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1	Thereupon,	1	of materials to prepare for the deposition?
2	DAWN BASS	2	A There were a couple e-mail notes that had
3	being by me first duly sworn, as hereinafter	3	my name on them.
4	certified, deposes and says as follows:	4	Q What were those about? What was the
5	CROSS-EXAMINATION	5	subject matter?
6	By Mr. Hart:	6	A One of them was a response from Rob Smith
7	Q Thank you and good morning. I'm Tom	7	to Michael Ramsey.
	Hart, once again. What I'd like to do is just cover	8	Q Go ahead, I'm sorry.
	some preliminary points, general issues before we get	9	A The other one had my name in the CC line,
10	into substantive questions. Is that okay?		but I don't ever recall I didn't recall getting it
11	A Yes.		or reading it before.
12	Q Have you ever been deposed before?	12	Q Okay. Generally what were the subject
13	A No.		matters of those e-mails?
14	Q One thing I've learned in my deposition	14	A Cameron Creek.
	experience is that it helps a lot, it helps everybody	15	Q Give me a general sense, a general
	a lot if we don't talk over each other, you know.		description of your educational background.
	That if I ask a question, you wait for me to fully ask	17	A Two years of college.
1	if before answering, and I wait, be patient before	18	Q And so did you graduate from that with an
	asking the next question. Your counsel is very		associate's degree?
1	effective and he will help with that if that becomes	20	A No.
1	an issue, but we can help each other too. So that's a	21	Q Was there a major course of study or
1	good rule of thumb. Does that make sense?	22	anything in particular that you focused on in that two
23	A Yes.	Į.	years?
24	Q Please use words, yes, no, articulate	24	A Computer science.
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1	words rather than body language, nods and head shakes	i	Q What school was that?
2	to help the court reporter with your answers. Does	2	A Columbus State.
3	that make sense?	3	Q How about the same thing general terms
4	A Yes.	4	career wise, just, you know, kind of a snapshot of
5	Q If you don't understand a question or	5	your career from beginning to now.
6	it's confusing, please tell me and I will try to	6	A Started as a file clerk, went into meter
7	rephrase it, try to simplify it so we can get your	7	reading. Meter reading I went into service, service
8	answer, and that's totally something we want to do	8	into support specialist. From there technical support
9	today.	ł	or trainer, technical trainer. Then from there
10	We don't in any way want to make a	10	technical support specialist, and finally my current
11	deposition physically uncomfortable or any kind of,	11	position program specialist.
	you know, feeling that you are restrained. So any	12	Q When did you assume the training role,
	time you need a break, any time you need to take a	13	any kind of training responsibilities?
	restroom break or whatever, please let me know or your	14	A 2006.
1	counsel will do the same.	15	Q At the beginning of the year?
16	How did you prepare today for this	16	A Yes, February.
17	deposition?	17	Q What was the immediate job before that,
18	A Yesterday we watched a video about what a		I'm sorry?
19	1	19	A Service.
20	Q Okay. Did you speak with anyone besides	20	Q Service. So you were in the field?
1	Mr. Gallon, your counsel, about the deposition?	21	A Yes.
22	A No.	22	Q Could you give me again a brief
23	Q How about materials, besides the video, did you review any written materials or any other type	23	description of your job duties today, your areas of responsibility, your job duties in your current
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	1 position?	1 Q Have you ever been out physically and
	A In my current position, I oversee our	2 visited Cameron Creek?
	3 contractors' operator qualification program for	3 A No.
'	4 NiSource.	4 Q What's the first time you became involved
	5 Q So would that include folks, companies	5 with issues with Cameron Creek, do you remember the
1	6 doing contract work to install gas lines, for	6 first time? I'm talking approximate.
	7 instance?	7 A You want a date?
	8 A Yes.	8 Q Approximate date.
	9 Q What other types of contractors besides	9 A I have no idea.
1	10 gas line installers?	10 Q Would it have been would it have been
1	11 A Meter readers, collectors.	11 in calendar year 2006?
1	12 Q In that role overseeing those	12 A I really don't know.
1	13 contractors, do you oversee compliance with codes,	13 Q Do you know who the first employee from
1	14 safety codes, building codes, any type of code	14 Columbia was that raised an issue with Cameron Creek?
1	15 requirements, regulatory requirements?	15 A No.
1	16 A I oversee to insure that they have an OQ	16 Q You don't know who determined there could
]]	17 program and that they receive their operator	17 be a National Fuel Gas Code violation?
1	18 qualification training. I do not oversee the specific	18 A No.
1	19 training, no. Just that they have had it.	19 Q Did you yourself perform any testing or
2	Q You said OQ program. That's the operator	20 evaluation, calculations relative to Cameron Creek's
2	21 qualification program?	21 NFGC compliance?
2	22 A Correct.	22 A I don't know that I can answer the
12	Q Is that only for the outside vendors,	23 question. Can you rephrase it another way?
2	24 outside contractors?	24 Q Did you ever test combustion air adequacy
)	Page 10	Page 12
	1 A Yes.	1 at Cameron Creek, or do any calculations to test
	2 Q In your prior job, did you have similar	2 combustion air adequacy at Cameron Creek?
	3 duties overseeing service folk training?	3 A No.
	4 A Yes.	4 Q You did not. Do you know if anyone from
	5 Q Field training?	5 your company Columbia Gas or a subsidiary company
	6 A Uh-huh.	6 performed any type of combustion air calculations for
	7 Q In that position, did you have	7 Cameron Creek?
	8 responsibilities for co-compliance training?	8 A Yes.
	9 A Yes.	
- 11	<i>y</i> 11 100.	9 Q Who would that have been?
1.4	10 Q In that previous position, did you have	9 Q Who would that have been? 10 A Jeff Prachar.
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Page 13 Page 15 1 done, the calculations he had done? Was it the NFGC? A I did not physically review this. We had 2 Yes. 3 a conversation. What year were you using? What year --Q It was a -- was it a phone conversation? 4 what was the year of the code that you were looking Yes. 5 at? 5 Q Did you actually look at his math? б A I believe, if I remember correctly, it A No. I couldn't see. It was over the 7 was 2006 because 2009 we did not physically have in 8 phone. 8 hand yet. Q But, I mean, if he told you the math over Q Again, I understand, you know, the 10 the phone, you didn't write it down and then look at 10 difficulty of remembering dates and I'm asking general 11 it, you didn't review his math? 11 terms. Do you know what calendar year that would have 12 A Yes, I did do that. 12 been you looked at Jeff Prachar's work? 13 Q You did do that. Okay. And what were 13 A I don't know for sure. I believe it was 14 the findings of that, of your review of his work, what 14 '08. 15 did it tell you? 15 Q So when you talked -- when you spoke with A He did it correctly. 16 Mr. Prachar over the phone, you took some notes; is 16 Q And did it tell you or him that there was 17 that correct? 17 18 a combustion air problem? A Scratched down the pertinent information. 18 19 A Yes. 19 Q Okay. Do you know what happened with Q What type of problem? What was the 20 20 those notes? 21 nature of the problem? 21 Thrown away. A They were not obtaining any combustion Q You threw them away? 22 22 23 ventilation air from outside and the size of vent that 23 A Uh-huh. 24 was needed to bring that combustion ventilation air Do you know when? Page 14 Page 16 1 from outside inside. A Shortly after I got off the phone with 1 Q So was his calculation just limited to 2 Jeff. 3 the issue of the outside air coming in? 3 Q Were you aware at that time that there A Yes. 4 was a significant amount of controversy between Q He didn't look at overall combustion air 5 Cameron Creek and Columbia Gas of Ohio on the issue of 6 actually reaching that appliance? 6 combustion air? A Not for that particular instance because 7 A No. 8 of the way it was installed. Q You have a general and probably -- let's Q Did he look at overall combustion air in 9 say a general understanding of the different policies 10 other instances? 10 that affect a Columbia service person's work in a A I can't answer that. 11 residence based on your training and -- your training 11 Q Did you look at anybody else's 12 and your experience and your job duties. Would that 12 13 calculations or -- well, let's keep it like that. Did 13 be correct? 14 you look at anybody's calculations of overall 14 A Yes. 15 combustion air in any of the units out there? 15 Q Would you say that when Mr. Prachar is A No. 16 doing calculations, whether it's in the field or based 16 17 Q Was the only time you looked at a 17 on a field observation, that he would record that 18 calculation relating to combustion air was when Mr. 18 information somewhere inside based on Columbia's 19 Prachar -- when you reviewed Mr. Prachar's work on 19 policies? 20 that? 20 A I can't answer that. A Yes. 21 Q I'm going to jump to our first exhibit 21 22 Q When you reviewed that work, were you 22 this morning, and it's marked Exhibit F, and it's 23 comparing the results of that work to a code? 23 actually from the original complaint filed by Cameron A Yes. 24 Creek at the PUCO. I'll give you a chance to take a 24

1 look at that real quick. It's actually an e-mail from 2 Mr. McCreery to a gentleman named Jim Dillon. Just 3 let me know when you are prepared, after you have had 4 a chance to review it. 5 Are you ready? 6 A Uh-huh. 7 Q Let's see, it's about, 1 think, the 8 first I'm sorry, the second full sentence Mr. 1 Q What was the nature of your training on 2 the National Fuel Gas Code? Where was it, you know, 3 who, what, when, where, how, those kinds of questions? 4 A In October 2008 at the National Fuel Gas 5 Code conference. 6 Q 2008? 7 A Uh-huh. 8 Q October?
3 let me know when you are prepared, after you have had 4 a chance to review it. 5 Are you ready? 6 A Uh-huh. 7 Q Let's see, it's about, 1 think, the 3 who, what, when, where, how, those kinds of questions? 4 A In October 2008 at the National Fuel Gas 5 Code conference. 6 Q 2008? 7 A Uh-huh.
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6 A Uh-huh. 6 Q 2008? 7 Q Let's see, it's about, I think, the 7 A Uh-huh.
7 Q Let's see, it's about, 1 think, the 7 A Uh-huh.
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8 first I'm sorry the second full sentence Mr 8 O October?
9 McCreery wrote, "The following was provided to me by 9 A I believe it was October.
10 our standards compliance technical group as to the 10 Q Was that the first time you had training?
11 difference between 6-inch diameter and 7-inch diameter 11 A It was the first time I had it from an
12 cross section combustion air ducts." Do you see that 12 outside third party, yes.
13 sentence? 13 Q Was that from the NFPA, the association
14 A Yes. 14 itself?
15 Q Is that something that you provided - 15 A Yes.
16 A No. 16 Q You mentioned that you had other training
17 Q to him? 17 on NFGC from someone other than NFPA staff. Where was
Do you know who did? 18 that training?
19 A No. 19 A In '93, I believe, as a service tech.
20 Q Then Mr. McCreery goes on and he supplies 20 Q Was that internal company training?
21 a paragraph in quotes, which is the second full 21 A Yes.
22 paragraph of the e-mail. Do you see that? 22 Q Do you remember who performed that
23 A Yes. 23 training?
24 Q That paragraph reflects different 24 A Don Ireland.
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1 calculations comparing 6-inch and 7-inch combustion 1 Q Don Ireland?
2 air ducts, 4-inch measurement BTU capacity, et cetera. 2 A (Witness nods affirmatively.)
3 Do you see that? 3 Q Was that training something that was
4 A Yes. 4 regularly revisited inside Columbia or you just got it
5 Q And your testimony is you did not supply 5 in '93 and that was it? That was two questions. I'm
6 that information to him? 6 sorry.
7 A No, I did not. 7 A It was.
8 Q But you don't know who did? 8 Q Was that training you got only in '93?
9 A No. 9 A No.
10 Q Have you ever had personally have you 10 Q How regularly then was the training
11 ever had training on how to administer or enforce or 11 updated or revisited while you worked for Columbia?
12 interpret basically any training on the International 12 A When new versions or additions of the
13 Fuel Gas Code? 13 fuel code were updated.
14 A I can't answer that. 14 Q Roughly speaking, do you know what that
15 Q Why not? Because you don't remember or 15 regular interval was in terms of the updates and the
16 why?
17 A Give me a definition of training. 17 A No.
18 Q Did you ever go to any kind of 18 Q Would it have been every year, every two
19 educational event, any kind of seminar where a third 19 years?
20 party reviewed provisions and gave explanations and 20 A Sometimes they modify it and update it
21 education about the International Fuel Gas Code? 21 every two, sometimes three. It just depended on.
22 A No. 22 Q I may have already asked this. We'll
23 Q How about the National Fuel Gas Code? 23 find out if I did. But was there any training that

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A Yes.

24 you received from NFPA after October of 2008?

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-	1	A No.	1	Q Are you familiar with that term?
Ì	2	Q Do you remember the nature of that	2	
-		training? Were there particular was there	3	<u> </u>
-		particular emphasis that was placed on different		infiltration overall, generally. I'm being very
	5	aspects of NFGC compliance and training?		general. Is that correct in your understanding?
-	6	MR. GALLON: Objection, vague. You	6	
	7	may answer.	7	
1	8	A At the conference they reviewed the		Apartments or any part of them as representing
1	9	changes between the '06 and '09 version.	9	unusually tight construction?
- 1	10	Q Was the training in October '08, was it	10	A No.
- 1		also focused on how to apply the NFGC in the field?	11	•
	12	A No.	12	
- 1	13	Q It wasn't. Okay. It was just on the	13	Q Well, I'm not talking about, you know,
-	14	changes that you mentioned?		you wouldn't necessarily I mean, isn't it true you
- 1	15	A It was on the changes from '06 to '09 as	1	could look at plans or measurements and openings to
ı		well as there was a short section of review on sizing		•
-	17	vents.	17	with that statement?
	18	Q I'm sorry. Did you say?	18	
	19	A Sizing vents.	19	- •
- 1	20	Q Sizing vents. Okay.	20	
	21	A Vents that remove the bi-products of	21	Q Were you involved in Columbia Gas's
-	22	combustion.		initial assessment of Cameron Creek at the time gas
	23	Q Were there any was there any training	1	service was established? I'll clarify by saying that
	24	at that time or really any other time that you	24	would have been that could have been over a period
		Page 22		Page 24
	1	Page 22 received on from NFPA, I mean, on combustion feed	1	Page 24 from, let's say, late '96 all the way until '99.
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1 regulate things like combustion air adequacy and gas 2 appliance installation?

