

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the :  
Application of Ohio Power :  
Company and Columbus :  
Southern Power :  
Company for Authority to : Case No. 10-2376-EL-UNC  
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Approvals. :

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2 October 12, 2011.

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4 EXAMINER SEE: Let's go on the record.

5 Mr. Hamrock, I'll remind you that you  
6 continue to be under oath.

7 And Mr. Conway.

8 MR. CONWAY: Thank you, your Honor.

9 I did want to take the opportunity, if  
10 it's permitted, to explain our position with regard  
11 to the document that Mr. Lang was, I think,  
12 attempting to introduce into the record yesterday at  
13 the end of the day, at which point we adjourned for  
14 the day. So may I make just a few summary comments  
15 about our position?

16 EXAMINER SEE: You can, but I need you to  
17 speak up, Mr. Conway.

18 MR. CONWAY: Okay. Kurt, if you would  
19 let me know if you can't hear me.

20 MR. K. BOEHM: I can hear you fine, thank  
21 you.

22 MR. CONWAY: Your Honors, the document  
23 that Mr. Lang is using in his cross-examination at  
24 this point is a confidential settlement offer  
25 document that was circulated at the end of the day on

1 September 6th, it's a near-final offer but yet it  
2 is still an offer of compromise for the proceedings.

3 The Commission has traditionally regarded  
4 offers of settlement, communications related to  
5 settlement discussions, as privileged communications  
6 and has not permitted their admission into the record  
7 in proceedings to which the settlement discussions  
8 relate. I believe that is the purpose to which  
9 Mr. Lang is advancing here.

10 As I said, the September 6th offer that  
11 was circulated, it's legended as and was intended to  
12 be kept confidential and it was circulated on that  
13 basis to all the parties in the case. We expected  
14 that they would keep it confidential.

15 Mr. Lang's argument that because the  
16 documents do not, or he's not seeking to use the  
17 document to establish a liability and, therefore, the  
18 Rules of Evidence don't apply and there's no  
19 privilege that attaches to the document I think is  
20 misguided.

21 We're not dealing with a personal injury  
22 or property damage matter here, we're dealing with a  
23 pretty significant rate matter and corporate  
24 structuring matter here, and I think that the purpose  
25 of his introduction of the document is to advance his

1 client's position, which is in opposition to the  
2 signatory parties, including AEP Ohio's, position and  
3 so I think that it is very similar to trying to  
4 establish a liability, that is to advance his cause  
5 and to defeat our cause.

6 So I don't think that the rule prevents  
7 the Commission from maintaining its historical  
8 practice of keeping confidential and treating as  
9 privilege communications that are made during  
10 settlement.

11 Having said all that, if there is some  
12 specific purpose which Mr. Lang wants to achieve, it  
13 seems to me there ought to be some way to do it  
14 without divulging settlement offers that were made  
15 during settlement discussions.

16 So I would hope that we could proceed in  
17 that manner and not have a ruling that settlement  
18 offers in settlement negotiations at the Commission  
19 are now fair game to be admitted into the record of  
20 contested proceedings that relate to the settlement  
21 discussions.

22 Thank you.

23 EXAMINER SEE: Mr. Lang. Did you want to  
24 respond?

25 MR. LANG: Thank you, your Honor.

1 I think to the extent that there is a  
2 confidentiality issue, and I was thinking about this  
3 last night after we adjourned and I think we were  
4 talking past each other a little bit, on the issue of  
5 confidentiality we have no problem with having the  
6 attachment to the e-mails filed under seal. I  
7 believe they said that the e-mails themselves they do  
8 not consider to be confidential.

9 With regard to the exchange of these  
10 documents, going back to the Commission rules, the  
11 Commission rules is that the evidence of compromise  
12 negotiations is not admissible but there's ample  
13 exceptions under Rule, I think it's 26(E) that, among  
14 other things, the admission of confidential  
15 discussions is not excludable from the record  
16 provided it's used for some other purpose.

17 And we started this many hours ago before  
18 we even got to the point of trying to ask the witness  
19 what the document was and asking the witness about  
20 the contents of the document, so we've never gotten  
21 to the point where I've been able to try to use the  
22 document for a purpose, but my purpose is not to use  
23 it to show what the ebb and flow of settlement  
24 discussions was, it's simply to show that, again, as  
25 Mr. Hamrock has in his testimony, he testifies that

1 AEP sent the stipulation to all parties.

2 My understanding is that his reference in  
3 the testimony, that's at page 10, line 4, to AEP Ohio  
4 sending the stipulation to all parties, that that is  
5 to this communication that I'd like to have marked.

6 I'd like to have him explain both what he  
7 meant by sending the stipulation and, most  
8 importantly, explain what was not part of the  
9 communication that was sent to the parties late on  
10 the evening of September 6th.

11 So to the extent that he's saying the  
12 stipulation was sent, the parties had an opportunity  
13 to respond and then that stipulation was signed the  
14 next day, that is -- that's not accurate, in fact,  
15 which I would like to explore with the witness and  
16 develop through this document that his testimony is  
17 not accurate and for that purpose use the document to  
18 impeach his testimony.

19 And I believe that under the Commission  
20 rules for that purpose use of that document is  
21 permitted and, again, if they want to maintain that  
22 document under seal, we certainly have no problem  
23 with that.

24 MR. CONWAY: Your Honor, if I may make  
25 one or two short comments.

1 EXAMINER SEE: Briefly, Mr. Conway.

2 MR. CONWAY: He indicated in the midst of  
3 his argument that what he wanted to show is what  
4 wasn't included with the attachment to the e-mail,  
5 and you don't need the document that he has been  
6 referring to in order to make those points.

7 If what he is trying to show is that  
8 attachments to the stipulation, for example, were not  
9 included in the e-mail that was circulated, he  
10 certainly doesn't need the e-mail -- the document  
11 itself to be included in the record to do that. So I  
12 think he can avoid the issue pretty easily.

13 And I think that the remainder of his  
14 comments, which attempts to side step the core  
15 problem here, don't do it which is that what he wants  
16 to do is introduce into the record in this case a  
17 settlement record that was made to the parties in a  
18 confidential manner. And so we go down that track,  
19 where it leads is that settlement offers going back  
20 and forth are admissible in litigated proceedings at  
21 the Commission.

22 So I don't think it's necessary to do  
23 this and I don't think the rationale he's provided is  
24 sufficient to upset the practice of the Commission on  
25 this matter. And putting it under seal doesn't solve

1 the core problem which is divulging these settlement  
2 offers in the litigation record.

3 Thank you.

4 EXAMINER SEE: At this point given that  
5 there is a pending -- that is a motion -- I'm sorry,  
6 let me go back.

7 Given that there is an entry in these  
8 proceedings dated October 7th by Attorney Examiner  
9 Jones addressing a public records request that  
10 includes term sheets, settlement offers that were  
11 exchanged by the parties in an attempt to negotiate a  
12 settlement of these cases, I am going to rule at this  
13 time that the attachment to the e-mail dated Tuesday,  
14 September 6th, is not a part of the record.

15 We can mark the e-mail itself and FES can  
16 cross-examine Mr. Hamrock on that without divulging  
17 the content of the draft stipulation that was  
18 attached to it.

19 If you wish to mark the e-mail, let's  
20 proceed.

21 MR. LANG: And, your Honor, I think I  
22 would like to mark the first page of what I handed  
23 out which would be FES I think, again, FES Exhibit  
24 No. 13. I think we can tear that off the top of the  
25 copies.

1                   EXAMINER SEE: As we left yesterday the  
2 e-mail attachment had not been circulated to the  
3 other parties.

4                   MR. LANG: Correct. And we can do that  
5 now.

6                   (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

7                   MR. CONWAY: Mr. Lang, could I just have  
8 your, I think you may have already done this, but can  
9 I have your assurance that no one that you circulated  
10 the e-mail and attachment to is a person who hadn't  
11 already received the e-mail and attachment through  
12 the September 6th communication?

13                  MR. LANG: It was just AEP and the Bench.

14                  MR. CONWAY: Okay. Thank you.

15                  MR. LANG: And my understanding is that  
16 everyone else in this room was a party and received  
17 it on September 6th. Is there anyone in this room  
18 who you believe should not receive a, you know,  
19 should not have a copy already?

20                  MR. NOURSE: I thought we were only  
21 handing out the e-mail.

22                  MR. LANG: I want to make sure that, you  
23 know, to the extent that we did pass these documents  
24 around, is there anyone in this room that would be  
25 prohibited from seeing that document?

1 MR. CONWAY: I don't know, but I think  
2 it's moot because of your reassurance to me that the  
3 only people who got your previously marked version of  
4 Exhibit 13 were the company and the Bench. So I  
5 think it's a moot point.

6 MR. LANG: Sorry, your Honor. Is the  
7 ruling that any testimony with regard to settlement  
8 communications is inadmissible at this time?  
9 Because, I mean, there's a, you know, pages 9 and 10  
10 of Mr. Hamrock's testimony deal with those, with  
11 settlement discussions, which is part, I believe, of  
12 trying to meet one of the stipulation standards in  
13 this case.

14 So if I can't -- if we're unable to use  
15 the document that he's referencing in his testimony,  
16 FES would move to strike the portion of this  
17 testimony that refers to that document.

18 EXAMINER SEE: You can certainly pose  
19 questions to the witness in general as you have, as  
20 you did yesterday, inquiring when information was  
21 sent. And that it's the content, the terms, the  
22 specifics of the stipulation or term sheets or offers  
23 during settlement negotiations that are the scope of  
24 my ruling at this point.

25 MR. LANG: Thank you.

1                                 - - -

2                                 JOSEPH HAMROCK

3       being previously duly sworn, as prescribed by law,  
4       was examined and testified as follows:

5                                 CROSS-EXAMINATION (Continued)

6       By Mr. Lang:

7                         Q.     Mr. Hamrock.

8                         A.     Good morning.

9                         Q.     Good morning. Back to your testimony,  
10       page 10, line 4, and where you state AEP Ohio sent  
11       the stipulation to all the parties. The  
12       communication that sent the stipulation to all  
13       parties, were you able to review that communication  
14       before it was sent out?

15                         MR. CONWAY: Just another interjection,  
16       if you'll forgive me. By "the stipulation" you're  
17       referring to the near-final stipulation that was  
18       circulated by the September 6th e-mail; is that  
19       right?

20                         MR. LANG: I asked him a question about  
21       his testimony. I was hoping to get an answer.

22                         MR. CONWAY: Then I object to the form  
23       because it's vague.

24                         MR. LANG: Quoting his testimony is  
25       vague. Can I get an answer to the question?

1                   EXAMINER SEE: Mr. Hamrock, answer the  
2 question please.

3                   THE WITNESS: Can you repeat the  
4 question, please?

5                   (Record read.)

6                   A. I don't recall reviewing the  
7 communication before it was sent out. I certainly  
8 was aware of the communication but I don't recall  
9 that I reviewed it in advance of sending the e-mail.

10                  Q. Did you review that communication after  
11 it was sent out?

12                  A. I'm sure I did at some point. I don't  
13 recall when that might have happened.

14                  Q. Do you have the e-mail that I handed to  
15 you yesterday?

16                  A. Yes, I do.

17                  Q. And if you could actually just take the  
18 first page of that document that I sent to you  
19 yesterday that we'll be asking you about, this is an  
20 e-mail from your counsel, Mr. Nourse, it has a date  
21 on it, Tuesday, September 6th, 2011, 10:11 p.m. Is  
22 this the e-mail communication that is the  
23 communication you reference here in your testimony on  
24 page 10, line 4?

25                  A. Yes.

1           Q.    And in your testimony where you say  
2    AEP Ohio requested a final counteroffer, according to  
3    this e-mail that final counteroffer was requested by  
4    8:00 a.m. the next morning; is that correct?

5           A.    Yes.  Along with a request to indicate  
6    whether there was any interest in additional  
7    settlement discussions with AEP Ohio.

8           Q.    Now, is it your understanding that this  
9    e-mail sent, as you say in your testimony, the  
10   stipulation to all parties?

11          A.    Yes.  The near-final stipulation, to the  
12   best of my recollection, was included with this  
13   e-mail.

14          Q.    So when you say "near final," what was  
15   missing?

16          A.    As I recall, there were a number of  
17   clean-up items that were discussed with parties the  
18   following morning.  Early the following morning.  But  
19   I don't recall the specifics of those.

20                MR. LANG:  Do we need to go off the  
21   record?  His mic's not on.

22                EXAMINER SEE:  Okay.

23                (Off the record.)

24          Q.    Now, the stipulation that was sent after  
25   10:00 p.m. on September 6th did not include the

1 Appendix A listing the MTR credits and charges,  
2 correct?

3 A. I don't recall if it included Appendix A.

4 Q. Have you ever had an opportunity to  
5 review the attachment that was the attachment to this  
6 e-mail?

7 A. I'm sure that I have, yes. I don't  
8 recall what all was included, though.

9 Q. So as we sit here today do you know  
10 whether any of the appendices were attached to the  
11 stipulation?

12 A. I don't recall.

13 Q. Do you know whether they may have been  
14 attached as separate files?

15 A. I don't recall. As I recall the  
16 stipulation, the main document, that was included, I  
17 don't recall what, if any, of the appendices were  
18 included.

19 Q. Does that also include Appendix C with  
20 the RPM set-aside rules?

21 A. The same answer. I don't recall beyond  
22 the original document what else might have been  
23 included.

24 Q. Now, the stipulation, the final  
25 stipulation says that the 21 percent set-aside of RPM

1 for 2012 will be based on AEP Ohio's total retail  
2 load in 2012; is that correct?

3 A. That sounds correct, yes.

4 Q. So if Appendix C was not included with  
5 what was sent to the parties on the evening of  
6 September 6th, then the parties, none of the  
7 parties would know that Appendix C calculates the  
8 set-aside amount differently; isn't that true?

9 A. Differently than?

10 Q. It does not use AEP Ohio's total retail  
11 load in 2012, which is what the stipulation says.

12 A. I don't know that that distinction  
13 between Appendix C and the stipulation is correct.

14 Q. Have you --

15 A. The distinction you're making in the  
16 question, I'm not sure that that's correct.

17 Q. Have you ever reviewed Appendix C?

18 A. I have.

19 Q. Do you know whether Appendix C was ever  
20 provided to FirstEnergy Solutions or any of the other  
21 non-stipulating parties until after the final  
22 stipulation was signed later on the morning of  
23 September 7th?

24 A. To the best of my recollection, Appendix  
25 C, though it may not have been called Appendix C, the

1 substantial form that it took had been shared with  
2 all the parties prior to FirstEnergy Solutions and  
3 other parties moving away from the table, moving out  
4 of the negotiations.

5 So the concept had been referred to in  
6 the earlier versions of the term sheet and early  
7 versions of what was ultimately to become Appendix C,  
8 to the best of my recollection, had been shared prior  
9 with FirstEnergy Solutions.

10 Q. What is the basis for that recollection?

11 A. My participation in settlement  
12 discussions and all the discussions that included all  
13 of the parties.

14 Q. So you provided a copy of Appendix C to  
15 FirstEnergy Solutions.

16 A. I didn't say that I personally had  
17 provided it, but I recall an early version of that  
18 document being circulated to all the parties in  
19 earlier settlement discussions.

20 Q. Do you know when the final version of  
21 Appendix C was provided to FirstEnergy Solutions?

22 A. I believe after the stipulation was filed  
23 there was a working session that we hosted to  
24 finalize Appendix C. FirstEnergy Solutions was  
25 certainly invited to that and participated in that

1 session, so FirstEnergy Solutions has been aware of  
2 and engaged in that discussion, even though they're  
3 not a signatory party.

4 MR. LANG: I have no further questions,  
5 your Honor.

6 EXAMINER TAUBER: Ms. Grady.

7 MS. GRADY: Thank you, your Honor.

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9 CROSS-EXAMINATION

10 By Ms. Grady:

11 Q. Good morning, Mr. Hamrock.

12 A. Good morning, Ms. Grady.

13 Q. Now, your testimony, Mr. Hamrock, gives  
14 an overview of the stipulation; is that a fair  
15 characterization?

16 A. Yes, I believe it is.

17 Q. Now, on page 6 of your testimony you  
18 refer to the base generation rate under the  
19 stipulation for 2012 through 2014. Do you see that  
20 reference?

21 A. Which line are you referring to?

22 Q. If you could hold on a second, I'll get  
23 that for you. I'm looking down at actually lines 20  
24 through 22 where you say "The generation prices for  
25 SSO customers," and you talk about a pricing

1 structure that essentially fixes the base generation  
2 rate.

3 A. Yes, I'm with you now. Thank you.

4 Q. Now, the generation rate proposed under  
5 the stipulation, would you agree that it is intended  
6 to recover 100 percent of the company's generation  
7 costs?

8 A. Not necessarily.

9 Q. So the generation rate for 2012 does not  
10 cover -- is not intended to cover the generation  
11 costs of the company?

12 A. Well, this is the generation rate for SSO  
13 customers, so as customers shop, there would  
14 certainly be other mechanisms designed to recover  
15 costs of the AEP Ohio generation fleet.

16 Q. Now, currently in the ESP rates AEP is  
17 recovering a portion of its generation costs, is it  
18 not, through off-system sales?

19 A. I think that's a fair statement, yes.

20 Q. Do you know how much AEP's recovering of  
21 its generation costs through its off-system sales?

22 A. I do not, no.

23 Q. Is that information publicly available,  
24 if you know?

25 A. How much in terms of a percentage of the

1 total cost? Could you be a little more specific with  
2 what you mean by "how much"?

3 Q. Yes. As a percentage of the total cost,  
4 yes.

5 A. I don't know that public information  
6 would provide that level of precision --

7 Q. But --

8 A. -- relative to off-system sales margins.

9 Q. There is off-system sales margins that  
10 are publicly available showing the AEP Ohio  
11 off-system sales, are there not?

12 A. Yeah, that's fair.

13 Q. Is there an expectation that under the  
14 stipulation AEP will continue to recover a portion of  
15 its generation costs through its off-system sales?

16 A. While the stipulation does not  
17 specifically address that, I would certainly hope  
18 that would be the case.

19 Q. Is there anything in the stipulation that  
20 will have changed that expectation or would affect  
21 that expectation?

22 A. Not to my knowledge, no.

23 Q. Now, would you agree with me,  
24 Mr. Hamrock, that the greater the shopping that  
25 occurs, the more energy that's freed up for

1 off-system sales?

2 A. Not necessarily. All other things held  
3 constant, that might be the case, but it's a dynamic  
4 business with a lot of different changing parameters,  
5 so with those conditions, yes, I would agree with  
6 that.

7 Q. And would you also agree with me that the  
8 greater the shopping that occurs, the more capacity  
9 that's freed up for off-system sales?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Would you agree that the more shopping,  
12 the greater portion of generation costs that will be  
13 recovered through off-system sales? All other things  
14 equal?

15 A. Not necessarily.

16 Q. And why not?

17 A. It depends on the markets. It depends on  
18 unit availability. It depends on what happens with  
19 U.S. EPA rulemaking relative to our ability to  
20 dispatch the fleet. So there are a lot of different  
21 factors that influence that part of the business.

22 Q. Now, on page 15 of your testimony, lines  
23 11 through 20, you testify that -- I'm sorry, I think  
24 the reference I have is page 15, lines 11 through 20.  
25 I believe that you indicate that shopping customers

1     who previously waived the POLR charge would now under  
2     the stipulation not have to be penalized when they  
3     come back to the SSO. Is that a fair  
4     characterization?

5           A.    No. I don't believe it's fair to  
6     characterize it as a penalty. The approach had been  
7     to come back to a market-based rate, I don't know  
8     that that's necessarily a penalty, but what this does  
9     is provides for those customers to return to the SSO  
10    price.

11           Q.    So they do not have to pay market rate  
12    now under the stipulation, correct?

13           A.    That's correct.

14           Q.    Would you agree with me that the number  
15    of customers that this effects up through August 2011  
16    would be 427 customers out of the approximately  
17    1.4 million AEP Ohio customers?

18           A.    I don't know how many customers that  
19    avoided POLR although I do recall it's a low  
20    percentage of the customers who had shopped.

21                   MS. GRADY: May I approach the witness,  
22    your Honor?

23                   EXAMINER TAUBER: You may.

24           Q.    Mr. Hamrock, I'm going to hand you a  
25    document that appears to be a discovery response to

1 OCC interrogatory 427 and ask you to quickly review  
2 that if you could.

3 A. I have reviewed it.

4 Q. Now, is it your understanding that the  
5 number of customers who have selected service from a  
6 CRES provider and received distribution service from  
7 the company that have waived the 2009 through 2011  
8 POLR charge rider as of August 2011 is 427 customers?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Thank you.

11 Now, let's move along to your testimony  
12 on the distribution investment rider. That begins on  
13 page 20. Do you have that reference?

14 A. I do.

15 Q. Okay. Now, you testify, Mr. Hamrock,  
16 that the distribution investment rider will allow  
17 recovery of carrying charges on incremental  
18 distribution plant. Do you see that reference?

19 A. Yes, I see that on line 15 and 16, page  
20 20.

21 Q. Thank you. And is that investment  
22 post-2000 investment?

23 A. That's my recollection of how that's  
24 designed, yes. Witness Allen provided testimony to  
25 that effect.

1           Q.   And are you familiar with the testimony  
2 of Mr. Allen that the carrying charges on that  
3 post-2000 investment would be approximately  
4 20 percent?

5           A.   That sounds correct, yes.

6           Q.   Now, Mr. Hamrock, are you not aware of  
7 the distribution case filing where the company has  
8 requested a return on and of post-2000 investment?

9           A.   I am aware of that.

10          Q.   And those would be case numbers  
11 11-351-EL-AIR and 11-352-EL-AIR?

12          A.   I'll take your word.

13          Q.   Thank you.

14               Now, the distribution investment rider  
15 will permit increases for continued distribution and  
16 maintenance; is that correct?

17          A.   The distribution investment rider?

18          Q.   Yes.

19          A.   Yes, that's correct.

20          Q.   And the distribution investment rider  
21 will also allow for the collection of funds for the  
22 company without any additional distribution  
23 expenditures; is that not correct?

24          A.   I don't believe that's correct. I'm not  
25 sure. "Without any" relative to what baseline?

1           Q.    If we made an assumption that the -- as  
2   of today that there were no longer plant investments,  
3   there were no new plant investments made as of today,  
4   that the distribution investment rider would  
5   nonetheless permit you to collect carrying charges on  
6   post-2000 investment.

7           A.    Up through today. Under that  
8   hypothetical scenario, if we cease to make additional  
9   investments from today going forward, this rider is  
10  designed to collect post-2000 up through a date  
11  certain, so -- but I don't believe there would be  
12  incremental recovery if we ceased to make additional  
13  investment, if that's the premise of the question.

14          Q.    Were you here when Mr. Allen testified to  
15  that or answered questions with respect to that  
16  particular issue?

17          A.    I was here for part of his  
18  cross-examination, not all of it, to my recollection.

19          Q.    And are you aware that Mr. Allen  
20  testified that no additional distribution investment  
21  would necessarily have to be made in order for the  
22  company to collect dollars under the DIR?

23          A.    Well, again, the DIR is based on  
24  post-2000. So there certainly has been investment  
25  made since 2000. And I believe Witness Allen was

1 referring to the incremental investment from 2000  
2 through a date certain. Looking forward, future  
3 increases in that rider would depend on future  
4 investments.

5 Q. Let's say for the increases for 2012,  
6 those wouldn't depend on future investments now,  
7 would they?

8 A. Those are based on investments that have  
9 already been made.

10 Q. Now, on page 12 of your testimony you  
11 testify that AEP Ohio will provide discounted  
12 capacity prices to CRES providers for portions of AEP  
13 capacity resources. Do you see that reference?

14 A. What line are you referring to?

15 Q. I'm sorry. That would be page 12 of your  
16 testimony, I believe it's at the bottom, lines 22  
17 through 23 and carrying over to page 13.

18 A. Yes. I'm with you now.

19 Q. Are you referring there to the RPM price  
20 capacity set-aside? Is that what your reference is  
21 to?

22 A. Yes, because that reference is to  
23 substantial and increasing portions of AEP Ohio's  
24 capacity resources. That is a direct reference to  
25 the RPM set-aside.

1           Q.    And under the stipulation is it your  
2 understanding that the set-aside of RPM capacity is  
3 initially allocated on a pro rata basis among  
4 different customer classes including residential,  
5 commercial, and industrial?

6           A.    Yes.

7           Q.    And that set-aside or pro rata allocation  
8 applies to 2012 only, correct?

9           A.    That applies to the shopping that occurs  
10 during the remainder of 2011 for the customers that  
11 actually switch between now and then, and it's a  
12 one-time partitioning of the RPM set-aside for the  
13 initial set-aside, yes.

14          Q.    And that RPM partitioning would just be  
15 for the 2012, the year 2012, correct?

16          A.    Well, it would carry through the entire  
17 transmission plan, so it doesn't only allow for 2012  
18 shopping. Those deals that occur under that  
19 framework could certainly carry through 2013 and  
20 2014.

21          Q.    Now, for 2012 the company identified a  
22 pro rata allocation of RPM set-aside, did it not, by  
23 customer class?

24          A.    Yes.

25          Q.    And the commercial customers as of

1 September 7th, 2011, that class in particular had  
2 exceeded its 21 percent allotment. Is that your  
3 understanding?

4 A. That's my understanding, yes.

5 Q. Then the allocation to both the  
6 industrial and residential was reduced as a result of  
7 that fact?

8 A. That's my understanding, yes.

9 Q. Is it your understanding that the  
10 residential RPM set-aside was reduced by about half a  
11 million megawatt-hours?

12 A. I don't recall the specific number.

13 Q. Would you accept, subject to check, that  
14 it was reduced by half a million megawatt-hours?

15 A. Sure.

16 Q. And that half a million megawatt-hours  
17 went to the commercial customers; isn't that your  
18 understanding? That set-aside?

19 A. It's a result of the oversubscription of  
20 the commercial customers relative to the initial  
21 allotment.

22 Q. And as a result of the oversubscription  
23 of the commercial customers, half a million  
24 megawatt-hours for residential set-aside was then  
25 allocated to those customers?

1           A.    That was -- yes, it was subscribed to by  
2 those customers.

3           Q.    Is it your understanding that there's  
4 also an issue of unallocated allotments as of  
5 September 7th, 2011?

6           A.    When you say "an issue of unallocated  
7 allotments," what do you mean?

8           Q.    Let me rephrase that.

9                   Is it your understanding that there are  
10 also unallocated allotments as of September 7th,  
11 2011?

12          A.    That is my understand, yes.

13          Q.    And under the stipulation the unallocated  
14 allotments are up for grabs; is that correct?

15          A.    At what point in time are you referring  
16 to?

17          Q.    January 1st, 2012.

18          A.    Those allotments are set aside for each  
19 customer class through the end of the year and after  
20 that, that is correct, they would be reallocated  
21 without any partition, to use that word again.

22          Q.    And the only class that has unallocated  
23 allotments as you know today would be the residential  
24 customer class?

25          A.    I believe that's correct.

1           Q.   And is it your understanding the  
2           industrials capacity allotments are all awarded of as  
3           of this date?

4           A.   That's my recollection, yes.

5           Q.   Are you aware of the level of unallocated  
6           allotments to the residential customers?

7           A.   As of this point in time?

8           Q.   Yes.

9           A.   I am not.

10          Q.   Are you aware of any commercial and  
11          industrial customers queuing up to get that  
12          unallocated residential allotment?

13          A.   I'm not aware of specific individual  
14          customers, although it's a very dynamic process so  
15          I'm sure there's a continuing growth in the queue and  
16          I don't know where that stands at this point in time.

17          Q.   Do you know generally where the queue  
18          stands with respect to commercial and industrial  
19          customers who --

20          A.   I do not. I know that's publicly  
21          available information, we've been posting that on the  
22          AEP Ohio website, and whatever's posted there would  
23          be the best of my knowledge.

24          Q.   Is it your understanding, Mr. Hamrock,  
25          that under the residential class allotment that would

1 be the category which government aggregation would  
2 also be classified as?

3 A. For the residential load behind a  
4 governmental aggregation contract, yes, that would be  
5 correct.

6 Q. Now, would you agree with me,  
7 Mr. Hamrock, that there are a number of communities  
8 in the AEP Ohio service territory that have passed  
9 ordinances to authorize the government to act as  
10 their opt-out aggregation?

11 A. Yes, there are a number who have  
12 previously passed ordinances to support governmental  
13 aggregation, that's correct.

14 MS. GRADY: May I approach the witness,  
15 your Honor?

16 EXAMINER TAUBER: You may.

17 MS. GRADY: At this time I would like to  
18 mark for identification purposes as OCC Exhibit 7 a  
19 single page, it's actually two-sided, copy of the  
20 Ohio Power Company, Columbus Southern Power Company's  
21 response to IEU-Ohio's supplemental discovery  
22 request, third set, STIP-IEU-interrogatory 3-019.

23 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

24 Q. Can you take a moment, Mr. Hamrock, to  
25 look that over?

1           A.     Sure.

2           Q.     Now, are you familiar with that document,  
3     Mr. Hamrock?

4           A.     Yes, I am.

5           Q.     And can you identify that document,  
6     please?

7           A.     The document is the company's response to  
8     IEU-Ohio's supplemental discovery request,  
9     STIP-IEU-INT-3-019.

10          Q.     And is that a true and accurate copy of  
11     the company's response to that interrogatory, if you  
12     know?

13          A.     It appears to be.

14          Q.     Was that response true when it was made?

15          A.     Yes.

16          Q.     And does it still hold true today?

17          A.     Yes.

18          Q.     Now, these are the communities that -- is  
19     it your understanding that these are the communities  
20     that would not necessarily have aggregated yet but  
21     had passed ordinances in order to facilitate  
22     aggregation?

23          A.     This is certainly a list of the  
24     communities that have authorized aggregation. I  
25     don't know which, if any of these, may have already

1 initiated aggregation from looking at the list.

2 Reynoldsburg is on the list, so  
3 Reynoldsburg certainly has implemented aggregation,  
4 so I believe your question was they authorized but  
5 not yet initiated, and I don't think that's what this  
6 list is.

7 Q. Can you tell me, then, what this list  
8 represents, if you know?

9 A. It's a list of the communities that have  
10 authorized and may or may not have initiated  
11 aggregation contracts.

12 Q. Now, the load associated with these  
13 particular communities, would these be considered --  
14 these would not be considered part of the allotments  
15 that had been awarded for the residential class; is  
16 that correct?

17 A. That have already been awarded?

18 Q. Yes.

19 A. If they have indeed initiated aggregation  
20 contracts and customers have switched as a result,  
21 then they would be a part of the current allotment or  
22 the current awards of the allotment under  
23 residential.

24 Q. And the only community that you're aware  
25 of from this list which shows ordinances passed that

1 actually has aggregation in place would be the City  
2 of Reynoldsburg?

3 A. From my knowledge that's correct.  
4 Although I don't have extensive knowledge of which  
5 communities may have already initiated contracts. I  
6 believe there are more than just Reynoldsburg that  
7 have customer switching under aggregation, I just  
8 don't know which one.

9 Q. Do you know what steps the communities  
10 have to take once they pass an ordinance before they  
11 can actively engage in aggregation?

12 A. I don't know the specific steps that a  
13 community might take.

14 Q. Do you have an understanding that a  
15 community would necessarily have to put the ordinance  
16 or the issue on an electoral ballot?

17 A. Yes. And this list reflects communities  
18 that have previously done that and have certainly had  
19 time to implement aggregation based on the date of  
20 when it was approved.

