound on that.

9 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

10 A. When you say expound, I guess what are
11 you looking for me to answer, just -- can you be a
12 little bit more specific?

13 Q. Sure, sure. I'll try. There are three
14 different values for the three different companies
15 and I am trying to figure out why those differences
16 occur. Is it based on the companies paid different
17 amounts for fuel which I wouldn't think that they
18 would?

19 A. It's based on the deferral that was done
20 for those years of 2006 through 2007 in relationship
21 to the baseline and the recovery mechanism under the
22 FM -- FRM rider.

23 Q. Okay. So for those years the amount of
24 fuel deferred was different for those three

1 companies; is that -- am I saying that correctly?

2 A. Correct.

3 MR. YURICK: Okay. I think I'm done, if
4 you will give me just one second.

5 I'm done. That wasn't too painful, was
6 it?

7 THE WITNESS: No, thank you.

8 MR. YURICK: Okay. I appreciate it.

9 MR. KUTIK: Mike Lavanga is next.

10 MR. LAVANGA: Yes. Garrett Stone from my
11 office has joined me, and he has a few questions for
12 Nucor.

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14 EXAMINATION

15 By Mr. Stone:

16 Q. Good morning -- I guess it's good
17 afternoon.

18 A. Yes, good afternoon.

19 Q. Just a few questions. I wanted to talk
20 to you first a little bit about the time of use and
21 seasonal components of the rate structure that you
22 proposed. Can you explain kind of the steps in how
23 you got to the time of use rate differential? You
24 know, step 1, step 2, step 3 how you get from the --

1 how you get there?

2 A. Yeah. I believe that is done in the
3 workpapers.

4 Q. Yeah. I think it's workpaper Schedule
5 5A, I think, like page 7.

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. I wasn't sure so I thought I would ask.

8 A. That is true. And it's right down there
9 in the notes on page 7.

10 Q. So walking through it if I -- I mean, so
11 everything you did to develop the factors are in
12 these notes?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. So if I understand it correctly, what you
15 did is you -- in essence, you first calculated the
16 total number of hours that would fall into each of
17 the periods, right?

18 A. Based on those 24 months, yes.

19 Q. Yes. So take the sum -- as an
20 illustration, you took -- you added up the number of
21 hours that would fall into the period you designated
22 as summer.

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. For each year, there are two years,

1 that's why you get 4,416 hours.

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Okay. And then the next column, to make
4 sure I understand it, I have trouble reading because
5 the way the PDF came out, but the next column is
6 basically you added up the LMPs for each of those
7 hours during that historical period for the FESR
8 node.

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And you just straight added them, so if
11 the LMP was \$50 in one hour and \$75 in another hour,
12 whatever they were you added each of them up to get
13 that figure of \$215,000, right?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Okay. And then to get to the price
16 that's in the next column, you basically divide -- in
17 essence, what you are doing you are creating an
18 average price, right?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. Over whatever period you designated,
21 summer, non-summer, on-peak, off-peak, whatever?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. To get that average price obviously you
24 have got to divide the total price for adding up all

1 the hours, that price in that column, I guess it's
2 column C, by the number of hours during the period
3 which is in column B and that gives you the price?

4 A. That's correct.

5 Q. Okay. So as an illustration, the average
6 price for energy under the -- during this period,
7 during the summer period, under the MISO LMP
8 applicable to FirstEnergy was \$48.78 a megawatt hour.

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Okay. And you did exactly the same thing
11 for each of the other various periods in order to
12 figure out what the average price would be for each
13 of those periods.

14 A. That is true.

15 Q. Okay. Now, would it be fair to say these
16 prices have probably changed since the end of 2007?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Yeah. In fact, if anything, they have
19 probably gone up since the end of 2007? I don't know
20 if you have looked at them directly but.

21 A. No, I have not.

22 Q. Wouldn't you expect given the cost of
23 fuel and everything else the prices have increased
24 for 2008?

1 A. I would have to do the calculation.

2 Q. Okay. So you don't know.

3 A. No.

4 Q. You don't know then?

5 A. No, I do not know.

6 Q. Okay. Now, get to that last column which
7 would be E and this last column is where you develop
8 an allocation factor to be able to apply it to the
9 price of generation in order to determine a time of
10 use rate for that particular period; is that correct?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. Okay. So the way you determine the
13 factor is basically, first, you determine, in
14 essence, the ratio between the price for the period,
15 for the summer period, and the annual average price
16 would be the first step of that calculation, right?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. And then you would multiply that by a --
19 an adjustment factor that's noted in the asterisk
20 footnote, right?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. Okay. Taking the -- first step -- so the
23 first step is basically designed -- first half of
24 that step is designed basically, like I said, to

1 determine a percentage allocation factor or ratio
2 between, let's say, the summer, the summer prices,
3 and the annual average price, right?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Therefore, once you have that factor you
6 can just multiply it times whatever your price of
7 generation is and that would give you a summer price.

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Okay. Now, first question is can you
10 explain to me this factor of the 74.88 divided by 75?

11 A. When taking the megawatt hours and
12 multiplying it by the averages, to make sure that we
13 balanced revenue-wise, we needed an adjustment factor
14 to make sure that the total dollars matched and this
15 adjustment factor provided that balancing.

16 Q. When you -- let me see if I can ask you a
17 couple of questions to make sure I understand that.
18 Is what you are saying is that -- is that you don't
19 have an equal balance of kilowatt hours per hour in
20 each hourly period summer versus winter and you are
21 correcting for that? Or -- well, that first.

22 A. No, I would not characterize it that way.

23 Q. Maybe -- I guess I didn't -- would you
24 try that explanation again because I am not sure I

1 understood what you did.

2 A. Okay.

3 Q. Maybe you can't but.

4 A. We --

5 Q. 74.88 divided by the 75, how did you get
6 to that specific number?

7 MR. KUTIK: Are you asking what the basis
8 of the 74.88 is and the 75?

9 MR. STONE: Yeah.

10 A. The adjustment factor is basically a
11 percentage. The 74.88 and the 75 just work out to be
12 that percentage.

13 Q. Okay. So what you've done basically is
14 calculated a percentage because if you didn't, you
15 would recover --

16 A. We would be --

17 Q. -- short or excess revenue.

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. I guess excess that you are multiplying
20 it times a factor that would reduce it.

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. So by excess revenues I guess what you
23 did is -- in order to determine that you were going
24 to recover excess revenues and needed to apply this

1 percentage, how did you determine that, I guess, is
2 what I am asking?

3 MR. KUTIK: I'm sorry. How did he
4 determine what?

5 Q. How did you determine if you didn't apply
6 this percentage that you will recover excess
7 revenues? Did you do some sort of proof of revenue?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Okay. Is the proof of revenue in the
10 workpapers?

11 A. No, it is not.

12 Q. Okay. Have you provided it in discovery
13 somewhere? I am not critical, if I could find it.

14 A. I am not aware of anybody that's asked
15 for it.

16 Q. Okay. And in doing that proof of revenue
17 did you base it based on summer and non-summer or did
18 you -- what -- what billion determinant did you use
19 to determine that the proof of revenue would give us
20 excess revenues and, therefore, you needed to reduce
21 it?

22 A. I would have to go back and look at that
23 paperwork to answer that question. I don't have
24 that.

1 Q. Okay. Now, get -- how do you know --
2 well, I guess my question is do you believe that this
3 correction factor corrects for differences in billing
4 determinants between summer and winter -- summer and
5 non-summer? Excuse me.

6 A. Could you explain what --

7 Q. Yeah. Let me try to get at what I am
8 trying to get at here. Obviously in different
9 periods of time customers can take different amounts
10 of -- well, your load would be different, number of
11 kilowatt hours per each hour of the year -- in other
12 words, if you had 8,000 summer hours in the year,
13 each one of those hours you would be selling a
14 different number of kilowatt hours, correct?