- A No. 3
- Q At the time you reviewed Mr. Prachar's
- 5 calculations, did you review what code the Columbus
- 6 Building Department would have been using?
- Q Are you familiar in general terms with
- the Ohio Mechanical Code?
- A No. 10
- Q Are you familiar in general terms with 11
- 12 the International Fuel Gas Code?
- 13 A Rephrase that, or repeat that.
- 14 Q Do you work with regularly or have
- 15 knowledge of or familiarity with the International
- 16 Fuel Gas Code?
- 17 A Have knowledge of, yes.
- Q What is your knowledge of that code? 18
- 19 A That it exists and that I have a copy of
- 20 it, but I don't frequent it for reference.
- 21 Q So the company doesn't really use that
- 22 code with customers or gas compliance installations?
- A No. 23
- 24 Q If you weren't aware of the Columbus code

- 1 is that correct?
- A Yes. 2
- O And my question is: Based on what the 3
- 4 local codes were and based on the fact that Columbus
- 5 had approved the combustion air adequacy and
- 6 compliance operation at Cameron Creek, is part of your
- 7 duty in assessing compliance to compare company
- 8 standards with local building department standards?
- A No.

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- 10 Q It's not. Okay. You can disregard what
- 11 the local building department determines?
- A I can't answer that. 12
 - Why can't you answer that?
- Rephrase your question. 14
- 15 Q Well, okay. I believe that you just
- 16 answered that when you looked at NFGC compliance as
- 17 far as combustion air you weren't -- you didn't need
- 18 to or you didn't in fact look at how Columbus had
- 19 approved the same combustion air at Cameron Creek; is
- 20 that correct?
- 21 A Correct.
- Q And my question is: Why wouldn't you 22
- 23 have to also consider the local building department's
- 24 regulatory system and how they approved Cameron Creek?
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- 1 that was in effect at Cameron Creek either back in
- 2 '96, '97, '98 or with the current code, why -- how was
- 3 it that you were comfortable applying the National
- 4 Fuel Gas Code requirements to combustion air at
- 5 Cameron Creek?
- A Because that is the safety standard that 6
- Columbia uses.
- Q Okay. But if Columbus, the local
- 9 jurisdiction, the local building authority uses a
- 10 different code, shouldn't you have taken a look or
- 11 should the company have taken a look, not a personal
- 12 issue necessarily to you, but at what Columbus, how
- 13 Columbus had approved those buildings?
- 14 MR. GALLON: Objection to the extent
- 15 it calls for a legal conclusion. You may answer. A I can't answer that. I can't speak for 16
- 17 the company.
- Q Let's go back to you then. And for the 18
- 19 record, I'm not asking for a legal analysis. I'm
- 20 asking for the question relates to Mrs. Bass's role
- 21 in a compliance position at the company, a regulatory
- 22 role at the company. And Mrs. Bass had applied the
- 23 NFGC standards by reviewing Mr. Prachar's calculations
- 24 to make a determination about combustion air adequacy;

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- A How would we know what building code the 2 city was following as far as the City of Columbus
- 3 might follow this one, the City of Delaware might
- 4 follow this one. How would we know or be able to
- 5 house the information from the different
- 6 municipalities all over our service territory.
- Q You're asking me a question, but the
- 8 answer is you could have asked them. My follow-up
- 9 question is: Did you ask Columbus how they approved
- 10 Cameron Creek at the time you decided that NFGC
- 11 compliance was not -- was not there?
- A No. 12
- 13 Q Do you think your policies require such a
- 14 question to the local jurisdiction? In other words,
- 15 asking them how they approved a building in that kind
- 16 of circumstance?
 - A I can't answer that.
- O You can't answer it because you're not 18
- 19 familiar with the policies, your company policies?
- A That's a very broad and open-ended 20
- 21 question.

- Q Can you read back the question, please. 22
- 23
- 24 Previous question read by the reporter.

Page 29 Page 31 Q Columbia comes to a building to establish 2 By Mr. Hart: 2 service, there's nothing, there's no pipes, no Q I would say, did you understand that 3 appliances in the building. Let's say it's at rough 4 question? 4 stage in terms of construction. Do you know what that 5 A I didn't understand or the question that 5 is, rough stage? 6 you asked in regards to company policies is very broad Yes. 7 and open ended. 7 Columbia will set the meter and leave it Q Well, let me try to narrow it for you. 8 8 functional so that a plumber can -- the builder's 9 Do you think anywhere in your company policies is a plumber can come in, hook that meter up, fire up the 10 requirement when you find a compliance problem with 10 appliances and Columbia doesn't come back at any point 11 NFGC, for instance, to check in with the local 11 and look at that, the appliances or the pipes? 12 building department to see what they think? 12 MR. GALLON: Objection, overbroad, 13 A Not to my knowledge. 13 You may answer. 14 Q Even where it's something that they 14 A There has to be in accordance to the 15 specifically regulate under state law? 15 Minimum Gas Standards a minimum of one appliance drop 16 installed, so we will inspect and test what is 16 A I don't know. Not to my knowledge. 17 17 installed. Q But your testimony is that in making your 18 interpretation of NFGC requirements, you did not apply 18 Q But if there is no appliance or gas 19 in any way the code that Columbus was using to approve 19 pipes, how do you do a drop? A A drop is anything that comes -- a branch 20 combustion air in those units? 21 A Correct. 21 off the main feed. 22 Q Did Columbia's policies at the time that 22 Q What if there is nothing? 23 Cameron Creek was first provided gas service, did they Then we don't set a meter. 23 24 require that gas appliances be inspected prior to 24 Then you come back when there is at least Page 32 Page 30 1 meter set or at meter set? 1 one appliance to -- that you can do a drop from? A At least one appliance drop. The 2 A I don't recall. 3 appliance does not have to there. 3 Q Is that the policy today that before 4 you'll -- the company will supply meters and gas Q I know you already testified you didn't 5 service, that the company wants to take a look inside 5 write this, but I want to ask you to read the second 6 paragraph of this Exhibit F e-mail, the language 6 the residence and look at pipes and look at appliance? A The company follows the Ohio Minimum Gas 7 that's in quotes, and I will let you do that and then 8 Standards. 8 I want to ask you a question. 9 A Okay. Q Well, I'm not familiar with those. What 10 I'm asking is: At service, I'm talking about Q Is the main point of this paragraph, and 11 Columbia's policies. At the establishment of service, 11 let's say, for instance, the last sentence in the 12 paragraph that Cameron Creek did not meet the 12 will Columbia supply gas if a Columbia inspector 13 doesn't look on the inside of a residence and look at 13 combustion air requirements of both the '97 NFGC and 14 the 97 IFGC. Is that what that paragraph is saving? 14 gas pipes and appliances? MR. GALLON: Objection. You may 15 A We are charged with looking at all 15 16 installed piping and appliances. So we inspect and 16 answer. 17 test what is installed at the time our techs are 17 A It appears. 18 there. Q If Columbia applied those two codes in 18 19 Q If something is not installed, you'll --19 '97, let's say, as the e-mail cites, I believe, at 20 least it cites the '97 IFGC, if Columbia did apply 20 as a company, you will set up the meter and put gas to 21 those codes, why did Columbia not find those units 21 that meter with a stop, block, with an attachment that 22 dangerous or noncompliant at the time of service 22 a plumber will finish past the meter? 23 A That is correct. In accordance with the 23 establishment?

24 Ohio Minimum Gas Standards.

A I can't answer that.

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- 1 Q Do you have an opinion as to why, why
- 2 that might have been?
- A No.
- 4 Q Are you sure you have never been deposed
- 5 before?
- 6 A I am positive.
- 7 Q Would Columbia have gone back into the
- 8 units, based on your knowledge of the company and your
- 9 knowledge of operations with compliance and probably
- 10 pretty broad knowledge of company service, type of
- 11 service that you do as a company, would Columbia have
- 12 gone into Cameron Creek apartment units between '99
- 13 and 2006?
- 14 A I really can't answer that.
- 15 Q Isn't it a virtual certainty that when
- 16 people move or don't pay their gas bill on time, that
- 17 there's going to be a service action, either shut off
- 18 or turn back on gas in an apartment complex like that?
- 19 A Depending on the customers that are
- 20 there, yes.
- 21 Q I'm not asking you if you have personal
- 22 knowledge. Okay. I'm asking you, don't you think
- 23 it's likely that service technicians from Columbia
- 24 were in those units based on normal churning of your

- 1 gotten some mileage. We refer to it as OGE, Exhibit
- 2 OGE, referring to Mr. Garrett. This is a company
- 3 policy from 1992. The reference number is 725-2 up
- 4 there at the right-hand corner. Do you see that?
 - A Yes.
- 6 Q Give you a chance to look at that. I'm
- 7 not going to ask about the whole thing. I can
- 8 probably expedite our -- I'm actually only interested
- 9 in terms of this exhibit in the last -- the last item
- 10 on the second page, Item G, it's on page C0H, lots of
- 11 zeros, 756.
- 12 Are you ready to answer questions?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q Would you go ahead and read that
- 15 paragraph aloud for us?
- 16 A "G. Regarding setting of meter, company
- 17 representative will explain that if service is not to
- 18 begin at the time of pressure testing that the
- 19 customer or builder must call afterwards to have the
- 20 meter set and gas turned on. See Policy and Procedure
- 21 Reference No. 725-5, 'Methods for Testing Existing
- 22 Customer's House and/or service line."
- Q Mrs. Bass, in your own words, what does
- 24 that paragraph mean?

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- 1 business?
- 2 A Again, I don't know.
- 3 Q But obviously if Columbia did supply
- 4 service for whatever reason up front in '97, '98, '99,
- 5 obviously if they did supply service as a company,
- 6 they must have found that the operations of the
- 7 appliances were safe?
- 8 A Again, I can't answer that.
- 9 Q Well, does Columbia supply gas to
- 10 something that's unsafe?
- 11 A No.
- 12 Q As far as you know, was the first time
- 13 that Columbia noticed or documented an unsafe or a
- 14 noncompliance situation with the NFGC, was the first
- 15 time that happened your review of Mr. Prachar's
- Land the last of the state of t
- 16 calculations?
- 17 MR. GALLON: Objection, vague. You
- 18 may answer.
- 19 A I don't recall.
- 20 Q So you don't remember any other activity
- 21 at Cameron Creek based on NFGC issues before that,
- 22 before you reviewed Mr. Prachar's calcs?
- 23 A Again, I can't recall.
- 24 Q I'm going to jump to a document that's

- A That if for some reason we can't set a
- 2 meter the first trip, we leave the gas off and they
- 3 need to call us back.
- 4 Q What would examples of those reasons be
- 5 in your experience?
- A No house lines installed, not meeting the
- 7 minimum standards, house lines installed improperly.
- 8 Q So if there is no -- if there are no
- 9 house lines, does it mean there are no appliances?
- 10 MR. GALLON: Objection, ambiguous.
- 11 You may answer.
- 12 A There may be a water heater sitting in
- 13 the basement in a box.
- 14 Q But it would not be installed in that
- 15 case?

- A Correct.
- 17 Q Is another reason or would another
- 18 example be there are no appliances at all?
- 19 A We don't require appliances according to
- 20 the Minimum Gas Standards.
- 21 Q I don't want to put words in your mouth,
- 22 but are you saying -- so I'm ask a clarifying
- 23 question. Are you saying that you don't require
- 24 appliances to set a meter and supply gas?

A According to the Ohio Minimum Gas 2 Standards, we have to have a minimum of one appliance

3 drop to set a meter and supply gas.

- Q But a drop isn't an actual appliance.
- 5 It's just the feed pipe going to the appliance?
- 6 Correct.
 - Do you know when those minimum standards
- 8 came into effect?
- 9 A No.

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- Q I probably thought that you wouldn't, but 10
- 11 you are pretty sharp, so I thought I would ask anyhow.
- 12 Does this paragraph mean that your
- 13 service techs are to come back and set the meter and
- 14 turn on the gas after the appliance is operational
- 15 when this paragraph comes into play?
- A No. 16
- 17 It doesn't. Can you explain why it
- 18 doesn't mean that?
- 19 A Because we don't -- according to the
- 20 minimum standards, we don't have to have appliances
- 21 installed to get gas service initiated.
- Q Are those standards on file with the 22
- 23 Public Utilities Commission or are they in the
- 24 administrative code, do you know? That was two

- Can you read that for us?
- "Gas facilities installed on a customer's
- 3 premises by company personnel shall be installed in
- 4 compliance with standards and codes identified in this
- 5 policy and procedure."
- Continue on the next page, please.
- A "Gas facilities installed on a customer's
- 8 premises by other than company personnel shall be
- 9 installed with materials and workmanship which meet
- 10 the requirements specified in this Policy and
- 11 Procedure and shall be subject to inspection or
- 12 testing by the company before the company will
- 13 establish service."
- 14 Q So under that paragraph, gas facilities
- 15 installed on a customer's premises, does that mean
- 16 customer's gas appliances?
- A Facilities could be service line meter 17 18 setting.
- 19 Q But are you saying it doesn't include
- 20 appliances?
- 21 A It can if they are installed, yes.
- 22 Q Doesn't this paragraph say that when
- 23 you're in a scenario where the appliances were put in
- 24 by someone besides Columbia Gas, your service techs

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- 1 questions.
 - A I don't know.
- Q Is that company policy, or is that 3
- 4 general -- do you know if it's general policy versus
- 5 company policy?
- A It is the Ohio Minimum Gas Standards 6 policy that we have to enforce.
- Q I'm going to jump to another exhibit, and
- 9 this one is marked Garrett Exhibit F. It's another
- 10 company policy. And at the top right the number of
- 11 the policy is 700-3. Do you see that, Mrs. Bass?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 O And it was in effect -- it was issued and
- 14 the effective date is September 10 1990?
- 15 A Yes.
- Q It's entitled "Gas Facilities on Customer 16
- 17 Premises;" correct?
- Λ Yes. 18
- 19 Q I will give you a chance to look at the
- 20 policy. I'm going to ask you to take a look at.
- 21 actually the last -- the beginning of the last
- 22 paragraph or sentence on the first page. It starts
- 23 off "Gas facilities installed." Do you see that?
- 24 A Yes.

- t would -- if they weren't there at the time of service.
- 2 your service techs would have to come back and turn on
- 3 gas to establish gas services; isn't that right?
- A No.

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- Q It's not right. Why is it not right? 5
 - A That's not my interpretation.
- 7 Q Well, let me just go back and read it. I
- 8 think the key word in the paragraph that you read is
- 9 the word "before." And it says that gas facilities
- 10 are going to be subject to inspection testing by the
- 11 company before the company will establish service.
- 12 Doesn't that mean that the company is going to look at
- 13 and inspect and verify whether the appliances meet
- 14 company standards before establishing service?
- 15 A Any time before we establish service, we 16 inspect what is installed.
- 17 Q So if the appliances are there, this
- 18 requires inspection and testing by the company or else
- 19 the company is not -- the company is going to come
- 20 back. It's not going to establish service?
 - A Correct.
- Q This policy was in effect in 1990. So it 22
- 23 would have -- unless it was changed, it would have
- 24 been in effect in '96, '97, '98 at the time of

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1 approval of construction at Cameron Creek?