21 MS. GRADY: May I approach the witness,  
22 your Honor?

23 EXAMINER TAUBER: Yes.

24 MS. GRADY: At this time I would like to  
25 have marked as OCC Exhibit No. 8 the Ohio Power

1 Company's and Columbus Southern Power Company's  
2 response to IEU Ohio's supplemental discovery  
3 request, third set, STIP-IEU-interrogatory-3-021.

4 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

5 Q. And I'm going to hand that to you,  
6 Mr. Hamrock, and ask you to take a look at that,  
7 please.

8 A. Thank you.

9 Q. It is a two-sided document.

10 Did you have a moment to look at that?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And does that appear -- can you tell me  
13 what that document is, if you know?

14 A. This is the company's response to  
15 IEU-Ohio's supplemental discovery request, and it's  
16 labeled STIP-IEU-INT-3-021.

17 Q. And is that -- you are familiar with that  
18 document, are you not?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Does that appear to be a true and  
21 accurate copy of your response to interrogatory  
22 3-021?

23 A. It does.

24 Q. And is that response true, was it true  
25 when it was made?

1           A.    It was true and I want to emphasize that  
2           it's based on research that, to the best of our  
3           ability, to determine which communities have ballot  
4           initiatives. I don't know of a single authoritative  
5           source of that information so it may or may not be  
6           completely accurate.

7           Q.    Would you expect, given that  
8           characterization, that it would be true today, the  
9           information contained on this document would be true  
10          to the best of your knowledge today?

11          A.    Yes, I would.

12          Q.    Now, this document shows the communities  
13          that you understand that have government aggregation  
14          or will have government aggregation on the ballot; is  
15          that correct?

16          A.    On the ballot this November. November of  
17          2011, yes.

18          Q.    And would you assume that on this list of  
19          communities that the load associated with these  
20          particular communities would not be considered part  
21          of the allotments for the residential class that have  
22          been awarded as of September 7th, 2011?

23          A.    That have been awarded as of  
24          September 7th?

25          Q.    Yes.

1           A.    Yeah, I believe that's correct.  Unless  
2           individual customers in these communities have  
3           already shopped, that would be the only offset to  
4           that.

5           Q.    And, Mr. Hamrock, we earlier established  
6           that you are not aware of what steps need to be taken  
7           after these issues go on the ballot in order to  
8           initiate an aggregation or initiate aggregation for  
9           residential customers?

10          A.    That's correct, I don't have detailed  
11          familiarity with the steps that need to be taken.

12                MS. GRADY:  Thank you, Mr. Hamrock.  
13          That's all the questions I have.

14                Thank you, your Honor.

15                THE WITNESS:  Thank you.

16                EXAMINER TAUBER:  Thank you.

17                Mr. Smalz?

18                MR. SMALZ:  Thank you, your Honor.

19                               - - -

20                               CROSS-EXAMINATION

21          By Mr. Smalz:

22                Q.    Good morning, Mr. Hamrock.

23                A.    Good morning, Mr. Smalz.

24                Q.    Mr. Hamrock, do you have a copy of the  
25           stipulation?

1           A.    I do.

2           Q.    I'd like to call your attention to  
3    section 1.u. on page 17 of the stipulation. This is  
4    the section dealing with the Partnership With Ohio or  
5    PWO initiative.

6           A.    I see it.

7           Q.    It says here that "The Companies shall  
8    provide funding for the Partnership With Ohio (PWO)  
9    initiative...." Is that funding going to come from  
10   shareholders?

11          A.    Yes. This is intended to be a  
12   shareholder-funded mechanism.

13          Q.    Okay. Even though it's not explicitly  
14   stated in the stipulation.

15          A.    While it may not use those words, it  
16   doesn't provide for any sort of rate mechanism to  
17   recover that, it's certainly a shareholder-funded  
18   mechanism.

19          Q.    I see.

20                Turning to your prefiled testimony on  
21   page 7, line 15, where you state the stipulation  
22   provides continued support for low-income customer  
23   programs, I assume here you're referring to the PWO;  
24   is that correct?

25          A.    Page 15, I'm sorry, I didn't follow the

1 reference.

2 Q. I'm sorry, did I say -- it's actually  
3 page 7.

4 A. Of my testimony?

5 Q. Of your testimony.

6 A. Okay.

7 Q. Line 15.

8 A. Page 7. Yes. Okay. I see the  
9 reference.

10 Q. Now, again, does this refer to the clause  
11 in the stipulation at 1.u. page 17 --

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. -- that we just referenced?

14 A. Provide for continued support for  
15 low-income customer programs in the form of the PWO.

16 Q. Okay. By "continued support" do you mean  
17 continuing from what AEP is currently doing under the  
18 existing ESP?

19 A. Yes. AEP currently has -- AEP Ohio  
20 currently has a Partnership With Ohio fund and this  
21 stipulation provides for a continuation of that set  
22 of programs.

23 Q. And under the current ESP, which I  
24 understand covers 2009 through 2011, is it your  
25 understanding that AEP Ohio is providing \$5 million a

1 year for low-income programs?

2 A. That's correct. Under the current ESP  
3 the funding is set at \$5 million per year.

4 Q. And under the stipulation in this case  
5 the amount would be \$3 million; is that correct?

6 A. As a result of the settlement and  
7 negotiations the amount would be 3 million per year,  
8 provided that the earnings threshold in the prior  
9 year was met to allow for funding of that mechanism.

10 Q. So compared to the current ESP, the  
11 company is proposing to spend \$2 million less per  
12 year; is that correct?

13 A. That's a fair way to characterize it.

14 Q. Also under the current ESP for the 2009  
15 to 2011 period, the \$5 million per year is not  
16 contingent on the company reaching a certain rate of  
17 return on equity.

18 A. That's correct. That particular  
19 provision in the stipulation is unique to the  
20 settlement and did not appear in the previous plan  
21 relative to the Partnership With Ohio funding.

22 Q. That trigger is unique to the settlement  
23 in this case.

24 A. Yes. That's correct.

25 Q. Now, skipping ahead all the way to page

1 27 in your testimony, line 16, and specifically the  
2 phrase "present value benefits of \$10 million," are  
3 you referring there to the present value benefits of  
4 the Partnership With Ohio proposal?

5 A. Yes. That's a reference to Witness  
6 Allen's exhibit that calculates the net present value  
7 of the Partnership With Ohio plan over the term of  
8 the settlement agreement of the ESP and that is the  
9 net present value that he calculates.

10 Q. And that calculation, in your  
11 understanding, assumes that the company will reach  
12 the 10 percent rate of return on equity for each of  
13 the years of the upcoming ESP.

14 A. Yes, it does. That's our expectation.

15 Q. Okay. And so if that doesn't happen,  
16 let's say, for one of the years of the upcoming ESP  
17 then the actual value of this term of the ESP would  
18 be less than \$10 million; is that correct?

19 A. If, indeed, we had a year that we didn't  
20 hit that threshold and chose not to fund the PWO,  
21 then that's a fair statement, that if we chose not to  
22 fund the PWO in the subsequent year on that basis,  
23 then that's a fair statement, the net present value  
24 looking forward from today would have been different.

25 Q. And if per chance the company did not

1     attain that rate of return during any of the years of  
2     the upcoming stipulation, 2012, 2013, or 2014, then  
3     there would, in fact, be no funding for the  
4     Partnership With Ohio program, would there?

5           A.     There would be no obligation on the  
6     company's part to fund the Partnership With Ohio per  
7     the terms of the settlement agreement.

8           Q.     I see.

9                    You also discuss the PWO initiative on  
10    page 19 of your prefiled testimony beginning -- page  
11    19 beginning on line 15. Do you see that?

12          A.     I do.

13          Q.     Now, again, AEP Ohio has agreed to  
14    provide funding for the PWO initiative of \$3 million  
15    annually. In AEP Ohio's original application in this  
16    case did AEP Ohio propose to spend \$6 million per  
17    year for PWO?

18          A.     Yes. In the ESP filing the proposal was  
19    to fund PWO at the equivalent of \$6 million per year  
20    over a 29-month plan term. So this was one of the  
21    compromises in the overall settlement agreement, a  
22    longer-term plan and \$3 million per year over the  
23    term of that plan.

24          Q.     But the actual amount that would be spent  
25    annually is cut in half; is that correct?

1           A.    That's correct. Like many things in the  
2 settlement, a matter of negotiations and compromise.

3           Q.    Do you happen to know where that  
4 \$3 million per year went? Did it go to other  
5 stakeholders?

6           A.    I don't even understand the nature of the  
7 question. Where it went?

8           Q.    Well, you stated in general terms that as  
9 a result of compromises in the case the amount that  
10 was originally proposed as \$6 million per year was  
11 cut in half to \$3 million. When you referred to  
12 other "compromises" in the case that triggered that  
13 reduction, could you give any examples?

14          A.    Well, there are many compromises  
15 reflected in the settlement, including the rates, the  
16 rate mechanisms, the capacity compensation  
17 mechanisms. I didn't mean to imply that the  
18 difference in the original filing and the ultimate  
19 settlement relative to PWO was somehow redirected to  
20 another stakeholder; that's not the case at all.  
21 It's just one more example of the overall compromise  
22 in the settlement.

23          Q.    Okay. Now, Mr. Hamrock, there's nothing  
24 in either section 1.u. of the stipulation or  
25 elsewhere in the stipulation that would reduce or

1 otherwise change the rates charged to PIPP customers,  
2 is there?

3 A. No, there's no specific provision for  
4 PIPP customers that's unique to PIPP customers.

5 Q. Do you know if any other EDUs in Ohio are  
6 offering discounted rates to PIPP customers?

7 A. I don't know the specifics, but I do  
8 understand that there have been, as a matter of  
9 settlement agreements in at least the FirstEnergy  
10 territory, a discount provided to PIPP customers.

11 Q. And there's no such discount in this  
12 stipulation.

13 A. I believe I answered that there's no  
14 specific provision for PIPP customers in this  
15 settlement.

16 Q. Turn to page 23 of your prefiled  
17 testimony, line 17, and specifically the reference to  
18 "targeted assistance to low-income households in  
19 AEP Ohio's service territory." Does that refer to  
20 the PWO fund?

21 A. That is one example of how the PWO fund  
22 has been designed currently. That specific reference  
23 is to some of the United Way programs that we've  
24 funded across the service territory that are designed  
25 to target eligible customers in our service

1 territory.

2 Q. Has AEP determined -- has AEP developed a  
3 definition of low-income households that would  
4 benefit from the PWO funding?

5 A. The current working definition is at or  
6 below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.  
7 I would expect something like that to continue under  
8 the proposal, although we have identified that we'll  
9 work with the PUCO staff to be sure to direct those  
10 funds to their highest and best use during the plan  
11 term.

12 Q. So that would be determined based on your  
13 consultation with the PUCO staff.

14 A. That's correct.

15 Q. And as far as you know, no low-income  
16 advocates or representatives will participate in that  
17 process.

18 A. This is an element of the settlement and  
19 the signatory parties are participating in that. I  
20 would not rule out the opportunity for low-income  
21 advocates to provide input into that process; we  
22 certainly want to hear their perspectives.

23 Q. By the way, is there any portion of this  
24 \$3 million annual fund under the PWO proposal that is  
25 committed to bill payment assistance for low-income

1 customers?

2 A. There is currently Neighbor to Neighbor  
3 program, bill payment assistance under the plan. We  
4 would expect that kind of a mechanism to continue  
5 under the plan. But, again, that's subject to  
6 working with the PUCO staff to design the use of  
7 those funds going forward.

8 Q. So as far as the parameters of the  
9 stipulation itself are concerned, the amount -- the  
10 portion of the \$3 million annual fund that would be  
11 devoted to bill payment assistance could be anywhere  
12 from zero to \$3 million.

13 A. That's a fair statement, yes.

14 Q. On page 10 of your testimony beginning on  
15 line 20 you reference state policies, certain state  
16 policies that are embodied in Ohio Revised Code  
17 4928.02. Do you see that?

18 A. I do.

19 Q. Okay. And you refer, among other things,  
20 to nondiscriminatory and reasonably priced retail  
21 electric service. Is it also your understanding,  
22 Mr. Hamrock, that one of the state policies that's  
23 embodied in this same statute is the protection of  
24 at-risk populations?

25 A. I don't recall that specific provision,

1 but I'll accept that that's one of the state  
2 policies.

3 Q. Okay. And given that, would low-income  
4 customers fall within the definition of at-risk  
5 populations?

6 A. I don't know the statutory definition of  
7 at-risk population, but I would expect that to be the  
8 case.

9 Q. Okay.

10 MR. SMALZ: I have no further questions.

11 EXAMINER TAUBER: Thank you.

12 Mr. Conway, redirect?

13 MR. CONWAY: Your Honor, may we take a  
14 short break?

15 EXAMINER TAUBER: Yeah, we'll take a --  
16 would Ormet like an opportunity to cross first?

17 MS. HAND: No, thank you.

18 EXAMINER TAUBER: Thanks.

19 We'll take a quick five-minute recess.

20 (Recess taken.)

21 EXAMINER TAUBER: Let's go back on the  
22 record.

23 Mr. Conway.

24 MR. CONWAY: Thank you, your Honor. Just  
25 a few questions.

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2                               REDIRECT EXAMINATION

3       By Mr. Conway:

4               Q.     Mr. Hamrock, do you recall a line of  
5       questions that Ms. Grady pursued regarding post-2000  
6       investments in the distribution infrastructure that  
7       are recovered through the DIR? Do you recall that?

8               A.     I do.

9               Q.     And I believe there was also some  
10      discussion of incremental investments past the date  
11      certain that you had referred to that might be also,  
12      then, incorporated into the DIR for recovery  
13      incrementally in the future. Do you recall that?

14              A.     I do.

15              Q.     What is the basis for both the post-2000  
16      to date and then future investments in the  
17      distribution infrastructure?

18              A.     The DIR is designed to provide for  
19      recovery on and of investments in distribution that  
20      both maintain and improve reliability of service, and  
21      that demonstrated how those programs such as breaker  
22      replacements, Witness Kirkpatrick's testimony in the  
23      original ESP filing certainly dealt with this, we've  
24      demonstrated how they improve reliability for  
25      customers and how we gather input from customers

1 through the form of customer surveys, monitoring  
2 customer inquiries, and even monitoring PUCO  
3 complaints from customers relative to their  
4 expectations of reliability.

5 And these programs are all designed to  
6 meet customers' expectations, both the investments  
7 that have been made and the investments we would  
8 anticipate making under the DIR as set forth in the  
9 settlement.

10 Q. Thank you. And do you recall a line of  
11 questions from Mr. Lang on behalf of FirstEnergy  
12 Solutions yesterday I believe that addressed  
13 FirstEnergy Solutions' participating in the  
14 negotiations that led up to the stipulation that  
15 we're discussing here?

16 A. I do.

17 Q. And do you recall questions that Mr. Lang  
18 posed in which he challenged the proposition that  
19 FirstEnergy Solutions had, I forget the phrase he  
20 used, either opted out or closed the door on further  
21 negotiations by FES? Do you recall that?

22 A. I do.

23 Q. And have you had an opportunity to  
24 reflect on, refresh your recollection of the nature  
25 of FirstEnergy Solutions' position with regard to the

1 vitality or the promise of additional negotiations  
2 and its participation in further negotiations?

3 A. I do. I had a chance after that line of  
4 questioning to look back at my calendar and reflect  
5 on all of the different interactions with all the  
6 parties and with FirstEnergy Solutions. In  
7 particular I recall a meeting on August 26th that  
8 preceded the motion that I referred to yesterday.

9 We had an individual AEP Ohio-FirstEnergy  
10 Solutions meeting that morning where it was clear  
11 that the terms that were emerging with the parties in  
12 the settlement talks were not acceptable to  
13 FirstEnergy, they had very different terms, and it  
14 was clear that we were parting ways in that  
15 discussion.

16 We had a subsequent meeting of all the  
17 parties that afternoon, I remember that vividly, that  
18 Friday afternoon where we polled the parties to see  
19 who was willing to continue working within the  
20 framework that had been developed at that point, and  
21 FirstEnergy Solutions specifically walked out of that  
22 session and indicated they were no longer interested  
23 in that framework.

24 Even after the stipulation was filed we  
25 continued to try to work with FirstEnergy Solutions

1 and other parties to find common ground within the  
2 framework and the overall envelope of the settlement  
3 agreement and have failed to find such common ground.

4 Q. Thank you, Mr. Hamrock.

5 MR. CONWAY: Your Honor, that's all I  
6 have.

7 EXAMINER TAUBER: Thank you.

8 Mr. Randazzo?

9 MR. RANDAZZO: Just a couple questions.

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11 RECROSS-EXAMINATION

12 By Mr. Randazzo:

13 Q. Mr. Hamrock, your counsel asked you on  
14 redirect a question regarding DIR and the purpose of  
15 the distribution investment rider. Do you recall  
16 that question?

17 A. I do.

18 Q. And you referred to testimony from a  
19 Witness Kirkpatrick?

20 A. Yes, Tom Kirkpatrick, witness in the  
21 original ESP filing.

22 Q. Yes. And Mr. Kirkpatrick has not  
23 testified in this proceeding, correct?

24 A. That's correct.

25 Q. And so you were relying on information

1 that's not part of the evidence in this case, right?

2 A. I was referring to his testimony.

3 Q. Right. Now, during my cross of you  
4 yesterday I asked you about whether or not you had  
5 gone back and refreshed your recollection regarding  
6 the things that had occurred during the transition  
7 period associated with Senate Bill 3. Do you recall  
8 those questions?

9 A. Somewhat, yes.

10 Q. Now, since you left the stand yesterday  
11 after my cross did you go back and refresh your  
12 recollection with regard to what occurred during that  
13 Senate Bill 3 transition hearing?

14 MR. CONWAY: Objection. It's outside the  
15 scope of my redirect, your Honor.

16 EXAMINER TAUBER: Objection sustained.

17 Q. Mr. Hamrock, do you know whether or not  
18 during the course of the transition period associated  
19 with Senate Bill 3 Columbus Southern and Ohio Power  
20 agreed to freeze distribution rates over the  
21 objections of other parties?

22 MR. CONWAY: Objection. Same basis, your  
23 Honor.

24 EXAMINER TAUBER: Mr. Randazzo.

25 MR. RANDAZZO: Your Honor, Mr. Hamrock

1 has testified that the purpose of the DIR is to  
2 recover investments since 2000. The record in this  
3 case and other places I think reflects that the  
4 post-2000 investment is what AEP is seeking.

5 The fact of the matter is that the  
6 companies both, Ohio Power and Columbus & Southern,  
7 agreed to freeze distribution rates as part of that  
8 transition period, either he knows that or does  
9 not -- either he knows that or he doesn't know that  
10 and that's what I'm going after.

11 MR. CONWAY: This is not a retroactive  
12 proposal we're making in this case.

13 MR. RANDAZZO: I don't want an argument  
14 from counsel, your Honor, or testimony.

15 MR. CONWAY: My objection stands.

16 EXAMINER TAUBER: Mr. Randazzo, that's  
17 outside of scope of redirect examination. Please  
18 continue.

19 Q. (By Mr. Randazzo) Mr. Hamrock, are you  
20 aware of whether or not Columbus & Southern or Ohio  
21 Power previously agreed to freeze distribution rates?

22 MR. CONWAY: Same objection, your Honor.

23 EXAMINER TAUBER: Objection sustained.

24 Q. With regard to the DIR, have you  
25 estimated how much of the amount that is slated for

1 2012 you would expect to increase rates through the  
2 DIR component in the settlement if the settlement is  
3 approved?

4 A. I'm not sure I understand the question.

5 Q. Is it correct, sir, that the DIR  
6 specifies, that's in the stipulation specifies a  
7 maximum amount that is eligible for collection  
8 through the DIR in 2012 and other years during the  
9 term of the stipulation?

10 A. If you mean by that a cap on the revenue.

11 Q. Right.

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And how much of that cap for 2012 do you  
14 estimate AEP Ohio will collect in 2012?

15 A. I don't know the specific number, but I  
16 believe we'd be at or near that cap based on previous  
17 investment.

18 Q. Okay. And with regard to 2013, can you  
19 answer a similar question, how much of the cap amount  
20 do you estimate would be collected, incremental  
21 revenue would be collected in 2013?

22 A. I don't have a final estimate for that  
23 number because it depends on future capital  
24 investment that's still being developed, plans for  
25 which are still being developed.

1           Q.    So you know the amount of investment  
2   that's made since 2000, correct?

3           A.    Through a certain date, that's correct.

4           Q.    And you would know the amount of capital  
5   investment that's budgeted for 2012 at this point,  
6   correct?

7           A.    No.   That was the basis for my answer.  
8   That's still being formulated.

9           Q.    Well, based upon the budgeting process  
10   that's completed thus far, how much of the 2013 DIR  
11   cap do you estimate would be collected by AEP Ohio?

12          A.    I don't have a point estimate for that at  
13   this point.

14          Q.    Would it be something greater than zero?

15          A.    It would likely be greater than zero.   In  
16   terms of the incremental amount?

17          Q.    Yes, sir.

18          A.    Yes.

19          Q.    And the same would be true for 2014, it  
20   would be greater than zero?

21          A.    I would expect that to be the case.  
22   Again, given the fact that we have not completed the  
23   capital planning for 2012, '13, or '14.

24               MR. RANDAZZO:   That's all I have.   Thank  
25   you.

1 EXAMINER TAUBER: Mr. Lang?

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3 RECROSS-EXAMINATION

4 By Mr. Lang:

5 Q. Mr. Hamrock, do you have a copy of your  
6 deposition in front of you?

7 A. I do not.

8 Q. I'll see if I can help you out.

9 MR. NOURSE: Was that September 21st?

10 MR. LANG: I'm trying to find the right  
11 one, if I could have one minute, please.

12 Yes, September 21.

13 Q. Could you turn to page 26 of this  
14 deposition transcript, please. Mr. Hamrock, this was  
15 the deposition from September 21, I just want to make  
16 clear, because we had two depositions, this is the  
17 more recent one.

18 A. The second one, yes.

19 Q. And, again, at that deposition there was  
20 a court reporter there. Do you remember a court  
21 reporter --

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. -- being there?

24 A. Yes, I do.

25 Q. And you remember your legal counsel being

1       there.

2               A.     I do.

3               Q.     If I could ask you, at page 26, line 19,  
4       I asked the question: "Did you see any  
5       communications from FirstEnergy Solutions that said  
6       we're electing to stop participating in the  
7       settlement negotiations?" and your answer was: "My  
8       understanding is the motion to oppose, or the  
9       opposition to the motion to continue, was such a  
10      message."

11              A.     Yes, I see that.

12              Q.     Did I read that correctly?

13              A.     Yes.

14              Q.     And the next question was: "So your  
15      understanding, now there was a motion filed, there  
16      was a motion to continue the hearing that was filed  
17      on or around that August 30th date, correct? Is  
18      that what you are discussing" and your answer then  
19      was: "Yes."

20                     Was that your answer?

21              A.     That's correct, and that was in the  
22      context of an overall line of questioning and answers  
23      relative to August 30th, the August 30th motion.

24              Q.     Yes. And that was your answer.

25              A.     That's correct.

1 Q. All right.

2 MR. LANG: I have no further questions.

3 EXAMINER TAUBER: Ms. Grady?

4 MS. GRADY: Thank you, your Honor.

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6 RECROSS-EXAMINATION

7 By Ms. Grady:

8 Q. Mr. Hamrock, the stipulation does not  
9 identify specific distribution investments that the  
10 company has committed to making, does it?

11 A. When you say "specific investments,"  
12 meaning types of programs or --

13 Q. Specific projects or expenditures that  
14 are going to be made or that the company has  
15 committed to making as part of the stipulation.

16 A. No, the stipulation itself does not --  
17 except for the case of the provision for working with  
18 the Ohio Hospital Association on circuits that serve  
19 hospitals throughout our service territory.

20 Q. And the company has not committed under  
21 the stipulation to make specific distribution  
22 investments, has it?

23 A. That's correct.

24 MS. GRADY: That's all the questions I  
25 have. Thank you, Mr. Hamrock.

1 EXAMINER TAUBER: Mr. Smalz.

2 MR. SMALZ: No questions, your Honor.

3 EXAMINER TAUBER: Ms. Hand, do you have  
4 any questions?

5 MS. HAND: No, your Honor.

6 EXAMINER TAUBER: Thank you.

7 Mr. Hamrock, you may be excused, thank  
8 you.

9 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

10 MS. GRADY: Your Honor, at this time I  
11 would move for the admission of OCC Exhibit No. 7 and  
12 8.

13 EXAMINER TAUBER: Are there any  
14 objections to OCC Exhibits 7 and 8?

15 (No response.)

16 EXAMINER TAUBER: Hearing none, OCC  
17 Exhibits 7 and 8 shall be admitted into the record.

18 MS. GRADY: Thank you.

19 (EXHIBITS ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

20 MR. LANG: And, your Honor, FES moves FES  
21 Exhibit 13.

22 EXAMINER TAUBER: Are there any  
23 objections to FES Exhibit No. 13?

24 (No response.)

25 EXAMINER TAUBER: Hearing none, FES

1 Exhibit No. 13 shall be admitted into the record.

2 (EXHIBIT ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

3 MR. CONWAY: Just for clarification, your  
4 Honor, the FES 13 is the one page?

5 EXAMINER TAUBER: Correct, it is the  
6 one-page document that is the e-mail from Thursday,  
7 September 26th.

8 Mr. Randazzo.

9 MR. RANDAZZO: Your Honors, in view of  
10 the fact that the Bench took administrative notice of  
11 what was marked as IEU 7A and 7B, we're not moving to  
12 admit those, with that understanding.

13 EXAMINER TAUBER: Thank you. That is  
14 correct, the Bench took administrative notice of  
15 those two exhibits.

16 MR. RANDAZZO: Thank you.

17 EXAMINER TAUBER: Mr. Conway.

18 MR. CONWAY: Thank you, your Honor.

19 AEP Ohio would move for the admission of  
20 Mr. Hamrock's testimony which has been marked as  
21 AEP Ohio Exhibit No. 8.

22 EXAMINER TAUBER: Are there any  
23 objections to Mr. Hamrock's direct testimony,  
24 AEP Ohio Exhibit 8?

25 (No response.)

1 EXAMINER TAUBER: Hearing none, that  
2 shall be admitted.

3 (EXHIBIT ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

4 MR. CONWAY: And then, your Honor, before  
5 we go off the record may I make another comment or  
6 suggestion?

7 EXAMINER TAUBER: You may.

8 MR. CONWAY: Before we started the  
9 hearing today while we were off the record I  
10 suggested that we might mark as Signatories Joint  
11 Exhibit No. 1 a stipulation and recommendation that  
12 was filed September 7th and as Signatories Exhibit  
13 No. 2 the detailed implementation plan contemplated  
14 by the stipulation which was prepared and then filed  
15 in the docket on October 5th.

16 EXAMINER TAUBER: I'm sorry. You said  
17 that's Signatory Parties Exhibit No. 2 --

18 MR. CONWAY: Yes.

19 EXAMINER TAUBER: -- is what you'd like  
20 to mark it as?

21 MR. CONWAY: The detailed implementation  
22 plan, yes, which was filed on October 5th in the  
23 docket. Or the dockets, excuse me. And so I would  
24 mark those exhibits as I indicated and offer them  
25 into the record.

1 EXAMINER TAUBER: It shall be so noted,  
2 thank you.

3 MR. RANDAZZO: Your Honor, may we be  
4 heard with regard to the admission of those exhibits?

5 EXAMINER TAUBER: Yes, you may.

6 MR. RANDAZZO: No witness has sponsored  
7 those exhibits, your Honor, it would be improper to  
8 admit them. No witness was cross-examined on those  
9 exhibits.

10 EXAMINER SEE: Are there any other  
11 objections to the admission of Signatory Exhibit 1  
12 and Signatory Exhibit 2?

13 MR. HAYDEN: Your Honor, FES would concur  
14 with that objection on the same grounds.

15 MS. GRADY: OCC joins.

16 EXAMINER TAUBER: We'll note the  
17 objections, we'll mark the exhibits as such and we'll  
18 leave it at that for the time being.

19 (EXHIBITS MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

20 EXAMINER SEE: There are a couple of  
21 items we need to address before we move on to the  
22 next witness.

23 Mr. Petricoff.

24 MR. PETRICOFF: Thank you, your Honor.  
25 At this time I would like to enter the appearance of

1 the Hess Corporation in docket 10-343-EL-ATA and  
2 10-344-EL-ATA, these are the emergency curtailment  
3 proceedings that have been consolidated with this  
4 proceeding.

5 I'd also like to note for the record that  
6 the Hess Corporation's sole interest and focus  
7 remains with the curtailment proceedings and they  
8 take no position on any of the other rate matters or  
9 other issues in 11-346 or the other consolidated  
10 cases. Thank you.

11 EXAMINER SEE: Also note that Ms. Grady  
12 has requested that Mr. Duann be cross-examined on  
13 Friday.

14 MS. GRADY: Yes, your Honor.

15 EXAMINER SEE: October 14th.

16 MS. GRADY: Yes.

17 EXAMINER SEE: Okay. So at this point  
18 Mr. Duann is the only witness for that day.

19 EXAMINER TAUBER: At this time we'd like  
20 to call Mr. Fein as the next witness.

21 MR. PETRICOFF: Thank you, your Honor.

22 MR. RANDAZZO: Your Honor, may I inquire,  
23 has the company rested their direct case?

24 EXAMINER SEE: You said did the company?

25 MR. RANDAZZO: Did the companies rest

1       their direct case?

2                   EXAMINER TAUBER:   Mr. Conway?

3                   MR. CONWAY:   Your Honor, two points, one,  
4       the joint stipulation and recommendation is being  
5       offered by all of the signatory parties, not just  
6       AEP Ohio.   That's one point.

7                   And secondly, we haven't addressed  
8       rebuttal testimony yet, so as far as resting our  
9       case, we haven't gotten to the point of knowing  
10      whether or not, from our standpoint at least, let  
11      alone from the other signatory parties' standpoints,  
12      whether they might choose to offer rebuttal  
13      testimony.

14                  And if there's any notion that the  
15      stipulation, the joint stipulation and the  
16      implementation plan require any kind of additional  
17      support beyond what the witnesses that are supporting  
18      the stipulation have or will provide, and I would  
19      just note as an aside that Mr. Hamrock's testimony  
20      shows a comprehensive detailed list of witnesses  
21      supporting various aspects of the stipulation, but if  
22      there is anything else that needs to be done to  
23      support admission of the stipulation, then we would  
24      reserve the right to do that also.

25                  EXAMINER TAUBER:   Thank you.

1           MR. CONWAY: I would just note that I  
2           don't even know that it's necessary to have the joint  
3           stipulation admitted into the record, or the  
4           implementation plan, we did it as a matter of  
5           convenience and to make sure that we had dotted all  
6           the Is and crossed all the Ts that the examiners  
7           thought necessary.

8           EXAMINER TAUBER: Thank you. We'll note  
9           that.

10          MR. RANDAZZO: We have a motion that we  
11          would like to make at this time orally to preserve  
12          our rights, if I may.

13          EXAMINER TAUBER: Go ahead.

14          MR. RANDAZZO: Section 4928.143 provides  
15          the opportunity for an electric distribution utility  
16          to file an application for approval of an electric  
17          security plan that conforms to said section.

18          Section 4928.143(C) states that the  
19          burden of proof in an ESP proceeding shall be on the  
20          electric distribution utility.

21          Neither the application filed in these  
22          proceedings in January 2011 nor the stipulation,  
23          regardless of whether it has a status as an exhibit,  
24          proposed to establish an ESP for an electric  
25          distribution utility. They proposed to establish, if

1 anything, an electric security plan for a fictional  
2 entity known as AEP Ohio.