15 A. That's possible.

16 Q. You don't have exactly the same in any
17 hour.

18 A. That's generally correct, yes.

19 Q. Yeah. So take summer and non-summer as
20 an illustration, if you used -- it's likely that the
21 number of kilowatt hours you use in the summer hours
22 per hour is a different number than the number of
23 kilowatt hours you use in the winter per hour -- the
24 non-summer? Excuse me.

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And so the effect of that would be in
3 order to get back to a price that is -- that the
4 fixed price that you -- that you attempted to recover
5 here, by definition because the number of kilowatt
6 hours per hour in the summer will be different than
7 the non-summer period, you are going to have a little
8 bit of variance there in terms of what you are going
9 to recover. If you didn't adjust it, you wouldn't
10 recover exactly the fixed price if it was, for
11 example, 7-1/2 cents a kilowatt hour or whatever the
12 number happens to be, and is that why you had to make
13 an adjustment?

14 A. Yes, I believe so.

15 Q. It makes sense to me. Do you know if
16 that adjustment also factors in the fact that there
17 is a difference between on-peak and off-peak kilowatt
18 hours used per hour?

19 A. As I stated before, I would have to
20 relook at the backup sheet to specifically answer
21 your question.

22 Q. So if we wanted to ask for that in
23 discovery, we should ask for the proof of revenue or
24 backup sheet to Schedule 5A --

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. -- page 7?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Or maybe just to that factor. How do I
5 identify it for you so that you can provide it to me
6 or maybe you can just provide it -- I don't know.

7 MR. KUTIK: We'll ask you to give us a
8 discovery request. Go ahead.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. In that I would reference Schedule 5A and
11 revenue proof.

12 Q. Okay. Great. Now, another area on this
13 have you proposed any form of reconciliation
14 mechanism to ensure that you recover exactly the
15 fixed generation price for each year?

16 A. No, we have not.

17 Q. Okay. So the net effect would be that if
18 you overrecover, you get to keep it; if you
19 underrecover, it's your risk, right?

20 A. That is true.

21 Q. Okay. Are you opposed to a
22 reconciliation mechanism?

23 A. It is not part of the current plan.

24 Q. Is that -- I understand that. But is it

1 fair -- are you recommending against it, or you don't
2 have a recommendation on it? Can you give me a --
3 which one of those is it?

4 MR. KUTIK: I'm sorry. Which one of what
5 is it?

6 Q. I will ask it differently. Do you -- you
7 meaning Mr. Warvell -- have a recommendation on
8 whether there should be a reconciliation mechanism or
9 not for this issue that we have identified which is
10 the -- any variation in recovery because of using
11 seasonal and time of use factors?

12 A. And I guess all I can answer is we have
13 not proposed it in this plan.

14 Q. Okay. So at least at this point in time
15 you don't have a recommendation for -- favorable one
16 obviously -- I realize the company hasn't proposed
17 it. I am kind of asking you as a witness do you have
18 a recommendation on it?

19 A. And I can only state what I just stated
20 before.

21 Q. We have not proposed it.

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. All right. Let me see just a second
24 here. Let me ask you a little bit briefly about --

1 still on time of use pricing. Critical peak pricing,
2 are you familiar with the general concept of critical
3 peak pricing establishing a period where you charge
4 for what you define as a super peak or critical peak?

5 A. I believe Greg Hussing is sponsoring
6 that.

7 Q. He's doing it for residential, I think,
8 right? I guess what I wanted to ask you was -- let
9 me ask you this a different way, you've defined in
10 your time of use price -- let me back up. Your
11 proposal for time of use pricing, that's optional; is
12 that correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Or are all customers on time of use?

15 A. No. It would be optional.

16 Q. Okay. So each -- how does that work?
17 Will each customer have to decide whether they want
18 to be time of use or not?

19 A. As long as they meet the criteria, yes.

20 Q. Okay. Metering, whatever else is being
21 under the rate schedule and that thing, is there --
22 what -- what are the criteria?

23 A. I would have to review the tariff.

24 Q. All right. Is the -- would one use the

1 same method you did to determine on-peak and off-peak
2 time of use differentials and do the same with
3 smaller periods where the price might be higher or
4 lower?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And, for example, if you felt -- and I am
7 not saying this is your position, but if you felt
8 that there ought to be -- that there could be a
9 period, say, where the highest prices typically
10 occurred around the peak times, could you define a
11 period, I don't know what the time frame is, whatever
12 the time frame seems to be, the critical pricing
13 time, and define a more narrow time frame and have a
14 separate price for it as well as part of your time of
15 use approach?

16 A. Yes. And, once again, I think you are --
17 and I don't know his testimony off the top of my
18 head, but it surely seems we are -- the questions you
19 are asking would be more directed towards Greg
20 Hussing.

21 Q. Okay. All right. Hold on one second.
22 Which company is responsible -- let me back up.

23 If you don't recover exact -- I think we
24 established in our discussion earlier, maybe you

1 could correct me if I am wrong, that -- would you
2 agree with me it's likely under actual operation
3 under your time of use and seasonal rate approach
4 that you will not recover exactly the fixed
5 generation price that's fixed -- whatever the number
6 happens to be that's set in this case? Would you
7 agree with that?

8 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

9 Q. Because of the variation in usage we
10 talked about earlier?

11 A. It could be either positive or negative,
12 yes.

13 Q. Oh, I would agree with that, yeah. But
14 whatever it is you would agree you wouldn't
15 recover -- you are not -- it's not likely you are
16 going to recover exactly the number, correct?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Okay. Now, to -- to a degree there is a
19 variation in that. Let's take -- let's take the
20 hypothetical that fixed generation price is set at
21 the \$75 per megawatt hour that you have identified,
22 and there is a variation up or down, who -- who is
23 responsible -- who gets the benefit or detriment of
24 that? Is it the distribution utility, or is it the

1 supplier of the generation?

2 MR. KUTIK: Objection. Once again, I
3 believe it would be dependent on the structure of a
4 contract with FirstEnergy Solutions and that could go
5 to either party.

6 Q. Okay. All I am trying to establish
7 that's not established yet?

8 A. Not that I am aware of.

9 Q. Okay. Now, moving on briefly to the
10 minimum default service rider that I know you have
11 probably been asked a number of questions about so a
12 couple of areas I think that haven't been touched on
13 or at least not in detail on page 11, line 3, of your
14 testimony. Could you turn there.

15 A. Page 11, hold on one second.

16 Q. Yeah.

17 A. I'm on page 11.

18 Q. Thank you. If you turn to line 2, "To
19 accomplish this, the companies must procure
20 generation and incur costs." By procure generation
21 does this mean buying capacity or having capacity
22 available, reserving it in some fashion?

23 A. Hold on one second.

24 Q. Sure.

1 A. The companies are responsible to serve
2 the entire load so that would include energy and
3 capacity.

4 Q. Well, would this include at least in part
5 acquiring capacity when you say procure generation
6 based on a forecast?

7 A. It would have to meet the requirements of
8 MISO so, yes.

9 Q. Well, yeah. In order to supply
10 generation generally you have to have capacity to
11 supply the energy?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. In fact, the company proposed to put all
14 these various generating units available to meet this
15 load if the ESP is approved, right?

16 A. Can you read --

17 Q. Although many that are owned by FES.

18 A. I guess I'm not sure of the question.
19 Could you rephrase that or give it to me again?

20 Q. Sure. You said that the companies must
21 procure generation based on a forecast and always be
22 in a position to serve all customers, and you have
23 said that was the reason that -- as I read your
24 testimony, that was the reason why you needed this

1 charge. And I am just trying to understand what is
2 it that you are going to do, and so I guess my
3 question was when you say you must procure generation
4 and incur costs, does that mean you are going to go
5 out and buy or own or retain reserve, whatever term
6 you want to use, capacity as part of this issue?