A I would assume.

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- Q Do you know if it was changed after it was effective?
- 5 A Not to my knowledge. I don't know.
- Q Would this policy be something that would 7 be the subject that you would train on, that you would 8 provide -- that you in the past have provided training 9 on to field personnel?
- A I do not recall. 10
- Q Why did Columbia Gas first start to 11 12 enforce the National Fuel Gas Code requirements in
- '06, '07, and '08, why did that start then?
- A I don't understand the question. 14
- 15 Q Well, your testimony earlier was that you
- 16 reviewed Mr. Prachar's calculations and that you found
- 17 a noncompliance issue relative to combustion air under
- 18 the NFGC at Cameron Creek; correct?
- 19 A Correct.
- O And that was in '08? 20
- 21 A Correct.
- 22 Q So let's just take '08. Frankly, I think
- 23 later on today we will see that there are other
- 24 indications of NFGC enforcement or activity by
 - Page 42
- 1 Columbia prior to '08, but we haven't established that
- 2 yet. So let's just take '08. Why did NFGC focus
- 3 start then and not in the year 2000, for instance?
- MR. GALLON: Objection, ambiguous.
- 5 You may answer, if you can.
- A We didn't start enforcing it in '08. We 7 have been enforcing it as long as I have been there
- 8 and possibly before then. I don't know.
- 9 Q Okay. But as a company -- so as a
- 10 company you were enforcing NFGC compliance with regard
- 11 to combustion air, you would say in a local area,
- 12 local region in 2000, 2001, let's say all the
- 13 intervening years from '99 to '08?
- 14 A Again, based on my knowledge of starting 15 in the field in '93 is when I was aware of what the
- 16 national code was.
- Q In terms of combustion air issues? 17
- 18 A In terms of -- I was a new service tech.
- 19 That was the first time I had been aware of that code.
- 20 Q Were you aware of other instances where
- 21 Columbia, you know, during that whole period, '93 to
- 22 '08, your review of Prachar's calcs where Columbia red
- 23 tagged appliances based on combustion air issues under
- 24 the NFGC?

Yes.

- So following up to that question, were 2
- 3 those somewhat isolated incidents for, let's say, a
- 4 single unit of an apartment?
- 5 A I can't answer that.
- MR. GALLON: Objection, vague. You've 7 answered.
- Q Were there any instances where a whole 8
- 9 apartment complex to your knowledge and experience
- 10 during that period was declared unsafe based on
- 11 combustion air issues under NFGC and gas was curtailed
- 12 to a whole apartment complex?
 - A Not to my knowledge.
 - When was the first time that, as a matter
- 15 of training, that internally inside Columbia that the
- 16 issue of combustion air began to be emphasized?
 - MR. GALLON: Objection, vague,
- 18 foundation. You may answer.
- 19 A It was emphasized when I went through
- 20 training in '93.
- 21 Q Okay. But specifically was there any
- 22 change in emphasis around early '08 on combustion air
- 23 issues in particular?
 - A Not to my knowledge.

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- I'm going to switch gears now and go to
 - 2 what I have marked as Exhibit L, and that is an
 - 3 exhibit from the original complaint filed with PUCO.
 - 4 It's an e-mail from Mr. McCreery, in-house lawyer,

 - 5 your in-house lawyer, to Mr. Dillon, I believe, of
 - 6 February 26th and ask you to take a look at that for a 7 minute.
 - 8 Ready?
 - 9 A Uh-huh, yes.
 - Q In this e-mail Mr. McCreery is answering 10
 - 11 a question posed by Cameron Creek Lawyer Dillon
 - 12 relative to why Columbia doesn't count a 4-inch air
 - 13 supply, a dedicated duct of 4 inches supplying air to

 - 14 utility closets toward combustion air calculation
 - 15 requirements; is that correct?
 - A It appears so.
 - In the e-mail McCreery describes really 17
 - 18 Columbia discounting the 4-inch air duct, combustion
 - 19 air feed duct. Essentially his point is that it
 - 20 doesn't count toward combustion air requirements, and
 - 21 he says because the 4-inch air supply is recycled
 - 22 through the living space. Do you see that?
 - 23 A Yes.
 - Were you involved in that analysis at 24

Page 45 Page 47 1 all? Were you involved in the evaluation of this 1 may answer. 2 4-inch air supply? A Yes, there is. 2 O Do you think there's a regulatory basis, A No. 4 a specific standard, a specific code provision that Q Even though you weren't involved, do you 5 supports discounting that 4-inch combustion air feed 5 know why Columbia's company and Mr. McCreery would 6 duct as outlined in this e-mail, is there a specific 6 discount the 4-inch air supply? 7 code provision that says, don't count it? 7 A I can't answer that. MR. GALLON: Objection to the extent You weren't involved in it at all? 8 8 9 it calls for a legal conclusion, compound. You may 9 01Q Do you think based on your NFGC 10 answer. 11 A I have no idea. 11 knowledge, do you think that a dedicated 4-inch air Q Well, I'm not asking a legal question. 12 supply to every utility closet would introduce indoor 13 I'm asking for a regulatory interpretation from a 13 air -- outside air, I'm sorry, outside air, directly 14 to the combustion areas for these appliances? 14 compliance regulatory expert whose job it is to 15 provide training in that area. Whose job it was to 15 A I don't understand your question. 16 provide training on those issues. Q Okay. If you knew that every single one 16 17 As far as compound, I'm just simply 17 of these units had a dedicated 4-inch vent that fed 18 asking is there a specific code provision that says 18 combustion air from the outside, would that have any 19 bearing in your mind on adequacy of combustion air 19 you're supposed to discount a 4-inch duct. If your 20 under the NFGC? 20 testimony is, I just don't know, that's fine. But if 21 A It would depend on the other factors as 21 you do know, you should answer. A I don't know. 22 far as the BTU load and if the 4 inch is substantial 22 Thank you. 23 to handle the BTU load that's supplied. 23 24 Q So what you described, if I'm right, and 24 The analysis in this e-mail essentially Page 46 Page 48 1 defines that 4-inch vent, combustion feed vent as 1 tell me if I'm not, would be, you know, you would 2 makeup air rather than combustion feed air. Do you 2 count that in your -- you look at other factors and do 3 see that in the e-mail? 3 a calculation? A Not the way it's worded in this or A Yes. 5 presented in this e-mail, no. Q Is there a specific regulatory provision Q Not the way it's worded by Mr. McCreery? 6 that tells somebody looking at the NFGC this is makeup 6 A Your question to me, as I understood it, 7 air, not combustion feed air, do you know? 8 was a 4-inch vent supplying outside air to the room MR. GALLON: Same objection. You may 9 the appliance was installed in; is that correct. 9 answer. 10 Q Well, it was: Would you evaluate that 10 A I don't know. Q You didn't apply any of that analysis. 11 under your NFGC evaluation calculation? Would you 11 12 count it, I believe was my question. We can read it 12 You weren't involved in this was your earlier 13 back if you want. 13 testimony? A It wouldn't be counted --A Correct. 14 14 O Okay. 15 15 A -- as supplying outside air unless that's Recess taken. 16 16 17 the size required by the appliance being installed. 17 Q Let's say it wasn't the size from, you 18 By Mr. Hart: 18 Q I think we were done with Exhibit L. I'm 19 know, Columbia's perspective, it wasn't the right size 19 20 based on the BTU of the appliance. Was it -- even 20 actually going to jump to an exhibit, Bass Exhibit 1. 21 It's probably something you're pretty familiar with. 21 though it's not the right size is there still fresh 22 Looks like Regulatory Compliance & Training of March 22 air coming in from the 4-inch duct into those 23 appliance closets? 23 20, 2006. Give you a chance to look at that.

MR. GALLON:

Objection, vague. You

Is this a document that you wrote or were

1 you the author?

- Λ No. 2
- Do you know who did write this document? 3
- No.
- 5 Did you use this document in your
- 6 training? Were you provided training inside the
- 7 company?
- A Yes. 8
- Q So it is an internal company training document of that vintage, of that date? 10
- A It appears so, yes. 11
- Q Who were the audience for this material, 12
- 13 this training material, who was it presented to?
- A Service technicians, anybody that 14 15 establishes gas service.
- Q Would it have been people that had been 16
- 17 also servicing Cameron Creek around this time, 2006?
- A If they were service technicians 18
- 19 establishing gas service, yes.
- 20 Q This training covers emergency responses
- for field service personnel; correct? 21
- A It appears so, yes. 22
 - Q Also covers carbon monoxide incidents and
- 24 testing, which appears on the third page in, which is

- Q Possibly. What would be the possible
- 2 reasons for that?
- A Depending on the situation that's in the 4 field when the tech arrives.
- Q Can you give me -- be more specific? Can
- 6 you give me a specific example where you would have a

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- 7 situation where you would evacuate based on 2?
- A Sometimes it is not us doing the evacuation, it's the fire departments.
- Q Okay. But I'm not really asking about
- 11 the fire department. I'm asking about Columbia Gas's
- 12 policy and how you train and how you respond as a
- 13 company in the field. If it's 2 parts per million and
- 14 maybe you do have one of these other factors, would
- 15 you still -- would Columbia still advise evacuation to
- 16 the customer?
- 17 A We could, yes.
- Q Again, I'l ask what would -- what would 18
- 19 those circumstances be?
- A Condition of the appliances, the people 20
- 21 that are inside, are they infants, are they elderly,
- 22 which are more susceptible to CO.
 - Q If the level was at 7 parts per million,
- 24 would you give the same answer?

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- 1 COH3561 at the bottom. Do you see the middle of the
- 2 page "Carbon Monoxide Response"?
- A Yes. 3

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- Q Under the term, it's three bullets down,
- 5 there's a term used "Evacuate," and that specifies a
- 6 level of 200 parts per million calls for an emergency
- 7 evacuation of a residence when that kind of level is
- 8 found along with other telltale signs of carbon
- 9 monoxide issues; is that right?
- A It appears so, yes. 10
- Q Would training -- would this training 11
- 12 document call for the same evacuation if there was 2
- 13 parts per million present?
- 14 A I can't answer that.
- Q Well, you did testify -- you did testify 15
- 16 that it calls for an evacuation at 200 parts per
- 17 million with these additional factors. Actually it
- 18 says, "when any one of the following occurs," and it
- 19 lists four other factors; correct?
- **2**0 A It appears so, yes.
- Q My question is: If it's 2 parts per 21
- 22 million rather than 200 and you have one of those
- 23 factors, do you still evacuate under this policy?
- A Possibly.

- A Yes. 1
- Q How about 11? 2
- A Uh-huh, yes. 3
- Q Further down, and it's going to be hard
- 5 to count bullets, let's say four bullets from the
- 6 bottom of the page there is a line that reads,
- 7 "Allowable maximum CO level: 10 parts per million
- 8 residential." What does that mean?
- 9 A The OSHA standard for allowable parts per
- 10 million in a residence is 10 once you take out all
- 11 vented appliances out of the equation.
- Q So the process of essentially eliminating 12
- 13 the vented appliances that's the source of the CO,
- 14 then after you've done that in a unit, then there's an
- 15 acceptable level of 10?
 - A Yes.

- 17 Q On the third bullet up there is a line
- 18 that reads, "Check gas utilization equipment for
- 19 proper operation, repair or 'Red Tag' faulty
- 20 equipment." Do you see that statement?
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- 22 Q How do field staff determine if equipment
- 23 is faulty?
- 24 A Based on the training that they've

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1 received.

- Q Okay. Based on that training, what are 2 3 the standards or definitions or details to determine 4 if an appliance is faulty?
- A Condition of the appliance, bare wires, 5 6 missing doors. That's a very broad question. It 7 encompasses a lot of different items. Flame 8 characteristics.
- Q Are all those issues, things that are 10 observable?
- A Yes. 11
- Q Do they include items that would be 12 13 tested and actually, you know, go beyond observations
- where the tech would perform actual tests?
- A They probably could, yes. 15
- Q Is there a place where that's written? I 16
- 17 know you said there's a lot of different examples. Is
- 18 there a place where those standards, those examples
- 19 are written besides one of these policies, I mean?
- **2**0 A No, not to my knowledge.
- 21 Q You said that there's training for them
- 22 to determine if equipment is faulty. Does that
- 23 training focus on, for instance, those examples that
- 24 you gave me or examples like that?
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A Yes.

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- Q Is that training with those examples, is 2 3 that something that's written?
- A There are some instances in Appendix H of 5 the fuel code and in some of the training material
- 6 that talks about proper installation of appliances,
- 7 condition of appliances, I believe, if I remember
- correctly.
- Q When you said "fuel code," do you mean 9 10 the NFGC?
- A Yes. 11
- Q So Appendix H is something you 12
- 13 specifically train the service folks on?
- A We cover it, yes. 14
- Q Who provides that training? 15
- A Technical trainers. 16
- 17 Q Internal company Columbia Gas folks?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q And does any of that training come from
- 20 NFPA directly or anybody related to NFPA?
- A Not to my knowledge. 21
- But you would be an example of someone 22
- 23 that would provide that training?
- A In my past jobs, yes.

Q Does that training include how to perform

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- 2 combustion air calculations?
- Part of the service training, yes, it 3
- does. Q The combustion air calcs training, does 5
- 6 that come out of Appendix H?

 - It comes from a different source?
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 - Q Is that source NFPA training?
- 11 Yes.
- Q The reference at the bottom of the page 12
- 13 that refers to Carbon Monoxide Investigations, do you
- 14 know is that a reference to the 1994 version of the
- 15 Carbon Monoxide Investigations manual?
 - A I'm not sure.
- Q I'm going to jump to the next exhibit. I 17
- 18 have it marked Exhibit 2, Bass Exhibit 2, I'm sorry.
- 19 Actually it looks like this. There's two documents.
- 20 Right at the moment I don't know why. One document
- 21 looks like similar training materials as the last
- 22 exhibit dated 7-27-07, and then there's another
- 23 document attached in this exhibit which starts at the
- 24 bottom of the first page COH, lots of zeros, 3563.
- 1 That's Policy Procedure 725-15(34). It's titled
 - 2 "Lighting Appliances when Establishing or
 - 3 Reestablishing Service." I will give you a minute to
 - 4 take a look at these.
 - Okay. 5
 - A Yes. 6

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- Q I will just add that the mystery that I
- 8 mentioned before the answer is that both these
- 9 policies cover pretty much the same subject matter is
- 10 why they're combined in one exhibit.
- These policies together cover gas service 11
- 12 to new and existing premises; correct?
 - A It appears so.
- 14 O At the top there is a caveat, top of Page
- 15 1 right under the title there is a caveat that says,
- 16 that reads, "This is a guide for training purposes and
- 17 is not to be relied on as a substitute for the
- 18 applicable code, standards or policies and procedures
- 19 and is subject to change without notification." Do
- 20 you see that language?
 - A Yes.
- Q Item 1 on Page 2, Item 1 "General" reads, 22
- 23 "This practice shall be followed when establishing gas
- 24 service or turning on gas that is off at the meter

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Page 57 1 valve and/or the curb box;" correct?