3 Therefore, there is no legal basis for  
4 the application or the stipulation to be considered  
5 by the Commission. The Commission lacks subject  
6 matter jurisdiction.

7 Beyond the subject matter jurisdiction  
8 issue and defect that I've just described and as  
9 Mr. Hamrock testified, the September 7th, 2011,  
10 stipulation uses the ESP application from January as  
11 a foundation and then proposes to modify that ESP  
12 application through the stipulation.

13 No party has sponsored the ESP  
14 application or offered any testimony in support of  
15 the ESP application, thus, the foundation for the  
16 stipulation is not in evidence, and even if the  
17 foundation was in evidence, neither Columbus Southern  
18 nor Ohio Power has offered any testimony to  
19 demonstrate that the ESP contained in the January  
20 application is lawful and reasonable.

21 More specifically, and as a matter of  
22 evidence, and the burden of proof that is  
23 specifically set out in section 4928.143(C), the  
24 Commission may not consider stipulations/proposed  
25 modifications of an ESP application that has not

1     itself been sponsored and supported through an  
2     affirmative direct case.

3             Indeed, the only testimony regarding the  
4     January ESP application that has been discussed or  
5     introduced in these proceedings is testimony  
6     demonstrating that the original ESP application is  
7     unreasonable and unlawful.

8             Therefore, your Honor, we would move to  
9     dismiss based upon a failure to meet the burden of  
10    proof and also for the subject matter jurisdiction  
11    grounds that I identified previously. Thank you.

12            MR. HAYDEN: Your Honor, FES would join  
13    in IEU's motion.

14            MR. ETTER: Your Honor, so will OCC.

15            MR. SMALZ: Your Honor, so does the  
16    Appalachian Peace and Justice Network.

17            MR. NOURSE: Your Honor, may I respond?

18            EXAMINER TAUBER: You may.

19            MR. NOURSE: As to the AEP Ohio versus  
20    Columbus Southern Power and Ohio Power individually,  
21    the application as well as the stipulation clearly  
22    identifies that Columbus Southern Power and Ohio  
23    Power Company are the parties -- are the applicants  
24    and are the parties to the stipulation.

25            The evidence has been presented as to the

1 standard of review for both companies individually  
2 and collectively as AEP Ohio. It is anticipated, of  
3 course, as a fundamental premise of the stipulation  
4 that a merger will occur between the two companies  
5 and during the ESP term that's proposed, which is the  
6 primary case being addressed here, there will be a  
7 single surviving company: Ohio Power Company.

8 I certainly would submit that the burden  
9 of proof judgment is a matter for the merit decision  
10 in this case and obviously can be part of the --  
11 should be part of the Commission's judgment and  
12 decision in deciding the case.

13 We, of course, maintain that we have and  
14 are meeting that standard. The hearing's not done to  
15 this point, and the evidence has not closed. You  
16 know, in terms of sponsoring the stipulation, again,  
17 all parties have had open opportunities to ask any  
18 question of any witness about the terms of the  
19 stipulation. It's a matter of record in the case  
20 that's been filed.

21 I don't think it's any kind of a  
22 traditional practice or requirement before the PUCO  
23 to specifically have a witness sponsor that kind of  
24 agreement or filing. It's not really evidence, it's  
25 an agreement. And the evidence is the testimony

1 explaining and the cross-examination answers that  
2 further explain issues raised. So the evidence does  
3 support the stipulation.

4 In terms of, I'm not sure I understand  
5 this distinction about a modification to the  
6 application. I think all Mr. Hamrock said and all  
7 the stipulation does in that regard, it's a  
8 convenient, easy way to reference matters that are in  
9 the record as to the application proposal being  
10 modified by X, Y, and Z, and it's not an amendment to  
11 the application or a formal modification of the  
12 application.

13 Obviously, the stipulation does things  
14 differently than the application and resolves the  
15 issues proposed in the application in a different  
16 way, and that's what the three-part test about this  
17 hearing is all about. So I would submit that the  
18 motion to dismiss should be denied. Thank you.

19 EXAMINER TAUBER: At this time --

20 Mr. Margard, did you have something you  
21 wanted to add? You were standing earlier.

22 MR. MARGARD: Your Honor, I wanted to  
23 note that the staff has also offered testimony in  
24 support of the joint stipulation and that those  
25 witnesses have not yet had an opportunity to testify,

1 I merely wanted to offer that in response to  
2 Mr. Randazzo's request about the signatory parties  
3 presenting their case.

4 MR. PETRICOFF: In that regard, your  
5 Honor, the RESA witness, Teresa Ringenbach, presented  
6 testimony in this case that was styled "Direct  
7 Testimony in Support of the September 7th  
8 Stipulation." The same heading that Mr. Fein will be  
9 on the stand on cross today. And followed by  
10 Mr. Dominguez for Exelon.

11 EXAMINER SEE: The Bench will take IEU's  
12 motion to dismiss under advisement and rule on that  
13 matter later.

14 With that, if there's nothing else, let's  
15 move to the next witness. Mr. Petricoff.

16 MR. PETRICOFF: Yes, thank you, your  
17 Honor. At this time we would like to call David I.  
18 Fein to the stand.

19 (Witness sworn.)

20 EXAMINER TAUBER: Thank you.

21 MR. PETRICOFF: Your Honor, at this time  
22 I would like to have marked as Constellation Exhibit  
23 No. 1 the direct prepared testimony in support of the  
24 September 7th stipulation of David I. Fein.

25 EXAMINER TAUBER: The exhibit is so

1 marked.

2 Mr. Petricoff.

3 MR. PETRICOFF: Thank you.

4 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

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6 DAVID I. FEIN

7 being first duly sworn, as prescribed by law, was  
8 examined and testified as follows:

9 DIRECT EXAMINATION

10 By Mr. Petricoff:

11 Q. Good morning, Mr. Fein.

12 A. Good morning.

13 Q. Would you please state your name and  
14 business address for the record?

15 A. Yes. David I. Fein, that's F-e-i-n,  
16 Constellation Energy Group, 550 West Washington  
17 Boulevard, Suite 300, Chicago, Illinois, 60661.

18 Q. Mr. Fein, on whose behalf do you appear  
19 today?

20 A. Constellation NewEnergy and Constellation  
21 Energy Commodities Group.

22 Q. Do you have with you a copy of what has  
23 just been marked as Constellation Exhibit No. 1?

24 A. Yes, I do.

25 Q. Is that your direct prepared testimony?

1           A.    Yes, in support of the September 7th,  
2   2011, stipulation.

3           Q.    Do you have any amendments or changes you  
4   would like to make to that testimony?

5           A.    I do not.

6           Q.    If I were to ask you today the questions  
7   that are contained in that testimony, would your  
8   answers be the same?

9           A.    Yes, they would.

10           MR. PETRICOFF: Your Honor, the witness  
11   is available for cross-examination.

12           EXAMINER TAUBER: Thank you.

13           Mr. Smalz?

14           MR. SMALZ: No questions, your Honor.

15           EXAMINER TAUBER: Mr. Etter?

16           MR. ETTER: A few questions, your Honor.

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18                               CROSS-EXAMINATION

19   By Mr. Etter:

20           Q.    Good morning.

21           A.    Good morning.

22           Q.    Mr. Fein, on page 1 and 2 of your  
23   testimony you describe your position with  
24   Constellation, and that is as Vice President of  
25   Energy Policy in the Midwest and Pennsylvania,

1 correct?

2 A. That's correct.

3 Q. And what are your duties in that  
4 position?

5 A. My duties in that position are  
6 representing the company's interests before state  
7 regulatory and legislative bodies and with other  
8 stakeholders involved in the development of energy  
9 policies, rules, practices, procedures.

10 Q. And could that be termed as being a  
11 lobbyist?

12 A. Part of that job does entail lobbying,  
13 yes.

14 Q. Thank you.

15 Now, on page 8 of your testimony, lines  
16 11 through 22, you discuss the RPM price capacity  
17 shopping caps, correct?

18 A. Yes. The RPM price capacity set-aside,  
19 yes.

20 Q. Set-asides. And in 2012 the set-aside is  
21 set at 21 percent, correct?

22 A. That's correct.

23 Q. Do you know the percentage of shopping  
24 currently in the AEP Ohio service territories?

25 A. I don't have the specific figures in

1 front of me on an overall basis. I am aware that the  
2 levels for the commercial class have hit or exceeded  
3 that number and I believe the numbers for the  
4 industrial class, if they have not been hit, are soon  
5 to be or have been hit.

6 Q. By "that number" you mean 21 percent?

7 A. That's correct.

8 MR. ETTER: That's all the questions I  
9 have, your Honor.

10 EXAMINER SEE: Thank you.

11 Mr. Kutik?

12 MR. KUTIK: Thank you, your Honor.

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14 CROSS-EXAMINATION

15 By Mr. Kutik:

16 Q. Good morning.

17 A. Good morning.

18 Q. You believe there are benefits to  
19 customers of competition, correct?

20 A. I do.

21 Q. And under a competitive bidding process  
22 for POLR load procurement all the risks are borne by  
23 a competitive wholesale supplier rather than  
24 customers.

25 A. Correct.

1           Q.    And a competitive bidding process for  
2   POLR load procurement provides a proper balance  
3   between getting the most competitive prices and  
4   maintaining a reasonable level of price stability for  
5   customers.

6           A.    I agree with that.

7           Q.    Now, the stipulation does not require  
8   AEP Ohio to engage in a competitive bidding process  
9   for POLR load for any load delivered prior to June of  
10  2015, correct?

11          A.    Correct.

12          Q.    So you would agree with me that any  
13   benefits of a competitive bidding process for POLR  
14   load in AEP Ohio will not be felt by nonshopping  
15   customers until June of 2015.

16          A.    That's correct.

17          Q.    Now, another policy that promotes  
18   competition is the avoidance of nonbypassable  
19   generation-related riders, correct?

20          A.    Correct.

21          Q.    And costs associated with service that  
22   shopping customers would receive from a CRES provider  
23   should be bypassable for those customers, correct?

24          A.    That's correct.

25          Q.    Otherwise shopping customers will end up

1       paying for the same service or the same costs twice.

2             A.     That's the reason why, yes.

3             Q.     And if customers had to pay for the same  
4       service twice, that would be anticompetitive.

5             A.     I don't know necessarily it would be  
6       anticompetitive, but it certainly would subject  
7       customers to kind of an anticompetitive subsidy, if  
8       you will, or paying more than they need to for  
9       generation service, yes.

10            Q.     And perhaps less likely to shop.

11            A.     Correct.

12            Q.     The stipulation authorizes the  
13       establishment of two riders, among others, GRR and  
14       MTR, correct?

15            A.     Correct.

16            Q.     And you believe that MTR is generation  
17       related, correct?

18            A.     Correct.

19            Q.     And shopping customers shouldn't have to  
20       pay for that rider, correct?

21            A.     We support the stipulation that was filed  
22       in this case whereas that rider is being implemented  
23       underneath the stipulation on a nonbypassable basis.

24            Q.     Okay. Well, it's a generation-related  
25       nonbypassable rider, correct?

1           A.    It's a generation rate design mechanism  
2   that is being implemented in such a fashion.

3           Q.    All right.  Let's turn to the rider GRR.  
4   That's generation related.

5           A.    Yes, it is.

6           Q.    That's nonbypassable.

7           A.    The rider that's proposed in this case,  
8   the placeholder rider, yes, as proposed that would be  
9   nonbypassable.

10          Q.    You believe that currently there is an  
11   oversupply of generation in Ohio, do you not?

12          A.    Yes.  Based upon the information that the  
13   AEP utilities have provided to the Commission in  
14   their most recent integrated resource plans.  I'm not  
15   as familiar with the plans or the information that's  
16   been provided by the other utilities in Ohio, but I  
17   believe, generally speaking, Ohio is in an oversupply  
18   situation today.

19          Q.    And specifically with respect to AEP you  
20   believe there's an oversupply within AEP Ohio,  
21   correct?

22          A.    Correct.

23          Q.    Of generation.

24          A.    That's correct.

25          Q.    Now, the stipulation currently

1       contemplates that required GRR would be the vehicle  
2       for the potential recovery of costs associated with  
3       the Turning Point project and a unit called MR6,  
4       correct?

5             A.     Correct.

6             Q.     With respect to the Turning Point  
7       project, would it be fair to say that you don't know  
8       whether that project has been competitively bid?

9             A.     That's correct.

10            Q.     You're not aware of anything in the  
11       record that would support including any costs in that  
12       type of nonbypassable rider.

13            A.     Not in this record today, no.

14            Q.     With respect to the MR6 unit, it would be  
15       fair to say that you don't know if that unit or the  
16       construction of that unit is going to be  
17       competitively bid.

18            A.     At this time I do not know that, no.

19            Q.     And you're not aware of any need for that  
20       facility from a resource planning perspective.

21            A.     That's correct.

22            Q.     You're not aware of anything that would  
23       support including any costs from that unit in a  
24       nonbypassable rider.

25            A.     Not based on this record, no.

1           Q.    You're aware that there is also a unit by  
2   the name of MR5, correct?

3           A.    Correct.

4           Q.    And there's been some discussion about  
5   closing that unit, correct?

6           A.    Correct.

7           Q.    And it would be -- it would not be  
8   appropriate to include the costs associated with the  
9   closure of that unit for recovery through rider GRR,  
10   correct?

11          A.    That's correct.

12          Q.    Now, another possible policy, another  
13   policy that would be anticompetitive would be to  
14   allow AEP Ohio to charge CRES providers at an  
15   excessively high rate for capacity, correct?

16          A.    Yes.

17          Q.    And you believe that dramatic increases  
18   in capacity prices over the RPM price will have an  
19   adverse effect on shopping.

20          A.    That's correct.

21          Q.    And you felt that a dramatic increase,  
22   such as AEP had initially proposed of about  
23   400 percent, would harm retail customers and  
24   eliminate competition, correct?

25          A.    That's correct.

1           Q.    You would also agree that an increase of  
2   200 percent in capacity prices over RPM prices would  
3   adversely affect shopping.

4           A.    All else being equal, it would adversely  
5   affect shopping, yes.

6           Q.    And that it may limit shopping.

7           A.    It may limit it, yes.

8           Q.    You do not believe -- and you do not  
9   believe that AEP Ohio was or is entitled to recover a  
10   capacity charge of \$355 per megawatt day.

11          A.    That's correct.

12          Q.    You would not view that as a proper  
13   charge for capacity, correct?

14          A.    Correct.

15          Q.    You also believe that the Commission  
16   should avoid discriminatory pricing policies; do you  
17   not?

18          A.    I do.

19          Q.    So similarly situated customers receiving  
20   the same service shouldn't be required to pay  
21   different prices for that service, correct?

22          A.    That's correct.

23          Q.    With respect to the capacity prices that  
24   will be paid by shopping customers under the stip  
25   prior to June 2015, there's a possibility that

1 shopping customers may pay two prices; some will pay  
2 a price of the RPM price and some would pay a price  
3 of 255 per megawatt-day, correct?

4 A. That's correct.

5 Q. And there's no difference in the capacity  
6 that will be priced at the RPM or at the cap they'll  
7 be priced at the 255, correct?

8 A. That's correct.

9 Q. Now, under the stipulation who gets the  
10 price, the RPM price for capacity depends on the  
11 priority the customer has as set forth in Appendix C  
12 of the stip, correct?

13 A. That's correct.

14 Q. And the detailed implementation plan  
15 that's been filed.

16 A. That's correct.

17 Q. And Group 1 customers are customers that  
18 took service from a CRES provider as of July 1st of  
19 this year, correct?

20 A. That's correct.

21 Q. And Group 2 customers are customers that  
22 took CRES service first between July 1 and on or  
23 before September 7th, correct?

24 A. They either took service or provided --  
25 provided notice to the company that they intended to,

1     yes.

2             Q.     So other than the date that they either  
3     took service or indicated they were going to take  
4     service by providing some type of notice, there are  
5     no other cases to distinguish those customers in  
6     those two groups that are set out in Appendix C,  
7     correct?

8             A.     That's right. The two dates that define  
9     what group they were placed in for purposes of the  
10    capacity set-aside.

11            Q.     Now, with respect to the set-aside rules,  
12    those rules are based on rules in the state of  
13    Michigan to manage a queue with regard to a cap on  
14    competition in that state, correct?

15            A.     Yeah, I would say they formed the basis  
16    for what ultimately ended up being Appendix C.

17            Q.     And with respect to the rules that were  
18    the basis of Appendix C, you're familiar with those  
19    rules.

20            A.     I am.

21            Q.     And you're familiar with the statute upon  
22    which those rules in Michigan are based, correct?

23            A.     All too familiar.

24            Q.     And it would be fair to say that those --  
25    that statute calls for a hard cap on shopping; does

1       it not?

2               A.     Sure does.

3               Q.     And there's not a similar statute in  
4       Ohio.

5               A.     There is not.

6               Q.     Now, compared to a capacity price set at  
7       the RPM price, would you agree with me that it is  
8       less likely that a customer will shop at a capacity  
9       price of \$255 per megawatt-day?

10              A.     Are you talking currently? In the  
11       future?

12              Q.     In the future, between January 1st,  
13       2012, and June 2015.

14              A.     It potentially makes it less likely or it  
15       changes the economics for a customer considering  
16       shopping on the issue of price. There are other  
17       considerations that customers take into account when  
18       making a decision to shop, but on the question of the  
19       price for which they will pay for capacity, it's  
20       obviously something that they may consider as part of  
21       their decision.

22              Q.     Let me move to another subject. Talk to  
23       you a little bit about governmental aggregation.  
24       You're aware that state policy in Ohio is to promote  
25       governmental aggregation; are you not?

1           A.    Yes, I am.

2           Q.    And you're not aware of any contract that  
3 Constellation or the other company or companies that  
4 you represent has with any municipal aggregator  
5 within AEP Ohio, correct?

6           A.    That's correct.

7           Q.    Now, to the extent that a municipal  
8 aggregator, excuse me, that a municipality has a  
9 governmental aggregation ordinance on the ballot this  
10 November, if such ordinance were to pass, would you  
11 agree with me that it would be likely that the first  
12 time that those customers could receive service under  
13 a governmental aggregation contract would be after  
14 January 1st, 2012?

15          A.    I'm counting in my head the time and the  
16 steps as I understand them that that municipality  
17 would have to go through before they could begin to  
18 implement such a program with an election in  
19 November, and with the various steps that would need  
20 to be done it is likely they would not be able to  
21 take service until after January 1st.

22          Q.    So that would put them at best in Group 5  
23 under Appendix C or the detailed implementation plan.

24          A.    I believe so, that's correct.

25          Q.    And that would be the lowest priority,

1 correct?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Now, with respect to the detailed  
4 implementation plan and the stipulation, the  
5 stipulation does not require the detailed  
6 implementation plan to be reviewed or approved by the  
7 Commission, correct?

8 A. I believe it is silent on that issue,  
9 yes.

10 Q. And with respect to the detailed  
11 implementation plan, would it be fair to say that you  
12 don't know when the cap tracker mechanism will be  
13 available and open for CRES providers to see?

14 A. I don't know. I know that they do have  
15 information currently posted on their website, and  
16 whether that will be enhanced in the time frame for  
17 that, I don't know when that will occur.

18 Q. And you don't know what information  
19 AEP Ohio will require of a customer about expanded  
20 load to make that customer eligible for Group 3  
21 status, correct?

22 A. I do not.

23 Q. And with regard to whether the queue  
24 under the detailed implementation plan has begun, you  
25 believe it already has begun, correct?

1           A.    When you say "the queue has begun," you  
2           mean customers or CRES providers have taken their  
3           place in the queue?

4           Q.    Well, I just mean the establishment of a  
5           queue that's set forth in Appendix C.  That's already  
6           begun, correct?

7           A.    I believe so, yes.

8           Q.    You also believe that corporate  
9           separation is something that benefits competition; do  
10          you not?

11          A.    I do.

12          Q.    And the company that will own AEP Ohio's  
13          generation resources, in your view, will be required  
14          to bid all the generation it owns into the RPM  
15          auction, correct?

16          A.    Correct.

17          Q.    Would it be fair to say that as the  
18          stipulation now reads if the corporate separation  
19          milestones are not met based upon actions of AEP Ohio  
20          that has the effect of undue delay, there is no  
21          specific remedy set forth in the stipulation as to  
22          what the Commission could or should do?

23          A.    It is not specified in the stipulation.

24          Q.    In fact, you would agree with me, would  
25          you not, that there's nothing in the stipulation with

1     respect to corporate separation that provides any  
2     additional requirement for AEP in terms of, again,  
3     corporate separation other than what AEP is already  
4     required to do under Ohio law as you understand it?

5           A.    I don't believe there's anything specific  
6     in the stipulation on that, correct.

7           Q.    Okay. Now, you believe, do you not, that  
8     AEP has certain practices and certain things that  
9     they don't do that are barriers to shopping, correct?

10          A.    There are a number of items that have  
11     been on the books in their tariffs since the opening  
12     on the marketplace.

13          Q.    Some of those barriers include not having  
14     a rate ready billing.

15          A.    That could be one, yes.

16          Q.    And not having a purchase and receivables  
17     program, correct?

18          A.    Correct.

19          Q.    And the stipulation doesn't require rate  
20     ready billing for purchase and receivables program,  
21     correct?

22          A.    It does not.

23          Q.    You also believe that there's certain  
24     information that a pro-competitive policy would  
25     foster that AEP does not provide, correct?

1           A.    That's correct.

2           Q.    And that would include, among other  
3 things, web-based electronic access to key customer  
4 usage and account data?

5           A.    Correct.

6           Q.    Access to data for validation, error  
7 detection, and edit, data hosted via electronic data  
8 interchange post.

9           A.    Correct.

10          Q.    Access to 867 historical usage and  
11 historical integral usage data.

12          A.    Correct.

13          Q.    Access to data regarding meter read cycle  
14 information.

15          A.    Correct.

16          Q.    Quarterly updated sync showing accounts  
17 enrolled with a CRES provider.

18          A.    Correct.

19          Q.    Meeter master customer list.

20          A.    The master customer list is something  
21 that's provided to CRES providers.

22          Q.    Currently.

23          A.    Currently.

24          Q.    Meter types and interval meter.

25          A.    Correct.

1 Q. Rate code indications?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. Load profile group indicator?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. Minimum stay dates.

6 A. If any, correct. Yes.

7 Q. Whether a customer participates in a  
8 budget plan.

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. And would it be fair to say that with the  
11 exception of the meter master customer list, none of  
12 those things are required by the stipulation for AEP  
13 to provide?

14 A. None of those items are required to be  
15 specifically provided under the stipulation, but some  
16 of those items do appear on the master customer list  
17 that's provided that isn't affected by the  
18 stipulation, if you will. Some of the data and  
19 information is provided via the master customer list  
20 that you receive as a CRES provider.

21 Q. For some it's not.

22 A. That's correct.

23 Q. Now, you also believe that among the  
24 business practices that would be pro competitive and  
25 pro shopping would be to require AEP to notify a CRES

1 provider before a drop occurs.

2 A. That's correct.

3 Q. And the stipulation does not require AEP  
4 to do that, right?

5 A. It does not.

6 Q. And you participated in the negotiations  
7 in this case, did you not?

8 A. I did.

9 Q. And it would be fair to say that you did  
10 not do any quantitative analysis comparing the MRO or  
11 the ESP.

12 A. I did not.

13 Q. Now, you had previously reviewed the  
14 testimony of, the initial filed testimony of FES  
15 witness Mr. Schnitzer.

16 A. That's correct.

17 Q. And you supported that testimony with  
18 respect to the initial application in this case,  
19 correct?

20 A. That's correct.

21 Q. You supported how he valued the ESP.

22 A. That's correct.

23 Q. And how he valued the MRO.

24 A. I did.

25 Q. And how within the ESP calculation he

1       valued the rider GRR.

2               A.     That's correct, I supported the testimony  
3       submitted as it related to the so-called ESP versus  
4       MRO test.

5               Q.     And that would include how he valued the  
6       pool modification and termination rider.

7               A.     Correct.

8               Q.     And within the MRO price how he developed  
9       the competitive benchmark price.

10              A.     Correct.

11              Q.     You also supported his testimony  
12       regarding the errors that he said that AEP Witness  
13       Thomas had made in her initial calculations.

14              A.     That's correct.

15              Q.     Now, you also are familiar with the  
16       testimony of AEP witness Mr. Allen in this case,  
17       correct?

18              A.     That's correct, generally.

19              Q.     And you're aware that he quantifies a  
20       "benefit" based upon a "discount" of capacity prices  
21       from \$355 per megawatt-day, correct?

22              A.     That's correct.

23              Q.     You would agree with me, would you not,  
24       that to calculate a "discount" from a 355 price and  
25       quantify that as a "benefit" one would have to assume

1       that the 355 price was a proper price in the first  
2       place?

3               A.     Yes.

4               Q.     And you do not believe that the 355 price  
5       is proper, correct?

6               A.     We did not.

7               Q.     And so you would agree with me that  
8       that's not a proper way to quantify a benefit of the  
9       ESP, correct?

10              A.     We obviously took issue with the original  
11       filing that included that number and, you know, we're  
12       not supportive of that.

13              Q.     Thank you.

14                     MR. KUTIK: May I have one minute, your  
15       Honor?

16                     No further questions, thank you.

17                     EXAMINER TAUBER: Thank you.

18                     Mr. Darr.

19                     MR. DARR: Thank you, your Honor.

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21                               CROSS-EXAMINATION

22       By Mr. Darr:

23               Q.     With regard to Constellation's  
24       involvement in the cases that are part of the  
25       stipulation, is it correct that you, meaning

1 Constellation, has not intervened in the deferred  
2 fuel cases?

3 A. You said the deferral fuel cases?

4 Q. Yes, sir.

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. Is it also true that you have not at this  
7 point intervened in the corporate separation case,  
8 11-5333?

9 A. I do not believe we have.

10 Q. With regard to the Turning Point project,  
11 is it your belief that this is a renewable project?

12 A. As I understand the project, it is a  
13 solar facility so, yes, it's a renewable energy  
14 facility.

15 Q. Is it also your view that any renewable  
16 energy mandates should be captured through a  
17 bypassable as opposed to a nonbypassable charge?

18 A. I believe the statute addresses the issue  
19 of bypassability as it relates to compliance costs  
20 with the renewable standards, so to the extent that  
21 costs are included to address the company's  
22 compliance with that standard, as I understand the  
23 statute they should be bypassable for a customer  
24 taking service from a CRES provider.

25 Q. Are you personally familiar with the

1 transition schedule that was provided by Senate Bill  
2 3?

3 A. Generally, yes.

4 Q. And would you agree with me that the  
5 transition schedule provided by Senate Bill 3 would  
6 have required the completion of that transition  
7 period prior to the filing of this stipulation?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And do you know the specific date that  
10 that would have been required?

11 A. I don't recall right now.

12 Q. I want to go back to something that came  
13 up during your discussion with Mr. Kutik. You were  
14 somewhat forceful about your opinion of the situation  
15 in Michigan right now. Is it correct that  
16 Constellation has taken a position with regard to the  
17 caps that those are inappropriate?

18 A. Yes, we have.

19 Q. And is it also true that Constellation  
20 opposed the passage of the legislation to produce the  
21 system in Michigan?

22 A. Yes, we did.

23 Q. Is it also true that Constellation is  
24 participating in a shareholder group -- stakeholder  
25 group, excuse me, in Michigan that is working to

1 change Michigan's restrictions on that shopping?

2 A. Yes, we are.

3 Q. And can you state for us why  
4 Constellation has taken that position?

5 A. Sure. And we'd welcome the participation  
6 of any IEU members in that stakeholder process as  
7 well.

8 The legislation in Michigan that you  
9 referred to is an absolute cap on shopping and is  
10 something that's been harming customers with  
11 three-plus rate increases put in place by each of the  
12 utilities there, we think it's been a bad policy and  
13 it's been a real negative for consumers. Consumers  
14 of all sizes.

15 So we're part of a group that's trying to  
16 work with policymakers to either eliminate or  
17 significantly raise that cap so that customers can  
18 have an opportunity to enjoy the benefits of  
19 competitively priced power which for 90 percent of  
20 Michigan residents and businesses is not possible  
21 right now.

22 Q. In fact, there are a number of commercial  
23 and industrial customers who are seeking or would  
24 like to seek a shopping opportunity and they are  
25 being precluded by the cap, correct?

1           A.    Yes.  As of I think the last time I  
2   looked, which was earlier this week, there's  
3   something like 5,370-plus customers standing in line  
4   in their queue hoping for an opportunity to take  
5   advantage of a competitive Electric Choice.

6           Q.    And am I correct also in stating that  
7   Constellation has been encouraging electric customers  
8   in Michigan to join electric competition for Michigan  
9   now, I guess that should be in quotations --

10           MR. NOURSE:  Your Honor.

11           Q.    -- and help change the law in Michigan  
12   that limits shopping to 10 percent?

13           MR. NOURSE:  Your Honor, I object.  
14   Relevancy.  We've got enough problems in Ohio, I  
15   don't think we need to solve Michigan's problems.

16           MR. DARR:  It goes to the question of how  
17   the Michigan system relates that was used as a basis  
18   for this and it also goes to Constellation's support  
19   or lack of support for shopping limits.

20           EXAMINER TAUBER:  Your objection is  
21   overruled.  Please continue.

22           A.    I believe the answer to your question  
23   would be yes, we've encouraged customers to join that  
24   group.

25           MR. DARR:  Thank you.  That's all I have.

1 Thank you.

2 EXAMINER TAUBER: Ms. Hand?

3 MS. HAND: No questions, your Honor,  
4 thank you.

5 EXAMINER TAUBER: Are there any other  
6 parties we're missing?

7 Mr. Petricoff, redirect?

8 MR. PETRICOFF: I have a couple of  
9 redirect questions, thank you, your Honor.

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11 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

12 By Mr. Petricoff:

13 Q. Mr. Fein, Mr. Kutik took you through a  
14 list of items that had been in your original  
15 testimony in terms of barriers that Constellation  
16 would like to see lifted that were not. Are there  
17 barriers that were on that list that were lifted as  
18 part of the stipulation?

19 A. Yes, there were.

20 Q. Could you tell us about a few of those?

21 A. Sure. With respect to some of the retail  
22 market enhancements that are a part of the  
23 stipulation, the stipulation addresses, it's  
24 paragraph s of the stipulation does address a number  
25 of those concerns and now a CRES provider, as part of

1 the so-called master customer list, will receive  
2 capacity PLC and transmission NSPL information, it  
3 will be able to obtain historical usage via the EDI  
4 867 transaction.

5 The company has agreed as part of the  
6 stipulation to eliminate the 90-day notice that  
7 certain customers have to provide before they can  
8 shop with a CRES provider, and also will address  
9 minimum stay requirements that have required larger  
10 customers who return to the company to stay with the  
11 company for a 12-month period.

12 Q. Mr. Kutik also asked you about rider GRR.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. What is the dollar amount that customers  
15 would pay under the stipulation when it's first  
16 approved for GRR?

17 A. The rider currently is set at zero.

18 Q. Will the Turning Point project  
19 automatically be included in the GRR?

20 A. No. As I understand it, that in the  
21 event the company seeks to collect any costs from  
22 customers pursuant to rider GRR, they will have to  
23 make a separate filing with the Commission and  
24 address the other statutory requirements in order to  
25 impose such costs on a nonbypassable basis.

1           Q.    Would Constellation as a signatory party  
2           to the stipulation be barred from opposing Turning  
3           Point being added to the GRR cost?