7 A. As part of --

8 MR. KUTIK: Objection, go ahead.

9 A. As part of serving the retail load, yes.

10 Q. Yes. And so your concern in charging
11 this nonbypassable charge was at least in part you
12 want to recover the cost of capacity that you think
13 you are going to obtain to meet this retail load?

14 A. I would not specifically say capacity.
15 It's -- it's in regards to the total price of
16 generation at 7-1/2 cents for 2009.

17 Q. Right. But if the customer leaves, you
18 could resell the energy, right?

19 A. My understanding is both would have to be
20 done. You would have to sell the energy, and any
21 excess capacity would have to be given to MISO for
22 them to sell into the market.

23 Q. Okay. So in the event a customer were to
24 leave, you would -- the answer would be as you would

1 resell the energy and capacity unless they under this
2 other rider reserved it, correct?

3 A. I don't -- no, I can't say correct. I
4 don't understand what you mean by this other rider
5 and reserved it.

6 Q. I'm sorry. You have a second -- you have
7 a separate rider that says if customers leave --
8 isn't it Rider PSR -- says if customers leave, there
9 would be a standby charge associated with that and if
10 the customer wanted to reserve the right to come
11 back, they could by paying some extra cost, but in
12 the event the customer didn't do that, the customer
13 just left, the energy capacity that you had procured
14 to serve that customer you would then resell in the
15 marketplace, right?

16 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

17 A. I couldn't say that we would resell it in
18 the marketplace. We would attempt to sell the
19 energy, and I think by regulation we would have to
20 offer up the capacity.

21 Q. Now, if you didn't sign up this deal,
22 would you still have to offer up the capacity?

23 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

24 A. I don't know what deal you are talking

1 about.

2 Q. I'm sorry. If ESP is not approved and
3 you are not committed to supply the energy and
4 capacity through it, wouldn't you still have to offer
5 up the capacity into MISO?

6 A. You are going to have to rephrase that
7 question. I don't -- I don't -- I can't answer it
8 that way.

9 Q. Well, you told me just a minute ago you
10 would have to recover the capacity into MISO in the
11 event the customer left, correct?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. And all I am asking is that let's assume
14 you never -- ESP is never approved, and you are
15 sitting there with the capacity because you didn't
16 provide it into the ESP. Wouldn't you still have to
17 provide that capacity into MISO?

18 A. FES could decide what they wanted to do
19 with that capacity.

20 Q. Okay. Why is the price of a -- I guess
21 the penny a kilowatt hour and the default service
22 rider the same regardless of the customer's load
23 profile?

24 A. It's one of the risk parameters that's

1 associated with that price. We don't know the
2 customer's load profile.

3 Q. Well, you would if you were metering it,
4 right, which you are? You would know what the
5 historical load profile was, correct? You would --

6 A. What are you asking me the specific
7 question to?

8 Q. I'm sorry?

9 A. What are you asking the specific question
10 to? What rider?

11 Q. If the 1 cent a kilowatt hour rider under
12 the -- the one we were just talking about, the
13 minimum default service.

14 A. Oh, I was mistaken. I thought you said
15 it was the 1-1/2 cent PSR rider which was what I
16 answered to the last question.

17 Q. No. I apologize then. What I was
18 referring to was still back to the minimum default
19 service rider there is a 1 cent a kilowatt hour
20 charge under it, and I was asking the question why is
21 the price the same regardless of whether the -- what
22 the type of customer is and what its load profile is?

23 A. The price was developed as a total risk
24 for the entire load, not specific customers.

1 Q. Okay. And risk could vary based on the
2 load profile of the customer?

3 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

4 Q. Correct?

5 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

6 A. Once again, we look at this as a total
7 load product.

8 Q. So you didn't look at the question of
9 whether the -- whether this price should -- price or
10 cost should vary based on the customer load profile?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Okay. On page 12, lines 2 through 4.

13 A. Okay. I'm there.

14 Q. Thank you. You said "Without this
15 nonbypassable charge, the base generation charges
16 contained in the plan would need to be adjusted
17 higher." How much higher?

18 A. I have not made that determination.

19 Q. Okay. And to your knowledge did the
20 company have a study or analysis that made that
21 determination?

22 A. No.

23 Q. I'm sorry?

24 A. No.

1 Q. No. Okay. Now, let's turn for a moment
2 to the capacity requirements on down in the same
3 page, page 12, you talk about capacity requirements
4 associated with planning reserve requirements. What
5 is the capacity cost per kW for FES to provide the
6 generation service they are proposing to provide in
7 this case?

8 A. There is no cost calculated.

9 Q. But certainly there is a cost to FES to
10 provide capacity, correct?

11 A. Could you rephrase that question or
12 repeat it again? I'm sorry.

13 Q. Sure. You just indicated that you have
14 not calculated a cost -- a capacity cost to provide
15 the service, and all I am asking you is if you would
16 agree, wouldn't you, there is a capacity cost to FES
17 to provide the generation service, wouldn't you?

18 A. There should be some type of value, yes.

19 Q. I mean, in fact, isn't FES proposing to
20 provide a significant number of generating units and
21 make them available to serve this load?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And those generating units have a
24 substantial amount of shall we say capacity costs

1 associated with them?

2 A. I don't know -- when you say capacity
3 costs associated with them.

4 Q. Fixed costs that they need to recover
5 associated with the plant.

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Yes. Don't they -- but you don't know or
8 the company hasn't calculated what the -- what those
9 fixed costs are going to be that need to be recovered
10 through this rate proposal?

11 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

12 A. No.

13 Q. Let me ask this different and make sure I
14 have it clear, has the company calculated what the
15 capacity costs would be to provide the generation
16 service?

17 MR. KUTIK: That's the same question you
18 asked earlier so I will object. Go ahead.

19 A. No.

20 Q. Okay. Would you agree that the fixed
21 costs of the generation are the same to FirstEnergy
22 regardless of whether that capacity is used 50
23 percent of the time or 40 percent of the time or
24 60 percent of the time?

1 A. Can you repeat that question for me
2 please? I'm sorry.

3 Q. Yeah. Would you agree that if -- that
4 the supplier generation -- let me back up. Yeah.

5 Would you agree FES would incur the same
6 fixed costs needed to recover the same fixed costs
7 per kW regardless of whether the energy associated
8 with that capacity is used very little, 20 percent of
9 the time or 40 percent of the time or 60 percent of
10 the time?

11 A. FES would need to recover fixed costs of
12 their units, yes.

13 Q. They need to recover them regardless of
14 how much energy is purchased associated with it,
15 correct?

16 A. Are we talking about FirstEnergy
17 Solutions here?

18 Q. Yes.

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Okay. Can you tell me historically why
21 FirstEnergy's rate -- why the distribution utilities'
22 rate Ohio Edison and, of course, the others for
23 generation and transmission historically varied on a
24 per kilowatt hour basis among the customer classes?

1 A. Can you rephrase that?

2 Q. Yeah. Would you agree with me -- let's
3 try a different way. Would you agree with me the
4 energy costs on a per kilowatt basis of the different
5 customer classes of FirstEnergy operating companies
6 have varied -- let me try it again, that didn't --
7 let me try it differently. Strike that.

8 Would you agree the average cost per
9 kilowatt hour for generation and transmission to your
10 various customer classes varied by customer class?

11 A. Historically?

12 Q. Yes.

13 A. It was tariff driven, yes.

14 Q. Okay. So it did vary. Do you know why
15 it varied?

16 A. It's based on the tariff.

17 Q. Right. But the tariff was, of course,
18 set by the Commission based on proposals by various
19 parties. What were the reasons for the
20 differentiation? Do you know?