A Yes.

Q So based on that language, would this

4 policy be followed when you are - when a service tech

5 is reestablishing gas that has been turned off to one

6 gas appliance only?

A No.

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Q So it's just when gas -- when

9 establishing gas or turning on gas at the meter valve

10 or curb box?

11 A Correct.

The meter valve could be inside of the

13 house but could be on the outside of the house;

14 correct?

A Correct. 15

Q The curb box is always outside. That's

17 the connection to the -- typically it's the connection

18 at the street from the service line to the main?

A Correct. 19

Q Section 1.2 following down the same page 20

21 reads, "House lines and appliance installations shall

22 be in accordance with the National Fuel Gas Code

23 (NFGC) and local codes:" correct?

A It appears so, yes. 24

1 didn't confirm with the local building department on

2 their codes or their interpretation of code when you

3 ran -- when you reviewed, I'm sorry, reviewed the

4 combustion air calculations that Mr. Prachar did:

5 correct?

A That is correct.

Wouldn't 1,2 imply that there has to be

8 some type of reconciliation of two different standards

9 for those combustion air calculations?

A I guess it would depend on your 11 interpretation.

12 Q Well, that line 1.2, first line, I mean,

13 the word that's used is "shall;" correct?

A Correct.

Q Same sentence, same 1.2 section, question 15

16 concerning 1.2: Does Columbia Gas go through a

17 process to determine whether a local code or the NFGC,

18 for instance, whether one is more stringent than

19 another?

20 MR. GALLON: Objection, vague. You

21 may answer.

22 A For instance, like the Minimum Gas

23 Standards?

Q That would be an example. 24

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O Does this mean that both house lines and

2 appliance installations must meet both the NFGC and

3 local codes?

A I can't answer that. I don't know.

Q Do you have an interpretation of what

6 that means?

A No. 7

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O If you have a situation based on that --

9 based on the plain meaning of that language where the

10 NFGC and the local codes conflict, they're different,

11 they have different provisions on the same topic, how

12 do you apply Section 1.2?

A I don't know. I can't answer that.

 Well, this is training material that you 14

15 provided to service techs; correct?

A Correct. 16

Q And you're saying that you don't cover at

18 all with them where you have -- even though Section

19 1.2 says house line and appliances have to be in

20 accordance with both NFGC and local codes, your

21 testimony today is that there's no procedure or

22 reconciled conflict between the two?

23 A Not to my knowledge.

Earlier today you testified that you 24

A That's a local code. They are more

2 stringent in some places, so we follow more stringent

3 in this case.

Q My question really is: Is there a

5 specific procedure that you follow to make that

6 determination, whether one is more stringent than the

7 other?

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A I can't answer that. I don't know.

Q But you do -- as a company you do

10 regularly determine that you apply what you believe

11 are the more stringent standards?

12 MR. GALLON: Objection.

13 A I would believe so, yes.

14 Q Based on the example you gave me?

A Yes, based on that example.

16 Q You don't know whether you do that

17 comparing a local code with NFGC?

A Not to my knowledge, I don't know.

19 Q Do you know if anybody made that -- made

20 a judgment call on what was more stringent with regard

21 to Cameron Creek?

22 A I have no idea.

Q You didn't? 23

24 A No. I did not. Page 60

Q Section 3 talks about visual inspections, 1

2 and it says, reads, "Visual inspection is required for 3 existing, new, repaired, or replaced customer service

4 lines, house lines, meter settings and appliances at

5 the time gas service is established or

6 re-established;" is that correct?

A Correct.

Q Then 3.3 goes on to say, to clarify that

9 general point further, it states, "Inspections of

10 house lines and appliances shall be in accordance with

11 the NFGC and manufacturer's instructions;" is that

12 right?

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13 A Correct.

Q But it doesn't say anything about 14

15 inspections based on local building code?

A Does not appear to.

17 Q Does this language, the language in 3.3,

18 does that exist in your policy and procedure manuals

19 or just in this training document, do you know?

A I honestly don't know.

O How are service techs trained to make 21

22 visual inspection of appliances? What are the

23 standards used?

A I don't know.

3 evaluation techniques?

1 By Mr. Hart:

Q So in terms of under 3.3, do you know,

3 can you give me any examples of what they're looking

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4 for as they evaluate appliances, as they inspect

5 appliances under this provision?

A As I stated previously, frayed wires,

7 wires without coating, missing doors, missing

8 components, safety is overridden.

 Would another example on that list be 10 soot build up on the outside of the appliance based on

11 flame roll out?

A Could be, yes.

13 Q Flame characteristics, how the flame is

14 burning?

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15 A Yes.

16 Q Do they check actual drafts, drafting of

17 the appliance to see how it's -- how the exhaust is

18 actually venting out of the appliance and out of the

19 house?

20 A Yes, if the appliance is a natural draft 21 appliance.

22 Q Section 3.3.5, if I can ask you to take a

23 look at that. It's the fifth part of 3.3. I will

24 call it 3.3.5. It's connected gas appliances shall be

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1 visually inspected. In that context we are talking

2 about existing appliances; correct?

A There is information in the training 5 material they receive, but I don't know that it is a

Q So in terms of training on this 3.3 you

2 don't provide them with any detailed standards or

6 standard.

So they may -- I think your testimony is

8 there is training material they receive that might

9 have those type of standards in it?

10 A It has guidelines in it. I don't know 11 what your definition of a standard is.

Q But, I mean, the subject matter is how to 12 13 make those visual inspections under 3.3?

14 A Yes.

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15 MR. HART: Again, counsel, to the 16 extent that exists, that's something I believe is

17 material relevant and has been asked for.

MR. GALLON: Again, I will take a look

19 at your request. Just to clarify, you're asking for

20 training materials regarding visual evaluation of

21 appliance installations for NFGC compliance? 22 MR. HART: Correct. It's per the

23 language in 3.3. It also includes manufacturer's

24 instructions. That's generally correct.

A What is your definition of existing 4 appliances?

Q We're not talking about the new appliance

6 that is prior -- is being looked at prior to service

7 establishment. This is an appliance that's already

8 established where service is already established.

A If there's a problem with the

10 installation prior to gas service being established,

11 then we could red tag something on a new installation

12 if that's what you are asking.

Q I understand. But what I'm asking is,

14 but in this context of 3.3.5, are we talking about

15 existing installations, not new?

A It could be both.

17 Q It could be both. Okay. Does the

18 language in that, in that 3.3.5 and just the general,

19 you know, as it refers back up to 3.3 and mentions the

20 NFGC, does that language mean that red tagging is

21 allowed and required, actually, for NFGC noncompliance

22 only based on a visual inspection? In other words,

23 are your service techs trained to red tag appliances

24 only based solely on a visual inspection where they

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Page 65 Page 67 1 evaluate NFGC compliance or noncompliance? 1 know, a combination of indoor and outdoor air. There A No. 2 might be a visual inspection that says, this is a 2 Q What else do they have to have to red tag 3 close call. We are going to do the calcs. Is that 3 4 beyond visual? 4 basically what you were describing? A Pressure testing. 5 MR. GALLON: Objection, vague. You So is that pressure testing meaning 6 6 may answer. 7 testing pipes? 7

A Testing of pipes up to the controls and 9 then also nonpressure testing after the controls, leak 10 check after the controls.

Q So to red tag under the NFGC it's more 11 12 than a visual. It's leak checks and pressure testing 13 of pipes?

14 A Correct.

Q Is it anything else? Is it any other 15 16 physical -- any other evaluation of other physical 17 properties?

A Part of the NFGC and part of your visual 18 19 inspection is to verify that there is proper 20 combustion ventilation air.

21 Q Okay. Visually though?

A Visually. And then based on your visual 22 23 inspection, you start doing the math and calculating 23

24 is it right.

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1 Q So is your testimony that to red tag a 2 gas appliance under the NFGC for a combustion air 3 violation of the NFGC, you have to do more than just

4 look at it? You have to actually run a calculation

5 relative to combustion air adequacy?

A No. 6

Q Is your testimony that you can red tag an 8 appliance for NFGC noncompliance for inadequate 9 combustion air visually alone?

A No. 10

11 Q What do you have to do as a Columbia 12 service tech to red tag an appliance for lack of 13 compliance with NFGC in terms of combustion air

14 inadequacy?

15 A Depending on the situation would be it's 16 obvious if there's -- depending on how the appliance 17 is installed, whether or not combustion ventilation 18 air as been brought in. In other terms it may be 19 something that you're getting combustion ventilation 20 air throughout the structure and you notice that the 21 vent size is smaller than what they should be. So in

22 that instance, calculations may be needed.

23 Q So in that instance you just mentioned 24 that would be an instance where you would have, you A Correct.

O Does the service tech always have to 8

9 perform calculations to verify combustion air adequacy

10 or inadequacy under the NFGC?

A No.

12 Q What's the bright line, what's the

13 standard where they make the judgment call to go ahead

14 and do these cales on combustion air?

15 A We basically, if you take a hundred 16 thousand BTU to get your air only from the rest of the

17 structure, the minimum hole size before being covered

18 has to be no less than a 10 by 10. That's without

19 putting any kind of metal or louver on it. If you see

20 anything less than a 10 by 10 with nothing on it, a

21 red flag should go up if you have more than a hundred

22 thousand BTU's.

Is that -- where does that standard come

24 from?

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A National Fuel Gas Code.

Q Do you know what section in particular?

3 A Not off the top of my head, no.

O In most cases, then, for combustion air

5 adequacy service techs wouldn't necessarily be red

6 tagging for just visual inspections. They could, but

7 in most cases they're also performing calculations

8 before they red tag; is that true?

A Possibly, yes.

Q But techs aren't necessarily -- are techs 10

11 required to perform combustion air testing to

12 determine NFGC compliance on the issue of combustion

13 air? Are they actually required to do that?

A Rephrase your question. I don't

15 understand what you're asking me.

Q Do your policies and training and 16

17 procedures mandate that service techs in the field do

18 more than just visually inspect for NFGC combustion

19 air issues?

A I do not believe so.

Q They're not required to do combustion air

22 calculations?

23 A Not to my knowledge.

So they could red tag, and it sounds like

Multi-Page TM Page 69 Page 71 1 they do red tag on a regular basis just for visual MR. GALLON: Objection, vague. You 2 inspections? 2 may answer. 3 A As far as? A Possibly, yes. Q I can give you some examples. Do they Q Forgive me if I'm repeating. I'm sure 5 your counsel will help remind me if I am. Is there 5 look at the flame characteristics, for instance? MR. GALLON: Same objection. You may 6 some kind of a bright line standard where they begin 7 combustion air cales when they're trying to evaluate 7 answer. A That is one of the safety inspections 8 adequacy under the NFGC? 8 MR. GALLON: Objection, vague. You that we do, yes. Q So if a service tech is in a unit and has 10 may answer. 10 11 some concerns about possible combustion air problems, A Again, as I stated earlier, we give them 12 guidelines. If you see anything less than a 10 by 10 12 do they also -- they also evaluate physical evidence 13 that would be indicative of a combustion problem --13 opening with no cover on it at all, you can't have 14 combustion air problem like flame roll out, flame 14 anymore than a hundred thousand BTU's, and at that 15 point you need to start doing some calculations if 15 characteristics, CO levels, those other list of items 16 that would be actually physical evidence of a 16 you're above that, or if it appears that the space 17 that they're obtaining the combustion ventilation air 17 combustion problem; is that right? MR. GALLON: 18 from is not large enough to sustain the minimum of 18 Objection, compound. You 19 the -- what the appliances require. 19 may answer. A They could, yes. Q In that last example it could be -- you 20 20 21 could be -- it could be weighing indoor and outdoor 21 Q Are they required to? 22 air? 22 A Not to my knowledge. 23 Q When you have a combustion air 23 A Depending on the installation of the 24 appliance, yes. 24 inadequacy, do you always have a CO problem? Is there Page 72 Page 70 Q Other situations, back to that same 1 always excessive CO produced when you have inadequacy? A I don't know. 2 example where you would completely discount the indoor Q Do you know the training that's outlined 3 air feeding the appliance and only focus on the, you 3 4 in this manual, this training guide 3.3, do you know, 4 know, the outside air coming in in performing that 5 has that been in existence? Has that been company 5 calculation. 6 procedure prior to the date of this training, prior to A Yes. 6 7 '07? What would those examples be? A I don't know. 8 A Depending on the placement of the 8 9 appliance. Q I want to go to Section 4 and it's titled Q This whole evaluation of combustion air 10 "Testing Requirements." It's on that same page just a 11 under the NFGC, is it a common thing that happens with 11 little bit further down. A Uh-huh. 12 13 Q Basically what that reads is when

- 10 12 older buildings? Let's say buildings that are ten 13 years old 14 MR. GALLON: Objection, vague. You 15 may answer. A I really don't know. 16 17 Q But this training does cover existing
- 18 buildings, not just new?
- 19 A Correct.
- 20 Q Along with combustion air when a tech is
- 21 red tagging under the NFGC on, you know, based on
- 22 combustion air inadequacy, do they look at other
- 23 evidence? Do they look at other physical evidence to
- 24 make that judgment call?

14 reestablishing gas service all piping is supposed to 15 be tested and connected appliances get leak checked, 16 correct, is that what that says? A Correct. 17 18 Q So at Cameron Creek after red tags were 19 issued, do you know if piping or connected appliances 20 were leak checked before gas got restored?

Q Looking at Section 4.5, which is on the

24 for testing house lines and appliances under the NFGC;

23 next page, this section in the heading there it calls

A I don't know.

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1 correct?

- 2 A Yes.
- But when you read Sections 4.5 1, 2, and
- 4 3, everything in there, in those sentences, in those
- 5 numbered sentences, it all seems to be focused on leak
- 6 testing; is that right? Do you see anything in there
- 7 besides leak testing?
- A Not in this 4.5 reference, no.
- Q Let me go next to Section 5, just a
- 10 little bit further on the same page there. Can you
- 11 read for me, read for us Note 1 and Note 2, please,
- 12 aloud?
- 13 A "Note 1: When the meter is installed,
- 14 gas company personnel shall inspect and test all
- 15 installed house lines, appliances then purge and place
- 16 in operation (as required) all connected appliances
- 17 prior to drywall or backfill of house lines."
- "Note 2: When applicable, gas company 18
- 19 personnel shall not hang a new meter when house lines
- 20 or appliances are installed until code official has
- 21 approved the house and installation and attached an
- 22 'Approval Sticker' at the meter setting or front
- 23 window."
- 24 What is the reason for Note 2, do you

1 for us.