4           A.    No.   The stipulation expressly reserves  
5           the right to all signatory parties to take whatever  
6           positions they wish to take regarding those potential  
7           future filings that could come before the Commission.

8           Q.    Let's talk about MR6.  Are you familiar  
9           with the MR6 project as it's covered by the  
10          stipulation?

11          A.    Yes.

12          Q.    Would Constellation be permitted to  
13          oppose inclusion of MR6 as part of the GRR fee?

14          A.    Similar to the Turning Point project the  
15          stipulation reserves for Constellation and all the  
16          signatory parties the right to oppose or take any  
17          position regarding that potential future filing.

18          Q.    Finally, does the stipulation call for  
19          hard caps on shopping in Ohio or in, I'm sorry, in  
20          the AEP Ohio service territory?

21          A.    No.   The stipulation has RPM price  
22          capacity set-asides, not hard caps, that govern the  
23          amount of RPM priced capacity that the company is  
24          making available.

25          Q.    And does that increase over time?

1           A.    It does increase from the level in 2012  
2   to a higher level in 2013 and a higher level in 2014,  
3   and maybe even a higher level in 2013 [verbatim] if  
4   the company is able to implement securitization.

5           Q.    And what will the limit be after June of  
6   2015?

7           A.    There will be no limits.

8           Q.    So everyone will get RPM pricing at that  
9   time.

10          A.    That's correct.

11          MR. PETRICOFF:  No further questions,  
12   your Honor.

13          EXAMINER TAUBER:  Thank you.

14          Mr. Smalz, do you have any questions on  
15   recross?

16          MR. SMALZ:  No, your Honor.

17          EXAMINER TAUBER:  Mr. Etter?

18          MR. ETTER:  No, your Honor.

19          EXAMINER TAUBER:  Mr. Kutik?

20          MR. KUTIK:  No, your Honor.

21          EXAMINER TAUBER:  Mr. Darr?

22          MR. DARR:  Briefly, your Honor.

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## RECROSS-EXAMINATION

By Mr. Darr:

Q. With regard to rider GRR, you're aware that there have been estimates made with regard to the revenue requirement for 2013; is that correct?

A. I recall that they might have been proposed in this case but I'm not familiar with the specific amounts.

Q. And are you aware of whether or not there's been any attempt by the company in its filing so far to provide a cost or an estimate during the ESP period of what GRR would cost customers?

A. I don't recall whether a detailed one has been provided in the record or not.

Q. Okay. Have you reviewed Mr. Allen's testimony?

A. In support of the stipulation, yes.

Q. And are you aware of anything in Mr. Allen's testimony that would score or cost the effect of including Turning Point in the GRR?

A. I don't recall offhand sitting here right now.

Q. And with regard to the MR6, are you aware of any estimates as to what that might mean in terms of revenue to the companies or costs to the

1 customers?

2 A. I don't believe anything regarding that  
3 was submitted into the record.

4 Q. And by the same -- following up on the  
5 same question I had with regard to Turning Point, is  
6 there anything in Mr. Allen's testimony that would  
7 score or indicate to us the effect of the benefits or  
8 costs of the MR6 proposal?

9 A. I don't believe it's in this record.

10 MR. DARR: Nothing further. Thank you.

11 MR. LANG: Ms. Hand.

12 MS. HAND: Nothing, your Honor. Thank  
13 you.

14 EXAMINER TAUBER: The Bench has a  
15 question for you.

16 THE WITNESS: Sure.

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18 EXAMINATION

19 By Examiner See:

20 Q. Mr. Fein, in response to questions posed  
21 by Mr. Kutik, you answered that the time line for --  
22 first let me go back.

23 You answered some questions by Mr. Kutik  
24 about governmental aggregation and he asked you about  
25 the time line necessary once governmental aggregation

1 was approved. You said that it would take more than  
2 a couple months from November -- from the time that  
3 it could be placed on a municipality's ballot to the  
4 time that they could receive an allocated allotment  
5 would be more than November to let's say January 1,  
6 2012, correct?

7 A. Correct. I said I thought it might be  
8 tough for them to meet that deadline with the  
9 requirements for the opt-out notices and some of the  
10 other steps that any municipality has to go through  
11 to comply with those provisions of the statute.

12 Q. Okay. So you appear to have some idea of  
13 the steps that are usually taken by a municipality.  
14 Tell me what those steps are, just in general.

15 A. Yeah. I know that there are some  
16 requirements for public hearings, and I can't recall  
17 if that's prior or after a referendum is placed on  
18 the ballot and addressed. I think there's something  
19 like there has to be two public meetings noticed up  
20 by a municipality, and again, I can't recall if  
21 that's prior or after a referendum is adopted.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. There is a governance plan or  
24 implementation plan that I believe the municipality  
25 has to develop, and there is the required customer

1 opt-out notice that must be sent that provides a  
2 customer with the opportunity to opt out of being  
3 part of the aggregation program.

4 There's probably another step or two I'm  
5 forgetting, but those are some of them that come to  
6 mind.

7 Q. Okay. And based on your knowledge of  
8 that process you believe it would take how long, from  
9 the time that it's approved on the ballot, for the  
10 governmental aggregation program to be effectuated?

11 A. Your Honor, I'm struggling a little bit  
12 because I don't profess to be an expert on all the  
13 steps in the process. I'm generally aware of the  
14 requirements in the statute. But with an election,  
15 what, second week in November it is this year if I'm  
16 not mistaken, you know, that's with the holidays and  
17 everything it's giving you only about six, seven  
18 weeks maybe to get something like that done.

19 So, you know, my guess would be it's a  
20 two- to four-month process but, again, that's not one  
21 of the areas that I'm uniquely familiar with all the  
22 steps and the timelines.

23 Q. And that's fine if you're not familiar  
24 with it. Thank you very much, Mr. Fein.

25 THE WITNESS: You're welcome.

1 EXAMINER TAUBER: You may be excused.

2 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

3 MR. PETRICOFF: Your Honor, at this point  
4 we would like to move for admission into the record  
5 of Constellation Exhibit No. 1.

6 EXAMINER TAUBER: Are there any  
7 objections to Constellation Exhibit No. 1, which is  
8 the direct testimony of Mr. Fein?

9 (No response.)

10 EXAMINER TAUBER: Hearing none,  
11 Constellation Exhibit No. 1 shall be admitted.

12 (EXHIBIT ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

13 MR. PETRICOFF: And at this time, your  
14 Honor, I think the next witness on the list is  
15 Exelon's and my co-counsel will present the Exelon  
16 witness. Mr. Dominguez.

17 MR. STAHL: Good afternoon, your Honors,  
18 this is the first opportunity I've had to address the  
19 panel. My name is David Stahl, it's S-t-a-h-l. I'm  
20 with the law firm of Eimer, Stahl, Klevorn and  
21 Solberg in Chicago, Illinois, and we are among the  
22 attorneys representing Exelon Generation and this is  
23 Mr. Joseph Dominguez who will be our witness who is  
24 prepared to testify.

25 EXAMINER TAUBER: Thank you.

1 Please raise your right hand.

2 (Witness sworn.)

3 EXAMINER TAUBER: Thank you.

4 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

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6 JOSEPH DOMINGUEZ

7 being first duly sworn, as prescribed by law, was  
8 examined and testified as follows:

9 DIRECT EXAMINATION

10 By Mr. Stahl:

11 Q. Good afternoon, Mr. Dominguez. We have  
12 already asked the reporter to mark and I believe she  
13 has marked as Exelon Generation Exhibit No. 1 the  
14 supplemental testimony of Joseph Dominguez. Can you  
15 please state your name and business address for the  
16 record?

17 A. Sure. My name is Joseph Dominguez, my  
18 last name is spelled D-o-m-i-n-g-u-e-z. I work for  
19 Exelon Corporation. My principal office is at 300  
20 Exelon Way in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania.

21 Q. And is it correct that you are testifying  
22 on behalf of Exelon Generation this afternoon?

23 A. I am. Exelon Generation and subsidiary  
24 Exelon Energy, which is a retail electric supplier.

25 Q. And what is Exelon Generation Exhibit 1?

1           A.    It's my testimony in support of the  
2 stipulation.

3           Q.    Do you have any changes that you would  
4 like to make to that testimony this afternoon?

5           A.    No, sir.

6           Q.    If I were to ask you the questions set  
7 forth in Exhibit 1, would your answers be the same as  
8 reflected in that exhibit?

9           A.    Yes.

10           MR. STAHL: Thank you, your Honors. I  
11 have no further questions for Mr. Dominguez at this  
12 time and he is now available for cross-examination.

13           EXAMINER TAUBER: Thank you.

14           MR. KUTIK: Your Honor, at this time will  
15 the Bench entertain motions to strike?

16           MR. DARR: Same request, your Honor.

17           EXAMINER TAUBER: Yes.

18           MR. ETTER: The same request, your Honor.

19           EXAMINER SEE: I'm sorry, what was that,  
20 Mr. Etter?

21           MR. ETTER: We also have a request, your  
22 Honor.

23           MR. KUTIK: Your Honor, we have three  
24 areas of the testimony that we would move to strike  
25 all on the same basis.

1 First, starting on page 8, line 7,  
2 beginning with the sentence "In the case of AEP," and  
3 continuing through the rest of the page, that is  
4 through line 14; second, we would move to strike the  
5 table that appears at the top of page 9; and then we  
6 would also move to strike attachments A through E,  
7 and the ground, your Honor, for all is that the  
8 witness here is -- testimony is hearsay.

9 It is obviously documents that are not  
10 Exelon documents, they're not this witness's  
11 documents, they're documents from a third party,  
12 documents we have no ability to cross-examine the  
13 authors of the documents, and it meets the classic  
14 definition of hearsay, and they're all offered for  
15 the truth of the matter which is the observations  
16 supposedly made within these reports regarding the  
17 stipulation and its merits or lack thereof.

18 MR. STAHL: Your Honors, I'm prepared to  
19 respond, but may I approach Mr. Dominguez and hand  
20 him a copy of his testimony so he can follow along?

21 EXAMINER TAUBER: Yes.

22 MR. ETTER: Your Honor, if I may, that  
23 was exactly the motion we were planning to make, move  
24 to strike the exact same portions Mr. Kutik had  
25 mentioned, because of hearsay.

1 EXAMINER TAUBER: Thank you.

2 Mr. Darr.

3 MR. DARR: Same areas, same grounds,  
4 although I would have gone back to page 7 starting at  
5 line 21, since it basically incorporates the same  
6 information.

7 I would add an additional basis for the  
8 objection. If the testimony is being offered as  
9 expert testimony with regard to the affects of this  
10 particular stipulation, I would point out that the  
11 testimony or evidence that the witness is relying on  
12 is not proper evidence on which to base an expert  
13 opinion, particularly under the Ohio rules, and that  
14 it should be excluded on that basis as well.

15 EXAMINER SEE: Mr. Darr, you indicated in  
16 the beginning that you would have also included --

17 MR. DARR: I would have gone back to page  
18 7, line 21, taken the whole question and answer out.  
19 Through the table and the attachments as well.

20 EXAMINER TAUBER: Mr. Stahl.

21 MR. STAHL: Yes. Thank you, your Honors.  
22 First of all, with respect to the additional request  
23 that the motion go back to page 7, line 21, through  
24 page 8, line 7, nothing in any of that testimony is  
25 anything other than Mr. Dominguez's direct

1 affirmative statements. They do not rely on any  
2 third-party documents or statements at all, so  
3 there's absolutely no basis for the additional motion  
4 covering that piece of the testimony.

5 With respect to the grounds stated by  
6 Mr. Kutik, I guess I would have three responses to  
7 that, all of which support the admissibility of the  
8 testimony, the table, and the attachments.

9 First of all, this is not, contrary to  
10 Mr. Kutik's statement, classic hearsay by any stretch  
11 of the imagination. These are not statements of fact  
12 that have been introduced to establish the truth of  
13 any ultimate fact that is in issue in this case.

14 These are not statements that a witness  
15 to a traffic accident might make to the effect that  
16 when the traffic light was red, I saw the car in the  
17 intersection. That is a classic statement of fact  
18 that might be considered hearsay and inadmissible  
19 unless it falls within one of the recognized hearsay  
20 exceptions.

21 We are not dealing with a statement of  
22 fact here. These statements that Mr. Dominguez  
23 references in his testimony to the effect that the  
24 settlement is constructive, it is reasonable, it is  
25 balanced, those statements are judgments or opinions,

1 and these are expressions of judgments and opinion  
2 made by knowledgeable and independent third parties.  
3 They don't purport to be statements of any ultimate  
4 fact.

5 And I think as statements of judgment or  
6 opinion made by these independent and knowledgeable  
7 third parties, these are something that the  
8 Commission ought to be made aware of and allowed to  
9 consider in connection with its response to any  
10 claims or opinions in this case that the settlement  
11 is somehow unduly generous to AEP or is somehow a  
12 windfall to AEP because I think these statements  
13 succinctly summarized in the table on page 8 show  
14 exactly what these knowledgeable and independent  
15 observers say.

16 For example, Mr. Chin: We believe the  
17 settlement -- we believe the settlement is something  
18 of a mixed bag for AEP. Like all settlements,  
19 there's some good, there's some bad.

20 So that's the first ground that I think  
21 that this is admissible, it is simply not hearsay.

22 Secondly, even if these statements were  
23 to be considered hearsay, I think they would fall  
24 within the business records exception to the hearsay  
25 rule as these documents show clearly on their face.

1 And they're all attached, they're Attachments A  
2 through E and the motion to strike covers those as  
3 well.

4 And I think, for example, if you were to  
5 look at Attachment B to this testimony, this is the  
6 report by BMO Capital Markets, it's the full report,  
7 and you will see on page 7 of this the statement made  
8 at the very end of the report "To U.S. Residents:  
9 BMO Capital Markets Corp. and" -- I'm reading under  
10 "Additional Matters" on page 7, it's about at the  
11 middle of the page.

12 "BMO Capital Markets Corp. and/or BMO  
13 Nesbitt Burns Securities Ltd., affiliates of BMO NB,  
14 furnish this report to U.S. residents and accept  
15 responsibility for the contents herein, except to the  
16 extent that it refers to securities and the Bank of  
17 Montreal."

18 Similar statements can be found in  
19 Exhibits C and -- I'm sorry, Attachment C at page 8,  
20 again, toward the middle of the page under Other  
21 Important Disclosures. This is the Bank of America  
22 Merrill Lynch report.

23 The words appear there "This research  
24 report has been prepared and issued by MLPF&S and/or  
25 one or more of its non-U.S. affiliates. MLPF&S is

1 the distributor of this research report in the U.S.  
2 and accepts full responsibility for research reports  
3 of its non-U.S. affiliates," et cetera.

4 There are similar statements in each of  
5 those others which I don't need to belabor the record  
6 with, but I think what these statements show is, is  
7 that these are clearly -- first of all, there can be  
8 no question about the authenticity of these  
9 documents, but they are reports that are issued in  
10 the normal course of the business of these investment  
11 analysts. This is what analysts do.

12 And I think it's clear from the face of  
13 all of these reports that these analysts are taking  
14 and accepting full responsibility for the contents  
15 and statements set forth in these reports. So I  
16 think these are business records.

17 And, finally, Mr. Dominguez is not  
18 testifying as an expert witness. He is testifying as  
19 to his opinion, however, as a knowledgeable lay  
20 witness that the three criteria that the Commission  
21 ordinarily uses to judge settlements are satisfied in  
22 this case, one of those being that the settlement is  
23 in the public interest and provides benefits to  
24 customers. And that, again, would be directly  
25 contrary to the notion that this is somehow a

1 windfall or confers undue benefits on AEP.

2 And as part of his judgment that this  
3 settlement meets the three criteria that the  
4 Commission uses, he is relying on these admittedly  
5 expert reports, I don't know if they're admittedly  
6 expert reports but I think clearly it can't be  
7 contested that these investment analysts are experts  
8 in this field, he is relying on those and that's what  
9 a witness expressing an opinion in Ohio and other  
10 jurisdictions is allowed to rely on and in the  
11 process of relying on that third-party information  
12 bring it to the attention of the finder of fact.

13 That's what Mr. Dominguez is doing here,  
14 and in short, for all three of those reasons we  
15 believe this is information that should fairly be  
16 made available to the Commission for its  
17 consideration.

18 MR. NOURSE: Your Honor, the companies  
19 would note that they oppose the motions to strike for  
20 all the reasons eloquently stated by Mr. Stahl.

21 MR. KUTIK: May I respond, your Honor?

22 EXAMINER TAUBER: You may.

23 MR. KUTIK: Your Honor, the fact that  
24 statements are opinion doesn't make them any less  
25 hearsay. If we were here on a traffic accident and

1 someone wanted to testify about what they heard about  
2 how fast a car was going, that's opinion testimony  
3 and it's still hearsay.

4 Hearsay is an out-of-court -- a statement  
5 by an out-of-court declarant. These reports, these  
6 authors of these reports are not in this hearing room  
7 today and they are statements being offered for the  
8 truth and, therefore, that's the classic definition  
9 of hearsay. There's no opinion exception to the  
10 hearsay rule. That's number one.

11 Number two, Mr. Stahl said well, this is  
12 important information that the Commission should  
13 consider. Well, if it's such important information,  
14 then let Exelon bring in the authors of these reports  
15 and let us cross-examine them on their opinions. We  
16 have no basis to do that. This witness doesn't know  
17 the basis of their opinions.

18 So if this was so important that it  
19 should be brought in front of the Commission properly  
20 and fairly, then the authors of these reports should  
21 be brought in.

22 With respect to whether it's a business  
23 record or not, there needs to be evidence with  
24 respect to someone who is familiar with the  
25 recordkeeping of the institution for which the

1 business record would apply. This witness is not  
2 that witness.

3 Mr. Stahl's statements reading certain  
4 remarks in the reports doesn't make them  
5 independently -- doesn't independently support the  
6 foundation for a business record requirement.

7 In fact, what we don't know is are these  
8 regular reports? Were these reports specially done?  
9 Did Exelon ask for these reports? And all of these  
10 things would be fair game if we had the witnesses  
11 before us in terms of the authors of these reports.

12 And lastly, Mr. Stahl says, well, these  
13 are the type of things that are regularly relied upon  
14 to reach opinions. Of course, in the same breath he  
15 says that Mr. Dominguez is not an expert.

16 Well, first, only an expert can rely on  
17 things to form opinions, that's number one.

18 Number two, there is a special  
19 requirement under Ohio, unlike the federal rules,  
20 unlike rules elsewhere, with respect to what a  
21 witness may rely upon, and that requirement is that  
22 the materials that are being relied upon are  
23 independently admissible and admitted, and certainly  
24 this doesn't apply or that test is not met by trying  
25 to get these in since they are not admissible in any

1 other way.

2 So none of the bases that Mr. Stahl has  
3 set forth fly. We have an opinion, but it's still  
4 hearsay. We haven't made a foundation that these are  
5 business records. And he hasn't shown that it's  
6 independently admissible which is required for an  
7 expert to rely on it to provide the opinion testimony  
8 in Ohio.

9 MR. DARR: May I, your Honor?

10 EXAMINER TAUBER: Briefly, yeah.

11 MR. DARR: One last point, your Honor.  
12 By the argument that I just heard, if he's not  
13 operating or if he's not testifying as an expert,  
14 then he can only testify as to the things which he  
15 knows, and by the very testimony itself demonstrates  
16 that he's relying on the opinions of these other  
17 parties.

18 So no matter which way you cut this, you  
19 end up with the same result and that is that this is  
20 improper testimony.

21 EXAMINER TAUBER: Mr. Stahl, do you have  
22 a brief response?

23 MR. STAHL: Yes, just very briefly. A  
24 point Mr. Kutik made. These are not hearsay because  
25 they are simply not being admitted or asked to be

1 admitted to support the truth of any matter asserted.  
2 They're simply statements of opinion, beliefs,  
3 judgments by people, as I say, who are knowledgeable  
4 and informed. So the principle basis for the hearsay  
5 objection does not exist here.

6 And although Mr. Dominguez is not being  
7 offered as an expert, he is entitled to provide a lay  
8 opinion, and that is what he is doing in part relying  
9 on these reports.

10 EXAMINER TAUBER: Thank you.

11 Given that we're at the point of the day  
12 where we're getting near lunch and we're going to  
13 need additional time to review this, we will take the  
14 motion under advisement at this point in time and  
15 take a lunch recess until 1:45 and we'll go off the  
16 record. Thank you.

17 (Thereupon, at 12:34 a.m., a lunch recess  
18 was taken.)

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4 EXAMINER TAUBER: Let's go back on the  
5 record.

6 Mr. Stahl.

7 MR. STAHL: Yes, your Honors, this is not  
8 in any way intended to influence the ruling on the  
9 motion to strike, so I can either say it now or I can  
10 say it after you deliver your ruling, but it does  
11 relate to something I said during the argument on the  
12 motion to strike.

13 Mr. Petricoff suggested that I ought to  
14 clarify this, I thought I was clear when I said it,  
15 but maybe I wasn't clear when I said it, and I want  
16 to make it abundantly clear to everybody in the room  
17 here.

18 The statement I made to the effect that  
19 Mr. Dominguez was testifying as a lay opinion witness  
20 was directed only to the specific context of the  
21 motions to strike and that was specifically the  
22 financial impact of the settlement and, even more  
23 specifically than that, whether the settlement  
24 somehow resulted or was likely to result in a  
25 windfall to AEP.

1           And I thought I made that clear and I  
2           thought it was also clear from the context of the  
3           question to which the answer and the evidence of the  
4           subject of the motion to strike was responsive. So I  
5           wanted to say that at the outset.

6           I also want to say that with respect to  
7           all other matters or at least the matters covered by  
8           Mr. Dominguez's testimony, and by that I mean to  
9           include questions of regulatory policy, questions of  
10          competitive policy, competitive procurement, and the  
11          development and importance of competitive markets,  
12          Mr. Dominguez is an expert witness and is and has  
13          been qualified as such.

14          As I say, that's not intended to  
15          influence the ruling on the motion to strike, but it  
16          does relate to something I said in connection with  
17          that argument.

18                 EXAMINER TAUBER: Thank you.

19                 MR. STAHL: Thank you.

20                 EXAMINER TAUBER: At this point in time  
21          we are going to deny the motion to strike.  
22          Mr. Dominguez reviewed the public market reports and  
23          utilized them -- scratch that.

24                 EXAMINER SEE: Mr. Dominguez used public  
25          published financial market reports to reach his

1 decision on evaluating the stipulation and as such we  
2 will not grant the motions to strike those portions  
3 of his testimony or the attachments with the  
4 understanding that we are not accepting the  
5 attachments -- we are not taking Attachments A  
6 through E or the table into the record in support of  
7 the truth of the matter asserted within those  
8 reports.

9 Now, with that, Exelon Exhibit 1 has been  
10 marked and moved into the record and I think we're  
11 ready for cross of Mr. Dominguez.

12 Mr. Etter.

13 MR. ETTER: Yes, thank you, your Honor.

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15 CROSS-EXAMINATION

16 By Mr. Etter:

17 Q. Good afternoon, Mr. Dominguez.

18 A. Good afternoon.

19 Q. On page 7 of your testimony, line 17, you  
20 state that "...we did not independently analyze the  
21 base generation rate." Who is the "we" in that  
22 sentence?

23 A. I was speaking on behalf of Exelon and  
24 the Exelon family of companies.

25 Q. And does Exelon have an employee who is

1 capable of analyzing the base generation rate  
2 proposed in the stipulation?

3 A. You know, we employ 19,000 people. We  
4 file our own rate cases, I'm sure there's probably  
5 somebody in the company that has that expertise, but  
6 I have not used them in this case.

7 Q. And why not?

8 A. Well, because we saw our role in this  
9 case as trying to open up the competitive market in  
10 Ohio and presently that market, from a CRES supplier  
11 standpoint, has a cloud hanging over it.

12 We wanted to do business in Ohio. We  
13 want to be a retail electric supplier here as we are  
14 in many states, and so the focus for us was trying to  
15 get to some regulatory certainty that would allow us  
16 to begin and expand our business in Ohio, and the  
17 ultimate goal there was to clear up what I think is a  
18 dispute that lies at the heart of the case.

19 If you're a retail electric supplier in  
20 Ohio and you're sitting across the table from a  
21 prospective customer and that customer says "What are  
22 you going to charge me?" the problem we had walking  
23 into this case was that we couldn't answer that  
24 question because there was a dispute that existed in  
25 three different proceedings regarding the capacity

1 charge that would be assessed to those customers.

2 So my focus was ultimately in getting to  
3 a competitive market resolution that provided clarity  
4 on what the capacity component was going to be. And  
5 that was important for Exelon Energy.

6 For Exelon Generation what was important  
7 was for us to be able to compete on a best-price  
8 basis as soon as practicable, in our view, for  
9 default or POLR load.

10 The interim position on the generation  
11 rate, there were others in the room who were far more  
12 expert than I was, including the Commission staff and  
13 representatives of industrial customers that signed  
14 on. So it wasn't a function that we weren't  
15 interested in it. I understood it to be a component  
16 of the overall settlement that would have to be  
17 reached, but I also understood our role in the case;  
18 what we wanted to achieve through the settlement.

19 And the fact that despite the fact that  
20 I'm sure we do have some company experts who could  
21 opine on these matters, these matters were already  
22 well represented in terms of a variety of experts in  
23 the negotiating room and, frankly, in this case that  
24 would understand the generation rate issues and be  
25 able to opine to the hearing examiners on that.

1           Q.    So the base generation rate to you, or to  
2   Exelon, was a secondary matter in this case, it  
3   wasn't of great importance?

4           A.    I wouldn't describe it that way. I mean,  
5   obviously we wanted to get to a resolution to achieve  
6   the two objectives that I described earlier, and I  
7   understood that in the context of getting to a  
8   resolution, a generation rate issue was going to be  
9   very important.

10                  But what I am saying to you is that I  
11   relied on the expertise of others, and there are a  
12   great many parties that signed on to the stipulation  
13   to address the generation rate and I didn't deploy  
14   specific resources from Exelon to analyze the  
15   generation rate or the DIR for that matter.

16           Q.    So you have no opinion as to the  
17   reasonableness of the base generation rate.

18           A.    I didn't analyze the generation rate,  
19   sir, no.

20           Q.    Now, on pages 8 and 9 of your testimony  
21   you discuss the opinions of various investment  
22   analysts regarding the stipulation, and those  
23   opinions are in the attachments to your testimony; is  
24   that right?

25           A.    Yes, sir.

1 Q. And have you read the attachments?

2 A. I have.

3 Q. And each of the attachments has a series  
4 of disclosures or disclaimers that go along with  
5 those opinions; is that right?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Have you read those disclosures and  
8 disclaimers?

9 A. You know, when I read these reports, I  
10 probably didn't reread those disclosures or  
11 disclaimers, but I read so many of these that I'm  
12 sure at some point in time I did read the words in  
13 them. But I probably skipped over that when I read  
14 these ones in particular.

15 Q. Well, let's go through some of those  
16 disclosures and disclaimers because they appear to  
17 limit the nature of the opinions, don't they?

18 First of all, let's start with Appendix  
19 A -- or, Attachment A.

20 A. Okay.

21 Q. And on page 3 there's a disclaimer there  
22 that's marked "Disclaimer," it's the third paragraph  
23 down under "ISI Disclaimer," and would you read --  
24 well, let me read it.

25 The disclaimer says "This material is

1 based upon information that we consider to be  
2 reliable, but neither ISI nor its affiliates  
3 guarantee its completeness or accuracy. Assumptions,  
4 opinions, and recommendations contained herein are  
5 subject to change without notice, and ISI is not  
6 obligated to update the information contained  
7 herein." Is that right?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. So this opinion which is now about six  
10 weeks old might have changed over the past six weeks;  
11 is that right?

12 A. I'm not aware that it has, but it might  
13 have, sure.

14 Q. Well, because it's subject to change  
15 without notice, right?

16 A. It is, but you got to keep in mind I do  
17 follow this issue. And I am not aware of an update.  
18 If you are, I'd like to see it.

19 Q. But it's the fact that it's subject to  
20 change without notice so they could have changed  
21 their opinion and not notified anybody; is that  
22 right?

23 A. I suppose so, yes.

24 Q. Okay. Now, on page 9 of your testimony  
25 under the second, in the second heading or second

1 category I guess of Table 1, you have some statements  
2 there made by Michael S. Worms, and the first  
3 statement that you have there is that "The settlement  
4 stipulation on the ESP appears to be balanced and  
5 constructive, in our view." And that's in Attachment  
6 B; is that correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And whereabouts in Attachment B is that  
9 located?

10 A. I'd have to reread.

11 Q. Because there are no citations to the  
12 actual statements in your testimony, we need to find  
13 out where you are referring there.

14 MR. STAHL: Your Honors, if it will help,  
15 this one appears to be at the very top of page 2.  
16 I'm willing to have Mr. Dominguez sort through all of  
17 this and find them, but if we want to expedite it, I  
18 would direct the parties' attention to the very first  
19 sentence on page 2.

20 Q. Is that the statement, Mr. Dominguez?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. But on page 1 of the attachment under the  
23 heading "Impact," the first sentence there says "We  
24 view the settlement agreement as balanced and  
25 constructive for AEP." Does it not?

1           A.    Yes.

2           Q.    So apparently they are qualifying that  
3 statement as being balanced and constructive just for  
4 AEP; is that right?

5           A.    I don't think that's a fair  
6 characterization of what they're saying here. I  
7 think what all of these analysts do when they review  
8 our settlements are trying to understand whether the  
9 settlement is going to stick or not, whether it's a  
10 deal that the Commission is going to approve  
11 ultimately.

12                    So I do agree with you that the words  
13 here are "balanced and constructive for AEP," but I  
14 believe and my understanding of the document is what  
15 they're saying is that it's a fair, balanced deal and  
16 a fair resolution of the rate case.

17           Q.    But you don't know what all they took  
18 into consideration. For example, did they take into  
19 consideration the base generation rate that was  
20 approved in the -- or, that's contained in the  
21 stipulation?

22           A.    I think so, because they looked -- they  
23 analyzed the earnings per share impact of the  
24 settlement which would, of course, have to consider  
25 the base generation.

1           Q.    But not necessarily its affect on  
2    ratepayers; is that right?

3           A.    Well, I think that's right. I think  
4    you're right in saying that these aren't consumer  
5    advocates we're talking about, we're talking about  
6    whether or not the analysts believe that the company  
7    got a fair deal and that ultimately whether it's  
8    going to be approved or not. I think that's the  
9    general theme here.

10          Q.    Now, on page 7 of Attachment B they also  
11    have a general disclaimer there as well. And there's  
12    a sentence that begins on line 4 of the very first  
13    paragraph of the General Disclaimer, and it states  
14    that -- it's similar to the one before, it states  
15    that "The opinions, estimates and projections  
16    contained in this report are those of BMO Capital  
17    Markets as of the date of the report and are subject  
18    to change without notice." Is that right?

19          A.    Yes.

20          Q.    And at the bottom of that disclaimer, the  
21    very last sentence states that "The reader should  
22    assume that BMO Capital Markets or its affiliates may  
23    have a conflict of interest and should not rely  
24    solely on this report in evaluating whether or not to  
25    buy or sell securities of issuers discussed herein."

1                   So do you know whether BMO Capital  
2 Markets has a conflict of interest in this regard?

3           A.    I don't. What I would say, generally  
4 speaking, is some of these analysts are completely  
5 independent, they own no shares of the company that  
6 they're reporting on; others have affiliated trading  
7 organizations and Bank of America may in fact be one  
8 of those, and some of the other analysts that are  
9 cited here might in fact be some of those that have  
10 an affiliate that trades and, therefore, they hold  
11 positions on utility players.