21 A. I don't.

22 Q. Okay. In the competitive market would
23 you -- would you expect the competitive supplier to
24 charge the same price per kilowatt hour to a customer

1 with a 20 percent load factor as a customer with a
2 60 percent load factor, all else being equal?

3 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

4 A. Don't know.

5 Q. Okay. Wouldn't you expect there to be
6 some additional costs for load shaping for a customer
7 that has a lower load factor than a higher load
8 factor?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Okay. And wouldn't you expect there
11 would be additional costs for a low load factor
12 customer for capacity because there are fewer
13 kilowatt hours per every kW of peak demand as
14 compared to a higher load factor customer?

15 A. I'm sorry. Can you --

16 Q. Yes. I will repeat it. Wouldn't you
17 expect that a customer with a lower load factor as
18 compared to a customer with a higher load factor --
19 wouldn't you expect the lower load factor customer to
20 pay -- or that the cost for that customer per
21 kilowatt hour would be higher because there are fewer
22 kilowatt hours per kW of load?

23 A. What are you assuming again?

24 Q. If you assume two customers, one customer

1 with a lower load factor, one with a higher load
2 factor, all else being equal, the customer with the
3 lower load factor has fewer kilowatt hours per kW of
4 load, right?

5 A. Okay.

6 Q. Okay. And with fewer kilowatt hours per
7 kW of load since the supplier has to recover the
8 capacity costs associated with it over those fewer
9 kilowatt hours, wouldn't you expect the price per
10 kilowatt hour for that lower load factor customer to
11 be higher?

12 A. Is this based upon the assumption of the
13 competitive price again?

14 Q. Yeah.

15 A. I'm not -- I'm not testifying on a
16 competitive price. I am testifying on the rate at
17 the 7-1/2 cents per customer.

18 Q. So you don't know?

19 A. Don't know.

20 Q. Okay. Would you expect a supplier in the
21 competitive market to charge the same price per
22 kilowatt hour to a customer who only used on-peak as
23 compared to a customer who only uses off-peak?

24 A. Once again, based on the competitive --

1 competitive price to a particular customer?

2 Q. I guess what I am asking is -- yeah, if a
3 competitive market, would you expect a customer that
4 only uses on-peak to pay the same price as a customer
5 who only uses off-peak or would they vary or do you
6 not know?

7 A. I don't know specifically.

8 Q. All right. Let's shift gears to one
9 other area, interruptions -- or interruptible power
10 for just a second. Page -- hold on. Page 22,
11 please, of your testimony.

12 A. Okay.

13 Q. On lines 13 through 15, I believe you
14 refer to how the interruptible program credit is
15 developed; is that correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Okay. And you indicate that it is based
18 on the market value of the MISO-designated network
19 resource, correct?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. How did you get the market value? Is it
22 published somewhere?

23 A. We got it through a copy of a bilateral
24 agreement.

1 Q. Between who?

2 A. It was an FES bilateral agreement.

3 Q. Between FES and some other entity?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Okay. Was FES supplying it or purchasing
6 it or do you recall?

7 A. Purchasing.

8 Q. Okay. Do you know when this agreement
9 was executed?

10 A. No, I do not.

11 Q. Okay. Do you have any idea when this
12 price was negotiated or determined?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Okay. Do you know what the price today
15 is for capacity -- DNR capacity sold bilaterally in
16 the marketplace?

17 A. No, I do not.

18 Q. Okay. All right. Is there any published
19 that you are aware of -- any published basis for
20 determining what the value of capacity is in the MISO
21 market, this DNR capacity?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Okay. Would you expect the price for
24 capacity to vary over time?

1 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

2 A. What do you mean by vary?

3 Q. Go up or down.

4 A. For what time period?

5 Q. You tell me what time period. I mean, I
6 can specify one over -- let's stop. First, let me
7 ask you do you -- what time period would you expect
8 it to vary over?

9 A. It would have to be a longer time period.

10 Q. Like months? Years?

11 A. Years.

12 Q. Years. So your expectation is it --
13 well, never mind. Do you have anything to base that
14 opinion on?

15 A. The -- or the RPM of PJM.

16 Q. Can you explain?

17 A. Over the RPM auction and PJM it has not
18 varied significantly in price for the next six years
19 in the western market zone.

20 Q. What is the RPM in the western market
21 zone for PJM? What's the price?

22 A. I believe the last price I seen was
23 around 96 bucks.

24 Q. For megawatt day?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Okay. Now, that's a market that's a
3 published sort of auction-type market; is that
4 correct?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Okay. And a little bit different than a
7 bilateral market?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Okay. Is there any plans in MISO to
10 create a similar type of market to the one that's
11 PJM? Are there any plans?

12 A. There are working groups discussing it.

13 Q. Okay. But at least today the only way to
14 acquire the capacity is through a bilateral
15 transaction?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Okay. Or alternately utilize your own
18 existing capacities, you could do that, I suppose. I
19 assume; is that correct?

20 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

21 Q. Let me back up. Wouldn't you agree you
22 could also use capacity you own rather than going out
23 and purchasing some to meet the DNR requirement?

24 A. If you owned it, yes.

1 Q. Okay. Now, this price would be the price
2 at the generator, or would it be adjusted for any
3 amount of losses?

4 A. What price are we talking about?

5 Q. I'm sorry, the \$64 a megawatt day, the
6 DNR price that you have cited?

7 A. It would be the generator.

8 Q. The generator, okay. And just so I
9 understand, to me a capacity requirement you would
10 have to have not only a sufficient amount of megawatt
11 to cover your load, but you would also have to have
12 megawatts to cover any reserve requirements, correct?

13 A. Could you repeat the question?

14 Q. In order to meet the reserve requirements
15 in MISO or wherever, you would be required not only
16 to have sufficient DNR to meet your actual or
17 projected peak demands but also some amount for
18 reserve?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Okay. Would you agree with me using an
21 interruptible load as a DNR-type approach, the
22 ability to interrupt, that you wouldn't need the
23 reserve because in interruptible by definition it's
24 interrupted, there is no reserves associated with it?

1 A. I'm sorry.

2 Q. Let me --

3 A. Yeah, rephrase.

4 Q. -- restate it.

5 A. Yeah.

6 Q. Yeah. I'm sorry. I guess what I am
7 asking is since you are requiring the DNR as we just
8 established to meet demand -- expected demand plus
9 reserves, if you reduce the demands, that is, lower
10 the load as a result of an interruptible customer,
11 aren't you avoiding the DNR associated with the
12 demand plus the reserve on top of that for that
13 particular trunk of load?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Okay. Thank you. And then if someone --
16 let's switch to still interruptible but to the
17 economic interruption concept for just a minute. You
18 propose that ELR that in addition to being able to
19 interrupt for what I will call reliability or
20 emergency reasons, you've also proposed to be able to
21 interrupt for economic reasons, correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Okay. So the emergency interruption
24 piece of the program allows you to avoid these DNR

1 capacity-type costs which is the point behind setting
2 the credit the way you do, correct?

3 A. Capacity, yes.

4 Q. Yes. That's the emergency part. And
5 then the economic part in theory allows you to avoid
6 high priced energy costs by either requiring the
7 customer to economic -- to curtail or in the
8 alternative to buy through in the higher price,
9 correct?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Now, on the economic side to the degree a
12 customer does buy through, where do those buy through
13 dollars go? Do they go into some reconciliation
14 mechanism, or do they -- well, do they go into the
15 reconciliation mechanism, or do they go to the
16 company?

17 A. They go to the company.

18 Q. They go to the company, okay. So by
19 definition to the degree they are economic
20 interruptions and/or buy throughs, it would reduce
21 the cost of generation through the company, correct,
22 cost of energy to the company?