- 2 A "5.2. An existing premise gas may be
- 3 turned on after all house piping and appliances are
- 4 inspected and leakage checked in accordance with the
- 5 NFGC and the service line is checked for leakage in
- 6 accordance with 4.4."
 - Q Does that mean that when existing gas
- 8 service is re-established, Columbia checks pipes for
- 9 leaks in accordance with the NFGC?
 - A Correct.
- Q Does it also mean Columbia is checking 11
- 12 combustion air ducts at the establishment?
 - A Correct.
- 14 O It does. Okay. What about is that a
- 15 time when Columbia might perform combustion air
- 16 calculations?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q So Columbia is not just looking at pipes
- 19 and appliances, but it's looking at the construction
- 20 of ducts and vents around the appliances also, both
- 21 exhaust and feed when I say ducts?
- 22 A Correct.
 - Does the NFGC state that that should be
- 24 done?

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1 know?

- A In the City of Columbus? 2
 - Q Yes, that will be fine.
- A It's to my knowledge only in the City of
- 5 Columbus, we are not permitted to set a meter until
- 6 the city has done an inspection and signs off on it
- 7 and puts an approval sticker there for us.
- Q When they're signing off and inspecting,
- 9 what are they inspecting under Note 2?
- 10 A I don't know.
- Q Do you know if that policy in the City of 11
- 12 Columbus has been in effect -- do you know how long
- 13 it's been in effect?
- 14 A No.
- 15 Q Do you think those two notes reflect the
- 16 long held Columbia policy that the company does not
- 17 supply gas without the approval of house lines and the
- 18 appliances by local code officials in Columbus?
- 19 A I can't answer that.
- Q I want to take a look at, ask you to take
- 21 a look at Section 5.2, and this deals with gas service
- 22 on existing premises; correct?
- 23 A It appears so, yes.
- 24 Q Can you please read that section aloud

- A I don't --
- Q Okay. When you're looking at the ducts
- 3 and vents surrounding appliances, is that part of the
- 4 construction of the house or the apartment?
 - MR. GALLON: Objection, vague. You
- 6 may answer.
- 7 A As far as when we do an inspection?
- Q Yes. I mean, my question -- I'll
- 9 clarify. Do you consider those vents, feed vents and
- 10 exhaust ducts, is that part of the appliance?
- A If it is required for the proper 11 12 operation of those appliances, yes.
- 13 Q And how it's built or installed all
- 14 through the house, is that or the apartment, is
- 15 that, again, is that part of the appliance?
- A If it's included in its proper operation, 16
- 17 I would say yes.
- Q I'm actually going to jump to Page 6 of 18
- 19 the same document, and I want to ask about Section 8.2
- 20 and that relates to lighting appliances; is that
- 21 correct?
- 22 A It appears so, yes.
- Q 8.4 of that Section 8 states that the 23
- 24 reason for the unsafe condition is supposed to be on

1 the red tag; is that correct?

- A Give me a second to read it, please.
- Sorry. It's in the second sentence there 4 of 8.4.
- 5 A Correct.

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- Q Customers are also supposed to be given a verbal or a written notice of that reason; correct?
- A Correct. 8
- Q And then the premise audit form is 10 supposed to document the overall findings of the
- 11 service call based on that language?
- MR. GALLON: Objection, vague. You 12 13 may answer.
- A The premise audit documents whether an 14 15 appliance was red tagged, connected, capped.
- 16 Basically the status of the appliances within the 17 building or structure.
- Q That information is on that premise audit 18 19 form?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q Back to 8.3 above there, that states the
- 22 gas appliance shall be given the following checks, and
- 23 then it talks about ignition safety, the device, the
- 24 ignition device itself, flame characteristics, proper

Q If any of those items are not working 4 properly under 8.3, that should be documented based on

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- 1 under 8.3, would be put those on the red tag?
- A Possibly.
- 4 asking whether your training manual requires and
- 6 issues in 8.3 if that person finds them on-site.
- A If the appliance is red tagged, it would 7 be documented on the red tag, yes.
- Q In item 8.3.2 and 8.3.3, those items,
- 9 which are flame characteristics for proper combustion
- 10 and check for proper draft, those are good examples of
- 11 where you would find evidence of an improper
- 12 combustion situation; right?
- 13 A Possibly, yes.

1 drafting; is that right?

5 what we just read in 8.4?

A It appears so, yes.

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- 14 Q In that situation, you would have -- you
- 15 probably have a CO problem, carbon monoxide problem?
- 16 A Probably.
- Q Because this is emphasized in your
- 18 training and it's direct training to the service techs
- 19 in the field, would you expect to find examples of the
- 20 issues under 8.3 on red tags at an apartment complex
- 21 that had an overall combustion air problem?
- 22 A I can't answer that.
- 23 Q Why not? Would it not be logical that
- 24 when you have an overall inadequacy of combustion air

- 1 and it involves 240 units in an apartment complex,
- 2 that you would have -- you would have documentation of
- 3 those types of problems on red tags?
 - A I would not have documentation, no.
- 5 Would your service techs in the field be
- 6 required to document those kinds of problems where
- 7 there's a combustion air problem in every one of those
- 8 units?
- MR. GALLON: Objection, vague. You 10 may answer.
- 11 A I can't answer that. The inspection
- 12 would only be done at the time we were establishing or
- 13 reestablishing service.
- Q But if an inspector did an inspection and 14
- 15 red tagged based on combustion inadequacy, would you
- 16 expect that the physical characteristics, the physical
- 17 findings that would show combustion inadequacy, would
- 18 you expect some red tags to have those examples under
- 19 8.3?

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- 20 A Again, I can't answer that.
- 21 Q Why can't you answer it?
- A I don't know what the tech would put on 22
- 23 the red tag.
 - Q If he found -- if he found the items

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- Q Well, I want a yes or no. I think -- I'm
- 5 whether your policies require techs to record the
- 7 A They're required to fill out and complete
- 8 a red tag --
- Q That's not --9
- A -- with what they find. 10
- Q You didn't answer my question. My
- 12 question is: If they found these particular items,
- 13 are they required to record them on a red tag?
- A Again, I can't answer the question. 14
- 15 There are certain check boxes on the back of a red
- 16 card. Those may be a couple of check boxes. They may
- 17 be putting an X or a check or a circle, which I guess
- 18 that answers your question is they would be recording
- 19 them if those are the check boxes.
- Q Well, they're certainly items that are in
- 21 your training materials?
- A Uh-huh. 22
- 23 Q And they're certainly items that would be
- 24 physical characteristics that would define a

Multi-Page™ Page 81 Page 83 1 combustion air inadequacy? 1 customer? A They could, yes. A Not necessarily. 2 2 Q If a company -- if Columbia Gas did, say, Well, is that an example of a red tag 4 50 inspections that lead to red tags at an apartment 4 condition, the term used in the last line of that 5 11.2? 5 complex over an 18-month period, would recording of 6 those three items or some of those three items, would A Having carbon monoxide present? 7 it provide actual evidence of a problem? O Test results that a tech - what I'm 7 MR. GALLON: Objection, vague. You 8 asking is test results that a tech, he or she performs 8 9 may answer. 9 a carbon monoxide test and that carbon monoxide test 10 reveals a level of carbon monoxide. Is that supposed 10 A I can't answer that. Q I want to go to Section 9 and in 11 to be communicated in a handwritten detailed report 11 12 particular 9.1. Here we're talking about service that 12 under that Section 11.2? 13 Columbia service techs provide with no charge; is that A That is a broad question. 13 14 right? I don't think so. 14 15 A It appears so, yes. A As far as? Yeah, you're asking do the 15 16 test results get recorded. It could be negative CO, 16 Q These include 9.1.1, 2 and 3, combustion 17 positive CO. 17 adjustments, combustion/ventilation air checks, and 18 flue inspections or safety; correct? Q Let's say - I'm sorry. Go ahead. I'm 18 A Correct. 19 19 sorry. 20 Q What kind of training do the techs 20 A That's -- it could say positive for 21 receive to perform those type of services? 21 carbon monoxide. O But the actual number, the actual test A It's included in their National Fuel Gas 22 22 23 training. 23 result doesn't have to be detailed? A Not to my knowledge. 24 Q It's part of the NFGC training they get? 24 Page 82 Page 84 1 A Correct. Q I'm going to switch gears and I'm going Q Are those items, that service, is that 2 2 to give you several exhibits, and I'm doing this 3 something that is licensed by the City of Columbus? 3 because I assume that you're familiar with these A I don't know. 4 exhibits and if you're not, you know, you can tell me 5 Q I want to go next to 11.2, which is on 5 and we can, you know, we can make sure you have enough 6 Page 7 and it's toward the middle of the page there 6 time to take a look at them. Actually I'm assuming 7 but it's the second to last provision. Three lines 7 you are familiar with two of them and then one of them 8 down, actually we'll start with the second line which 8 you're are not so familiar with. The first exhibit --9 says, "On all other establishing or reestablishing 9 Tom, I apologize. Can we MR. GALLON: 10 take a short break? I promise I just need to run down 10 orders use the premise audit form appropriately," and 11 then the next sentence says, "A handwritten detailed 11 the hall and back. 12 report shall be given to the customer or property 12 MR, HART: Again, I'm trying to meet a 13 owner regarding necessary repairs, modifications or 13 mutual goal. Keep it short. 14 'Red Tag' conditions." 14 15 Going back to 8.3 and those three items Recess taken. 15 16 that are listed, is that the type of material that is 16 17 required to be given to the customer? Is that the 17 By Mr. Hart: 18 type of written detailed reporting that's required to Q Go back on the record with Mrs. Bass.

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Before the break, I was going to

20 distribute three exhibits. The first one is exhibit, 21 marked Exhibit II, and it is the "Carbon Monoxide

22 Investigations" training material operating

MR. GALLON:

23 guidelines. And it's dated October 14, 1994.

19 be given to the customer under 11.2?

Q Does that information include the results 22 of any CO, carbon monoxide, testing that's performed?

23 Would that be another example of what should be the

24 subject of a handwritten detailed report given to the

A It could be, yes.

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Just to be clear on the

1 record, it's Roman Numeral II.

Q Yes. I don't know. Those might be twocapital I's. I'm not sure.

The next exhibit that goes with this line
to of questions is Garrett Exhibit O. It is the February
The next exhibit O. It is the February
Red Tag on Appliances. Policy and
Procedure 725.1(34), internal company policy of

8 Columbia Gas.

Then finally the last exhibit for this
line of questions is Ramsey -- marked Ramsey Exhibit
11 14, and it is -- even though there's a yellow tag on

12 top, it is actually a number of red tags that were

13 written by Columbia Gas at Cameron Creek over many

14 months, we'll say. Again, I recognize -- let's ask

15 Mrs. Bass. Are you familiar with the CO manual,

16 carbon monoxide manual?

A Somewhat, yes.

18 Q How about the red tag on appliances

19 policy procedure reference number?

20 A Yes.

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21 Q And then am I correct to assume you are

22 not familiar, have never seen the red tag exhibit?

23 A That's correct.

Q I think what we'll do, if it's okay, Eric

A "Ambient air refers to the 'free air' in

2 a building. This is the air in a room or enclosure

3 away from sources of CO or other pollutants. Ambient

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4 air may contain CO, natural gas, or other gases, but

5 these gases will be diluted by the air in the

6 building. It is the ambient air in a building that

7 the occupants are exposed to and that we must sample

8 to determine levels of CO."

9 Q The provisions you read together -- taken
10 together, don't they generally mean -- don't they

11 generally govern where Columbus Gas tests for carbon

12 monoxide?

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A Yes.

14 Q And going back to Section 3, in looking

15 at Section 3, I'm actually on Page 4 now, second full

16 paragraph, it says, "Do not insert the probe into the

17 combustion chamber or draft hoods of equipment." It

18 talks about how the hot flue gases will damage the

19 instrument. Do you see that?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Is that what that says?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Then the next paragraph it talks about

24 AGA, which I believe is the American Gas Association,

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1 and Mrs. Bass, we'll ask questions first about the

2 items that you are familiar with, and I can probably

3 help by pointing to specific sections. Then when we

4 get to the things, particularly the red tags that you

5 probably are not familiar with, we'll slow down and

6 let you look at that stuff, or anything else, by the7 way. If you need to look at something, just stop me

8 and tell me and we'll do it that way. Okay?

9 A Okay.

10 Q I want to start out with the CO manual,

11 and I want you to turn to Section 3. I want you to

12 read out loud, if you would, the bullet on Page 3,

13 section 3.2, I want you to read the bold language

14 there that starts out "The following checks."

15 A "The following checks will be made in the 16 'free air'. Do not take readings of undiluted flue 17 gases from appliance outlets, combustion chambers,

18 draft diverters, or vent pipes."

Q Thank you,

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I want you to turn to Page 13, under

21 Appendix 2 on that page. Can you read the definition

22 that starts -- of ambient air, starts out, the first

23 line of that first paragraph and read that whole

24 paragraph, please.

t and it suggests an order to testing of ambient air,

2 and then there's three bullets there. They're

3 numbered, 1, 2, 3. It gives you a location of the

4 test.

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If you turn the page, on Page 5 there is

6 a diagram, and I believe it's the American Gas

7 Association diagram, and that also shows where to test

8 because it shows where to test, it shows where not to

9 test. Actually the heading underneath says,

10 "Suggested locations for sampling to detect carbon

11 monoxide in a home." Is that what that indicates?

A That's what it appears to, yes.

Q Then under that there are four letters A,

14 B, C, D, and it walks through locations and emphasizes

15 where to test and where not to test; correct?

A It appears so.

17 Q The emphasis on what you read and what I

18 have gone over is to test in the free ambient open air

19 of living spaces; correct?