12                So the language that you're seeing here  
13 and the language you've read to me is an indicator  
14 that some affiliate of this analyst group may hold a  
15 position on AEP, they may or may not. I don't know  
16 what their present stockholders are in AEP.

17           Q.    So you don't know, for example, whether  
18 Mr. Worms has stock holdings in AEP.

19           A.    I don't.

20           Q.    And if he did, he may have a conflict of  
21 interest, as they state here; is that right?

22           A.    May have criminal problems too if he was  
23 manipulating the market for that purpose, but yes, of  
24 course.

25           Q.    Now let's move on to Attachment C, and I

1 believe this is Mr. Fleishman, yes, Steve Fleishman  
2 who is the person you cite here.

3 And if you go to page 7 here, at the  
4 bottom of page 7, well, the entire page has the  
5 heading "Important Disclosures," does it not?

6 A. Yes, it does.

7 Q. Okay. And at the bottom of page 7 there  
8 are a series of disclosures that seem to be specific  
9 to American Electric Power, they mention American  
10 Electric Power by name, do they not?

11 A. You're going to have to direct me to  
12 that.

13 Q. Under the line, well, it's the very  
14 bottom of the page, the first one that says MLPF&S,  
15 which I presume means Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner &  
16 Smith.

17 A. Yes. Yep. And I think I referenced this  
18 in my earlier response, that Bank of America, for  
19 example, has affiliates that trade in the utility  
20 sector and here I think what they're saying, advising  
21 the reader that one of the companies that they may  
22 trade in is American Electric Power.

23 Q. And the first or the second disclosure  
24 under the one under price charts, the first one  
25 that's labeled MLPF&S states that "Merrill Lynch or

1 one of its affiliates acts as a market maker for the  
2 equity securities recommended in the report." AEP,  
3 correct?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And the second one says that the, the one  
6 below that says that "Merrill Lynch or an affiliate  
7 has received compensation from the company for  
8 noninvestment banking services or products within the  
9 past 12 months," correct?

10 A. Right.

11 Q. And the next one says "The company is or  
12 was, within the last 12 months, a nonsecurities  
13 business client of Merrill Lynch and/or one or more  
14 of its affiliates," correct?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And the next one says that "Marilyn Lynch  
17 together with its affiliates beneficially owns  
18 1 percent or more of the common stock of the  
19 company."

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And the next one says "Merrill Lynch or  
22 one of its affiliates is willing to sell to, or buy  
23 from, clients the common equity of the company on a  
24 principal basis," correct?

25 A. Right.

1           Q.    Do you know whether they have done so  
2 recently?

3           A.    I don't know. I know that these  
4 companies move in and out of stock positions. I  
5 mean, these are major banks and so they're talking  
6 about their affiliates with major banks, and I think  
7 what they're saying is that the value of the stock is  
8 less because of the settlement. So they're actually  
9 downgrading AEP because of what's occurred here and  
10 because of additional risk to the company as it  
11 transitions into the competitive market.

12           Q.    And the last one says "Bank of America  
13 and Merrill Lynch Research personnel (including the  
14 analyst[s] responsible for this report) receive  
15 compensation based upon, among other factors, the  
16 overall profitability of Bank of America Corporation,  
17 including profits derived from investment banking  
18 revenues," correct?

19           A.    That's right.

20           Q.    So Mr. Fleishman might have a reason to  
21 slant his view on AEP's stipulation.

22           A.    I don't think so. I think Mr. Fleishman  
23 is disclosing potential conflicts of interest. I  
24 think he's trying to do the best he can in terms  
25 evaluating this settlement.

1           And I would point out, again, that he  
2 isn't looking at the settlement through rose-colored  
3 glasses here. He's very specifically saying that  
4 this settlement may not be a good deal for AEP and  
5 he's very specifically saying he's downgrading the  
6 shares of AEP as a consequence of the settlement.

7           So your implication that somehow he's  
8 trying to sell AEP's shares here just doesn't wash,  
9 sir.

10          Q.    But you don't know that for a fact, do  
11 you?

12          A.    Sir, I'm not going to opine here that  
13 Mr. Fleishman is slanting the report one way or the  
14 other. I think he is trying to do the best he can in  
15 evaluating the settlement.

16          Q.    And on page 9 of the attachment under the  
17 heading "Copyright and General Information regarding  
18 Research Reports," the second paragraph begins  
19 "Materials prepared by Bank of America and Merrill  
20 Lynch Global Research personnel are based on public  
21 information. Facts and views presented in this  
22 material have not been reviewed by, and may not  
23 reflect information known to, professionals in other  
24 business areas of B of A Merrill Lynch, including  
25 investment banking personnel." Correct?

1           A.     That's what it says.

2           Q.     And it goes on to state that "B of A  
3     Merrill Lynch has established information barriers  
4     between B of A Merrill Lynch Global Research and  
5     certain business groups. As a result, B of A Merrill  
6     Lynch does not disclose certain client relationships  
7     with, or compensation received from, such companies  
8     in research reports. To the extent this report  
9     discusses any legal proceeding or issues, it has not  
10    been prepared as nor is it intended to express any  
11    legal conclusion, opinion, or advice." Is that  
12    right?

13          A.     Yes, that's what it reads.

14          Q.     Now, moving on to Attachment D, and this  
15    is the Wells Fargo Securities report, on page 5 at  
16    the bottom of that page there are several disclosures  
17    there.

18          A.     I see that.

19          Q.     And there are bullet points there. The  
20    first one says "Wells Fargo Securities maintains a  
21    market in the common stock of AEP"; is that right?  
22    America Electric Power Company, Inc.

23          A.     That's what it says, yes.

24          Q.     And "Wells Fargo Securities or its  
25    affiliates intends to seek or expects to receive

1 compensation for investment banking services in the  
2 next three months from American Electric Power  
3 Company, Inc.," correct?

4 A. That's what it says, yes, sir.

5 Q. And the third bullet says "Wells Fargo  
6 Securities or its affiliates received compensation  
7 for investment banking services from American  
8 Electric Power Company in the past 12 months." Do  
9 you know what those might be?

10 A. No, I don't.

11 Q. And the fourth bullet says that "American  
12 Electric Power Company currently is, or during the  
13 12-month period preceding the date of distribution of  
14 the research report was, a client of Wells Fargo  
15 Securities, Incorporated -- or, LLC. Wells Fargo  
16 Securities provided investment banking services to  
17 American Electric Power," correct?

18 A. Yes, sir, you read that correctly.

19 Q. And the last bullet on that page says  
20 that "American Electric Power currently is, or during  
21 the 12-month period preceding the date of  
22 distribution of the research report was, a client of  
23 Wells Fargo Securities." And that "Wells Fargo  
24 Securities provided nonsecurities services to  
25 American Electric Power." Is that right?

1           A.    That's what it says.

2           Q.    And at the top of page 6, the first  
3   bullet there states that "Wells Fargo received  
4   compensation for products or services other than  
5   investment banking services from American Electric  
6   Power in the past 12 months"; is that correct?

7           A.    Yes, sir, that's correct.

8           Q.    And the last bullet there states that  
9   "Wells Fargo Securities or its affiliates may have a  
10   significant financial interest in American Electric  
11   Power Company"; is that right?

12          A.    Yes, sir, that's correct.

13          Q.    And finally let's move on to attachment  
14   E, and this is Citigroup Global Markets. And on page  
15   3 here they note at the bottom of page there, there  
16   are several disclaimers there.

17          A.    I see those, yes, sir.

18          Q.    The first is that "Citigroup Global  
19   Markets or its affiliates beneficially owns 1 percent  
20   or more of any class of common equity securities of  
21   American Electric Power"; is that right?

22          A.    Counsel, you're just reading to me what's  
23   on this form. That's already in my testimony.

24          Q.    Yes, but --

25          A.    I could continue to verify for you that

1 you're reading it accurately. If what you're trying  
2 to get at is a question based on this reading, I'll  
3 answer it, but you can go ahead and read all of it  
4 and I'll just answer "yes" or "no" if you read it  
5 accurately at the end. I don't want to use up your  
6 time, but that's all you're doing here.

7 Q. I have all day, sir.

8 A. So do I, I'm just trying to make it more  
9 expedient.

10 Q. That's correct on that first bullet, that  
11 they own more than 1 percent -- owns 1 percent or  
12 more of any class of equity?

13 A. I don't have an independent knowledge of  
14 that, I'm just telling you you've read the sentences  
15 correctly.

16 Q. Well, you didn't read this, apparently,  
17 before you put this in your testimony, though, did  
18 you?

19 A. Sir, this is so common. These are major  
20 banks. I don't know how to explain it to you  
21 otherwise. All of the banks transact in a variety of  
22 spaces. They have analysts that work for the company  
23 that evaluate for investors financial impacts on the  
24 company. And they talk about whether the company is  
25 a company that you should buy, you should hold, you

1     should sell and material events such as this  
2     settlement influence their recommendations.

3             They have other parts of the bank that  
4     loan money to companies like AEP, companies like  
5     Exelon, and every other electric utility in the  
6     business. Most of them have investment banking  
7     services that they offer. And all of us partake in  
8     those investment banking services.

9             I think you'll find very few analysts  
10    that are completely unaffiliated with either  
11    investment bankers, brokerage houses, or banks that  
12    loan us money. It's just not that big a universe of  
13    folks here.

14            And so what I tried to tell you at the  
15    outset is I've read these disclosures, I understand  
16    them. They don't want to be sued, so they are  
17    telling everybody who reads their reports here are  
18    all the other things that affiliates of this analyst  
19    group do.

20            Many of them have erected conflict of  
21    interest roles within the banks so they try not to be  
22    influenced or use information gleaned from one source  
23    of the business to influence analysts' reports and  
24    all of that.

25            I don't even have to go back and read

1     them. The very first time I got in this business and  
2     I started reading these reports I read the language  
3     that you're talking about written with a variety of  
4     different words but saying essentially the same  
5     thing.

6             If you were an investor and you're  
7     reading this report, understand my opinion might  
8     change, understand that my bank has relationships  
9     with this entity that, you know, that go beyond us  
10    just analyzing. That's what these disclosures cover.

11            So no, sir, I didn't go back and reread  
12    every one of these disclosure statements, and it  
13    would not change for a second my inclusion of them in  
14    the testimony because fundamentally I believe this,  
15    that if this were a windfall for AEP, these people  
16    would be among the very first to report it, and they  
17    haven't.

18            What they've said is it's a balanced  
19    deal. They don't see any economic windfall for AEP  
20    in this, and as I've pointed out both with respect to  
21    Mr. Fleishman's report and Mr. Chin's report, they go  
22    even further and they say this is a bad deal for AEP  
23    in certain circumstances, it adds risk to their  
24    portfolio, and we are telling the investment  
25    community not to buy AEP because of that.

1                   That's what I'm saying here.

2                   MR. ETTER: I would move to strike  
3 everything past his affirmative response or his  
4 negative response, whichever it was.

5                   EXAMINER TAUBER: Go ahead.

6                   MR. STAHL: We oppose and I think it's a  
7 fair explanation of what the witness's answer was.

8                   EXAMINER TAUBER: The motion to strike  
9 should be granted.

10                  Mr. Dominguez, please answer Mr. Etter's  
11 questions.

12                  THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

13                  Q. (By Mr. Etter) Now, on the next  
14 disclosure or disclaimer it states that "Citigroup  
15 Global Markets or its affiliates have received  
16 compensation for investment banking services provided  
17 within the past 12 months from American Electric  
18 Power," correct?

19                  A. Yes, that's what it reads.

20                  Q. And the next one states that "Citigroup  
21 Global Markets or its affiliates expects to receive  
22 or intends to seek, within the next 3 months,  
23 compensation for investment banking services with  
24 American Electric Power"; is that right?

25                  A. Yes, that's what it reads.

1           Q.    And the next one states that "Citigroup  
2   Global Markets, Inc. or an affiliate received  
3   compensation from products and services other than  
4   investment banking services from AEP in the last 12  
5   months," correct?

6           A.    You read that correctly.

7           Q.    Would you happen to know what those might  
8   be?

9           A.    I don't.

10          Q.    And the next one states that "Citigroup  
11   Global Markets currently has, or had within the past  
12   12 months, AEP as an investment banking client,"  
13   correct?

14          A.    That's what it reads, yes.

15          Q.    And the next one states that -- well,  
16   first of all, would you know what that concerned?

17          A.    I don't.

18          Q.    And the next one is that "Citigroup  
19   Global Markets currently has, or had within the past  
20   12 months, the following as clients, and the services  
21   provided were noninvestment-banking  
22   securities-related," and that refers to American  
23   Electric Power Company, Inc.; is that correct?

24          A.    That's right.

25          Q.    Do you happen to know what that might be

1 about?

2 A. I don't.

3 Q. And the last or the next one there states  
4 that "Citigroup Global Markets currently has, or had  
5 within the past 12 months, the following clients, and  
6 the services provided were noninvestment-banking  
7 nonsecurities-related" and they refer to American  
8 Electric Power, do they not?

9 A. Could you -- where are you there?

10 Q. It would be the third disclosure from the  
11 bottom, the last one that starts "Citigroup Global  
12 Markets, Inc."

13 A. Yes, I see that.

14 Q. And would you know what that was about as  
15 well?

16 A. I don't.

17 Q. And on page 4 under "Other Disclosures"  
18 the second disclosure there states that "Citigroup  
19 Global Markets and/or its affiliates has a  
20 significant financial interest in relation to  
21 American Electric Power." Correct?

22 A. Yes, you read that correctly.

23 Q. You put great stock in these investment  
24 analysts you've included in these attachments or  
25 these reports you've included in these attachments,

1 correct?

2 A. Define "great stock." I think they're  
3 qualified experts to evaluate the financial impact of  
4 the settlement on AEP.

5 Q. Have investment analysts ever been known  
6 to put anything misleading or untruthful or  
7 inaccurate in a report such as this?

8 A. I don't know how to answer that. I'm  
9 sure there has been inaccuracies in reports, but I  
10 don't know any as I sit here today and I don't know  
11 any relating to the subject matter of this  
12 settlement.

13 MR. ETTER: Thank you, Mr. Dominguez.

14 No further questions, your Honor.

15 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

16 EXAMINER TAUBER: Mr. Kutik.

17 MR. KUTIK: Thank you, your Honor.

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19 CROSS-EXAMINATION

20 By Mr. Kutik:

21 Q. Good afternoon.

22 A. Good afternoon to you, sir.

23 Q. Taking up from where Mr. Etter left off  
24 with respect to those analysts' reports, it's true,  
25 is it not, that you can't offer any bases for these

1 analysts' conclusions other than the statements that  
2 appear in those documents, correct?

3 A. I haven't separately analyzed the  
4 financial impacts of the settlement to AEP and the  
5 ESP impacts and multipliers that are reflected in the  
6 reports, no.

7 Q. You believe that AEP had a corporate  
8 policy to discourage shopping, do you not?

9 A. I think AEP had a problem with shopping  
10 and where that shopping was based on the RPM capacity  
11 price, I believe they were losing money, and as a  
12 consequence they undertook efforts to curtail that  
13 shopping or change the capacity price that was being  
14 recovered from CRES suppliers for those customers.

15 Q. So the answer to my question is Yes.

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And in terms of that policy, you believed  
18 that it formed the basis of the initially proposed  
19 ESP in this case, correct?

20 A. I do.

21 Q. And you also believe that the  
22 justifications that AEP gave for the various features  
23 of the initial proposal were false.

24 A. I believe that's true, yeah.

25 Q. For example, you believe that Ohio is a

1 net exporter of power, correct?

2 A. That's correct.

3 Q. You also believe that Ohio generation  
4 will do well in a competitive environment, correct?

5 A. I do.

6 Q. And based upon what you know of the  
7 structure and responsibility for reliability in Ohio  
8 and PJM, again, based upon what you know now, you  
9 don't have any concerns about the future reliability  
10 of power in Ohio, correct?

11 A. That's right. I think the entire market  
12 is long on capacity right now, so from a gross  
13 capacity standpoint I think there's a surplus. There  
14 may be some specific reliability issues that occur  
15 as, you know, a power plant in a particular location  
16 retires and transmission work needs to be done, but  
17 in terms of the amount of generation we have, we've  
18 got more than enough generation to satisfy the  
19 reliability criteria currently.

20 Q. You also believe that retail competition  
21 and customer choice benefits Ohio customers and Ohio  
22 generally.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And you recommended that the Commission  
25 adopt a competitive bid process to procure the

1 default or POLR load within AEP Ohio, correct?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. And would it be fair to say that that  
4 type of process will not produce power until June of  
5 2015? That is, a competitive bidding process within  
6 AEP will not deliver power into AEP until June of  
7 2015.

8 A. Yes, that's correct, sir.

9 Q. Now, you also have criticized AEP's  
10 initial proposal because it contained a number of  
11 generation-related nonbypassable riders, correct?

12 A. I did.

13 Q. And it's also fair to say that there are  
14 nonbypassable generation-related riders that are  
15 present in the stip, correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. One of those is rider GRR.

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Another is the pool  
20 termination/modification rider.

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And you also believe, do you not, that  
23 with respect to the market transition rider, that the  
24 costs that are involved in there are generation  
25 related, correct?

1           A.    Yeah.  That's a little bit of a harder  
2   one, but I do think it's generation-related costs  
3   handled through a, essentially a rate design  
4   mechanism that's in the MTR.

5           Q.    With respect to rider GRR, would it be  
6   fair to say that, again, based upon what you know  
7   now, you can't see a need for shopping customers to  
8   pay for new generation within AEP?

9           A.    Well, I'm aware that statute allows  
10  nonbypassable surcharges for new generation of some  
11  type.  Presently I don't believe there is a need for  
12  new generation and I believe what the stipulation  
13  does is says, look, these guys may pursue, "these  
14  guys" meaning AEP, may pursue building new  
15  generation, we're going to defer that to another  
16  proceeding to make that decision.

17                   Based on everything we know right now  
18  Exelon will be in that other proceeding and we would  
19  oppose the construction of any additional power  
20  plants as unnecessary and not being able to satisfy  
21  the statutory criteria.

22                   We'll see the ESP goes on for a number of  
23  years.  If the facts on the ground change in terms of  
24  reliability impacts or other things that we can't  
25  foresee right now, then that GRR will be there and it

1 will be evaluated by the Commission if and when AEP  
2 makes the filing.

3 Q. With due respect, sir, I didn't ask you  
4 about a future proceeding. I just asked you based  
5 upon what you know now you can't see the need for  
6 shopping customers paying for generation within  
7 AEP Ohio owned by AEP Ohio, correct?

8 A. Based on everything that I know now about  
9 the circumstances that are going to exist over the  
10 next four years which is what, you know, the CSP  
11 covers kind of till the middle part of '16, I don't  
12 think there's going to be a need for new generation.

13 Q. Now, Appendix C that is in the  
14 stipulation was not a primary focus of your efforts  
15 in representing Exelon in the negotiation, correct?

16 A. I'm not sure I would say it wasn't a  
17 personal focus of mine. In other words, I wasn't  
18 involved in the personal negotiation of it, but  
19 Mr. Petricoff, our attorney, and Stephen Bennett, one  
20 of our employees, were more involved in those issues  
21 working with the RESA president, David Fein. So I  
22 don't have a lot of personal knowledge about what's  
23 in Exhibit C. I didn't track that issue  
24 particularly.

25 Q. My question simply was it wasn't a

1 primary focus of yours, correct?

2 A. You said "of yours on behalf of Exelon"  
3 and what I'm saying is I delegated it to other people  
4 to resolve on behalf of Exelon.

5 Q. So in terms of you personally, that  
6 wasn't a primary focus, correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Would it also be fair to say that the  
9 first time that you saw a draft of Appendix C was  
10 after Labor Day?

11 A. That's right.

12 Q. It's also true to say, is it not, that as  
13 far as you know Exelon or the Exelon -- one of the  
14 Exelon companies that you represent does not have any  
15 contracts with municipal aggregators in Ohio?

16 A. We don't have contracts in Ohio AEP zone  
17 period, of any kind.

18 Q. But my question wasn't limited to AEP,  
19 it's Ohio generally.

20 A. Right. Yes. That's right.

21 Q. So the answer is Yes.

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And that has not been a focus of your  
24 business, that's government aggregation.

25 A. So far it hasn't been.

1           Q.    Now I want to ask you some questions  
2 about Appendix C.

3           A.    I'll do my best.

4           Q.    Thank you.  Would it be fair to say that  
5 you don't know whether, if we have a Group 1 customer  
6 that moves on January 2nd of 2012, whether that  
7 customer will be able to retain that customer's Group  
8 1 status?

9           A.    I don't know.  I'd have to go back and  
10 really study to see, but I'm afraid I can't answer  
11 your question one way or the other.

12          Q.    Would it be also fair to say that you  
13 don't know whether, if we had a Group 2 customer that  
14 expanded its load by greater than 10 percent, whether  
15 that Group 2 customer would have to pay a capacity  
16 price of \$255 per megawatt-day?

17          A.    Again, I am just not an expert on -- what  
18 you said may or may not be true, I just don't know as  
19 I sit here today.

20          Q.    Now, would it also be fair to say that  
21 Group 1 customers have different rights under  
22 Appendix C than Group 2?

23          A.    As I recall, they do, that's correct.

24          Q.    And would it be fair to say that the only  
25 distinction that you're aware of with respect to

1 Group 1 versus Group 2 is the date that the customer  
2 takes service from the CRES provider or the date that  
3 the customer provides notice that they are going to  
4 take service from the CRES provider?

5 A. That's what I understand.

6 Q. You have not done any studies on the  
7 effect of capacity rates on retail shopping, correct?

8 A. That's right.

9 Q. And you're not aware of any analysis of  
10 the effect of the proposed charges for capacity set  
11 forth in the stipulation on shopping, are you?

12 A. No, I'm not. I haven't done that  
13 analysis.

14 Q. It would also be fair to say that Exelon  
15 took a position in this case that AEP Ohio was not  
16 entitled to charge for capacity 347 to 355 dollars  
17 per megawatt-day to CRES providers, correct?

18 A. That's our litigation position both here  
19 with regard to the originally filed ESP and it's our  
20 litigation position at FERC.

21 Q. And would it be fair to say that you  
22 wouldn't take a litigation position that you thought  
23 did not have merit?

24 A. I think our litigation positions have  
25 complete merit, but whether they'll win or not was

1 the question we settle here, right?

2 Q. My question to you is you believe as a  
3 matter of merit that AEP would not be entitled to  
4 charge a capacity price of \$355 to CRES providers.  
5 Correct?

6 A. Yeah, we certainly didn't take a  
7 frivolous position. We believe in our legal position  
8 both here and at FERC that AEP should not be entitled  
9 to charge that. We're aware certainly of arguments  
10 both factual and legal on the other side of that  
11 issue, and those aren't fruitless arguments either.  
12 We believe we have the better of the argument both  
13 here and at FERC but at the end of the day we didn't  
14 know and, you know, we certainly advanced the best  
15 argument we could and I believe it to be the right  
16 argument.

17 Q. It's also true, is it not, that as far as  
18 you know wholesale suppliers who might bid into a  
19 competitive bidding process in AEP Ohio for  
20 AEP Ohio's POLR load are not required to buy capacity  
21 from AEP?

22 A. I believe that capacity, as long as it  
23 could get into the AEP zone from a transmission  
24 perspective, should qualify and should be able to  
25 satisfy, in fact, the reliability requirements

1 underlying the capacity requirement in PJM.

2 Q. So the answer to my question is Yes.

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. You made no study to quantitatively  
5 compare the MRO -- an MRO to the proposed ESP,  
6 correct?

7 A. No, I did not.

8 Q. In fact, as far as you know no one at  
9 Exelon did that.

10 A. I did not ask anyone at Exelon to do that  
11 and no one, to my knowledge, did that.

12 Q. Previously in this case you had cited  
13 Mr. Schnitzer's testimony with approval. Correct?

14 A. I cited aspects of Mr. Schnitzer's  
15 testimony with approval, certainly.

16 Q. Would it be fair to say that, at least  
17 with respect to his analysis of the initial proposal,  
18 in comparing the ESP and the MRO, or an MRO, you  
19 agreed with his conclusion that the initially  
20 proposed ESP would cost between 700 million and  
21 1 billion dollars more than an MRO?

22 A. Yes.

23 MR. KUTIK: Could I have one moment, your  
24 Honor?

25 EXAMINER TAUBER: You may.

1 MR. KUTIK: No further questions, thank  
2 you.

3 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

4 EXAMINER TAUBER: Mr. Darr?

5 MR. DARR: Thank you, your Honor.

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7 CROSS-EXAMINATION

8 By Mr. Darr:

9 Q. Good afternoon.

10 A. Good afternoon.

11 Q. Is Exelon Generation Company currently  
12 authorized to do business in Ohio?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. When did that take place?

15 A. Well, we've been doing business in Ohio  
16 as a gas supplier for many, many years, I don't know.  
17 And I think as a competitive retail electric supplier  
18 we have or, if we haven't, we're about ready to file  
19 applications to be able to do work as a CRES supplier  
20 here.

21 Q. And is that Exelon Generation Company?

22 A. Well, that's Exelon Energy which is a  
23 part of Exelon Generation. In terms of Exelon  
24 Generation, remember we're selling in a wholesale  
25 market that we don't have to have specific permission

1 by a state to sell energy from Illinois, where we  
2 have 11 nuclear plants, into Ohio through the  
3 interstate transmission system.

4 We have the necessary approvals through  
5 what's called the market-based rates filing at FERC  
6 to sell energy at market rates in the wholesale  
7 electricity business, that's the business of Exelon  
8 Generation.

9 So when you ask me do we have specific  
10 Ohio approval, I'm not aware and perhaps you could  
11 share with me where that approval would be required  
12 to make wholesale sales of electricity.

13 Q. So specifically what you're referring to  
14 is a wholesale transaction, not a retail transaction.

15 A. That's the business of Exelon Generation.  
16 On the retail side of it, Exelon Energy is selling  
17 gas and, as I said, I don't remember if we've  
18 actually filed the application to do business as a  
19 CRES or will do so shortly.

20 Q. Do you know which entity signed the  
21 settlement?

22 A. I believe I signed for Exelon Generation.

23 Q. In terms of the number of proceedings  
24 that are involved in this stipulation, is it correct  
25 that you're not currently involved in the merger

1 proceeding?

2 A. That's right.

3 Q. Is it also true that you're not currently  
4 involved in the curtailment rider cases?

5 A. That's right.

6 Q. And is it also true that you're not  
7 currently involved in the deferred fuel cases?

8 A. True.

9 Q. And is it also true that you're not  
10 currently involved in the corporate separation case?

11 A. That one I'm not sure about. I know  
12 we've made a decision to get involved in it, but  
13 there was a question at least last time I visited as  
14 to whether it was going to be consolidated with this  
15 case, and if I understand it correctly, we now  
16 learned just recently it hasn't been consolidated so  
17 we'll get involved, but right now we're not actually  
18 an intervenor in it.

19 Q. Now, with regard to the original  
20 application in this matter, is it correct that your  
21 view was that the competition not only can beat the  
22 ESP rate now, but also can beat it through at least  
23 May 31st, 2016, notwithstanding the fact that the  
24 energy prices in the underlying market are projected  
25 to rise over that period?

1           A.    That's absolutely true.

2           Q.    And is it also correct that based on your  
3   initial estimation, competitive rates were something  
4   like \$19 below AEP's proposed ESP rate?

5           A.    That you'd have to direct me to where in  
6   my testimony that is so I'll take a look at it.

7           Q.    Subject to check I think it's page 24,  
8   lines 6 through 11.

9           A.    I just don't have my original testimony.  
10   If you give me a copy, I'll follow up with you.

11                  I'm looking. I have a copy of my  
12   redacted testimony here.

13           Q.    Page 24, lines 6 through 11.

14           A.    Okay.

15           Q.    I'm working off the redacted as well.

16           A.    Yeah, this, I think what I'm referring to  
17   here is really my adoption of Mr. Schnitzer's  
18   conclusions that if you took the originally filed ESP  
19   and you tried to calculate the value of the  
20   nonbypassable riders and you pulled that all  
21   together, you would generate a price that is  
22   somewhere around \$73 at its edges as compared to the  
23   FE price as produced by the competitive auction which  
24   was more like 54, to my recollection that's what I'm  
25   referring to here.

1           That, of course, assumes we win the  
2 capacity argument. That, of course, assumes the  
3 resolution in our favor of the legal issue of what  
4 the appropriate capacity charge is.

5           Q. With that understanding you were still  
6 estimating that you were \$19 under, correct?

7           A. Yeah. That's right.

8           Q. And as you indicated previously, this is  
9 not a frivolous position that you were taking at the  
10 time.

11          A. Not at all.

12          Q. And have you made a similar comparison to  
13 the proposed ESP price in the stipulation versus the  
14 competitive price?

15          A. Yeah. Just to be clear, I didn't make  
16 this comparison. I'm referring back to  
17 Mr. Schnitzer's testimony which I adopted. I haven't  
18 looked at Mr. Schnitzer's revised testimony nor, you  
19 know, taken any part of that into my testimony.

20                I never did this initial analysis and I  
21 never did a subsequent one.

22          Q. At least at the time you were relying for  
23 your litigation position on Mr. Schnitzer's expertise  
24 and skills in terms of making those calculations,  
25 correct?

1           A.    Yes.

2                   (Discussion off the record.)

3           Q.    And I believe it is your understanding  
4   that the next ESP, that is the one post-2016, at  
5   least per the terms of the stipulation, does not  
6   require a competitive bidding process at this point;  
7   is that correct?

8           A.    I think what the ESP does is set in play  
9   a series of events, so they're going to come into  
10   RPM, right, as part of the stipulation.  If corporate  
11   separation occurs, they'll be in RPM.  Once you're in  
12   RPM you have to stay for five consecutive auctions.

13                   So definitionally once they're in RPM  
14   they're going to be in a competitive capacity  
15   environment through planning year, if my math is  
16   correct, either '19-'20 or '20-'21.

17                   In terms of the energy side of it,  
18   whether or not there's going to be descending clock  
19   auctions or energy procurements for tranches, that's  
20   not addressed here in this stipulation and it's  
21   deferred to a second ESP that would be filed that  
22   would cover the energy side procurements for the  
23   period that begins June 1st, 2016.

24           Q.    So the answer to my question is that they  
25   are not required to do that per the current terms.

1           A.    I don't remember what your question was.  
2    I think, if I understand correctly, I'm just trying  
3    to address -- you asked if there's going to be  
4    competition for --

5           Q.    No, sir.

6           A.    -- energy, and I was simply  
7    distinguishing between energy and capacity.

8           Q.    I believe my question was the following:  
9    Isn't it true that the next ESP does not require a  
10   competitive bidding process per the stipulation?  
11   There's nothing in the stipulation as to that,  
12   correct?

13          A.    And I'm saying no, that's not true.  The  
14   competitive bidding process for capacity will  
15   continue and it will cover planning years all the way  
16   through '20.  The competitive bidding process for  
17   energy as opposed to capacity you're exactly right  
18   about.

19          Q.    And the competitive bidding process that  
20   you're talking about, that would be all the same  
21   process?

22          A.    No.  RPM is the competitive bidding  
23   process.

24          Q.    So you're talking about the wholesale  
25   capacity business.

1           A.    Yes, sir.

2           Q.    Now, there are a number of riders that  
3           you've identified in your discussions I believe with  
4           Mr. Kutik, GRR, the MTR, pool termination. Does this  
5           stipulation, as you understand it, do anything with  
6           regard to any other possible nonbypassable riders as,  
7           for example, the application to have a nonbypassable  
8           rider for the Sporn 5 closure?