23 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

24 A. No.

1 Q. Do you want me to restate it? I'm sorry.

2 A. You can restate it.

3 Q. Yeah. All right. Since the buyback
4 revenues go to the company -- let me try it again.
5 Since the customer will either curtail in response to
6 the economic curtailment or pay additional buyback
7 revenues that go to the company, by definition do
8 these economic interruptions result in a reduction in
9 the companies' cost of generation or an offset to the
10 companies' cost of generation?

11 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

12 A. No.

13 Q. Okay. Would you agree there might be
14 interruptible rates available in the marketplace as
15 well, competitive marketplace?

16 A. I don't know.

17 Q. Okay. Why do you think it's important
18 that FirstEnergy offer interruptible rates?

19 A. You want to rephrase that?

20 Q. I just asked -- put it this way, you
21 propose an economic load response program rider and
22 a -- what do you call it -- optional load response
23 program rider, both of which are interruptible rates,
24 correct?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And you've offered these interruptible
3 rates, I presume, because you think they are a good
4 idea; is that correct? Do you think they are a good
5 idea?

6 A. We are continuing a program that's been
7 historically done for customers and wish to continue
8 that for those customers.

9 Q. Okay. And that's the ELR. And then the
10 OLR, the new one, the optional load response program
11 rider, would, of course, offer similar kinds of
12 concept to new -- customers who haven't been
13 interruptible, correct?

14 A. Correct, for an emergency basis only.

15 Q. Right. Do you see these programs as
16 being beneficial in trying to meet the demand
17 response objectives that the -- that the new
18 legislation set out? Would it provide a benefit in
19 that regard?

20 A. To meet the demand response, yes.

21 Q. Yeah. Okay. Do you know if -- switching
22 do you know if time of use rates are available in the
23 competitive market?

24 A. I don't know.

1 Q. But you offered time of use rates as an
2 option in your ESP proposal, correct?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Time of day rates, time of use rates.

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And I presume you are offering them again
7 because you think they will be a good thing for -- to
8 be offered to customers or you wouldn't be offering
9 them or maybe you could explain why you are offering
10 them.

11 A. We're continuing to offer time of use
12 rate as we have before.

13 Q. Do you think time of use rates send more
14 accurate price signals?

15 A. They send price signals.

16 Q. Okay. Do you think the time of use rates
17 that you've developed send reasonably accurate price
18 signals?

19 A. Once again, they send price signals, yes.

20 Q. All right. Do you think the time of use
21 rates, their price signals might help in your demand
22 response -- meeting the demand response objectives of
23 the new legislation by signaling to customers prices
24 are higher on on-peak times?

1 A. I don't know.

2 Q. All right. Do you have any -- only a
3 couple more things. Do you have -- have you
4 determined or has the company determined the value
5 -attributable to the ability to economically interrupt
6 customers under Rider ELR?

7 A. Can you rephrase that question?

8 Q. Has the company determined the value to
9 the company for being able to economically interrupt
10 customers under Rider ELR?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Is there a value to the company in being
13 able to economically interrupt customers under Rider
14 ELR?

15 A. I don't know.

16 Q. Okay. Do you know if the company has a
17 position as to whether there is any value in being
18 able to economically interrupt customers under Rider
19 ELR?

20 A. I don't know.

21 Q. Okay. Do you have any opinion on how you
22 would determine the value or the avoided costs
23 associated with being able to economically interrupt
24 customers?

1 A. No.

2 Q. All right. Do you have any other
3 opinions on interruptible rates that may relate to
4 this case in addition to those set forth in your
5 testimony?

6 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

7 A. No.

8 MR. STONE: Okay. Thank you. That's all
9 the questions I have.

10 MR. KUTIK: The next person in the order
11 is Andre Porter. But before we do that let's take a
12 5-minute break. I'm sorry. It's actually Dane
13 Stinson.

14 (Recess taken.)

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16 EXAMINATION

17 By Mr. Stinson:

18 Q. Mr. Warvell, my name is Dane Stinson. I
19 represent FPL Energy Marketing, Inc., and Gexa Energy
20 Holdings, Inc. I just have a very few questions of
21 you. To begin by -- I will begin by directing your
22 attention to page 9 of your testimony, lines 10
23 through 13.

24 A. Okay.

1 Q. And I believe earlier this morning in
2 your testimony you gave your opinion as to when that
3 DGC charge came into play for aggregation customers,
4 and I will try to characterize your testimony. Let
5 me know if I don't do it properly. I believe you
6 testified that the DGC charge be applied to
7 aggregation customers when such a customer initially
8 was on the SSO and then switched to a governmental
9 aggregation; is that correct?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And the way the DGC would work would be
12 that if that customer were on the SSO for a period of
13 six months, that period would be tracked by
14 FirstEnergy and that would be -- that would be the
15 amount that the surcharge would collect; is that a
16 fair characterization?

17 A. It would be based on the load centers of
18 those customers, yes, that are associated with the
19 aggregation --

20 Q. There would be an individual tracking of
21 each customer for a certain period of time or it
22 would relate to the group as a whole?

23 A. The group as a whole.

24 Q. And then the entire aggregation -- the

1 members of the entire aggregation or all the members
2 of the aggregation would pay that DGC?

3 A. The benefit portion of the DGC, yes.

4 Q. Thank you. Let me direct your attention
5 to page 13 of your testimony.

6 MR. KUTIK: Let's go off the record for a
7 second.

8 (Discussion off the record.)

9 A. I am at page 13.

10 Q. Line 20.

11 A. Okay.

12 Q. You speak of the baseline costs of 30
13 million, 20 million, 10 million for the years 2009,
14 '10, and '11.

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Could you tell me how those amounts were
17 determined or calculated?

18 A. They were not calculated.

19 Q. How were they determined? How did you
20 arrive at those numbers?

21 A. It was the additional assumed risk that
22 the company is taking on.

23 Q. Who made that determination?

24 A. Same group I have been talking about,

1 that would be the people that were involved in
2 putting the plan together, the groups previously
3 mentioned.

4 Q. Do you know the amount of the fuel
5 transportation surcharge for, say, calendar year
6 2007?

7 A. No, I do not.

8 Q. Is that information available?

9 A. I don't know.

10 Q. And who would know that?

11 A. I don't know.

12 MR. STINSON: That concludes my
13 questions. Thanks.

14 MR. KUTIK: Okay. Let's go off the
15 record.

16 (Discussion off the record.)

17 MR. KUTIK: Okay. Let's go back on the
18 record. Apparently Mr. Porter is no longer with us,
19 so next in the order would be Mr. Petricoff.

20 MR. PETRICOFF: Thank you.

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22 EXAMINATION

23 By Mr. Petricoff:

24 Q. Good afternoon, Mr. Warvell.

1 A. Good afternoon.

2 Q. And I know you have your testimony with
3 you. Do you also have the Schedule 5 or at least the
4 portions of Schedule 5 that you are sponsoring with
5 you as well?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Okay. Fine. Thank you. Let me start on
8 page 3 of your testimony. You indicate that you are
9 supporting Attachment C which is the generation price
10 for returning shoppers.

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And if you would, turn to Appendix C.

13 A. Attachment C?

14 Q. Attachment C.

15 A. Okay.

16 Q. And you will note there that there's
17 basically a charge of -- let me direct your
18 attention. If you look at the second paragraph, it
19 says that "the SSO market price will be derived based
20 on a quarterly forward wholesale on-peak and off-peak
21 price multiplied by 160 percent." Do you see that?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Okay. How is the 160 percent devised?

24 MR. KUTIK: Objection, asked and

1 answered.

2 A. As stated earlier in the day, the 160
3 percent is risk factors that are associated with
4 moving customers from the Cyn hub to the FESR nodal
5 point.