20 A I'm not sure I understand what you are

21 **asking.**

22 Q The emphasis of Section 3, the diagram

23 that you looked at, the narrative in Section 3, the

24 language on Page 13, all that emphasizes testing of

Multi-Page TM Page 89 Page 91 1 the ambient air of the unit where people live; is that A Not necessarily. 1 2 correct? 2 Why not? 3 A It references that, ves. Based on a visual observation of the Section 3.2 says not to take readings 4 placement of the appliance and combustion ventilation 5 air openings, the CO testing may not have been 5 from the combustion chambers or appliance outlets; 6 mandated. correct? Well, if CO tests were done on a number 7 A It states, "Do not take readings of 7 8 undiluted flue gases from appliance outlets, 8 of occasions in a place that Columbia -- an apartment combustion chambers, draft diverters, or vent pipes." 9 complex Columbia believes has an combustion air Q And why is that? 10 problem, if CO tests were done, there would be a bunch 10 A The equipment that we use we don't have 11 of ambient CO tests under this policy? 11 12 the attachments for taking readings directly out of A There should have been, yes. 12 13 the flues. 13 Q And if you had a combustion air problem, 14 wouldn't you expect if you had a number of ambient 14 Q Is there another reason why you wouldn't 15 tests for CO that some of those ambient tests might at 15 read combustion chambers, flues and so forth? Is 16 there another reason related to making sure you're 16 least once have an excessive CO reading? A I can't answer that. 17 testing the ambient air besides the equipment issue? 17 18 A I don't understand what you are asking. 18 Clearly some of the things we have talked 19 Q Is the reason that you don't -- that the 19 about in the training materials and, in fact, in this 20 manual and, in fact, in the red tag policy and 20 policy doesn't emphasize testing in these locations 21 where it says don't test, is it because you're almost 21 procedures, clearly some of the items that techs are

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Page 92 Q But carbon monoxide is not something you

2 can observe, is it?

A The actual gas, no. 3

4 O So you have to test for it? A For the actual gas, yes.

23 look for are variable, are observations?

A Some of them, yes.

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Q And this policy says, start in the 6 7 ambient and test all over the ambient air?

22 trained to look for, supposed to look, required to

A Yes.

O Carbon monoxide would be indicative of a 9 10 combustion air problem, wouldn't it?

A Possibly.

Q Well, is it possible or it would be? 12

A It could be. 13

Q In light of this whole matter, what you 14

15 know about it and these policies that are in front of

16 you, wouldn't you expect there to be more than a

17 couple of incidents, say two incidents of CO levels 18 documented at a lower door of an appliance?

Objection, vague. You MR. GALLON: 19

20 may answer.

A I can't answer that.

Q I'm talking about on red tags. If I 22 23 showed you 50 red tags, 35 red tags, 25 red tags taken

24 over an 18-month period at an apartment complex that

- 1 have CO, does it give you any information about how
- 2 people are living in the unit if you are testing those

22 guaranteed to get a CO reading there? It doesn't tell

24 where you know there's going to be CO, you expect to

23 you anything, does it? If you're testing in places

3 areas?

MR. GALLON: 4 Objection, compound. You

5 can answer.

- A Even when testing in flue gases, normal 7 bi-products of combustion do not include carbon 8 monoxide. So I would not anticipate or, expect even 9 if I could test and had the equipment to test the flue
- 10 gases, that there would be carbon monoxide present.
- 11 Q You just testified that normal
- 12 bi-products of combustion do not include carbon

13 monoxide?

A Correct. 14

15 Q If an apartment complex had an overall 16 combustion air problem in violation of NFGC or 17 excessive amounts of carbon monoxide being produced, 18 would you expect -- and there were red tags for that 19 apartment complex covering 18 months, under this

20 policy, would you expect a bunch of citations and a

21 bunch of references on the red tags to ambient CO

22 levels, ambient readings of CO?

23 MR. GALLON: Objection, vague. You

24 may answer.

Multi-Page™ Page 93 Page 95 I has a combustion air problem, not just a code O -- as an issue? 2 interpretation but an actual combustion air problem, Did you ever at any time speak to the 2 3 City of Columbus, their code officials or inspectors 3 wouldn't you expect there to be lots of CO readings 4 documented? 4 or whoever about Cameron Creek and the NFGC? A No. 5 A I can't answer that. 5 Q I think you already said this, so please Q Why can't you answer it? It's a 6 7 forgive me if you did. But you also, because you hypothetical. A Where would they be documented? 8 didn't speak to them, you never spoke to them about or 8 9 you never looked into -- forget the Columbus 9 On the red tags. 10 officials. You, yourself, never looked into the A We are not required to document readings 10 11 found on red tags. 11 original approval of Cameron Creek, how it was 12 originally approved by Columbus? 12 Q Can you turn to Page 6 and in the middle 13 of that page there is a sentence that starts out "In 13 A That would be correct. 14 all cases." Do you see that? 14 Q And you never looked at HVAC or 15 15 mechanical plans that went along with that original A Yes. 16 Q Can you read that aloud for me, please? 16 approval? A No. A "In all cases, results of CO tests 17 17 18 (including the actual CO levels in PMM where possible) Q I want to go back to Garrett F, which I 18 and details of actions taken must be documented on the 19 know is in the way back. It's that -- it's Policy 20 700-3. I want to go to Section 5. I'll just read 20 DIS order." Q So is it your testimony that CO levels 21 this, if I may, and you can tell me if I'm reading it 21 22 correctly. Section 5 relates to appliance 22 don't have to be documented on a red tag, but they do 23 installation and venting, and it says, "The 23 have to be documented by this policy on a DIS order? A It would appear. 24 installation and venting of appliances on customers' 24 Page 94 Page 96 Q And is this policy still in effect? 1 premises shall be done in accordance with the National 1 A I don't know. 2 Fuel Gas Code, Exhibit B;" correct? 2 Are there any Columbia Gas of Ohio A That is what it says. Q The effective date of this policy was 4 training material documents that you're aware of, that 5 September 10, 1990? 5 you personally are aware of that show how excessive 6 moisture can inhibit proper combustion or proper flame A That is what it says. 6 Q Do you know if Columbia Gas reviews plans 7 characteristics in a gas appliance? A Not that I'm aware of. 8 before construction, proposed plans for a building to 8 9 make sure of NFGC compliance up front? O Have you ever heard of that issue before? 9 A I don't know. A I believe this manual may talk about 10 11 condensation, like if you have condensation inside. Q Does Columbia Gas provide installers or 11 12 Is that what you're referring to? 12 customers, builders, homeowners who are putting in 13 Q No, I don't think condensation because to 13 appliances any kind of detailed design specifications 14 me that implies water, you know, forming on a surface. 14 or installation standards related to NFGC at the 15 To me what I'm really asking about is excessive 15 construction stage? MR. GALLON: 16 ambient moisture, you know, water that's gasified in Objection, compound. You 16 17 the air that is so -- there's so much humidity, if you 17 may answer. 18 will, that a flame, the burning of a gas appliance is 18 A Not to my knowledge. 19 actually inhibited from that humidity. Have you ever O This Exhibit B that is referenced in 19 20 heard of that? 20 Section 5, what is that exhibit? It should be

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23 to Cameron Creek -

A No.

A Not that I am aware of, no.

Q Have you ever heard of that with regard

21 attached. I hope it's attached. Can you tell me what

A It appears to be a photocopy of a

22 that exhibit is?

24 National Fuel Gas Code.

- Q What year is the code?
- 2 A It's hard to read. Looks like 1988.
- 3 Q I would agree.

Do you think when you were applying NFGC

- 5 standards when you did your review of Mr. Prachar's
- 6 calculations, were you applying this 1988 code?
- A No. 7

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- Q Which code were you applying? 8
- A It would have been the 2006. 9
- 10 Q But this policy that was provided by
- 11 counsel in terms of a policy governing Columbia Gas's
- 12 field operations, it does refer to a 1998 NFGC
- 13 document; correct?
- 14 A It appears so, yes.
- 15 Q Do you know if Policy 700-3 has ever been 16 updated?
- A I can't answer that. I don't know. 17
- Q So you don't know whether the 1988, 18
- 19 reference to the 1988 NFGC, Exhibit B, has ever been
- 20 updated?
- 21 A Again, I don't know.
- 22 MR. GALLON: Just for the record. I
- 23 would like to note that exhibit -- the exhibit that's
- 24 been marked as Garrett Exhibit F has a break in the
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- 1 Bates numbers. It goes from COH474 to 479 and then
- 2 starts again at 202 and goes to 206.
- MR. HART: I would like to note for 3
- 4 the record also that Mr. Gallon provided me with many
- 5 different versions of the same documentation, and I
- 6 may have inadvertently provided the exhibits with Mr.
- 7 Gallon's numbering system out of order. But in fact,
- 8 I can prove, and intend to prove, that the 1988
- 9 reference and attachment are the true exhibits to
- 10 Policy and Procedure 700-3.
- 11 By Mr. Hart:
- 12 Q I'm going to ask you to take a look at
- 13 Bass -- I have marked as Bass Exhibit 3. I'm going to
- 14 ask you to take a look at the language in the fourth
- 15 paragraph, it's indicated by the red arrow. Would you
- 16 go ahead and read that aloud when you're ready?
- A The fourth paragraph reads, "Users of 17 18 this document should consult applicable federal,
- 19 state, and local laws and regulations. The
- 20 International Approval Services, U.S. Inc. and the
- 21 National Fire Protection Association do not, by the
- 22 publication of this document, intend to urge action
- 23 that is not in compliance with applicable laws, and
- 24 this document may not be constructed as doing so."

- Q I apologize for the size of the type.
- 2 That was how it was produced to me. But that last
- 3 line, it's construed, not constructed; is that
- 4 correct?
- A Yes. 5
- Q Although I must admit I have a heck of a 7 time reading that myself.
- The language in that first sentence that 8
- 9 says, "Users of this document should consult with
- 10 applicable federal, state, and local laws and
- 11 regulations," did you do that when you looked at Mr.
- 12 Prachar's calculations, NFGC calculations that he did
- 13 at Cameron Creek?
- A No. 14
- 15 Q So really when you didn't do that, you
- 16 weren't doing what's outlined in that second sentence,
- 17 which says you got to look at the local compliance,
- 18 state compliance in addition to applying NFGC if
- 19 you're going to use this document; is that right?
 - A It would appear so, yes.
- 21 Q I'm going to ask you very briefly or as
- 22 quick as you can, as quick as you want to, will you
- 23 take a look through the red tag exhibit, which is
- 24 Exhibit Ramsey 14, and tell me if -- after you've had
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- 1 a chance to review the whole exhibit, I'm hoping this
- 2 won't take very long. Would you tell me if you see
- 3 any references to carbon monoxide measurement on any
- 4 of these red tags, please? Is that clear what I am
- 5 asking?

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- A I believe you're asking for specific
- 7 percentages or readings parts per million on red tags?
- O Yes, ma'am,
- 9 A I did not notice on those that I could
- 10 read any measurement of carbon monoxide.
- Q So would you say that the red tags that
- 12 you read reflect red tagging for NFGC interpretation
- 13 of noncompliance only without any other -- without
- 14 citing CO issues?
 - A It would appear so.
- 16 MR. HART: By the way, for the record,
- 17 there are other red tags at Cameron Creek that are not
- 18 in that stack. I didn't want to make it seem like
- 19 there's some, you know, fancy dancing going on here or
- 20 some trick. Actually I think we used them with Mr.
- 21 Prachar. You're going to get all those when we, you
- 22 know, by discovery deadline because you requested
- 23 them.
- 24 MR. GALLON: Okay.

Page 101 Page 103 MR. HART: I didn't want that to seem 1 O And there's a reference in the first 2 some sleight of hand type of thing. 2 sentence in that e-mail to an air duct; correct? With that, I'm finished. 3 A It refers to a 4-inch air duct, yes. MR. GALLON: If I could have a 4 Q Could you read the first two sentences 5 five-minute break. 5 out loud? MR. HART: 6 Sure. A "In further response to the last question 7 ~ - -7 you pose regarding the 4-inch duct that supplies 8 supplemental 'makeup' air to the return air duct. Recess taken. 8 9 9 Makeup air is used to supplement and freshen air drawn 10 MR. GALLON: I'm handing you what's 10 from the living space which is then passed back 11 been marked as Second Revised Responses and 11 through the heat exchanger and discarded into the 12 Objections, revisions to some prior interrogatory 12 room." 13 responses. I have on the service certificate that I'm 13 Q Discarded into the room or discharged? 14 serving them by hand delivery, but you just asked me 14 A I'm sorry, discharged. 15 to e-mail them later on today, and I will be happy to 15 O What is a return air duct? 16 do that. I said if there is anything in here that 16 A It is a duct connected to the furnace 17 would require you to reopen your questioning of Mrs. 17 that brings unheated air into the furnace to be heated 18 Bass, that, of course, that's acceptable. 18 and disbursed throughout the home. 19 MR. HART: And I'm just going to read 19 Q Where does the air that is brought into 20 for the record, I will reserve the right to reopen the furnace to be heated and then disbursed through 21 questions to Mrs. Bass at a different time based on 21 the home come from? 22 this -- these revised interrogatory questions, meaning 22 A Inside the home usually. 23 different than today. 23 Q So from the first two sentences here, 24 24 what did you understand the purpose of the 4-inch duct Page 102 Page 104 Discussion held off the record. 1 that Mr. McCreery is describing to be? 1 A I believe the purpose of the 4-inch duct 2 3 is to bring air in from outside to freshen the air 3 DIRECT EXAMINATION 4 that's being burnt through the normal process of 4 By Mr. Gallon: 5 combustion. Basically the heat, more air to bring in Q Mrs. Bass, my name is Eric Gallon, and as 6 that's being heated and then disbursed back through 6 you know, I am here on behalf of Columbia Gas of Ohio. 7 I just had some follow-up or clarification questions I 7 the dwelling. 8 wanted to ask you regarding the topics and the Q Would the air that is brought in through 9 exhibits that you discussed with Mr. Hart this 9 the 4-inch duct that Mr. McCreery describes be 10 morning. 10 available to the gas appliances for combustion? 11 A No. 11 The first question or series of questions

12 relates to Exhibit L. Do you have that in front of 13 you somewhere? 14 A Yeah. That's the e-mail from Rick 15 McCreery to James Dillon? Q Correct, This is an e-mail from Charles 16 17 McCreery at Columbia to James Dillon; correct? 18 Yes. 19 Q It's dated February 26, 2008? 20 Yes. 21 Q You were asked a series of questions this 22 morning about the language in the first paragraph; 23 correct?

A Yes.

Q Why not? 12 13 A Because it's being supplied through the 14 return air, which is not a direct contact with the 15 combustion process. Q So if a service tech were trying to 16 17 calculate the volume of combustion air in a residence 18 and the residence had a 4-inch makeup air duct in its 19 utility closet bringing air in from outside, should 20 the service tech take into consideration the air being 21 brought in through that duct in calculating the total 22 combustion air? A No, because it is not included as 23 24 combustion air. It's makeup air.