9           A.    I remember, and I'd have to go back to  
10          it, but there were a number of environmental riders  
11          that were nonbypassable in the originally filed case.  
12          I think there's either one or two of those.

13                There was a facilities closure rider,  
14          there was a carbon sequestration rider, there was a  
15          POLR rider, and as part of the settlement the  
16          nonbypassable charges associated with the  
17          environmental rider, for example, and the others that  
18          I described, AEP was forced to give up at the  
19          negotiating table.

20          Q.    Are you aware that there's another  
21          pending proceeding for nonbypassable rider with  
22          regard to the closure of Sporn 5?

23          A.    I'm aware that it exists. I don't know  
24          anything about it and we're not in the case.

25          Q.    Are you aware of anything in the

1 stipulation that effects that particular case?

2 A. Not at the moment.

3 Q. Now, the original ESP offered no means of  
4 seeing if there were better offers, better  
5 competitive offers to provide SSO service; is that  
6 correct?

7 A. That's right.

8 Q. And is there anything in this particular  
9 proposal that would address those issues during the  
10 period 2012 through June of 2015?

11 A. For the default service?

12 Q. Yes.

13 A. No.

14 Q. And I believe your company in particular  
15 has been interested in being involved in that  
16 particular kind of activity; is that not correct?

17 A. We would love to be able to make energy  
18 sales in Ohio. We think that would benefit  
19 customers. We think it would benefit us. We have 11  
20 nuclear plants not too far away and we'd love to sell  
21 energy here.

22 Q. And this would be a wholesale  
23 transaction?

24 A. Yes. And retail transactions, assuming  
25 the elimination of the clouds as I described earlier

1 currently exist in the market.

2 Q. And in fact, and I want to do this  
3 without getting into the portions of this which I  
4 know that both you and the company believe are  
5 sensitive, you have made those kinds of offers to  
6 AEP, correct?

7 A. I want to be careful here as well.

8 Q. I understand that.

9 A. But we did --

10 Q. My understanding, if I may, your Honor,  
11 my understanding is that the concern is not that  
12 offers were made but rather the amounts. Am I  
13 correct in that?

14 MR. NOURSE: The content of the documents  
15 exchanged in discovery was designated as  
16 competitively sensitive.

17 MR. DARR: As to what?

18 MR. NOURSE: The content of the documents  
19 that related to what you're referring to were  
20 designated competitively sensitive. If you want to  
21 get into the contents, I think we need to be in a  
22 sealed record.

23 MR. DARR: All I'm asking for is whether  
24 or not such an event took place. And I'll wait to  
25 see how each of you reacts to that.

1           A.    Let me try to answer in a way that avoids  
2   the problem here.   AEP is one of our biggest  
3   wholesale trading partners, so we routinely trade  
4   energy, transmission, other things with AEP.

5                   We have made offers to them, substantial  
6   offers, for capacity that weren't within the  
7   originally filed ESP period but would be within the  
8   extended ESP period that is reflected in the  
9   stipulation.

10          Q.    And I believe it's your view that, at  
11   least in the current environment, that AEP Ohio's  
12   effectively increased its costs by ignoring cheaper  
13   capacity resources it did not own; is that correct?

14          A.    I think there has been an effort by the  
15   company to use its own resources to supply capacity  
16   in the zone and that the company might have looked at  
17   cheaper alternatives to do that and has failed to do  
18   so.   This stipulation will require them to do so.

19          Q.    And during at least the period 2015 and  
20   2016 it's your expectation that the price of both  
21   capacity and energy is expected to increase, correct?

22          A.    Definitely on the energy side based on  
23   the forward gas curves I think that you'll, you know,  
24   we're seeing a liquid market out there so I can  
25   pretty clearly say the prices are higher than the

1 spot prices we're seeing in the market today.

2 On the capacity side, that's going to be  
3 settled by auction; hard to know what the results  
4 will be. We do expect and we've stated publicly that  
5 as retirements of generation occurs as a result of  
6 Clean Air Act regulations in particular, that the  
7 market will tighten. There still will continue to be  
8 a surplus of generation but the market will get  
9 tighter and that tightening will be reflected in  
10 higher capacity prices over time.

11 Q. And do you have an estimate as to when  
12 that's going to start to realize itself in the  
13 marketplace?

14 A. I think it already has. I think PJM has  
15 pretty clearly stated in the results from the last  
16 auction that the market has begun to tighten. And  
17 you saw that, right, in the actual prices that the  
18 capacity auction produced.

19 We saw two auctions, one that produced  
20 \$16, one that produced \$27, last auction was up to  
21 \$125. That means supply and demand is coming closer  
22 to equilibrium, and the surplus, the length that we  
23 saw in the market is starting to tighten up.

24 It is still not tightening up anywhere  
25 near to the point where supply-demand economics would

1 indicate that new generation is required, which is  
2 what I responded to when Mr. Kutik asked me those  
3 questions.

4 Q. Now, turning to your Attachment B, excuse  
5 me, Attachment C, page 9.

6 A. Is that the Bank of America?

7 Q. Bank of America, page 9.

8 A. Yes, I have it.

9 Q. And I'm looking at the "Copyright and  
10 General Information regarding Research Reports." And  
11 there was a suggestion earlier in your description of  
12 this that these are somehow part of the public  
13 domain. Do you recall that?

14 A. I don't remember using the words "public  
15 domain."

16 Q. My term, but these were publicly  
17 available.

18 A. These are available to people who  
19 subscribe to the services. I don't think you could  
20 Google this and this will come up freely.

21 Q. I guess that's my point. Isn't it true  
22 that each one of these documents is copyrighted and  
23 with that copyright notice in particular with regard  
24 to Bank of America's document it states as follows:  
25 That "This research report is prepared for the use of

1 BOA Merrill Lynch clients and may not be distributed,  
2 retransmitted or disclosed, in whole or in part, or  
3 in any form or manner, without the express written  
4 consent of B of A Merrill Lynch."

5 A. Yes, that's true, and that's why with  
6 the -- for each of the five I made sure to contact  
7 these analysts and to ensure that they allowed the  
8 use of the documents in the testimony that I rendered  
9 in this case. So you're right, I couldn't have done  
10 that without their permission, but I did receive it.

11 Q. And so you secured written consent from  
12 each of these?

13 A. I didn't -- no, not written consent.

14 Q. And if you turn to the Citigroup Global  
15 Markets, page 7, you'll find a similar limitation on  
16 the distribution of that as well, correct?

17 A. That's right.

18 Q. Finally, if we look at Attachment B, page  
19 7, we will similarly find a copyright notice on that  
20 as well, correct?

21 A. Yeah. I thought it existed on all of  
22 them, which is the reason we contacted all of them,  
23 but yeah, I see it here.

24 Q. And did you do this personally or did you  
25 have someone do it on your behalf?

1           A.     I had our investor relations group do it.

2           MR. DARR:   Thank you very much.

3           THE WITNESS:   Thank you.

4           EXAMINER TAUBER:   Ms. Hand?

5           MS. HAND:   No questions, your Honor.

6           EXAMINER TAUBER:   Mr. Stahl, do you have  
7   redirect?

8           MR. STAHL:   Yes.   Could we take about  
9   five minutes?   There's one other thing I'd like to  
10   add to Mr. Dominguez's testimony on this copyright  
11   point.   My recollection is we did get the express  
12   written consent of each of these five firms.

13                  There are other firms that we were going  
14   to quote but we couldn't get the consent from and  
15   we're trying to track down and verify that this  
16   consent, if it becomes an issue we can provide it,  
17   but I know that the company made substantial efforts  
18   to comply with these.

19           MR. KUTIK:   Well, I object to that  
20   statement.   Is counsel testifying?   I mean, so that  
21   statement deserves no weight.

22           MR. STAHL:   Fine, I'll withdraw it.   I'm  
23   just trying to provide some information to the  
24   hearing examiners.

25           MR. KUTIK:   Well, we're on the record.

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1 EXAMINER SEE: Just a minute, gentlemen.

2 EXAMINER TAUBER: We're just going to  
3 strike the record of that and we'll go into redirect.

4 EXAMINER SEE: Mr. Stahl's comments.

5 EXAMINER TAUBER: Of Mr. Stahl's  
6 comments, yes, just to clarify that.

7 MR. KUTIK: So are we taking a break?

8 EXAMINER TAUBER: Do you need time?

9 MR. STAHL: Just five minutes.

10 EXAMINER TAUBER: Okay, we'll take five  
11 minutes then. Let's go off the record.

12 MR. STAHL: Thank you.

13 (Recess taken.)

14 EXAMINER TAUBER: Let's go back on the  
15 record.

16 Mr. Stahl, redirect?

17 MR. STAHL: Yes, thank you, your Honor.  
18 And I believe we will be brief here.

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20 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

21 By Mr. Stahl:

22 Q. Mr. Dominguez, going back to the  
23 cross-examination that Mr. Etter was conducting, he  
24 was referring to the disclosures that were set forth  
25 in the various investment analysts' reports. In your

1 view, Mr. Dominguez, do any of those disclosures or  
2 disclaimers affect your reliance on those investment  
3 analysts' reports?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Can you please explain why not?

6 A. Well, I think I said some of this before,  
7 I don't know what was stricken and whatnot and I  
8 won't repeat it all, but these analysts are  
9 associated with very large banks that have a variety  
10 of commercial interactions with all of us in the  
11 utility and, frankly, all companies or most companies  
12 in the United States in one way or the other in terms  
13 of loaning money, assisting in transactions, so on  
14 and so forth.

15 They're obviously putting their name next  
16 to some view of the market value of the company and  
17 they're going to be very careful to disclose all  
18 conflicts of interest associated with that. But the  
19 concern that they are manipulating or falsely  
20 representing their view regarding a particular  
21 company in order to advance some transaction within  
22 the company, to me, doesn't hold water.

23 These are many multibillion-dollar  
24 companies that are bigger in many respects than  
25 Exelon or AEP or the sum total of us. And in my view

1 while there may have been errors in analysts' reports  
2 historically, I generally think they call it as they  
3 see it, and in the ten years that I've been in the  
4 business, whether they're reporting on us or one of  
5 our competitors, that's what I've generally seen.

6 Q. Turning to a different subject. Some of  
7 the points made during the cross-examination by  
8 Mr. Kutik I'd like to just go back and talk about  
9 those.

10 First of all, I think you agreed that  
11 your -- Exelon's interest in this proceeding was to  
12 open up the Ohio market to competition; is that  
13 correct?

14 A. We want to open up this market for  
15 wholesale and retail competition, absolutely.

16 Q. And also in response to several of  
17 Mr. Kutik's questions you have agreed that the  
18 stipulation to which Exelon is a signatory will not  
19 realize the best of competition until June 2015, that  
20 there are some nonbypassable riders provided for in  
21 the stipulation, and that Exelon believed its  
22 litigating position on the initially proposed by AEP  
23 capacity rate had merit; is that all correct?

24 A. That's correct.

25 Q. In view of all of those factors,

1 Mr. Dominguez, how is it that you and Exelon are able  
2 to support the stipulation?

3 A. Well, we never viewed this statically.  
4 We understood the situation when we walked into Ohio,  
5 and there's a history here.

6 There were some filings that were brought  
7 out yesterday in Mr. Hamrock's cross-examination  
8 regarding the willingness of parties to be involved  
9 in competitive procurements and historically as I've  
10 followed Ohio from afar admittedly, it seems like the  
11 appetite for competition has had an ebb and flow to  
12 it.

13 There have been moments where people  
14 talked about things like reregulation and all of  
15 that, and quite frankly when AEP first joined PJM, we  
16 used to talk about the FRR rule as being "the AEP  
17 rule" but we understood from other stakeholders that  
18 that wasn't just the company, that other people  
19 wanted to have the FRR option as an alternative to  
20 the reliability pricing model RPM.

21 And so when AEP made these commitments,  
22 it made commitments that stakeholders wanted it to  
23 make to cover the capacity through this FRR channel,  
24 and AEP is in this situation that I really described  
25 in my early testimony where at one point their rates

1 were favorable to market, and that's evidenced by the  
2 fact that nobody was shopping.

3 Then the market changed, it changed  
4 because we had some fundamental drivers in the energy  
5 market, the discovery of shale gas that changed the  
6 world for all of us competing in this space.

7 And so all of a sudden AEP finds itself  
8 in a position where the regulated rate is higher to  
9 competition and if we could snap our fingers and go  
10 to a competitive model, then we'd see a benefit  
11 tomorrow for customers. But that would ignore the  
12 history I just described that customers at times  
13 wanted the security of that regulation blanket.

14 And so what we thought about in this  
15 settlement is, look, we're going to take a look at  
16 the litigated positions that they had in the case,  
17 the capacity positions that they've taken both in the  
18 ESP and at FERC, and while we thought we had the  
19 better of the argument, I had to handicap that, I had  
20 to talk to my boss about handicapping whether we were  
21 going to win at the end of the day.

22 And then the other dimension of it was  
23 time. Even if we were going to win, if we're going  
24 to be wrapped up in FERC litigation and appeals for  
25 years before we had this settled, then it just seemed

1 to us that making some compromises around the  
2 stipulation was appropriate.

3 And a couple of those compromises were  
4 that we couldn't get to a competitive state  
5 immediately, not with the company being part of that  
6 agreement, and that meant more litigation. And part  
7 of that meant that some of the nonbypassable riders  
8 that, frankly, I would like to not see, if Joe  
9 Dominguez and Joe Dominguez alone drafted this  
10 stipulation, they made it in.

11 But we made a lot of headway the other  
12 way. We eliminated a cloud of uncertainty for  
13 21 percent of the retail market next year,  
14 31 percent, 41 percent, and then the entire market.  
15 We got to a competitive solution faster than we think  
16 we could get to it in an MRO.

17 And we think in the long term that's  
18 going to provide enormous value to Ohio consumers,  
19 more value than can be quantified in any specific  
20 year of this ESP. And so we thought it was a win for  
21 consumers.

22 While it didn't happen immediately, and  
23 I, you know, I said earlier we'd love to make sales  
24 here and, frankly, do cartwheels if we could  
25 immediately, the fact of the matter is we had to get

1 real about a settlement that got us to competition.

2 We fully expect the company to comply  
3 with the provisions that it signed up for, and as a  
4 result by 2015 this market is going to be completely  
5 open in a way that we didn't think could be achieved  
6 through litigation.

7 MR. STAHL: Thank you, Mr. Dominguez, I  
8 have no further questions.

9 EXAMINER TAUBER: Thank you.

10 Mr. Maskovyak, do you have any questions  
11 on recross?

12 MR. MASKOVYAK: No questions, your Honor.

13 EXAMINER TAUBER: Mr. Etter?

14 MR. ETTER: Thank you, your Honors, just  
15 a few.

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17 RECROSS-EXAMINATION

18 By Mr. Etter:

19 Q. Mr. Dominguez, although you stated that  
20 you felt that the disclosures were, or that the  
21 analysts were providing statements that were not  
22 meant to mislead anybody -- is that the way you  
23 expressed it as a rule?

24 A. Yeah, I think so. I think what I was  
25 trying to get at was I thought the implication of

1 your cross-examination was that they're biased and I  
2 should be afraid that they're misleading. I don't  
3 think they are.

4 Q. Okay. As part of putting together their  
5 views, do you know who they might have spoken with  
6 who had biases?

7 A. Oh. I'm sure they spoke to the company  
8 and they heard what was reported in SEC filings and  
9 on investment conference calls. Certainly the  
10 company would be biased. But they spoke to other,  
11 you know, parties as well and they have people on the  
12 ground in all these states these days.

13 Q. But you don't know for certain --

14 A. I don't know.

15 Q. -- whether they spoke to anybody other  
16 than the company?

17 A. I don't know.

18 Q. Or that they looked at any other  
19 documents, any documents other than the stipulation  
20 itself, correct?

21 A. I know they have been following this case  
22 for many years before the stipulation even existed  
23 and I know from prior reports from I think every one  
24 of these analysts that they thoroughly studied and  
25 investigated the originally filed ESP. As to whether

1 or not they got documents changed in litigation, I  
2 don't know.

3 Q. Do you know if any of them did a  
4 comparison between an MRO and the ESP proposed in the  
5 stipulation?

6 A. I do not.

7 Q. And are any of them providing a legal  
8 opinion as to whether the stipulation meets the legal  
9 requirements for stipulations in Ohio?

10 A. A legal opinion?

11 Q. A legal opinion, yes.

12 A. I don't think their opinions are legal  
13 opinions.

14 Q. And just to be clear, you don't know the  
15 extent of any holdings that any of the authors of the  
16 reports, any of the analysts who submitted these  
17 reports or wrote these reports --

18 A. I sure don't.

19 Q. -- you don't know how much of a personal  
20 interest if any they have in AEP stock, correct?

21 A. No, I don't.

22 MR. ETTER: Thank you. That's all I  
23 have.

24 EXAMINER TAUBER: Thank you.

25 Mr. Kutik.

1 MR. KUTIK: Yes, your Honor.

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3 RECROSS-EXAMINATION

4 By Mr. Kutik:

5 Q. Mr. Dominguez, you are aware, are you  
6 not, that there was a conference call with investor  
7 analysts about the stipulation that AEP put on?  
8 Correct?

9 A. I'm aware that there was a call. I  
10 didn't get the transcript and I wasn't on the call.

11 Q. But you were aware there was a call.

12 A. Yeah.

13 Q. Would it be fair to assume, and do you  
14 assume, that these reports were written after the  
15 conference call?

16 A. I don't know that.

17 Q. Well, I didn't ask you whether you knew  
18 it, I asked you if it would be fair to assume.

19 A. They had been literally reporting  
20 amazingly what was happening in the settlement room  
21 at different times, so there were reports that were  
22 written before these reports, predecessor reports,  
23 that had things like "the parties met," "they failed  
24 to reach a settlement," "they're going to meet  
25 again," that sort of thing.

1                   So component parts of what's in the  
2 report may have been reflected in those prior reports  
3 as they were studying it. I honestly don't know when  
4 they wrote the report.

5           Q.    So you wouldn't assume that --

6           A.    I wouldn't assume anything --

7           Q.    Let me finish.

8           A.    Sorry.

9           Q.    You wouldn't assume that these reports  
10 were written about full evaluation of the settlement  
11 until after the analysts heard what the company had  
12 to say in the investor call?

13          A.    I would assume they weren't completed  
14 until after that investor call and the materials  
15 became public.

16          Q.    So it would be fair to say that this  
17 report would, in part, or these reports would, in  
18 part, rely upon statements that were made by the  
19 officials from AEP during the conference call.

20          A.    Yes.

21                   MR. KUTIK: No further questions.

22                   EXAMINER TAUBER: Mr. Darr?

23                   MR. DARR: Thank you, your Honor.

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## RECROSS-EXAMINATION

By Mr. Darr:

Q. You indicated just a second ago in response to Mr. Kutik's question that there were reports of what was going on during the settlement conferences themselves; is that correct?

A. Yeah.

Q. And who was it that was -- that you were reading or contacting that was reporting this information or that were reporting this information?

A. I actually saw written reports, I forget, it might have been Bank of America, I don't know, I don't remember as I sit here today, but I saw written reports describing the settlement progress. So something about what we were doing in the room was leaking.

Q. Now, you indicated in your statement on redirect that there was a need for a transition period, which I assume you mean, I need to make sure I understand this correctly, this period from 2012 to June of 2015, correct?

A. I don't know if I said there was a need for it. What I said was that was the result of the settlement.

Q. At least to get this deal done you had to

1 agree that there would be such a transition period.

2 A. Right. There was no way to get into RPM  
3 for the auctions that had already been concluded, and  
4 by the time we got to this, we even began talking  
5 about settlements. The RPM auctions all the way out  
6 through '14 and '15 had been completed so there's no  
7 way to go backwards in time and get into those  
8 auctions.

9 Q. And you're aware, are you not, that  
10 Senate Bill 3 provided an opportunity for a  
11 transition to a competitive market beginning in 2001,  
12 correct?

13 A. I am generally, but not much more than  
14 that.

15 Q. Did you review the history of this  
16 company to reach your concern or your decision that  
17 there needed to be a transition period?

18 MR. STAHL: Object. He did not testify  
19 that there needed to be a transition.

20 Q. Let me correct that, then. That it was  
21 necessary for the purpose of reaching a settlement in  
22 this case.

23 A. Did I review the history of the company?

24 Q. The history of the transition process.

25 A. You know, what I really reviewed and

1 focused on were the materials that were filed at FERC  
2 and the materials supporting this ESP.

3 Historically working with Mr. Petricoff I  
4 came to understand some of the regulatory landscape  
5 from a legal perspective in his discussions with me  
6 and I certainly understood what I had been reading  
7 for many years about where the state of competition  
8 kind of lies in Ohio and this ebb and flow I  
9 described earlier in terms of the appetite to go to a  
10 competitive market.

11 Q. So is the answer to my question no, that  
12 you did not review that?

13 A. I told you what I reviewed.

14 Q. Did you review the transition plan that  
15 was applicable to these two companies which resulted  
16 from the adoption of Senate Bill 3?

17 A. I didn't.

18 Q. Did you review the filings that the  
19 companies made I believe in 2007 indicating that they  
20 were prepared to go to a statewide auction?

21 MR. STAHL: Excuse me, can I just have a  
22 clarification? Are those the filings that were  
23 reflected in IEU cross Exhibit 7A and 7B from  
24 yesterday?

25 MR. DARR: Yes.

1 MR. NOURSE: And I object to the  
2 characterization Mr. Darr stated.

3 A. What I reviewed in connection with that  
4 was I reviewed what Mr. Randazzo had as  
5 cross-examination exhibits because I was in the  
6 audience and so I read them when it was handed out  
7 yesterday.

8 Q. Was that the first time that you observed  
9 those?

10 A. I'm not concluded in telling you what I  
11 reviewed in connection with that.

12 That was the first time, to answer your  
13 question, that was the first time. I also went back  
14 and asked to review your filings in that same 2007  
15 period to see if the IEU had, in fact, embraced  
16 competition in '07, and what I found was that the IEU  
17 wasn't so embracing of competition in '07 as it is  
18 today, and that was in your pleadings in the same  
19 docket, that's what I've reviewed. I haven't  
20 reviewed anybody else's pleadings.

21 Q. Do you know whether or not AEP described  
22 IEU's position in what's been described as the  
23 Exhibit 7B documents?

24 A. I read a filing signed by Mr. Randazzo  
25 that was filed in that docket, two of them, in fact.

1           Q.    Have you reviewed AEP's characterization  
2 of IEU's position in 7B?

3           A.    No.

4           Q.    And to put the cap on all of this, it's  
5 fair to say that coming into this case it was your  
6 view that basically AEP was positioning itself so  
7 that it did not have to face a significant shopping  
8 threat to itself; is that correct?

9           A.    I would agree. I think they were  
10 completely opposed to wholesale competition and were  
11 trying to curb retail competition, the effect of the  
12 settlement is to completely open up those markets.

13          Q.    So the answer to my question is Yes.

14          A.    I gave you the answer to your question.

15          Q.    The answer to my question was Yes,  
16 correct?

17               MR. STAHL: Object. The witness has --

18               EXAMINER TAUBER: Mr. Dominguez.

19               THE WITNESS: Yes.

20               MR. DARR: Thank you. I have nothing  
21 further.

22               EXAMINER TAUBER: Ms. Hand?

23               MS. HAND: No questions, your Honor.

24               EXAMINER TAUBER: Mr. Dominguez, you may  
25 be excused.

1 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

2 MR. STAHL: And I'm not sure if we have  
3 formally moved the admission of Exelon Exhibit 1 into  
4 evidence, but to make sure, I will so move.

5 EXAMINER TAUBER: Are there any  
6 objections to Exelon Exhibit 1?

7 MR. KUTIK: Your Honor, we renew our  
8 motion to strike, particularly in light of this  
9 witness's testimony, about the fact that we can't  
10 determine anything about what the reports or the  
11 authors of the reports relied on other than what's in  
12 the report. So, again, it's hearsay, it's improper  
13 to be admitted.

14 MR. DARR: Again, we join in the motion  
15 to strike based on what we heard today. Obviously an  
16 extended discussion of what we can draw from these  
17 documents, I think it demonstrates that the original  
18 objections were warranted and the items should be  
19 stricken.

20 MR. ETTER: OCC joins as well.

21 MR. STAHL: I think the matter has been  
22 fully argued and I don't think that anything that  
23 Mr. Dominguez testified to on cross-examination  
24 affects that basic question. We never purported to  
25 go behind these reports and support the reports based

1 on our own independent analysis of the reports or on  
2 what the analysts relied on. We simply took the  
3 reports at their face value and I think the examiners  
4 have correctly ruled that they may be considered for  
5 whatever they may be worth.

6 MR. KUTIK: Your Honor, and that's the  
7 essential unfairness and impropriety, that we can't  
8 go behind the reports because we don't have these  
9 people here to testify.

10 MR. NOURSE: Your Honor, could I just add  
11 in that the companies believe it would be  
12 inappropriate at this point to strike those exhibits,  
13 especially given the extensive testimony and  
14 cross-examination that's already occurred on the  
15 record about them. And there's already been a  
16 ruling.

17 EXAMINER TAUBER: The Commission will  
18 reaffirm that it denied the motion to strike,  
19 however, we will, the Commission will determine the  
20 appropriateness of the testimony of Mr. Dominguez  
21 that's in the record. Therefore, Exelon Exhibit 1  
22 shall be admitted into the record.

23 (EXHIBIT ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

24 MR. STAHL: And the clarification is with  
25 respect to the weight to be given to Mr. Dominguez's

1 testimony in connection with those analysts' reports,  
2 correct?

3 EXAMINER SEE: Yes.

4 EXAMINER TAUBER: That's correct.

5 MR. STAHL: Thank you.

6 EXAMINER TAUBER: Mr. Hayden.

7 MR. HAYDEN: Mr. Alexander's going to be  
8 conducting this.

9 MR. ALEXANDER: Good afternoon. My name  
10 is Trevor Alexander, I have appeared but I haven't  
11 had the opportunity to address the panel yet, so I  
12 wanted an opportunity to introduce myself.

13 At this point FES would call Dr. Roy  
14 Shanker to the stand.

15 EXAMINER TAUBER: Please raise your right  
16 hand.

17 (Witness sworn.)

18 EXAMINER TAUBER: Thank you.

19 MR. ALEXANDER: Your Honor, I previously  
20 asked the reporter to mark Dr. Shanker's prefiled  
21 testimony as FES Exhibit No. 14, I've also provided  
22 copies for the Bench.

23 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

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1 ROY J. SHANKER

2 being first duly sworn, as prescribed by law, was  
3 examined and testified as follows:

4 DIRECT EXAMINATION

5 By Mr. Alexander:

6 Q. Dr. Shanker, could you please state your  
7 name and business address for the record?

8 A. Roy J. Shanker, Post Office Box 60450,  
9 Bethesda, Maryland.

10 Q. Dr. Shanker, this is a hearing regarding  
11 the proposed stipulation signed by AEP Ohio and the  
12 other signatory parties. Did you submit direct  
13 testimony regarding that stipulation?

14 A. Yes, I did.

15 Q. Do you have that direct testimony with  
16 you today?

17 A. Yes, I do.

18 Q. And, Dr. Shanker, did you prepare the  
19 testimony we have just marked as FES Exhibit No. 14?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Have you already filed any modifications  
22 to this testimony?

23 A. Yes, there is an errata page, two pages  
24 of errata, or one page of errata that address two  
25 pages of the testimony that was filed.

1           Q.    And did you identify page 26, line 11,  
2    changing the words "AEP Ohio" to "AEP"?

3           A.    Yes.

4           Q.    And page 27, lines 1, 2, 7, 9, 13, 15,  
5    16, and footnote 27, once again changing the words  
6    "AEP Ohio" to the word "AEP"?

7           A.    Yes.

8           MR. CONWAY:   Excuse me, can you give me  
9    that reference again?

10          Q.    Dr. Shanker, other than the corrections  
11    we just discussed, do you have any other  
12    modifications or corrections to your testimony?

13          A.    No, I don't.

14          Q.    And with those corrections if you were  
15    asked the same questions today as you were asked in  
16    FES Exhibit No. 14 which now includes the update that  
17    you just made, would your answers today be the same  
18    as they appear in that document?

19          A.    Yes, they would.

20          MR. ALEXANDER:   Your Honor, the witness  
21    is available for cross-examination.

22          EXAMINER TAUBER:   Mr. Maskovyak.

23          MR. MASKOVYAK:   No questions, your Honor.

24          EXAMINER TAUBER:   Mr. Etter.

25          MR. ETTER:   No questions.

1 EXAMINER TAUBER: Sorry, excuse me.  
2 We'll start that over. The companies, I guess we  
3 switched things up a little bit there, I got in the  
4 habit of going around.

5 Go ahead, please, Mr. Nourse.

6 MR. NOURSE: Thank you, your Honor.

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8 CROSS-EXAMINATION

9 By Mr. Nourse:

10 Q. I'm sorry, is it Dr. Shanker or  
11 Mr. Shanker?

12 A. I'm comfortable with either, but the  
13 title formally is "doctor."

14 Q. I couldn't tell from your testimony.  
15 Okay.

16 So let me ask you, first of all, let's  
17 spell out a couple acronyms we may be talking about  
18 here this afternoon. And by the way, I'm Steve  
19 Nourse representing AEP Ohio, we met on the telephone  
20 at your deposition I think on August 10th.

21 So when I use "reliability pricing model"  
22 shorthand as "RPM," you'll know what I mean, correct?

23 A. Yes, I will.

24 Q. And "FRR" means "fixed resource  
25 requirement."

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Correct? And in Ohio we refer to  
3 "competitive retail suppliers" as "CRES suppliers,"  
4 "CRES," "CRESSs."

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Okay. And I may refer to an "EDU" or  
7 "electric distribution utility," meaning in this case  
8 AEP Ohio.

9 Okay, are we clear on those acronyms?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Thank you.

12 So let me first discuss with you the  
13 meaning of the FRR and what it means to be an FRR  
14 entity.

15 First of all, it is your understanding  
16 that the AEP Ohio companies, Columbus Southern Power  
17 and Ohio Power Company, participate in the PJM market  
18 as FRR entities, correct?

19 A. Actually, I think they are -- AEP I think  
20 is the FRR entity.

21 Q. AEP East operating companies?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Jointly?

24 A. Yes. And they are a part of it, yes.

25 Q. All right. So is it fair to say that the

1 FRR option is really an alternative to RPM pricing?

2 A. It is another option by which the FRR  
3 entity can select to demonstrate it meets the  
4 reliability requirements within PJM.

5 Q. And as part of that an FRR entity  
6 relative to the generation resources that it's using  
7 in support of its plan avoids RPM pricing; is that  
8 correct?

9 A. Yes. I think we've had this exchange.  
10 I'm uncomfortable with the word "avoids." They meet  
11 their requirements essentially through their own  
12 resources and they are not part of the RPM auction  
13 clearing process. So they are not -- they don't pay  
14 though price, but they do meet their requirements  
15 through their own resources or purchased resources.

16 Q. So they avoid paying the RPM prices for  
17 capacity. Is that correct?

18 A. They do not transact the RPM prices.  
19 They may be paying other prices or they may be  
20 transferring assets or value within the pool.

21 Q. And the generation resources that are  
22 part of the FRR plan don't affect RPM auction  
23 clearing prices either; is that correct?

24 A. Again, they are not within the auction  
25 clearing process, so to that extent they are -- they

1 don't participate in the price-setting mechanism.  
2 Their inclusion or not inclusion could impact the  
3 result of the auction, but that's a separate issue.  
4 In terms of the actual conduct of the auction that  
5 has occurred, they were not part of the auction.