6 Q. So it's fair to say that the 60 percent
7 is just the basis difference between receiving them
8 at the FirstEnergy LMP versus the Cinergy hub?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Would you agree that the basis
11 differential is part of the 60 percent?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. What other factors are in there besides
14 the basis?

15 A. Risk factors for load profile,
16 renewables, and capacity.

17 Q. Okay. And are there any workpapers that
18 you put together that -- to show these individual
19 factors that you have just listed and how they
20 contribute to the 160 percent?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Fair to say this was just a judgment call
23 on your part?

24 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

1 A. It was talked over with the group of
2 people that put the entire plan together.

3 Q. So basically this is the judgment of the
4 group collectively?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Well, with that let's return back to
7 your -- to your testimony. The next item, I will try
8 not to be repetitive, is on -- is on page 8 of your
9 testimony. I want to draw your attention to line --
10 to line 16 where your -- do you have that?

11 A. Yes, I do.

12 Q. Okay. Those -- "the proposed phase-in
13 rates described above were applied to projected kWh
14 sales over the plan period." Did those kWh
15 projected -- sorry. Did those projected kWh sales
16 include shopping customers?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Okay. So shopping customers were
19 excluded from the amount of kWh that went in to
20 calculate the amount of the deferral?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. Can you tell me what percentage of the
23 kWh from -- was excluded because of shopping?

24 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

1 A. I don't know.

2 Q. What assumptions were made about the
3 amount of kWh that would be shopping?

4 A. I don't know. There was none.

5 Q. What were the assumptions that were made
6 then when you made the projection on what standard
7 service offer sales would be?

8 A. Are you asking if there was a --
9 projection of what? I'm sorry, Howard.

10 Q. Sure. Let me -- let me withdraw the
11 question and try again. The -- you had to have had a
12 figure of kilowatt hour sales, and I am just asking
13 you how did you determine that projected figure for
14 kilowatt hour sales in 2009, 2010, and 2011?

15 A. That came from the forecasting group.

16 Q. Okay. And is that forecast a public
17 document?

18 A. I don't know.

19 Q. To the best of your knowledge, does
20 FirstEnergy still file forecast reports with the
21 Public Utilities Commission?

22 A. I don't know, Howard.

23 Q. Okay. Is that forecast report that you
24 just mentioned, is that in any of the workpapers that

1 have been filed in this case?

2 MR. KUTIK: Objection. I don't think he
3 testified about any "forecast report."

4 Q. When I say "forecast report," I am
5 referring to the projection for sales that you got
6 from the forecasting group. Clarification.

7 MR. KUTIK: That assumes -- that assumes
8 it was in some document but go ahead.

9 A. The megawatt hours that were used were
10 based off of what was used in the distribution case.

11 Q. Okay. When you say the distribution
12 case, that is Case No. 07-511-EL-AIR?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Now, I want to turn your attention to
15 line 21, and we have a series of dollar numbers,
16 430 million deferred for 2009, 490 million deferred
17 for 2010, and 550 million deferred for 2011. Do you
18 see that?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. If, in fact, there is more shopping than
21 was anticipated when those deferral numbers were
22 calculated, would the deferred number be changed
23 under the proposal, under the application?

24 A. Yes.

1 Q. Okay. So, for example, if -- and this is
2 just for illustrative purposes. If everyone shopped
3 in 2010, then the deferral would be -- would be zero.

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. All right. And likewise if -- if half
6 the people -- half the kilowatt hours were covered by
7 shopping in 2010, these would be -- the plan -- then
8 basically the 490 million would be cut in half?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Now, if you would, turn to page -- page
11 9.

12 A. Okay.

13 Q. And on line 7. We have an amortization
14 period for these deferrals -- when I say these
15 deferrals, the ones we were talking about in your
16 answer on page 8 for 10 years. How was the 10 years
17 determined?

18 Actually let me withdraw the question
19 because I want to be a bit more precise. When I look
20 at line 7 on page 9, it says the amortization period
21 would not exceed 10 years. Tell me how it was
22 determined that the maximum amortization period would
23 be 10 years.

24 A. It was a -- just a decision that was

1 picked up by putting the plan together. That 10-year
2 period was looked at from the companies' perspective
3 as -- as the period of time.

4 Q. Now, before the 10 years on line 7 you
5 say not to exceed. What would be the factors that
6 would influence the company to reduce the 10-year
7 period, amortization period?

8 A. I'm not understanding, Howard.

9 Q. Sure. If on line 7 it says that the
10 deferrals created for 2009, 2010, 2011 will be
11 amortized over a period not to exceed 10 years, and
12 "not to exceed," when I read "not to exceed," that
13 indicated to me that there may be a lesser period
14 than 10 years in which these are -- in which these
15 deferrals are amortized. Is that a correct
16 assumption?

17 A. The amortization schedules are in the
18 workpapers as far as that's concerned.

19 Q. Is the company anticipating that it might
20 come in and reduce the amortization period from 10
21 years?

22 A. No.

23 Q. So is it fair to say then in looking at
24 line 7 that basically under the application the

1 amortization will be 10 years period?

2 A. Per our current filing that's what the
3 workpapers show, yes.

4 Q. Okay. Now, I would like to move you on
5 to page 10, if you don't mind, and if you would draw
6 your attention to line 19.

7 A. Okay.

8 Q. It is "This nonbypassable charge is
9 necessary to recover" and there is a comma "among
10 other things" and then another comma, "generation
11 related administrative expense, hedging costs" and --
12 "hedging costs associated with the companies'
13 obligation to serve the entire load." Now, I want to
14 go back to that phrase that's in between the commas,
15 the "among other things." What are the -- what are
16 the other things that this charge is supposed to
17 cover?

18 A. It would be lost opportunity.

19 Q. Okay. Could you explain that? What is
20 the lost opportunity that you are being compensated
21 for?

22 A. That we are selling a fixed price product
23 in a market based atmosphere.

24 Q. And were any calculations done on the

1 value of this lost opportunity?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Would you agree that it is possible that
4 residential lost opportunity that there could be --
5 there could be a positive opportunity because you
6 have a fixed price?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Could you give me an example of a
9 scenario where you would have a positive opportunity
10 because of the charge?

11 A. Market price is lower than the fixed
12 price.

13 Q. Any other scenarios come to mind?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Let me move you on to page 11. And I
16 want to draw your attention to line 16. Here is
17 where we establish the base generation price in -- in
18 Rider GEN at 1 cent. Are there any workpapers that
19 show that -- how the 1 cent per kWh was derived?

20 MR. KUTIK: I'll object. I think you may
21 have misstated something in your answer -- in your
22 question, Howard, but he can answer the question as
23 opposed to your statement. Go ahead.

24 THE WITNESS: Could you read back that

1 question.

2 Q. Sure. I wanted to draw your attention to
3 page 11, line 16, and I will certainly be more
4 careful when I read this. "As part of the base
5 generation price in Rider GEN," G-E-N, "a fixed
6 nonbypassable charge of 1 cent/kWh provides for these
7 costs and risks associated with the requirement of
8 being the default provider for the customers in the
9 companies' service territories." And my question to
10 you is that are there any workpapers that show the
11 origin or the determination of this 1 cent?

12 A. No.

13 Q. How was the 1 cent derived?

14 MR. KUTIK: Objection, asked and
15 answered. You can answer again.

16 A. It was based on looking at the variety of
17 risks associated with supplying the fixed generation
18 rate, the generation costs, and the shopping risk
19 associated with Rider GEN.