Multi-Page TM Page 105 Page 107 Q If you would turn now to what Mr. Hart 1 A My interpretation is if CO levels are 200 2 labeled Bass Exhibit 1, which I think may be the next 2 or greater, you evacuate regardless of what the CO 3 exhibit in the pile. Do you have it? 3 levels are. If any of the following occur, you should A Yes. 4 also evacuate. Q This is a Regulatory Compliance & O Okay. So looking at this bullet point, Training document dated March 20, 2006; correct? 6 it talks about evacuation if you have CO levels 7 greater than 200 parts per million but none of the 7 O Newsletter 14? 8 four subbullet points apply. There's no aldehyde 8 A Yes. 9 odor, no flu-like symptoms, there is no condensate on 9 Q Title is Emergency Response Review for 10 windows and the houseplants aren't dying, would you 10 11 Columbia Personnel? 11 still evacuate? 12 A Yes. 12 A Yes. Q If you would turn to Page 3 of the Q If you would turn now to the next 13 13 14 document, which is Bates No. COH00003561. 14 exhibit, I believe it's marked Bass Exhibit 2. The A Okay. 15 15 title of this document is "Establishing or Q About halfway down the page you see the 16 Reestablishing Gas Service open (Ohio);" correct? 16 17 title or heading Carbon Monoxide Response? A Yes. 17 Q Dated July 27, 2007? 18 A Yes. 18 19 Q Do you recall Mr. Hart asking you a 19 20 series of questions this morning about this section? Q Do you recall Mr. Hart asking you a 20

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You testified earlier today that a

A Yes.

2 service technician by the name of Jeff Prachar called

Q And do you recall Mr. Hart asking you

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3 you with regards to some calculations he had

21 series of question about this this morning?

24 whether you applied -- let me back up.

4 performed --

A Yes.

-- correct? 6

7 Do you know why Mr. Prachar was

8 performing those calculations?

A I don't know the reason for him being 10 there, but my impression as to why he was doing

11 calculations is because he recognized something was

12 wrong.

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13 Q Do you know if the -- if Mr. Prachar was 14 present at Cameron Creek at the time he called you 15 regarding these calculations?

A I don't recall knowing -- I believe it 17 was right before we got done, he didn't -- I don't 18 recall him saying Cameron Creek by name.

19 Q Do you know whether Mr. Prachar was 20 performing these calculations as an incident to 21 establishing gas service at a residential premises? 22

A Again, I'm not sure what he was actually 23 there for.

200 PPM." Q Please go on to the colon. "Suspect CO when any one of the following 11 occurs." Q And then it lists four subbullet points 13 there; correct? A Yes. Q And the things that are listed in the 16 subbullet points are aldehyde odor, customer complains 17 of flu-like symptoms, condensate on windows, and 18 houseplants are dying? A Yes. Q Do you interpret this third bullet point 21 to be saying that a Columbia -- let me rephrase the 22 question. What do you interpret this bullet point 24 to be saying with regards to CO levels and evacuation?

Q And do you see the third main bullet

Q Do you recall Mr. Hart asking you a

Q Would you read the language in the main

A "Evacuate if CO levels are greater than

2 series of questions about this bullet point this

6 bullet point and stop at the colon?

23 point under this title where it says Evacuate?

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A Yes.

A Yes.

A Ycs.

3 morning?

Page 109 Page 111 1 performing these calculations incident to A It would depend on what the service tech 2 reestablishing gas service at a residential premises? 2 was there for. If the service tech is there to A I don't know. 3 establish or reestablish service, a pressure test of Q So do you know whether anything in the 4 some sort is required. If they're there for other 5 training materials that are labeled as Bass Exhibit 2 5 reasons, then, no, a pressure test is not always 6 would have applied to the work that Mr. Prachar was 6 required. You can red tag based on visual 7 doing in calculating combustion air? 7 observation. A I can't answer that. I don't know what Q I believe my question referred to a leak 9 his purpose was for being there. 9 check, but your answer referred to a pressure test. Q One other question to follow-up on and 10 Is the --10 11 clarify a point that was raised earlier this morning. 11 A A leak check would not be required at 12 Mr. Hart asked you a series of questions regarding red 12 all -- all the time, no. 13 tagging. Do you recall that? Q There are circumstances in which a leak 13 14 A He asked several questions at different 14 check would be required? A Establishing or reestablishing service it 15 points regarding red tagging, yes. 15 Q Later in the morning he asked you a 16 would be required. But if you're not there to 17 series of questions regarding whether a service tech 17 establish or reestablish service, a leak check would 18 may red tag an appliance based solely on a visual 18 not be required. You could red tag the appliance 19 based on where it is located and the violations that 19 observation or whether additional analysis or 20 calculations are required. Do you recall those 20 vou observe. 21 questions? Q I don't believe I have any further 21 22 A Yes. 22 questions. Thank you very much. Q I would like to give you a hypothetical 23 23 24 and then ask you what Columbia's policies and 24 Page 110 Page 112 1 procedures would require the service technician to do 2 in that situation. RECROSS-EXAMINATION a Okay. 3 By Mr. Hart: 3 Q A service tech walks into an apartment Q I'm going to ask one follow-up question. 5 and observes that the resident of the apartment has a There's a National Fuel Gas Code section 5 6 water heater in a closet in their bathroom. 6 that deals with a common gas vent in a multi-story Λ Okay. 7 installation. Are you familiar with that section of 8 the NFGC? Q The closet does not have a self-closing 9 device on it. The door is not weather stripped and 9

10 the water heater does not take all combustion air from

11 a nonhabitable space.

A Okay. 12

13 Q Do you understand the hypothetical?

Yes. 14

Q To your understanding, would that 15 16 installation of the water heater in the bathroom be in

17 violation of the National Fuel Gas Code?

18 A Yes.

Q Should the service tech red tag the 20 appliance for that violation of the National Fuel Gas 21 Code?

22 A Yes.

Q Must the service technician first do a 23 24 leak check before he may red tag that appliance?

A Vaguely. 10 Q Did you ever -- did you ever apply or 11 interpret that section of the NFGC in rendering any 12 kind of opinion to anyone about NFGC compliance at Cameron Creek?

A No. Q Okay. I'm all done. MR. GALLON: Okay. She'll read. (Signature not waived.) Thereupon, at 12:12 p.m., on Wednesday,

20 June 24, 2009, the deposition was concluded. 21

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Safety - Falls are a leading cause of workplace injuries. While falls are among the most common accidents, they are also among the most preventable. If you move carefully and remain alert to hazards, you can stay on your feet and control whether or not you are going to fall.

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Title: Emergency Response Review for Columbia Personnel

This is only a guide that does not include all applicable codes, standards, policies & procedures and is subject to change without notification.

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Purpose:

- Enhance the safety of company personnel and customers when responding to emergency situations.
- Comply with Title 49 CFR DOT Part 192.615 Emergency Plans.

Who Should Attend: Personnel who respond to customer emergencies.

You Will Cover:

- First Response
- Leak/Line Break and Odor Response Inside and Outside
- Odors or Indications from Foreign Sources
- Over Pressure or Low Pressure
- Carbon Monoxide
- Fire or Disaster Response

First Response

Emergencies reported to the phone center or to you from a passer by takes priority and shall be worked immediately.

- Actions shall be directed toward protecting <u>people</u> first (including yourself) then property and environment. Evacuate as appropriate.
- Immediately notify your FOL/FLL of accidental Ignition of gas, explosion, gas or CO related injury, hospitalization, or death.
- Personal protective equipment such as hardhat, eye protection, hearing protection, breathing apparatus, and gloves shall be used as required.
- Identify yourself as a Columbia Gas Company employee.
- Eliminate <u>all</u> possible sources of ignition.
- Establish and continuously re-establish the leakage perimeter.
- When needed additional help shall be called to assist in making the situation safe.
- Collaborate and coordinate actions with additional responders, plant, leakage, supervision, fire, and police.
- Record the arrival and made safe times.
- Remain on site until relieved or the emergency situation has been cleared.

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Leak/Line Break and Odor Response

A leak or odor call is a priority and shall be worked immediately.

- Verify address and document the time upon arrival.
- Protect LIFE (including your own), property and environment. Evacuate as appropriate.
- Immediately notify your FOL/FLL of accidental ignition of gas, explosion, gas or CO related injury, hospitalization, or death.
- Personal protective equipment such as hardhat, eye protection, hearing protection, breathing apparatus, and gloves shall be used as required.
- Turn off your cell phone and other electrical devices that are not intrinsically safe.
- Never ring the doorbell and advise customer not to touch any switches or electric devices.
- On all Priority orders where safe access is granted, combustible gas indicator (CGI) checks are to be made in the free air upon entering a structure and at gas service entrances, floor drains, other utility service entrances, openings in basement walls and the vicinity of the curb box.
- If no one is home, turn off gas at the curb and/or meter as applicable and sample in door cracks and at available openings in the structure for gas with a CGI. If no readings register in % LEL, leave a card stating that the gas is off for safety, and that they should call the phone center to schedule a test once repairs are made. If there is a positive indication of gas on the LEL scale of the CGI, call the Fire Department and monitor at a safe distance until the fire department gains access to ventilate.
- Establish and continuously re-establish the leakage perimeter, including a check for secondary damage.
- Follow the guidelines within Policy and Procedure 721-7 for all leaks and odor calls. Recognize that all Priorities are unique, and when in doubt call for help or a second opinion!

Inside Leak/Odor

Zero the Combustible Gas Indicator (CGI) outdoors. Then enter the home sampling the free air with the CGI on the Lower Explosive Limit (LEL) scale.

- Strong odor or any CGI reading on the LEL scale (1% LEL or greater with electronic CGI) in the free air shall be considered HAZARDOUS. The premise shall be evacuated, and the gas shall be turned off at the meter valve and/or curb valve as appropriate, without placing the employee in jeopardy. Company personnel shall remain at the scene to protect life and property until the condition is made safe.
 - Both house and service lines shall be pressure tested.
- No odor or faint odor and no CGI reading on the LEL scale in the free air shall be investigated based on the customer's information and personal observations.

Outside Leak/Odor

Establish a perimeter and evacuate if necessary—Bar test the customer and company facilities while attempting to pinpoint a leak. Leakage may migrate up down spouts, under drives and in curb tiles, etc. It is essential that you canvas the area in which the odor was reported. It is not unusual to find the odor or leak several houses away or on the opposite side of the street! The leakage source can be an adjacent main or service line that may not appear to be involved. In some instances it may be prudent to call a leakage inspector to assist in pinpointing the leakage source.

Odors or Indications from Foreign Sources

- Protect LIFE (including your own), property and environment. Evacuate as appropriate.
- If an odor is found to originate from foreign sources, such as: gasoline vapors, sewer or marsh gas, another utility, or customer owned piping, appropriate action shall be taken to protect life and property.
- Conditions that are potentially hazardous shall be reported promptly to the operator
 of the facility and, when appropriate, to the Police/Fire department or other
 governmental agencies.
- You have an ethical and civic duty to notify the appropriate persons of an unsafe situation to maintain public safety.

Over Pressure or Low Pressure

- Protect LIFE (including your own), property and environment. Evacuate as appropriate.
- · Check main line pressure at meter setting.
- If over pressurized, immediately notify Leadership/Logistics for additional assistance.
- If over pressure exists on a low-pressure system, immediately begin turning off affected customers and document.
- · Conduct a through leakage investigation.
- If low pressure exists do an investigation, and look for items such as pipeline liquids, debris in the line, line break and failed regulators.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Response

Any report of CO related symptoms is considered a Priority and is to be worked immediately.

- Zero the CO detector in free air away from idling vehicles then enter the building sampling the ambient air.
- Take samples in the ambient air! Do not take samples from directly from an appliance vent.
- Evacuate if CO levels are greater than 200 ppm, Suspect CO when any one of the following occurs:
 - An aldehyde odor (pungent, irritating to the eyes, and nose) is present
 - The customer complains of "flu-like symptoms
 - · There is condensate on windows
 - · The houseplants are dying.
- Vented gas utilization equipment shall not produce any measurable CO in the ambient air.
- Un-vented gas utilization equipment shall produce not more than 10 ppm in the ambient air.
- Do not reenter the premise until levels drop to allowable levels.
- Allowable maximum CO level: 10 ppm Residential, 35 ppm Commercial
- Check gas utilization equipment for proper operation, repair or "Red Tag" faulty equipment.
- Ensure that all gas burning equipment has adequate combustion and ventilation air.
- Use "Carbon Monoxide Investigations" book for additional information.

Fire or Disaster Response

When responding to a fire or disaster, company personnel <u>must</u> report to the command post and identify yourself as a gas company employee upon arrival. You may <u>not</u> leave the scene until cleared by the command post (Fire Chief).

- The Fire Chief is normally the authority having jurisdiction while on an emergency site.
- · Respect emergency equipment and site parameters.
- · Record the time of arrival.
- Personal protective equipment such as hardhat, eye protection, hearing protection, breathing apparatus, and gloves shall be used as required.
- Actions shall be directed toward protecting <u>people</u> first and then property.
- When needed additional help shall be called to assist in making the situation safe.
- Eliminate <u>all</u> possible sources of ignition.
- Keep the command post (Fire Chief) informed throughout the process of making the situation safe.
- Record the time made safe.
- Communication is essential in handling every emergency situation!
- Immediately notify your FOL/FLL of accidental ignition of gas, explosion, gas or CO related injury, hospitalization, or death.

"There's only one corner of the universe you can be certain of improving, and that's your own self." Aldous Huxley, Time Must Have a Stop

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NOTE: Electronic leak detector units are capable of reading natural gas in atmosphere to one tenth of one percent LEL, when LEL is 5% gas to air that is equivalent to:

100% LEL = 5% or 50,000 PPM Natural Gas,

10% LEL = 0.5% or 5,000 PPM Natural Gas,

1% LEL = 0.05% or 500 PPM Natural Gas,

0.1% LEL = 0.005% or 50 PPM Natural Gas

A "Hazardous" leak is 1.0% or greater on the LEL scale of a digital CGI.

Also note that we do not require immediate evacuation for CO until the level reaches 200 PPM or 0.02% (Ref. CO Investigations 4.7).

Title: Establishing or Re-establishing Gas Service (OHIO) Date: 7/27/07 CAVEAT: This is a guide for training purposes and is not to be relied on as a substitute for the applicable codes, standards, or policies & procedures and is subject to change without notification. Proprietary: RCT LS, RS, DB 2/20/02 SH Establish Gas Svc Rev 9/17/08

Purpose: To establish gas service to new or existing premises.