6 Q. Is it accurate to say FRR entities have  
7 opted out of the RPM?

8 A. The entities, one of the expressions is  
9 to opt out of participating in RPM, that's correct.

10 Q. And are there limitations, well, let me  
11 back up. Is the basic idea with the FRR program or  
12 option to match the load-serving entity or LSE's  
13 load, excuse me, match their generation resources  
14 with their retail load?

15 A. To be precise, PJM will establish a  
16 resource requirement for them and they have to  
17 demonstrate control either through ownership or  
18 contractual ownership of sufficient capacity in the  
19 right locations to meet that requirement.

20 Q. Okay. Now, what happens if the FRR  
21 entity has additional generation resources that end  
22 up being above and beyond their retail load?

23 A. They basically can dispose of them as  
24 they wish. With respect to RPM participation,  
25 though, there are certain limits.

1 Q. Okay. And what are those limits?

2 A. There's a minimum, and I believe it's  
3 2 percent. No, that may be the maximum. I'm sorry.

4 There's a threshold, a dead band  
5 threshold amount for which they cannot transact and  
6 then above that and then below a cap which for AEP as  
7 a whole is 1,300 megawatts, they can -- they also  
8 cannot transact. So there are limited sales from the  
9 bottom is the dead band and the top is 1,300  
10 megawatts and if they chose, they could sell those  
11 into RPM. They have no obligation to do so.

12 Q. Okay. So above the load you have a --  
13 forgetting the term. There's too many terms in this  
14 PJM stuff.

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. The reserve margin requirement and then  
17 if you had generation above your reserve margin, then  
18 you could, you as an FRR entity, could sell, and AEP  
19 in particular could sell up to 1,300 megawatts into  
20 the RPM market; is that accurate?

21 A. It's capped at 13 and there is a minimum  
22 threshold above the reserve requirement and I'm  
23 blanking at the amount right now, but yes.

24 Q. Now, can other -- this FRR plan is not  
25 exclusive to AEP, correct? Other PJM members could

1 participate in the FRR option.

2 A. Can we take a step back? Generically do  
3 they have access to the FRR option or when you say  
4 "this plan," are you referring to AEP's plan?

5 Q. Well, I'm asking if other non-AEP PJM  
6 members can participate as FRR entities.

7 A. A certified yes. The FRR option is open  
8 to other LSEs within PJM based on defined criteria  
9 under their -- we define reliability assurance  
10 agreement the RAA, has specific requirements that  
11 state eligibility. So the answer is yes.

12 Q. Subject to the qualifications set forth  
13 in the RAA.

14 A. Right. And they define, there's state  
15 savings provision, there are munies and co-ops in  
16 general, and then there's certain metering and  
17 measuring requirements.

18 Q. Within AEP's footprint in Ohio, let's  
19 limit our discussion to that, are CRES entities  
20 capable or permitted to participate in a self-supply  
21 option in the FRR?

22 A. Can you give me the time frame?

23 Q. Well, I'm asking as a general matter, and  
24 we can get into the timing issue.

25 A. Well, in the abstract there are

1 circumstances under which they could submit an FRR  
2 plan as an LSE within the service territory of an FRR  
3 entity, but it would be subject to certain  
4 restrictions in terms of timing, and potentially  
5 other elements.

6 Q. And when you talk about "timing," are you  
7 talking about the fact that the BRA, or the base  
8 residual auction, is conducted for three years in  
9 advance for the planning years?

10 A. That's certainly one element. That is  
11 that -- it may help to have a step back.

12 PJM will establish the reserve  
13 requirements, the reliability requirements for the  
14 FRR entity and then the FRR entity has to submit a  
15 plan. The plan is subject to review by PJM for its  
16 adequacy in meeting appropriate requirements. It is  
17 unit-specific, so it's not just megawatts, it's  
18 megawatts and specified generating resources.

19 That's what constitutes the plan and what  
20 is approved.

21 It is approved, effectively, with the BRA  
22 in the same time window which is for operating year  
23 or planning year three years hence. So at that point  
24 the plan is established and thereafter an LSE,  
25 another LSE other than the FRR entity, would not have

1 the ability on its own to modify the plan.

2 Q. So subject to those qualifications it's  
3 not just an abstract possibility. That is an option  
4 for CRES providers in Ohio, correct?

5 A. After the termination or beyond the  
6 horizon with proper notice, yes, but I think there  
7 would be other considerations that would go into it  
8 as well. Not just the timing.

9 Q. So while we're on the subject of timing,  
10 you would agree or understand that AEP as we  
11 discussed earlier is an FRR entity currently; is that  
12 correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And when would be the soonest that AEP  
15 could become an RPM entity and reverse its opt-out of  
16 RPM?

17 A. Well, let me answer your question in  
18 timing. It's '15-'16, June 15th, but actually I  
19 think mechanically the process would be that the  
20 planning -- the planning parameters from PJM would  
21 come out in February of next year and they actually  
22 assume that they would be within RPM and then it  
23 would be up to AEP to designate, I believe, that they  
24 intend to continue with the FRR option.

25 So they have to make a declaration.

1 Q. That they would continue or not.

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And then when would that be effective?

4 A. If you give me a month or two leeway, I  
5 think it would be April of 2012 for the May auction.

6 Q. And that would cover what period?

7 A. It may be -- might be March.

8 Q. And that would cover what delivery  
9 period?

10 A. That would be the '15-'16 delivery year.

11 Q. Starting in mid-2015?

12 A. Yeah. June 1st. I'm sorry. The PJM  
13 year runs from June 1st to May 31st.

14 Q. Okay. Now, just so the record's clear,  
15 Dr. Shanker, did you agree with the FRR option when  
16 it was created?

17 A. When it was initially proposed and  
18 created, my personal opinion was that it should not  
19 have been allowed. No, I did not agree with it.

20 Q. And do you still hold that belief today?

21 A. Yes. In general I believe the market  
22 system would work better in the absence of the FRR  
23 option.

24 Q. Do you recall whether the Public  
25 Utilities Commission of Ohio agreed with the FRR,

1       endorsed it at the time it was established?

2               A.     I've seen excerpts, but I don't -- that  
3       indicate their general agreement with that option  
4       being made available. I have to say I did not go  
5       back and read the entire filing.

6               Q.     Okay. Now, as long as RPM pricing is  
7       maintained for CRES suppliers in Ohio, would you  
8       agree it's fair to say that CRES suppliers don't have  
9       any need or motivation to self-supply?

10              A.     They should be indifferent between  
11       self-supply, at least in price. Actually, in  
12       thinking about it, a choice to self-supply in the  
13       presence of that pricing may actually raise market  
14       power concerns if they did choose to self-supply.

15              Q.     And I asked you whether CRES suppliers in  
16       that context would have any motivation or need to  
17       self-supply, is your answer no?

18              A.     I think I said they should be indifferent  
19       and subsequent to that I thought about it some more,  
20       to my deposition, I think there actually is a market  
21       power element that I hadn't considered at that time.

22              Q.     But that element that you're adding now  
23       would actually suggest that they wouldn't, they would  
24       have additional reasons not to do it, correct?

25              A.     They would have, that's correct. Is that

1 one of the benefits of getting the transfer price  
2 correct is they should be indifferent and enacting.

3 Other than in that indifference it would  
4 raise an issue in my mind as to the appropriateness  
5 of the supplies that were being diverted. It's a  
6 variant of the same issue that I think I testified in  
7 the previous testimony I submitted about potential  
8 perverse incentives associated with transfer prices  
9 other than at RPM. I think the same issue comes up  
10 when you start to substitute resources unnecessarily.

11 Q. Okay. And in your current testimony on  
12 page 7 you make a statement on line 14, do you not,  
13 that the electing to self-supply would not be -- will  
14 not be necessary in mid-2015 because AEP Ohio will be  
15 an RPM entity at that time? Is that a fair  
16 characterization?

17 A. Yes. That's what the statement is, it's  
18 in the context of, my understanding, the stipulation  
19 mechanics.

20 Q. So can you explain what you mean by  
21 "necessary" at line 14?

22 A. If AEP Ohio participates in the RPM  
23 process, then effectively the -- one way of looking  
24 at the RPM process is PJM is procuring supply on  
25 behalf of all load and so those resources would be

1     acquired and, therefore, self-supply in that context  
2     as a designation under FRR would no longer be a  
3     meaningful concept.

4             Q.     And is it your understanding in mid-2015  
5     there will be a delivery period for an SSO auction  
6     under the stipulation, commencement of a delivery  
7     period?

8             A.     As well as the RPM switch. My  
9     understanding is that is to be the commencement of an  
10    auction-based SSO process, yes.

11            Q.     So does that auction become an energy  
12    auction?

13            A.     Effectively, it would be, because the  
14    capacity resources are -- well, let me take that  
15    back.

16                    It could be energy only. It could be  
17    designed in that fashion. Would it be possible for  
18    there to be supply that would be the equivalent of  
19    contracts for differences based on a consideration of  
20    displacement capacity prices? I suppose so, but  
21    fundamentally the capacity supply would be taken care  
22    of at that point in time.

23            Q.     Now, you said a few moments ago that that  
24    CRES supplier would be indifferent in the context of  
25    RPM price capacity to doing self-supply, with your

1 additional comments, right?

2 A. We're now back under the FRR world. Yes.

3 Q. Okay. Well, what I want to get to next  
4 is that would you agree that being an FRR entity  
5 carries with it additional risks and additional  
6 responsibilities that could result in financial  
7 penalties?

8 A. There are obligations as the FRR entity  
9 that are such that if you don't meet the obligations,  
10 you would be subject to certain penalties, yes.

11 Q. So would that be a nonneutral  
12 consideration even assuming the price, there was an  
13 indifference to the price: These additional  
14 responsibilities and potential penalties that apply,  
15 wouldn't that be an additional consideration of a  
16 reason not to do self-supply?

17 A. It would be a consideration. It would be  
18 a potential cost of someone doing self-supply, yes.

19 Q. Okay. Now I want to ask you about a few  
20 of those specific potential capacity penalties that  
21 apply under an FRR plan, if you're familiar with  
22 them.

23 The first one is capacity resource  
24 deficiency charge. Are you familiar with that?

25 A. Yes.

1           Q.    And the next one here is the generation  
2 resource rating test failure.

3           A.    Yes.

4           Q.    And qualifying transmission upgrade  
5 compliance penalty. Are you familiar with that one?

6           A.    Yeah. That would be only for someone  
7 that offered a QTU as part of an FRR plan and you  
8 were talking about generation. I'm not sure if,  
9 actually I don't know the issue's ever come up, if an  
10 LSE electing to self-supply within a forward-going,  
11 remember we're talking about this in the future now  
12 for a new plan, would -- I guess they would be able  
13 to offer a QTU, so I guess would, it could  
14 potentially apply, it's not generic to generation.  
15 It's only in the presence of offering a QTU.

16          Q.    Okay. And what about the peak season  
17 maintenance compliance penalty?

18          A.    The same. All of the obligations to  
19 generation apply to a FRR entity supply.

20          Q.    And that one's specific to generation  
21 capacity.

22          A.    Yes.

23          Q.    Unforced capacity availability, right?

24          A.    Yes.

25          Q.    Okay. And how about the peak hour period

1 availability?

2 A. The same, it would apply.

3 Q. And load management test failure?

4 A. To the extent that DR resources, I  
5 believe that's a DR resource designation. To the  
6 extent that the self-supply identified demand  
7 response, it would also apply.

8 Q. And how about the demand resource and ILR  
9 compliance penalty?

10 A. The same.

11 Q. Okay. So each of those seven charges or  
12 penalties we just discussed apply to FRR entities and  
13 they do not apply if you're not in a self-supply  
14 role, PJM; is that correct?

15 MR. ALEXANDER: Could I have that  
16 question reread, please?

17 EXAMINER SEE: Yes.

18 (Record read.)

19 A. The way you asked it, they would apply if  
20 you were in self-supply roles.

21 Q. Yes, and they would only apply if you're  
22 in a self-supply/FRR plan, correct?

23 A. We need to clear up the time frame.  
24 Going forward if you self-supplied as an LSE, the  
25 resources that you would put into an FRR plan would

1 be subject to those -- to compliance against those  
2 performance standards and associated costs.

3 Q. Okay. And otherwise a CRES supplier in  
4 Ohio just purchasing or relying on capacity of  
5 AEP Ohio would not be subject to those charges or  
6 penalties, correct?

7 A. Directly in terms of any charges that  
8 come out to -- they would come to AEP Ohio. How they  
9 get allocated, I don't know.

10 Q. Okay. Now, would you agree under the FRR  
11 option that there are, when you're in an FRR plan,  
12 rather, there are three options for charging for  
13 capacity?

14 A. I'm sorry. I think something's missing  
15 from the question or I didn't hear.

16 Q. Under the RAA if one is an FRR entity,  
17 would you agree there are three different options  
18 that could apply to determine the price for capacity?

19 A. I think you're still -- the price of  
20 capacity to whom?

21 Q. To CRES suppliers relying on AEP Ohio's  
22 capacity in this example under schedule 8.1, section  
23 D.

24 A. There would be -- there is a default  
25 option which is the RPM RTO price. There is -- that

1 would apply in the absence of a state designated  
2 compensation.

3 And there is -- and this is an area I  
4 understand of dispute, in the absence of a state  
5 designated compensation program the ability for the  
6 FRR entity to file for section 205 rate to be deemed  
7 just and reasonable by the FERC.

8 Q. Okay. So the three options are RPM  
9 price, number one; state compensation mechanism,  
10 number two; and a cost-based rate resulting from a  
11 section 205 filing, number three.

12 A. Well, I think I put in the qualifier that  
13 the 205 would be, is a subject of dispute and may be  
14 subject to the absence of -- only being available in  
15 the absence of a state directed or state approved  
16 compensation mechanism.

17 Q. You're saying you're not sure that that  
18 option's available even though it's listed in the  
19 RAA?

20 A. I'm saying that I believe the  
21 availability is conditioned and then my understanding  
22 that's an area of dispute between the company and  
23 FERC.

24 Q. Do you agree that the RAA provides for  
25 that FRR entity "May at any time make a filing with

1 FERC under section 205 of the Federal Power Act  
2 proposing to change the basis for compensation to a  
3 method based on the FRR entity's costs or such other  
4 base as shown to be just and reasonable."

5 A. Are you representing that's the full  
6 sentence?

7 Q. No. I'm taking a quote in the RAA. Do  
8 you have the RAA with you?

9 A. I have the full quote with me.

10 Q. Can you read the full quote?

11 A. You left off the first part of it.

12 Q. Read the first sentence.

13 A. I have the first part of that sentence.

14 Q. Please read the whole sentence then.

15 A. In the absence of a state compensation  
16 mechanism, the applicable alternative retail LSE  
17 shall compensate the FRR entity at RTO or RPM  
18 clearing prices, in brackets, provided that the FRR  
19 entity may at any time make a filing with FERC under  
20 section 205 of the Federal Power Act proposing to  
21 change the basis for compensation to a method based  
22 on the FRR entities' costs or such other basis as  
23 shown to be just and reasonable."

24 Q. So your position is the, provided that  
25 the FRR entity may at any time make a 205 filing is

1 limited to the context of the absence of a state  
2 compensation mechanism?

3 A. I don't know that I've drawn a legal  
4 conclusion there. I think this is an area of dispute  
5 and my understanding is what the FERC has determined  
6 as of this point in time is that under the tariff  
7 language that you've seen, that in the presence of a  
8 state compensation mechanism the company, AEP, or the  
9 FRR entity would not be able to make a 205 filing  
10 having voluntarily acquiesced to the condition in a  
11 FERC tariff that states that the compensation would  
12 be first set under a state program.

13 Q. Is it your understanding that the meaning  
14 and intent of that provision within the RAA is the  
15 subject of a section 206 proceeding before the FERC  
16 that's currently pending?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. So is it your understanding that that  
19 FERC proceeding could be, if it's decided by the  
20 FERC, they may disagree with the reading you're  
21 suggesting of this tariff and/or provide clarifying  
22 language that would allow for the same remedy of a  
23 205 filing?

24 A. I don't know that I can predict what FERC  
25 can do, will do. The range of a decision that they

1 could make probably encompasses what you said and  
2 more, but, you know, I'm trying to differentiate  
3 between do I have any insight into what the  
4 Commission might do versus could the Commission do  
5 something like that. I suppose they could.

6 Q. And those are the issues presented in the  
7 complaint and the request that was made by AEP; is  
8 that your understanding?

9 A. That AEP -- let me try and state my  
10 understanding and see if it matches what you said  
11 because I think the antecedents got messed up there.

12 Is that AEP is seeking clarification or a  
13 determination that it has the 205 rights, independent  
14 of anything that sentence may state or that that  
15 sentence should be interpreted to be that they have a  
16 205 right here.

17 Q. Okay. Let me go back to the self-supply  
18 option we discussed available to CRES providers under  
19 the RAA. Just ask you a couple of factual questions.

20 What was the most recent PJM planning  
21 year for which CRES provider could supply their own  
22 capacity rather than relying on AEP's?

23 A. '14-'15.

24 Q. And when would this election have been  
25 made?

1           A.    We'll say the window between February and  
2   April of 2011. I'm not sure of the specific cutoff  
3   date.

4           Q.    The spring of 2011.

5           A.    Yes.

6           Q.    Okay. Do you know if FirstEnergy  
7   Solutions or any other Ohio CRES provider elected to  
8   bring their own capacity or enter a self-supply plan?

9           A.    I'm not aware of anyone that did do that.

10          Q.    Do you know why FirstEnergy Solutions,  
11   your client, did not elect to use a self-supply  
12   option?

13          A.    I have no knowledge of their business  
14   decision.

15          Q.    So you didn't discuss that with them at  
16   all in the context of preparing any of your  
17   testimony?

18          A.    No.

19          Q.    Is it your understanding that the  
20   capacity price is the only or the primary factor  
21   driving a CRES provider's decision to enter a retail  
22   market?

23               MR. ALEXANDER: Objection as to form.  
24   "Only or primary" mean two different things. Can you  
25   just clarify that?

1                   MR. NOURSE: I'm asking either, only or  
2 primary.

3                   Q. Let me just restate it again. Is  
4 capacity price the only factor or the primary factor  
5 driving CRES providers' decision to enter a retail  
6 market?

7                   A. I think it would be a very material  
8 factor in their decision.

9                   Q. What other factors would be involved?

10                  A. The access they would have to energy as  
11 well. Probably, there would probably be a number of  
12 other business issues simply from marketing to  
13 administrative billing, you know, critical mass in  
14 service area, things like that all of which would be  
15 important.

16                  Q. Now, you're familiar with the PUCO's  
17 December 8th entry in docket 10-2929 here in Ohio?

18                  A. The 2010, December 8th, 2010, yes.

19                  Q. Correct. You agree that the stated basis  
20 for adopting the RPM-based state mechanism was that  
21 the 2009 through 2011 electric security plan was  
22 based on RPM.

23                  A. I have to say I don't remember reading  
24 that. I'd have to look at the order with respect to  
25 that specific language.

1           Q.    Is it your understanding that that entry  
2   established an interim rate or a permanent rate?

3           A.    My understanding is that it established  
4   the rate that would persist until changed and so I  
5   guess there was no deadline, but now we're getting  
6   into semantics, does that mean interim? I suppose  
7   that could mean interim. But it had no sunset or  
8   anything like that that I was aware of.

9           Q.    Do you know if it was termed an "interim  
10   rate" in the entry?

11          A.    I believe the word "interim" was used but  
12   I also, as I said, don't believe that it was given a  
13   sunset. It was the rate that was established.

14          Q.    Was there any indication in the decision  
15   that the interim rate would continue into 2012 and  
16   beyond?

17          A.    Without reviewing the order, I don't  
18   know. My recollection is that it was the rate that  
19   was established and it would persist until changed by  
20   the Commission.

21          Q.    Is it your understanding that prior to  
22   December 8th, 2010, the state compensation  
23   mechanism provision in the RAA had not been invoked  
24   or utilized?

25          A.    I'm not sure mechanically whether -- I

1 don't know if -- I think the state itself did not  
2 declare so that would suggest it would have been  
3 under the fall process, but I think the language was  
4 put forward to remove an ambiguity about it, it would  
5 therefore adopt the RPM RTO -- the PJM three-year  
6 forward rate I think is actually the language that  
7 was used.

8 Q. Well, has any other state commission  
9 established a state compensation mechanism under the  
10 RAA?

11 A. I don't know.

12 Q. Is it your understanding that the PUCO  
13 can change the interim rate to be a cost-based rate  
14 or some other nonRPM-based rate?

15 A. I think the answer is that in general it  
16 could, but I don't know that that's a totally  
17 unfettered determination.

18 Q. Are you aware of any restrictions in the  
19 RAA concerning the method for establishing a state  
20 compensation mechanism?

21 A. In the RAA itself, no, but I think there  
22 might be broader considerations that might apply.

23 Q. Such as what?

24 A. This is a FERC jurisdictional rate. The  
25 provision does, it does allow for the state to put in

1 a compensation mechanism, but I think the general  
2 proviso would be that with respect to capacity, I  
3 should be careful about the term "commission," the  
4 FERC has established its jurisdiction in a fashion,  
5 this would be my understand, it's not a legal  
6 opinion, that it would be concerned over actions that  
7 would tend to distort or potentially work at odds to  
8 the purposes of the basic FERC jurisdictional rate,  
9 and so in the absence of any interference with the  
10 working of the pricing and the FERC jurisdictional  
11 markets, the state of Ohio in setting that rate  
12 probably has leeway.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. But the converse would also be true in  
15 there, the presence of a determination that it might  
16 interfere with the FERC jurisdictional pricing, then  
17 there would be a problem.

18 Q. Okay. And, by the way, the capacity  
19 charge we're talking about, you would agree that's a  
20 wholesale charge.

21 A. I think we went through this discussion,  
22 that the capacity charge to the CRES provider, and  
23 I've looked at this further since my deposition, our  
24 discussion, one I think is a FERC jurisdictional  
25 rate, I think we discussed that, and actually I think

1 it's mechanically implemented in a fashion that is  
2 consistent with that.

3 Q. Consistent with being a wholesale charge?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And, in fact, the CRES provider's  
6 purchasing capacity that's resold to retail  
7 customers, isn't that what's going on?

8 A. They are actually billed for the capacity  
9 by PJM.

10 Q. And that capacity is used as a service  
11 input into providing retail electric service; is that  
12 correct?

13 A. I'm not sure what you mean by the term  
14 "service input."

15 Q. Could they provide retail service without  
16 capacity?

17 A. Well, the capacity is there, I mean, it  
18 doesn't migrate. So what we're talking about is the  
19 compensation structure in the sale, and I'm agreeing  
20 with you that it's a FERC jurisdictional transaction.  
21 The notion of decomposing, you're assuming away the  
22 underlying capacity is a little troubling to me.

23 Q. I'm not assuming it away. I'm asking you  
24 to agree that it's a necessary component of providing  
25 retail electric service.

1           A.    They have to purchase that capacity as a  
2 function of providing the service.

3           Q.    Thank you.

4                   And so back to the December 8th, 2010,  
5 entry, a couple additional questions about that. Are  
6 you aware of a procedural schedule in that docket  
7 that was established for testimony and briefing and  
8 hearing this fall?

9           A.    I think my only recollection is my  
10 understanding that things were suspended based on  
11 what's going on here but I don't have any particular  
12 understanding of that, no.

13          Q.    Well, but prior to suspending the  
14 schedule based on the stipulation there was a  
15 procedural schedule; is that your understanding?

16          A.    I'm just assuming so. I don't have a  
17 direct recollection of the schedule, but presumably  
18 there was.

19          Q.    Were you planning to file testimony on  
20 behalf of FirstEnergy Solutions prior to the schedule  
21 being suspended?

22                   MR. ALEXANDER: I'm going to object. I'm  
23 going to object at this point to the extent it calls  
24 for FirstEnergy Solutions to disclose whether it will  
25 or won't have any specific witness file testimony in

1 a case prior to the date that witness has actually  
2 filed testimony. I think it calls for the  
3 impressions of counsel and so I'm going to object.

4 MR. NOURSE: I'll withdraw it, that's  
5 fine.

6 EXAMINER TAUBER: Thank you.

7 THE WITNESS: That's what I was  
8 struggling with.

9 Q. Okay. Dr. Shanker, are you aware, do you  
10 know what the applicable RPM price was as of  
11 December 8th, 2010?

12 A. The resource price I think was \$110 a  
13 megawatt-day.

14 Q. Would it refresh -- I'm asking of  
15 December 8th, 2010. Would \$174.29 a megawatt-day  
16 refresh your recollection?

17 A. Yeah. We're talking two different  
18 metrics. I think the 174 reflects, I said the  
19 resource price, and what you're talking about is the  
20 zonal price, and I think --

21 Q. Auction clearing price. That's the same  
22 as the BRA, auction clearing price?

23 A. Maybe I -- no. There is -- you're  
24 talking about the charge to the CRES supplier? Maybe  
25 I have the numbers wrong.

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1           Q.    Well, I'm talking about the auction  
2 clearing price. I think we'll get into the actual  
3 charge after scalers and et cetera a little bit  
4 later. You don't --

5           A.    I thought it was 110 for the resource  
6 clearing price but I may be wrong. I have it in my  
7 testimony, so we can find that.

8           Q.    Can you take a moment to find that?

9           A.    I think I do.

10                  I'm sorry, I'm getting '11 and '12 rates,  
11 I don't think I remember the '10-'11 rates. You're  
12 saying it's 174, I just don't know.

13           Q.    And it's not in your testimony?

14           A.    No. What I quoted was the '11-'12,  
15 '12-'13, '13-'14, and '14-'15 prices on page 12.

16           Q.    So subject to check, would you agree that  
17 the RPM base residual auction clearing price for 2010  
18 and 2011 planning year was \$174.29 per megawatt-day?

19           A.    When you say "clearing price," you mean  
20 resource price. Resource clearing price as opposed  
21 to the zonal price.

22           Q.    Yes.

23           A.    Subject to check, I'll accept that.

24           Q.    Okay. And it's, the 110 you mentioned is  
25 the current price.

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1           A.    Yeah.  And I apologize, I'm thinking  
2   you're asking current, you kept saying '10.

3           Q.    As of December 8th, '10.

4           A.    Yeah.

5           Q.    Now, what will that same rate be the next  
6   time it changes in June of 2012?

7           A.    And, again, resource price I believe I  
8   have \$16.46 a megawatt-day.

9           Q.    Okay.  Let's discuss the RPM market now a  
10  bit for the moment, move away from FRR.

11                   Now, do you think the RPM market is  
12  effective and functions well?

13           A.    I'd partition my answer into two pieces.  
14  One is with respect to reliability, and I think the  
15  market functions very well.  With respect to pricing,  
16  I've had issues with the mechanics of some of the  
17  pricing mechanisms.

18           Q.    Okay.  And I think during your deposition  
19  we discussed what I'll call your top three  
20  criticisms.  Do you recall that?

21           A.    I mentioned three, yes.

22           Q.    Well, I believe you mentioned more than  
23  three, but the first three we discussed I'd like to  
24  discuss again.  And the first among those was the  
25  demand curve holdback of 2.5 percent reduction.

1       Could you first explain how that works?

2               A.     Yeah. I'm still thinking back to the  
3       more than three. I mentioned things I think that  
4       went in both directions in terms of the pricing  
5       accuracy, but the 2.5 percent holdback, PJM -- the  
6       auction structure is a base residual auction and  
7       three incremental auctions.

8               If we assume that there were a hundred  
9       megawatts of forecast demand for all of PJM, to make  
10      it simple, in the base residual auction they would  
11      procure only 97-1/2 percent, 97-1/2 megawatts, and  
12      with the remainder procured through the incremental  
13      auctions, and that tends to understate demand in the  
14      BRA.

15              Q.     So that reduces the RPM price that clears  
16      the auction?

17              A.     The resource clearing price in the BRA is  
18      reduced by the 2-1/2 percent reduction, yes.

19              Q.     Okay. I believe another criticism or  
20      flaw that you mentioned was a number of backstops  
21      that interfere with market pricing mechanisms of the  
22      RPM. Do you recall that?

23              A.     Yes.

24              Q.     Can you explain that?

25              A.     Yeah. The underlying mechanism of the

1 RPM is supposed to work sort of like a control or  
2 damping mechanism with the amount of capacity being  
3 greater than or less than the market requirements,  
4 and it has a downward sloping demand curve.

5 So when the supply is less than the  
6 targeted supply, prices are higher, and when the  
7 supply is greater, it's lower. And the notion is  
8 that over time the oscillation in pricing or quantity  
9 will result in pricing that approximates the net cost  
10 of new entry for, in this case a reference unit, a  
11 peaking unit.

12 There are provisions within RPM that  
13 essentially limit the probability of the excursions  
14 into the short side due to reliability concerns,  
15 which means that the pricing is skewed to the down  
16 side.

17 Q. Okay. Now, is it also true in this  
18 regard that if there's an anticipated shortfall for a  
19 period of time, that PJM can sort of step in and take  
20 action?

21 A. Yeah. I think if it's three or four  
22 years in a row, there is a shortfall below a  
23 threshold amount, and I'm not sure if I remember the  
24 amount, PJM will then make a backstop procurement.

25 Q. And how does the backstop procurement

1 work relative to pricing?

2 A. I think the way the tariff reads is they  
3 will make the procurement and -- I don't know if I  
4 checked but I believe it has to be through an auction  
5 process, but they will essentially make a  
6 procurement. And it will be out of market,  
7 obviously, it's not within the BRA process.

8 Q. Okay. And another major flaw I believe  
9 that you characterize in your deposition was that  
10 buyers can potentially exercise market power in the  
11 structural RPM.

12 MR. ALEXANDER: Objection, major flaw  
13 from the deposition. This isn't appropriate  
14 impeachment. There's been no attempt to impeach or  
15 get the witness to say something to classify this as  
16 a major flaw. If he'd like to ask about this  
17 specific topic, that's fine, but I object to the term  
18 "major flaw."

19 EXAMINER TAUBER: Mr. Nourse.

20 MR. NOURSE: I'm just using the same term  
21 we used in the deposition, but let me rephrase.

22 EXAMINER TAUBER: Thank you.

23 MR. NOURSE: Be happy to.

24 Q. (By Mr. Nourse) Dr. Shanker, your third  
25 criticism of the RPM that we discussed earlier was

1 the potential for exercising market power under  
2 structure of the RPM. Do you recall that?

3 A. I think I mentioned both buyers and  
4 sellers and the specific concern we discussed was  
5 with respect to buyers.

6 Q. Well, first of all, since we're not  
7 putting your deposition transcript into the record  
8 here, can you explain what that third criticism is  
9 first?

10 A. The notion is that because there is a  
11 steep downward sloping demand curve, there is an  
12 incentive for both buyers and sellers to exercise  
13 market power. Buyers can do so by withholding, a  
14 small decrease in supply would increase price and  
15 sellers -- I said it backwards.

16 Sellers can do so by withholding and a  
17 small decrease in supply would increase price, and  
18 buyers can artificially increase supply in an  
19 uneconomic manner and a relatively small increase in  
20 supply can depress prices. The latter is what we  
21 were discussing.

22 If someone working as a load or on behalf  
23 of load or as a representative of load, or an agent  
24 of the load interest, uneconomically procured  
25 unnecessary capacity, they would have the ability to

1       depress prices.

2               Q.     Does that third concern we just discussed  
3       apply to a cost-based capacity charge set by a  
4       regulator?

5               A.     I don't think I can answer the question  
6       as posed. I'm not -- you have a couple of  
7       antecedents. By the "concern" you mean depressing  
8       market prices?