20 Q. And Rider GEN and Rider MDS are for the
21 same amount?

22 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

23 A. No.

24 Q. How does Rider MDS differ from Rider GEN?

1 A. Rider GEN for 2009 is 7-1/2 cents per
2 kWh, and the Rider MDS is 1 cent.

3 Q. And, I'm sorry, what year was that for?

4 A. 2009.

5 Q. 2009. What are -- what are the
6 representative prices for 2010?

7 A. Just to make sure, you would be looking
8 at for the GEN rate it would be 8 cents in '10, and
9 the MDS would be 1 cent.

10 Q. Oh. Now -- okay. That clarifies it up
11 for me. So when we were talking before about the 1
12 cent -- the 1 cent is just included as an indivisible
13 part of the -- of the generation rate; is that
14 correct?

15 MR. KUTIK: That's also been asked and
16 answered. Go ahead.

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. I'm sorry. Was that yes, the answer?

19 MR. KUTIK: Yes was the answer.

20 MR. PETRICOFF: Okay. Thank you.

21 Q. Okay. If you would, I want to take you
22 now to page 13. You talk about the FTE rider. And
23 maybe the easier way to do that is if you have -- if
24 you have your schedules would be, let's see, that

1 would be Schedule 5D.

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. If you could turn to Schedule 5D.

4 A. Okay.

5 Q. First, I want to make sure I understand
6 what the -- what the Rider FTE is. And I am looking
7 now on page 1 of 4 where we have the formula laid
8 out. And my understanding is that this is for
9 transporting fuel, for lack of a badder term, from
10 the source to the generation facility?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Are these costs for moving fuel from the
13 source to the generation facility, are bills just
14 going to be sent to the FirstEnergy operating
15 companies, when I say operating companies, I am
16 talking about Toledo Edison, Ohio Edison, and
17 Cleveland Electric Illuminating, as opposed to the
18 generating company?

19 A. I'm sorry, Howard. I need to go back to
20 the previous question that you asked me.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. I answered it incorrectly.

23 Q. Oh, okay. Let's go back.

24 MR. PETRICOFF: Could the court reporter

1 read back the question.

2 (Question read.)

3 A. I answered yes, and the answer should be
4 no.

5 Q. Can you tell me what the fuel
6 transportation that's covered here is?

7 A. It's the surcharges related to the
8 contracts to transport the fuel.

9 Q. And these surcharges, would they be in a
10 contract between the operating companies and the -- I
11 guess the transport suppliers or would with the
12 generating companies and transport suppliers?

13 A. With FES.

14 Q. All right. Now, if you would, turn to
15 page 2 of 4 in Schedule 5D. And you'll notice on
16 line 2 it says "actual projected fuel transportation
17 surcharge costs."

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And then as we go across it, you see a
20 series of costs. How were these numbers derived?

21 A. They are just placeholders as -- at the
22 top. It's an illustrative example of how the process
23 would work.

24 Q. Okay. So these numbers don't represent

1 any historic period?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Do the companies have a list of the
4 transportation contracts that FES has with its fuel
5 haulers that indicate what these surcharges are?

6 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

7 A. Yeah. You would have to rephrase that
8 question. I'm sorry.

9 Q. Sure. How will the operating companies
10 know that a fuel hauling contract that they are not
11 party to now has a surcharge that's being activated?

12 A. I don't understand that question, Howard.
13 I'm sorry.

14 Q. Okay, sure, no problem. Let me -- let me
15 start again. First, let me make sure I'm -- I'm
16 fully cognizant of the nature of these contracts. I
17 assume that, for example, surcharge would be -- would
18 be something like an escalation clause of some sort
19 that the railroad would have to bring coal to an FES
20 generating station. Is that an example of the kind
21 of fuel transportation surcharge that would be picked
22 up in this rider?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Actually we probably have -- should go

1 the other direction. Can you give me a better
2 example than the one I just made up?

3 A. No. That's pretty good.

4 Q. Okay. Well, in that case how will, you
5 know, let's say the operating companies know that the
6 railroad has exercised this escalation provision in
7 this -- this contract in order for you to fill out
8 this chart and make an application to change the
9 rider?

10 A. It's on the bill to FES.

11 Q. So FES then will just forward the bills
12 to the operating companies, and they will be noted
13 for calculation in these -- in these quarterly -- in
14 these quarterly filings?

15 A. I don't believe we've stated if it will
16 be done at FES or the operating company.

17 Q. Now, once again, there are a lot of
18 numbers that are filled in here on pages 2 through 4
19 as we go through the time -- time period. What was
20 the process in making up this illustration? Was
21 there -- was there anything that is being reflected
22 in these numbers at all so that there is realistic?

23 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

24 A. They are illustrative and it's just to

1 show the mechanics of how it works.

2 Q. So we can't look at these and have any
3 indication at all of the order of magnitude of what
4 the -- this FT -- it's right here, I'm sorry, this
5 FTE charge will be?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Okay. And is there anywhere else in the
8 application or in the testimony that you are aware of
9 where we could find information that would indicate
10 the relative costs that are projected to be collected
11 through the FTE?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Turning back to line 20, I know that -- I
14 noticed that the -- first of all --

15 MR. KUTIK: Where are you, Howard?

16 MR. PETRICOFF: I am back on page 13 now,
17 line 20 of the testimony.

18 MR. KUTIK: Thank you.

19 A. Okay.

20 Q. And you will agree with me that basically
21 the numbers on line 20 decrease.

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And if I've understood the formula that
24 we have here in Schedule 5D correctly, that means

1 that the potential for an FTE surcharge that the
2 customer has increased?

3 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

4 A. It's dependent on the amount of the
5 surcharge.

6 Q. Let's take an example then. Well, let me
7 go back, cite an example. Let me make sure I
8 understand this correctly. These numbers,
9 30 million, 20 million, and 10 million that are on
10 line 20 of the -- of your testimony, these are
11 threshold numbers and any transportation surcharge
12 that is below the threshold number will not make it
13 sway into the Rider FTE in terms of charging
14 customers?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. Okay. So with that in mind when we look
17 at these decreasing numbers, that means the potential
18 for charging customers assuming an equal amount of
19 transportation surcharge actually increases as the
20 years go by in the ESP.

21 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

22 A. Under your assumption that's possible.

23 Q. Can I go a bit farther than possible? As
24 a matter of mathematics, isn't that correct?

1 MR. KUTIK: Well, as a matter of
2 mathematics, no. Depending on what it is, Howard,
3 that's another question.

4 Q. We are talking about formula. Assuming
5 that we have -- assuming that we have 40 million --
6 \$40 million in surcharge, all right? We have a \$40
7 million surcharge every year, 2009, 2010, 2011.
8 Wouldn't you agree with me that in that case we would
9 have \$10 million flow through the FTE rider in 2009,
10 \$20 million flow through in 2010, and \$30 million in
11 2011?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Okay. I think I have now exhausted my
14 limits mathematically, so I will quit here on this.
15 And let's go on to page 14.

16 A. Okay.

17 Q. I think you have answered the questions
18 on that one I have so let's move on to 15. 15 is
19 where we introduce the FCA rider, and I believe that
20 is Schedule 5E. So if you could turn to 5E.

21 A. Okay.

22 Q. And I would like to go -- like to direct
23 your attention to page 2 of 3.

24 A. Okay.

1 Q. And on line 2 of page 2 of 3, Schedule
2 5E, we have a projected fuel costs. And, once again,
3 are these projected fuel costs you are projecting the
4 cost of fuel that FES would be contracting from
5 suppliers?

6 A. Once again, this is illustrative so the
7 numbers -- the concept is correct, but the numbers
8 are just illustrative examples.

9 Q. And, once again, by illustrative there we
10 can draw no conclusions in terms of order of
11 magnitude by what's presented here what the rider
12 will be?