Cross-Reference: Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Department of Transportation (DOT) Part 192, Title 24 CFR HUD Part 3280 Subpart H, National Fuel Gas Code (NFGC), and the Plumber's Guide (PG), 700-3, 722-1, 722-3, 724-5, 724-19, 725-1, 725-2, 725-3, 725-4, 725-5, 725-6, 725-7, 725-10, 725-15,

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- 1. General. This practice shall be followed when establishing gas service or turning on gas that is off at the meter valve and/or curb valve.
- 1.1. Service lines and meter settings shall be installed in accordance with Form 2235 (Plumber's Guide) and Title 49 CFR DOT 192.
- **1.2.** House lines and appliance installations shall be in accordance with the National Fuel Gas Code (NFGC) and local codes.
- **1.3.** Manufactured (Mobile) Home piping and appliance installations shall be in accordance with Title 24 CFR HUD 3280 Subpart H.
- 2. Verify Order. The MDT or DIS Order shall be reviewed to verify:
- 2.1. The customer's name and address
- 2.2. Meter kind, size code, serial number and meter reading.
- 3. Visual Inspection. Visual inspection is required for existing, new, repaired, or replaced customer service lines, house lines, meter settings, and appliances at the time gas service is established or re-established.
- 3.1. Gas service facilities shall be visually inspected to discover any gas theft activities, such as meter tampering, bypassing, or unauthorized service restoration. If obvious or suspected gas theft conditions exist, contact a supervisor for additional action prior to testing or establishing gas service. Meters and regulators shall be sealed to prevent tampering. Broken or damaged meter or regulator seals may be an indication of tampering.
- **3.2.** Inspection of customer service line piping and meter settings shall be in accordance with the Plumber's Guide (PG).
 - Properly sized to handle the connected load of the appliances. If service line or meter size is not correct advise the customer to contact New Business and include remarks on the MDT/DIS.
 - A visual check shall be made to ascertain that an insulator between the house lines and service line is installed and in good condition. A suitable electrical continuity tester should be used if there is any doubt regarding the insulator's effectiveness. If none exist or the existing one is in poor condition, a new insulator shall be installed.
 - Inspect regulator vent (vent line and cap, if present), for size, blockage, leakage, and that the vent terminal is located so that if gas is discharged into the outside atmosphere where it will not create a hazard.
 - 4. A service regulator without full internal or associated external relief devices shall be changed unless changing the orifice will provide full relief.
 - 5. Settings showing oxidation (rust), atmospheric corrosion or damage shall be painted, repaired, or replaced.

- 3.3. Inspection of house lines and appliance(s) shall be in accordance with the National Fuel Gas Code (NFGC) and the manufacturer's instructions.
 - 1. Arrangements must be made with the customer for access to all rooms and buildings where thermostats, appliances, or gas outlets may exist.
 - 2. New premise: ALL gas piping shall be visually inspected before establishing initial service.

Exception: Only visually inspect exposed piping when approved by a Code Official.

- 3. Existing premise: Only exposed gas piping should be visually inspected.
- 4. Disconnected gas outlets, including shut off valves shall be properly capped or plugged.
- Connected gas appliances shall be visually inspected for proper installation. Any appliance not properly installed shall be red tagged and noted on the "premise audit form" on the MDT/DIS do NOT include Red Tag Comments (see 8.4).
- 3.4. If any of the reasons above, other than suspected theft of gas, are a cause to deny service, proceed with testing so that a complete report can be given to the customer. Do not establish gas service.
- 4. Testing Requirements. Prior to establishing or re-establishing gas service, ALL piping shall be tested, and ALL piping and connected appliances shall be leak checked.
- 4.1 Abandoned. Abandoned bare steel service lines shall not be reinstated. Reinstated abandoned service lines other than bare steel shall be tested in accordance with 4.3.
- 4.2. Prior to testing against any valve holding gas pressure check for leak through. If leak through is indicated, immediately suspend the test. The valve shall be replaced or repaired.
 - 1. When testing against a valve rated at less than the test pressure:
 - a. Turn the valve off. If leak through is indicated on the gauge replace the valve.
 - b. If no leak through was indicated, pressurize to 50% test pressure. If leakage is indicated, immediately suspend the test. If the valve is suspected, replace the
 - c. If no leak through was indicated, pressurize to 75% test pressure. If leakage is indicated, immediately suspend the test. If the valve is suspected, replace the
 - d. If no leak through was indicated, pressurize to test pressure. If leakage is indicated, immediately suspend the test. If the valve is suspected, replace the valve.
- 4.3. Testing of new, replaced, temporarily disconnected, or repaired customer service line piping and meter settings shall be in accordance with the Plumber's Guide (PG).
 - 1. Service lines TEST PRESSURE
 - a. shall be 1.5 times MAOP but not less than 90 psig.
 - b. Temporarily disconnected or partially replaced LOW PRESSURE (less than 1 psig) BARE STEEL shall be tested at not less than 10 psig.
 - c. Test pressures greater than 125 psig consult your supervisor.2. Service lines TEST DURATION.
 - - a. Pipe sizes 2" or smaller shall be tested for not less than 5 minutes.
 - b. Temporarily disconnected LOW PRESSURE (less than 1 psig) BARE STEEL shall be tested for not less than 10 minutes.
 - b. Pipe sizes larger than 2", shall be tested in accordance with Attachment 1.

- **4.4.** Testing of <u>EXISTING</u> customer <u>service line</u> piping and meter settings shall be in accordance with the following:
 - 1. CGI testing is permitted at intervals over the service line and at the vicinity of the curb valve if gas was not off at the curb valve.
 - 2. Pressure drop testing at operating pressure for 3 minutes is required if gas was turned off to the service line.
- **4.5.** Testing of <u>house lines</u> and appliance(s) shall be in accordance with the National Fuel Gas Code (NFGC).
 - 1. New piping shall be inspected and tested in accordance with the NFGC testing requirements, and
 - 2. New piping and appliances shall have a "leak check" in accordance with the NFGC.
 - 3. Existing piping and appliances shall have a "leak check" in accordance with the NFGC (normally operating pressure for 3 minutes).
- 4.6. Meter Set Assembly, all fittings that were disturbed, valve(s) that were operated, and all appliance piping and controls that were not included in the pressure test shall be leak checked.
- 4.7. Leakage detector (CGI in some cases) tests are required at the curb valve (if applicable), floor drains, gas service entrance, and if applicable, other utility entrances.
- 4.8. If provisions are made to maintain continuous service, such as by installation of a bypass, any portion of the original service line and/or house line used to maintain continuous service need not be tested.

5. Turning on Gas.

- 5.1. A <u>NEW</u> gas meter may be set and/or the gas turned on if the service line and meter setting are installed, inspected, and tested as new in accordance with the Plumber's Guide and the permanent house line piping shall meet at least one of the following requirements:
 - House line piping is properly connected to all appliance(s) and any unused trunk, branch, and/or stub piping shall be capped or plugged. Where required, there shall be documentation of an Approval for Natural Gas Service from the Building Code Official.
 - 2. Where approval for natural gas service from the Building Code Official is not required, house line installation(s) shall include at least one appliance drop.
- Note 1: When the meter is installed, Gas Company Personnel SHALL inspect and test, all installed house line(s) and appliances then purge, and place in operation (as required) all connected appliances <u>prior to drywall or back fill of house lines</u>.
- Note 2: When applicable, Gas Company Personnel shall not hang a new meter when house lines or appliances are installed until Code Official has approved the house line installation and attached an "Approval Sticker" at the meter setting or front window.
- 5.2. An <u>EXISTING</u> premise gas may be turned on after all house piping and appliances are inspected and leakage checked in accordance with the NFGC and the service line is checked for leakage in accordance with 4.4.

- <u>6. Purging</u> is the process of displacing air with natural gas from a new or repaired pipeline or displacing natural gas with air when repairing or abandoning a pipeline 1. Purge Points:
 - a. At the service line prior to setting regulator flow and lockup.
 - b. At the meter outlet while watching test dial to insure meter operation.
 - c. At ALL connected appliances prior to lighting.
- 7. Service/High Pressure REGULATOR INSPECTION. Self Operated Single Ported Service Regulators under 2", serving domestic or large volume meters, shall be inspected at the time of meter change, when a new meter or new regulator is installed, or when operational problems are suspected.
- 7.1. Standard Delivery Pressure The regulator must be checked for the proper pressure during flow (set pressure) and that it will completely stop flow (lockup) with no demand
 - 1. Set the regulator flow (SET PRESSURE) at 7" WC.
 - Check LOCKUP pressure. If LOCKUP exceeds 12" WC, repair or replace the regulator. THE LOCKUP PRESSURE SHALL NOT EXCEED 12 INCHES WATER COLUMN.
- 7.2. FPFM (Fixed Pressure Factor Measurement) If a higher set pressure is necessary to adequately serve the customer, the customer shall be advised to contact New Business. Never promise FPFM installations.
 - 1. Set pressure is 0.5 psig (14" WC), replace or repair the regulator if Lockup exceeds 20" WC.
 - 2. Set pressure is 2.0 psig or greater, replace or repair the regulator if Lock-up exceeds the set pressure by more than .25 psig.

Exception: A lock up test need not be performed on an existing service regulator serving more than one meter or when a bypass around the meter has been provided; however, the set pressure must be determined and corrected, if necessary.

7.3 Service/High Pressure REGULATOR SELECTION

- Meter Settings <u>2 to 60 psig</u> require a service regulator with a 3/16" orifice set to the required H.L. pressure.
- 2. Meter Settings <u>61 to 99 psig</u> require a service regulator with a 1/8" orifice set to the required H.L. pressure.
- Meter Settings 100 to 200 psig require 1 HP reg. with a 1/8" orifice set @ 15-psigoutlet pressure and a service regulator set to the required H.L. pressure.
- 4. Meter settings at <u>over 200 pslq</u> require 2 HP reg. with 1/8" orifices, the 1st set @ 100 pslg outlet pressure, the 2nd is set @ 15 psig, and a service regulator set to the required H.L. pressure.

- 8. Lighting Appliances shall be in accordance with the NFGC including Annex H.
- 8.1. Gas lines SHALL be purged at all connected appliances.

 Warning: Piping shall not be purged into the combustion chamber of an appliance, confined space, or near sources of ignition. NEVER leave the purge point while purging is in progress.
- **8.2.** All properly installed gas appliances, <u>except</u> new heating equipment, shall be lit and checked for safe operation.
 - New heating equipment shall not be lit or checked for safe operation. The
 appliance shall be tagged advising the customer to have the installer place the
 appliance into operation.
 - 2. Appliances found to be unsafe shall be corrected or "Red Tagged" (see 8.4).
 - 3. Appliances determined to be safe shall be left operational unless the customer requests otherwise.
- 8.3. All equipment shall be given the following checks, if applicable:
 - 1. Check ignition safety device for proper operation.
 - 2. Observe flame characteristics for proper combustion.
 - 3. Check for proper draft.
- 8.4. If an unsafe condition is found on any connected gas appliance, the appliance shall be shut off at the appliance valve. A "Red Tag" shall be completed with the reason it is unsafe and attached to the valve or the appliance. The customer shall also be informed, verbally or in writing, why the appliance is unsafe and what must be done to correct the problem. A "Premise Audit Form" shall be completed on the MDT/DIS. Do NOT include Red Tag Comments in the order remarks.

9. Appliance Service

- 9.1. No Charge This service will normally be performed in conjunction with other customer premise work such as, turning on gas for a new occupant, changing meters, and setting new meters. The following services shall be made to gas appliances without charge:
 - 1. Combustion adjustments with the primary air shutter for proper flame characteristics.
 - 2. Combustion/ventilation air checks.
 - 3. Safety inspection of flue conditions.
- 9.2. All other types of service of a technical nature should be performed by a qualified external repairperson at the customers' expense. When customer requested appliance work is done by a company employee the following Ohio charges apply:
 - 1. When appliance service is the primary reason for the order (AP).
 - a. During regular working hours: \$60.00 minimum and/or hourly charge and \$15.00 for each 1/4 hour after the 1st hour.
 - b. Other than regular working hours: \$72.00 minimum and/or hourly charge and \$18.00 for each ¼ hour after the 1st hour.
 - 2. When appliance service is NOT the primary reason for the order.
 - a. During regular working hours: \$15.00 for each 1/4 hour.
 - b. Other than regular working hours: \$18.00 for each 1/4 hour.

10. Leakage.

- 10.1 On all orders where service line and/or house line leakage is found a re-inspect is required. The account shall be coded "OF" (off for leakage). A return trip is necessary to clear the leak order.
- 10.2 When a meter(s) is/are located in basements suggest the meter(s) be moved outside. Meter(s) remaining in basements shall meet all current installation requirements. Meter(s) may be required to be moved outside only if the customer's leakage card and the MDT/DIS remarks indicate one or more of the following conditions:
 - 1. Unauthorized gas consumption.
 - 2. Evidence of tampering.
 - 3. Unsafe location.
 - 4. No access to meter(s) by all tenants and/or Gas Company Personnel.
 - 5. Unsanitary basement conditions.
- 11. Records. Record the necessary information on the MDT or DIS Order. The following items shall be recorded:
- 11.1. Meter serial number, reading, kind and size code, temperature compensation code, pressure compensation code, and riser code along with any other required fields.
 - When the pressure compensation code is incorrect a Fixed Pressure Compensation by Computer (FPCC) Form 2245 shall be completed in addition to making changes on the MDT/DIS.
- 11.2. On new sets coded "OF", remark all conditions that need repaired or modified and what was reported to the customer in "remarks". On all other establishing or reestablishing orders use the premise audit form appropriately. A hand written detailed report shall be given to the customer or property owner regarding necessary repairs, modifications, or "Red Tag" conditions.
- 11.3. If follow up work is needed to complete the job, such as locate and clean curb box or change curb valve, then use the "Further Action Required" (FAR) giving a concise statement of what need to be done.

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Ref. No. 725-15(34) Lighting Appliances When Establishing or Reestablishing Service

- (2) Observe flame characteristics for proper combustion.
- (3) Check for proper draft and ventilation.
- d. In the event an unsafe condition is discovered at an appliance(s), the gas to such appliance(s) shall be turned off and the appliance(s) shall be "red tagged" according to Policy and Procedure Ref. No. 725-1(34), "Use of Red Tag on Appliances." Gas service may then be established or re-established for those appliances in safe condition.

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BASS EXHIBIT

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From:

CMcCreery@nisource.com

Sent:

Tuesday, February 19, 2008 1:14 PM

To: Subject: Dillon, James E. RE: Cameron Creek



Jim,

Rather than wait for everything to be wrapped up in a letter, I thought it advisable to provide you information on followup actions as we agreed. The following was provided to me by our standards compliance technical group as to the difference between a 6" diameter and 7" diameter cross section combustion vent air duct:

I have been in discussions with Rod Anderson, also inhouse counsel for Columbia, at our Columbus Ohio Headquarters. Rod would represent COH in any proceeding before the commission. At this point we are continuing to explore alternative solutions.

As we discussed, it would be helpful to know how much beyond the original \$73,000—\$ 75,000 quote the 7" solution would run.

thanks

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