13 A. Yes, you are correct in that assumption.

14 Q. Okay. And similar to the FTE is there
15 any place in either the workpapers or the application
16 or the testimony that's been submitted where I could
17 find detailed information on what the charges are
18 going to be for the fuel cost adjustment rider?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Okay. And at this time I take it that
21 you have no knowledge of the fuel contracts that FES
22 is holding now?

23 A. Can you rephrase that, I guess?

24 Q. Sure. Let's go back a step. Is it

1 possible that FirstEnergy Solutions is holding
2 contracts for fuel now with prices that are fixed for
3 the years 2009, 2010, 2011?

4 MR. BURK: That's confidential.

5 MR. KUTIK: First, do you know that -- do
6 you know whether that's true or not true?

7 THE WITNESS: I do not know.

8 MR. BURK: I'm sorry. I misunderstood
9 the question.

10 Q. But you do know that whatever information
11 there is about actual contracts that might be out
12 there, none of that was considered for purposes of
13 making Schedule SE?

14 A. No. It was illustrative.

15 Q. Okay. If you would then, let's turn to
16 page -- let's turn to page 23 of your testimony.

17 A. Okay.

18 Q. And I want to direct you to -- to line
19 16. And it says here "The companies propose to
20 implement a similar recovery mechanism for
21 transmission costs as exists in the companies'
22 tariffs today." And I would like you to take me
23 through, if you would, generally how is -- how are
24 transmission costs handled in the tariffs today?

1 MR. KUTIK: Let's go off the record a
2 second.

3 (Discussion off the record.)

4 MR. KUTIK: Could you read the question,
5 please, Karen.

6 (Question read.)

7 A. We recover all costs associated with MISO
8 expenses as forecasted for revenue requirements and
9 then that is allocated back to the rate schedule.

10 Q. Does MISO bill -- does MISO bill
11 FirstEnergy directly for the three operating
12 companies?

13 MR. KUTIK: Objection.

14 A. A MISO bill is in the workpapers
15 associated with -- with the transmission filing.

16 Q. And that's an actual -- an actual bill?

17 A. It's a sample of a bill, yes. It's an
18 actual bill.

19 Q. And so MISO is billing the FirstEnergy
20 companies as opposed to the generator for the
21 transmission costs?

22 A. It bills for the FESR load that is the
23 responsibility of the operating companies.

24 Q. Okay. So basically is it accurate to say

1 that these are transmission costs that come from the
2 FES's generation facility to bring it to the
3 operating companies' syncs? We are going from FES
4 sources to operating companies' syncs?

5 A. That would be part of it, yes.

6 Q. Okay. What would the other part be?

7 A. Well, the knitch for moving the power
8 within the MISO grid for that load. The portion you
9 talked about would just be in contention to losses
10 and congestion.

11 Q. All right. If -- if you know, if the MRO
12 was selected by the -- by the Commission, would the
13 SSO -- would the MRO provider be picking up the
14 congestion and the net losses?

15 MR. KUTIK: I'll object in terms of
16 relevance, but you can go ahead and answer it.

17 A. I am going to ask for the question to be
18 repeated just so I can hear it again. I'm sorry.

19 Q. Okay. Not a problem.

20 MR. PETRICOFF: Could the reporter read
21 the question back.

22 (Question read.)

23 A. In the product that was in the MRO, yes.

24 Q. If I could then, let me direct your

1 attention to Schedule, let's see, 5K. 5K is huge.
2 It's about 200 pages.

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And if you could turn to page 9.

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Okay. That was quick. Where -- you are
7 sponsoring this page as part of your testimony; is
8 that correct?

9 THE WITNESS: Hold on one second.
10 Whoever is talking on the phone, could you go on
11 mute, please?

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. I'm sorry, Howard. I got distracted.

14 Q. One of the hazards of a telephone
15 deposition.

16 Okay. Mr. Warvell, you have that page 9
17 of 199 in front of you?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Okay. If you could, this says "summary
20 of total projected transmission costs." And the
21 first block we have, the schedule, you see number
22 schedules 1 to 26. Could you inform me as to what
23 schedule costs are covered in here?

24 A. These are the schedules from MISO.

1 Q. So if I looked at the tariffs, that MISO
2 Tariff 26, I could find out exactly what the \$483,933
3 bought the three companies?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Okay. Now, let's look at the -- at the
6 second portion here. And that is we have -- we
7 have -- before we do that let's go back. The --
8 under either of the MRO or the SSO would the
9 operating companies still pay these charges that are
10 in Schedules 1 to 26?

11 A. The MRO would be as stated before part of
12 the product and -- and as far as the SSO, this is our
13 transmission filing that would be part of the plan.

14 Q. So basically the charges we see here on
15 this page are only applicable to the supplier because
16 of the nature of the agreement between the operating
17 companies and -- and FES to cover transmission?

18 A. I would say a portion --

19 MR. PETRICOFF: Once again, whoever is
20 talking on the phone, please go on mute.

21 MR. KUTIK: Let's go off the record.

22 (Discussion off the record.)

23 THE WITNESS: I am going to need that
24 last question read back, sorry.

1 (Question and answer read.)

2 A. Yes, some are related to generation and
3 some are just related to being the LSC provider.

4 Q. Okay. And looking at this page, can you
5 pull out the ones that are generation and the ones
6 that are LSC related?

7 A. I would have to recategorize these down,
8 not -- no, not right now.

9 Q. Would you agree with me that the
10 congestion expense is generally a -- I'm sorry, not
11 generally, that the congestion expense would be a
12 generator supplier cost?

13 A. I would not call it a generator supplier
14 cost. That would be a source and sync cost.

15 Q. That's a source and sync cost. And the
16 same would be true for net losses?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Anything else on this page that you would
19 classify as a source and sync expense? Or I should
20 say source to sync expense.

21 A. As I said before, I would have to go
22 through each schedule to determine that.

23 Q. Okay. If you would then, I guess the
24 next place I would like to take you is the -- sorry.

1 Give me a minute here. I have got to dig this one up
2 myself.

3 MR. PETRICOFF: Okay. Well, I believe I
4 have now gotten through my list of the questions that
5 I wanted to ask you that have not previously been
6 asked. Thank you very much for your time.

7 MR. KUTIK: Okay. Lance, are you still
8 with us?

9 Is there anyone who is on the call who
10 hasn't had an opportunity to ask questions?

11 Hearing none, I'll assume the deposition
12 is concluded.

13 And, Karen, we will read the transcript.

14 (Thereupon, the deposition was concluded
15 at 2:12 p.m.)

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3 I, Kevin T. Warvell, do hereby certify that I
4 have read the foregoing transcript of my deposition
5 given on Thursday, September 25, 2008; that together
6 with the correction page attached hereto noting
7 changes in form or substance, if any, it is true and
8 correct.

9 _____
10 Kevin T. Warvell

11 I do hereby certify that the foregoing
12 transcript of the deposition of Kevin T. Warvell was
13 submitted to the witness for reading and signing;
14 that after he had stated to the undersigned Notary
15 Public that he had read and examined his deposition,
16 he signed the same in my presence on the _____ day
17 of _____, 2008.

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19 Notary Public

20 My commission expires _____, _____.
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I, Karen Sue Gibson, Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio, duly commissioned and qualified, certify that the within named Kevin T. Warvell was by me duly sworn to testify to the whole truth in the cause aforesaid; that the testimony was taken down by me in stenotypy in the presence of said witness, afterwards transcribed upon a computer; that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the testimony given by said witness taken at the time and place in the foregoing caption specified and completed without adjournment.

I certify that I am not a relative, employee, or attorney of any of the parties hereto, or of any attorney or counsel employed by the parties, or financially interested in the action.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office at Columbus, Ohio, on this 29th day of September, 2008.

Karen Sue Gibson
Karen Sue Gibson, Registered
Merit Reporter and Notary Public
in and for the State of Ohio.

My commission expires August 14, 2010.

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