9               Q.     Well, let me ask you, to try to save  
10      time, for all three of these items we've discussed,  
11      the three criticisms of the RPM, do any of them  
12      apply -- would the same concerns apply in the context  
13      of a cost-based rate established by a regulator for  
14      capacity?

15              A.     You're talking about a regime that's  
16      solely cost based. That's what I think the confusion  
17      here is.

18                     If the compensation were solely cost  
19      based and we assumed some sort of prudence in the  
20      quantity, then you would have a normal revenue  
21      requirement type of profile and rates would be  
22      whatever they would and then I think the concerns  
23      more typically would be on the other side which would  
24      be whether rates were being artificially inflated by  
25      the uneconomic procurement of capacity as opposed to

1 deflated in a market context.

2 Q. Okay. Well, I didn't ask you what your  
3 concerns were with the cost-based rate or a regulated  
4 rate. What I was asking you is whether any of the  
5 three concerns that you've articulated about the RPM  
6 pricing structure would apply to a cost-based rate  
7 established by a regulator.

8 A. It's something of a non sequitur. If you  
9 have a cost-based rate and those types of behaviors  
10 occurred, the first one is I wouldn't -- I don't know  
11 how to express in terms of a cost-based rate the  
12 2-1/2 percent. I'm not sure why that would be an  
13 issue.

14 Q. It would be not applicable, correct?

15 A. It wouldn't be applicable. That's -- and  
16 so the second probably wouldn't, and the third would  
17 probably be manifested as excessive rates rather than  
18 a decrease in rates.

19 Q. Thank you.

20 Now, is it accurate in your opinion to  
21 refer to the RPM pricing structure as a hybrid  
22 structure that contains components of both market and  
23 regulation?

24 A. There are elements of both, but I think  
25 it is a market-like mechanism that is subject to

1 regulation and there are regulatory provisions or  
2 rules that apply to its function. I think that's a  
3 good description.

4 Q. My question or your answer?

5 A. My answer. The notion of hybrid in terms  
6 of are there regulatory elements, this is a highly  
7 regulated market, as I mentioned, there's a  
8 determination of a highly concentrated market so  
9 there are a lot of rules, but the intent of the rules  
10 is to attempt to make it work as a market mechanism.

11 So if you consider the presence of those  
12 rules a hybrid, I guess it's a hybrid. I would just  
13 say the rules that go along with the market  
14 mechanism.

15 Q. And is the RPM market and the PJM market,  
16 are they really competitive markets?

17 A. You said "and the PJM," you're just  
18 talking about RPM now? I'm sorry. You said "the RPM  
19 market and the PJM market," which are we -- I don't  
20 know what you mean by the second.

21 Q. Let's go with the RPM market. Is the RPM  
22 market really a competitive market?

23 A. I believe so. I think that it is a  
24 concentrated market using a market mechanism for  
25 clearing and the mitigation procedures are such that

1 I believe you have a competitive result.

2 Q. Okay. It's not a purely market-based  
3 mechanism, would you agree with that?

4 A. Well, it's subject to the type of rules  
5 that we just talked about and potential mitigation.  
6 And as I said, it's a market-like mechanism subject  
7 to those rules, so I'm . . .

8 Q. Would you agree it's a regulated market?

9 A. Oh, of course. Yes.

10 Q. Okay. So the regulator can step in and  
11 modify or change the rules or change the results; is  
12 that correct?

13 A. That's, they can certainly change the  
14 rules. The auction needs to be certified, so  
15 presumably once certified, I don't know that the  
16 rates could be changed. I think part of the  
17 determination is there was no manipulation, it was  
18 done in accordance with the rules. But they  
19 certainly can process and the rules be changed, yes.

20 Q. And they can step in under the backstops  
21 we talked about earlier and change the results,  
22 correct?

23 A. Going forward one of the implications of  
24 those types of actions would be to influence price,  
25 that's correct. They wouldn't change the existing

1 results.

2 Q. Okay. Would you agree that the base  
3 residual auction clearing prices in the RPM have been  
4 volatile since their inception in 2007?

5 A. There's two types of volatility, I think,  
6 this was also something that we discussed, and the  
7 distinction I would make is some of it is inherent in  
8 the design, which is the change of price that I would  
9 expect as a nature of the design and wouldn't  
10 consider volatility in the same way that most people  
11 would consider volatility, that has to do with things  
12 like changes in the transmission system and the  
13 resulting transfer capability.

14 Those are known and planned for and it's  
15 intended that that would impact prices. There's  
16 things like the general economy. Certainly the  
17 recession, a change in demand has impacted prices  
18 materially and I think that falls under the category  
19 of which most people would consider volatile.

20 Q. Including yourself?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Would you agree that a cost-based price  
23 would be more stable and less volatile than an  
24 RPM-based price?

25 A. Under typical netted cost type revenue

1 requirement ratemaking I would expect that there  
2 would be less volatility of probably both types.

3 Q. By the way, you mentioned earlier the  
4 reference unit being a peaking unit for the RPM  
5 structure. Is that --

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. -- correct?

8 Okay. And what did you mean by that?

9 A. There is a demand curve that is anchored,  
10 if you will, one point is established at the cost of  
11 the -- the net cost of a new peaking unit, it's  
12 adjusted by location and zone, and so that means it's  
13 the -- right now it is the nominal levelized cost to  
14 construct a peaking unit net of the EE margins that  
15 are referred to in the energy and ancillary services  
16 market.

17 Q. Well, is it accurate to say the RPM is  
18 designed to attract baseload generation capacity or  
19 peaking capacity only?

20 A. If implemented properly, the incentives  
21 would be neutral between peaking and cycling. The  
22 amount of the, what I refer to as missing money in an  
23 equilibrium structure for a capacity market is  
24 identical for all three. So the structural bias  
25 within the design shouldn't be there, it should be

1 neutral.

2 Q. But as it is implemented and has been  
3 implemented, would you agree that the bias is to a  
4 less capital intensive alternative like peaking  
5 units?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Can a firm collecting only marginal costs  
8 over the life of the investment yield a sufficient  
9 return to induce a large capital investment that may  
10 involve billions of dollars?

11 A. If the market's designed properly, yes.

12 Q. But as it's been designed and implemented  
13 to date in that context, what's --

14 A. In this context, the current  
15 implementation, I would expect that there would be a  
16 bias, as I said, toward less capital intensive units.  
17 I think that's the complement of the first statement  
18 that you asked me.

19 Q. Would a cost-based capacity charge always  
20 be higher than the RPM auction clearing price?

21 A. For which type of unit?

22 Q. For the base residual auction clearing  
23 price and in general. If you can't say in general,  
24 then you can specify.

25 A. Well, if we looked at the -- let's keep

1 it to the reference unit because I think that's  
2 notionally separate because we have to get into  
3 energy credits for other units which are important  
4 elements that seems to have been missed a lot in this  
5 debate, but just for the reference unit I would  
6 expect that the clearing price would at times exceed  
7 the cost-based rate and at times be below.

8 Q. And with respect to AEP Ohio's proposed  
9 capacity, cost-based capacity charge, setting the  
10 stipulation aside for a moment, would that proposed  
11 charge always be higher than the RPM auction clearing  
12 price?

13 A. We're now talking about the \$355.

14 Q. Correct.

15 A. Not necessarily.

16 Q. Okay. Now I'm going to move into your  
17 testimony. Do you need a break, sir?

18 A. No, but I do probably at about 20 after 5  
19 simply to make a phone call.

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. But I'm happy to proceed.

22 Q. Okay. We'll keep going.

23 In your testimony on page 8, excuse me,  
24 7, and I'm looking at footnote 4, and you might also  
25 reference footnote 7 on page 11 where I think you

1 make a similar comment. My question is, would you  
2 agree that the actual dollar per megawatt-day charge  
3 that CRES providers see on their bills includes  
4 additional components above and beyond the auction  
5 clearing price such as the scalers?

6 A. I think it would help if you said the  
7 resource clearing price, and the answer is yes. I'm  
8 answering it as if you asked the resource clearing  
9 price, I think that's what you clarified before.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. The scaling factor you referred to in  
13 footnote 7.

14 A. Right.

15 Q. Okay. Have you reviewed those -- that  
16 aspect of AEP witness Kelly Pearce and his Exhibit  
17 KDP-5?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Okay. So those scaling factors he  
20 mentions there, you don't disagree with those factors  
21 that are listed for the years, planning years  
22 referenced?

23 A. The adjustments to establish the final  
24 zonal price, no, I agree.

25 Q. Okay. Would you agree that in the

1 context of a regulatory tariff that the phrase "cost  
2 based" would normally refer to embedded costs?

3 A. No. Not necessarily.

4 Q. What kind of costs do you believe would  
5 apply in the context of a regulatory tariff?

6 A. I think it's situational on the tariff.  
7 For example, ISO New England has cost-based  
8 reimbursement for units that are required for  
9 reliability, and there's extensive regulatory  
10 proceedings about that as to whether or not those  
11 should be embedded costs based on the sort of logic  
12 you're representing or whether they should be  
13 associated with the bids that were offered for units  
14 that were rejected for reliability, and the FERC  
15 determined that the appropriate interpretation of  
16 costs for that was the to-go costs. Something  
17 similar to the avoided cost rates that we see in PJM.  
18 So I think it's situational.

19 Q. And what was the exact language that you  
20 used in that tariff?

21 A. I think those were -- well, the dispute,  
22 if I understand, if I remember, I haven't thought  
23 about it in a while, was whether or not a unit that  
24 was delisted, whose delist bid was rejected and was  
25 required to offer capacity would be compensated at

1 its costs. And then if so, what those costs were.  
2 And I believe the Commission determination was to  
3 interpret the costs appropriate in that situation as  
4 the to-go costs.

5 I think there's a similar kind of  
6 interpretation issue that's come up with respect to  
7 the capacity in California as well.

8 Q. But do you recall the exact tariff  
9 language or the pertinent phrase in the tariff?

10 A. In the ISO New England tariff?

11 Q. Yeah.

12 A. No.

13 Q. Okay. Turn to page 15 in your testimony.  
14 In line 16, 15 to 16. You're making a statement  
15 here --

16 A. I'm sorry. Page 15?

17 Q. Page 15, lines 15 and 16, are you there?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. You say "Such market-based pricing would  
20 also apply universally after June, 2015." Do you see  
21 that?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And "such market-based pricing" is a  
24 shorthand or longhand maybe for RPM pricing, correct?  
25 In that context.

1           A.    I'm just reading the whole sentence, but  
2    I believe that's correct.  The whole paragraph.

3                    Yes.

4           Q.    Okay.  Now I want to clarify what you  
5    mean by the term "universally."  Can you first  
6    take --

7           A.    Yeah, and that's, I think there's an  
8    editing issue here but the intent here is that  
9    starting June '15 -- June 2015, the market rates for  
10   capacity would be established through RPM.

11          Q.    For AEP Ohio?

12          A.    For AEP Ohio and for the CRES.

13          Q.    Relative to the units that would at that  
14   time presumably be formerly owned by AEP Ohio?

15          A.    Well, remember PJM is procuring  
16   essentially capacity from everybody including AEP  
17   Ohio on behalf of the load, and so there would be a  
18   capacity price established that would be the RPM  
19   price that would be paid by --

20          Q.    Right.

21          A.    -- all those in the AEP Ohio distribution  
22   function.

23          Q.    Okay.  But I'm trying to clarify your  
24   statement.  For example, are you saying that in  
25   mid-2015 RPM pricing will apply to all generation

1 resources in RPM, excuse me, in PJM?

2 A. To AEP Ohio resources and the rest of  
3 PJM, the remainder of the AEP entity that is the FRR  
4 entity presumably would not be under RPM pricing.

5 Q. And you're not speaking to other PJM  
6 market participants that may elect, for example, next  
7 spring to opt into FRR status either, correct?

8 A. No. Presumably, if -- anybody who isn't  
9 in our FRR would be under that pricing, that's  
10 correct.

11 Q. Okay. That whole answer is really in the  
12 context of if the stipulation is adopted, correct?

13 A. I believe so, yes.

14 Q. Okay. On page 16 you make a statement in  
15 lines 8 and 9 that the FERC and PUCO already  
16 determined appropriate capacity charges are the RPM.  
17 Do you see that?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And I believe we already discussed the  
20 December 8th, 2010, entry earlier, but let me focus  
21 on the FERC part of this statement here now. Is it  
22 your understanding that the FERC has, to this point  
23 in time, in setting aside the pending rehearing in  
24 the 205 case and the pending decision in the 206  
25 case, that the FERC has merely determined that a

1 state compensation mechanism has been purported to  
2 exist?

3 A. If I can restate it, I think I agree with  
4 you, which is the FERC determination was that it  
5 didn't need to make a finding with respect to a  
6 cost-based rate because there was a state-determined  
7 compensation mechanism, and I think that's -- if  
8 that's what you're saying, I'm agreeing with you.  
9 You phrased it in a way that seemed a little awkward  
10 to me.

11 Q. Okay. Well, did the FERC really  
12 determine that RPM is appropriate or did they  
13 acknowledge that there's a purported state  
14 compensation mechanism that exists?

15 EXAMINER SEE: Mr. Nourse, the Bench is  
16 going to need you to speak up or use a mic.

17 MR. NOURSE: Okay.

18 A. I think they did both in acknowledging  
19 the state determined -- that there was a  
20 state-determined compensation mechanism that was  
21 based on RPM.

22 Q. But the FERC, you're not suggesting, are  
23 you, that the FERC has constrained the PUCO in  
24 establishing their purported state compensation  
25 mechanism to RPM price, are you?

1           A.    No.  I think we discussed that before.  
2   That is some -- and I also mentioned other  
3   alternatives I think that would approximate an  
4   efficient transfer of price all of which would be  
5   appropriate.  I tried to explain earlier a range of  
6   decisions that probably would fall within things that  
7   FERC would deem acceptable and a range that would  
8   not.

9           Q.    Well, I know what you said earlier and  
10   I'm asking about this sentence.  So what you said  
11   earlier applies to this sentence and we shouldn't  
12   interpret otherwise; is that true?

13          A.    Yes.

14          Q.    Okay.  Let me ask you to turn to page 17,  
15   and in the bottom half of the page you're talking  
16   about behavior by AEP Ohio that you're considering  
17   anticompetitive in the question and answer.  Do you  
18   see that?

19          A.    Yes.

20          Q.    And what is it exactly that you're  
21   referring to, as far as the behavior, proposing a  
22   cost-based rate?

23          A.    I think the time -- if you go through the  
24   entire answer, I think it's really the series of  
25   conduct and the sequence of conduct.  If there was a

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1 cost-based rate proposed to begin in '15-'16, I think  
2 that would be appropriate. I might not like it per  
3 se but I don't see any problem with it.

4 I think the first part of this discussion  
5 defines what is generally construed as market power  
6 and it's the ability to sort of move prices and that  
7 when you create a situation where other suppliers,  
8 where the CRES suppliers, are effectively locked in  
9 to only having access to capacity from AEP and then  
10 subsequent to that lock-in unilaterally attempt to  
11 change the prices, that, to me, smacks of  
12 anticompetitive behavior.

13 Q. Under any of the three options we  
14 discussed earlier under the RAA is AEP permitted to  
15 unilaterally change the cost, or excuse me, the  
16 charge that applies to capacity?

17 A. I think we said that the third was in  
18 dispute.

19 Q. The third option being the 205 action?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And by filing a 205 action is that  
22 unilaterally changing the price or does FERC have to  
23 approve the proposed charge in that context?

24 A. Well, FERC would have to approve the  
25 proposed charge.

1           Q.    So what example are you talking about  
2           that AEP Ohio would unilaterally change the capacity  
3           charge?

4           A.    I think in the context you're asking is  
5           it's the effort to interpret the tariff in a fashion  
6           that that right existed in the presence of a state  
7           compensation mechanism, but I think I agree that  
8           ultimately FERC would have to agree with the  
9           position.

10          Q.    But are you suggesting that a filing of a  
11          205 action before the FERC is anticompetitive  
12          behavior by AEP Ohio?

13          A.    In and of itself, no. I think that's a  
14          fair distinction is that ultimately the behavior  
15          would have to be sanctioned by FERC as just and  
16          reasonable.

17          Q.    And if it was accepted by the FERC, as it  
18          still may be, would you consider that anticompetitive  
19          behavior by FERC?

20          A.    I would consider the result to be  
21          anticompetitive in terms of what I think the  
22          objective is with respect to fostering retail  
23          competition in Ohio. I don't think that anybody  
24          would challenge the right of FERC to establish that  
25          kind of rate.

1           Q.    And are you challenging AEP Ohio's  
2    ability to file a request for approval of a  
3    cost-based charge either at the FERC or PUCO?

4           A.    The ability to file under this tariff in  
5    the presence of a state compensation mechanism may be  
6    limited, yes.

7           Q.    Was the state compensation mechanism  
8    that's purported to exist in Ohio in effect at the  
9    time AEP Ohio made its section 205 filing at the  
10   FERC?

11          A.    At the time of the -- prior -- the entry  
12   came after the filing.  So I agree, yes.  It was not  
13   in effect.

14          Q.    So your statements about in the presence  
15   of a state compensation mechanism have no application  
16   in the current facts, do they?

17          A.    With respect to the formal compensation  
18   mechanism approved by the state of Ohio, I think I  
19   would agree with that, yes.

20          Q.    Okay.  Now, I'd like you to look at pages  
21   19 and 20 of your testimony next.  Let me try to  
22   accelerate this question here, but is it fair to  
23   summarize this section of your testimony as saying  
24   that you believe the stipulation solves long-run  
25   issues in a satisfactory manner but does not

1       satisfactorily resolve short-term issues?

2               A.     With respect to the capacity transfer  
3     price, yes.   Yes.

4               Q.     Do you have any view of whether the  
5     resolution of the long-term issues is more important  
6     or less important than resolving the short-term  
7     issues?

8               A.     I don't know quite how to answer that.   I  
9     sort of see this as right and wrong and so to the  
10    extent part of it is wrong, it's wrong, and to the  
11    extent part of it is right, it's right, and I'm not  
12    sure about relative importance.   I'd like to see both  
13    things right.

14              Q.     And if the FERC and/or the PUCO disagree  
15    with your position, does that make it wrong or right?

16              A.     Not to be flippant, it's not going to  
17    change my opinion, but it obviously will govern what  
18    takes place.

19              Q.     Would you acknowledge that there's  
20    uncertainty about the outcome in either forum of  
21    those issues?

22              A.     Yeah, I --

23                   MR. ALEXANDER:   Objection.   The outcome  
24    of what?

25                   MR. NOURSE:   I think he understood the

1 question, he was answering it.

2 EXAMINER TAUBER: Please answer.

3 A. That if you're talking about the  
4 resolution of the FERC case or the FERC cases and --  
5 the one that's unclear to me is when you say the Ohio  
6 Commission, there's multiple dockets, but if you're  
7 talking specifically the stipulation is the outcome  
8 uncertain, I would say yes.

9 Q. Okay. On page 20 of your testimony in  
10 lines 10 through 12 you make a statement, I'll  
11 paraphrase, that the stipulation's two-tiered  
12 capacity discount proposal results in any shopping  
13 customer above the "caps" paying more than they  
14 should for capacity. Do you see that?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. First of all, are you suggesting that  
17 CRES suppliers would pass along a hundred percent of  
18 any reduction in the capacity charge -- the proposed  
19 capacity charge versus your proposal? And by "pass  
20 along" I mean to retail customers.

21 A. Which price are we talking about now?  
22 You said --

23 Q. Let me rephrase.

24 If the stipulation's capacity charge,  
25 let's take the \$255 per megawatt-day charge, and if

1 that is reduced to \$225 for CRES providers, are you  
2 saying that CRES providers would pass along the  
3 additional \$25 in savings 100 percent to retail  
4 rates?

5 A. If we assume that somebody would take the  
6 offer at 225 and that it wasn't better than the ESP  
7 price, I think Mr. Schnitzer talks about that  
8 comparison. But if that were the case, then my  
9 expectation would be in a reasonable competitive  
10 environment that it would be passed through, yes.

11 Q. That a hundred percent would be passed  
12 through?

13 A. Yes. Or close to a hundred percent.

14 Q. Is it your belief that retail competitive  
15 offers would or would not be made at the \$255 per  
16 megawatt-day level?

17 A. I don't think I know empirically. The  
18 only analysis I've seen suggests that that price with  
19 that cost in it would exceed the ESP price.

20 Q. So you have no opinion on whether the  
21 \$255 charge would cap retail competition?

22 A. Well, it certainly would reduce it and  
23 have undesirable effects, that's what I'm talking  
24 about here.

25 Q. All else --

1 A. Eliminated entirely, no.

2 Q. All else being equal, it would reduce it,  
3 is that your testimony?

4 A. Oh, absolutely, yes.

5 Q. Okay. I think I'm going to finish by 20  
6 after.

7 A. That's fine.

8 Q. I'll try to keep an eye on the clock.

9 A. I appreciate that.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. And I can stay longer, I just simply need  
12 that break.

13 Q. That's fine.

14 Okay. Page 27, so you have a number on  
15 line 17 of 19 billion. Do you see that?

16 A. Right.

17 Q. And that relates to a calculation you  
18 made for eight years?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And that's applicable to the first eight  
21 years of the RPM auctions that have been in  
22 existence?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Is that correct?

25 A. Yes. And for AEP as a whole using

1 Mr. Horton's data.

2 Q. So what was the first year of that, would  
3 have been of that calculation?

4 A. '7-'8.

5 Q. 2007?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. So do you agree that the stipulation's  
8 proposal to get to RPM, full RPM pricing by the  
9 middle of 2015 is achieving that result faster than a  
10 market rate offer?

11 A. Are you referring to the mechanical  
12 phase-in of the market rate offer?

13 Q. If you're familiar with that, yes.

14 A. In general I am but I don't think -- I  
15 have not done that analysis.

16 Q. Do you know under the market rate offer  
17 option the minimum period for the price blending that  
18 you referred to?

19 A. I thought it was four or five years but I  
20 do not remember. That was not part of the analysis I  
21 conducted for this.

22 Q. Subject to check would you agree that  
23 it's six years?

24 A. Subject to check. I do not know, that  
25 was not part of the analysis I did.

1 MR. NOURSE: All right. Thank you, your  
2 Honor. That's all I have.

3 EXAMINER TAUBER: Thank you.  
4 Mr. Alexander.

5 MR. ALEXANDER: I'm sorry, I didn't  
6 realize if anybody else had any questions.

7 MR. KURTZ: I have some brief cross, your  
8 Honor.

9 MR. ALEXANDER: Your Honor, can we take a  
10 ten-minute break so the witness can discuss travel  
11 arrangements?

12 EXAMINER TAUBER: Yes. The witness  
13 indicated that so we'll take a recess and reconvene  
14 at 5:30.

15 (Recess taken.)

16 EXAMINER TAUBER: Let's go back on the  
17 record.

18 Mr. Kurtz, you indicated you had  
19 cross-examination?

20 MR. KURTZ: Very brief, I think, thank  
21 you, your Honor.

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23 CROSS-EXAMINATION

24 By Mr. Kurtz:

25 Q. Good evening, Dr. Shanker. I don't want

1 to belabor the history, but right on the capacity  
2 pricing issue we've got the AEP FERC section 205  
3 complaint on rehearing; is that correct?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. And we've got the AEP FERC section 206  
6 complaint case pending.

7 A. Pending, correct.

8 Q. And we have the interim state  
9 compensation mechanism, the 2929 case, incorporated  
10 in this case; is that correct?

11 A. Whatever the latter incorporation is, but  
12 you probably understand that better than I do.

13 Q. I think it's fair to say that you cannot  
14 predict the outcome of any of those proceedings.

15 A. No, I can't.

16 Q. And it's probably fair to say that this  
17 Commission cannot predict the outcome of the FERC  
18 actions; is that correct?

19 A. Yes, I agree.

20 Q. And the FERC cannot predict the outcome  
21 of the state compensation mechanism case here at this  
22 Commission.

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. Okay. I ask you that because on page 24  
25 of your testimony I think you kind of get to the

1 heart of what's going on here when you talk about the  
2 perspective that you view the stipulation under. Let  
3 me just paraphrase.

4 You say that AEP witness Mr. Allen says  
5 that since we were entitled to \$355 a megawatt-day,  
6 the stipulation is worth -- and we agreed to an RPM  
7 set-aside and we agreed to 255 for the second tier,  
8 the value is 856 million to consumers. That's his  
9 perspective; is that correct?

10 A. Actually, I don't think that calculation  
11 incorporates the 255. I think that's only the  
12 set-asides at the RPM rate. But yes, I agree in  
13 general with what you said.

14 Q. His perspective is they're entitled to  
15 \$355 a megawatt-day, they settled for less and  
16 therefore consumers got a benefit of 856 million,  
17 that's his perspective.

18 A. Yes. And that's what I'm disagreeing  
19 with, correct.

20 Q. Okay. Your perspective is consumers  
21 should have got 100 percent RPM and, therefore, the  
22 stipulation is a \$2.2 billion harm to consumers.

23 A. Right. That's what consumers have and  
24 had. And moving up from that is, it's the  
25 glass-half-full or half-empty kind of phenomenon, but

1     yes.

2             Q.     And none of us can predict the outcome of  
3     the two FERC litigations or the state litigation that  
4     will ultimately decide the capacity compensation  
5     price, correct?

6             A.     Well, prospectively, yes. But we do know  
7     where we are now and where we have been. I think  
8     that's probably part of what paints my perspective of  
9     this, plus understanding what I believe to be the  
10    right rate is.

11            Q.     You believe RPM is correct.

12            A.     Yes.

13            Q.     And you don't dispute that AEP thinks  
14    cost-based compensation is correct. You don't  
15    dispute their sincerity in that belief.

16            A.     Well, certainly I believe they asked for  
17    it and I also understand that they've agreed long  
18    term to move to what I think is the right pricing.  
19    So, you know, I guess the question is really for them  
20    to say did they do something wrong in agreeing to the  
21    stipulation. I think they got to the right price.

22            Q.     Well, isn't it also a way to look at  
23    this, as with any complex litigation, I think you  
24    mentioned this very early in your testimony, page 4,  
25    that settlements are a compromise process?

1           Isn't this essentially just a settlement  
2     that people, reasonable people can disagree about but  
3     they're looking at the various litigation outcomes  
4     and agreeing to a compromise that they think is a  
5     reasonable compromise for their interests on this  
6     particular issue of capacity pricing?

7           A.    I think I -- the answer is yes, it is a  
8     compromise, and what I tried to make clear is now  
9     we're talking about over 30 years of experience.

10           If there's just a pile of money sitting  
11    around and there is a settlement and we argue about  
12    who gets it, and the money is there and it's sitting  
13    on the table and we just push it around, there may be  
14    equities involved but there's seldom right and wrong  
15    involved.

16           Here, when we're dealing with market  
17    design principles that, and market advantages that  
18    persist through the transition out into the  
19    competitive range in the long run, I think there's a  
20    right and wrong and my experience tells me that one  
21    should be very cautious and avoid those, and those  
22    kind of compromises almost always lead to a mess in  
23    the end.

24           Q.    Well, you went through with Mr. Nourse  
25    that under the PJM tariff you could have three

1 different outcomes, a state compensation mechanism,  
2 an RPM default, or a FERC-determined rate that is  
3 cost based or just and reasonable in the absence of a  
4 state compensation mechanism. Did I understand that  
5 right?

6 A. The tariff provided for those things.

7 Q. So the tariff provides for something  
8 other than what you believe, firmly believe is the  
9 right answer, the black and white, the RPM. The  
10 tariff allows for something different.

11 A. Well, the tariff language says that those  
12 are the options. I'm not sure when they actually  
13 would be implemented. If you really worked it  
14 through and if something came up that was  
15 significantly at odds with the RPM pricing, and I  
16 acknowledge other types of marginal or market-based  
17 pricing would be appropriate, I think you might  
18 indeed find that all three of those trails would lead  
19 back to a determination by FERC that it ought to look  
20 similar to the RPM.

21 Q. Now, if the Ohio Commission views this  
22 issue as right or wrong, RPM or nothing, they will  
23 then presumably turn down the stipulation; don't you  
24 think?

25 A. I'm not sure. You know, I don't think

1 it's appropriate for me to get into the shoes of the  
2 Ohio Commission.

3 Q. Well, what should the Commission consider  
4 here in determining whether this compromised  
5 stipulation, given all the litigation risk, is  
6 reasonable? What should they consider?

7 A. Well, my understanding of the statutory  
8 guidance is to foster a competitive environment. And  
9 I think the long-range -- long-run solution here does  
10 that. I think the short-run solution yields a  
11 material advantage in terms of the way the pricing is  
12 against market to AEP, and so I think it's  
13 inappropriate.

14 And so if the issue is to create a level  
15 playing field, I think this is a lot of what  
16 Mr. Lesser and Mr. Schnitzer talk about, if it's to  
17 create a level playing field, then what I'd like to  
18 see the solution be, simply that you put in place the  
19 long-term solution and that you go to the RPM-type  
20 pricing for capacity transfer immediately, or  
21 actually not go to, you maintain the status quo  
22 because that is the status quo.

23 Q. Do you think the Commission should  
24 consider certainty and stability when deciding this  
25 stipulation?

1           A.    With respect to what?  I'm sorry.

2           Q.    With respect to settling contentious --  
3   having a plan, having a set plan like Mr. Dominguez  
4   said where you have a set plan where there is an end  
5   game, full deregulation, full divestiture,  
6   100 percent RPM pricing under a pathway versus the  
7   uncertainty of turning it down and the existing ESP  
8   is maintained.

9           MR. ALEXANDER:  I'm sorry.  Could you  
10   read that back, please?

11           EXAMINER TAUBER:  Yes.

12           (Record read.)

13           MR. ALEXANDER:  I want to object to the  
14   form.  I didn't hear a question there.

15           EXAMINER SEE:  She read the question  
16   back.  She didn't read the previous question.

17           (Record read.)

18           EXAMINER SEE:  With that the witness can  
19   respond to the question.

20           A.    Again, not to put myself in the shoes of  
21   the Commission, but -- because I don't know the  
22   extent of their authority, but I think the right  
23   solution is what I've recommended which is that  
24   you've got the right end point identified and there  
25   is an issue over the transition as to what the

1 appropriate pricing is and I'd like to see it at the  
2 status quo.

3 If that's infeasible, then maybe there's  
4 a problem, but as far as I know that's a potential  
5 outcome and that's what I would recommend to the  
6 Commission.

7 Q. (By Mr. Kurtz) Let me change topics just  
8 briefly. You indicated that the FRR entity here is  
9 AEP East, not simply AEP Ohio. Is that correct?

10 A. Yeah. With respect to PJM, my  
11 understanding is the FRR entity is AEP East, what is  
12 called AEP East. It's the five companies.

13 Q. Do you know the operating companies that  
14 comprise AEP East?

15 A. Michigan and Indiana, Columbus Southern,  
16 Ohio, Appalachian. And what am I missing? Kentucky.

17 Q. Kentucky Power.

18 A. Kentucky, whatever, yes.

19 Q. So those five operating companies  
20 operating in seven states, Indiana, and Michigan,  
21 Ohio, Virginia, and West Virginia.

22 A. West Virginia, right.

23 Q. Kentucky. That's it.

24 A. I think that's it.

25 Q. Okay.

1           A.    If you got Indiana and Michigan, you're  
2 fine.

3           Q.    So six states, five operating companies.

4           A.    Yes.

5           Q.    Do you think the Commission -- let me --  
6 do you understand that those five operating companies  
7 operate under a FERC-approved interconnection  
8 agreement or pooling agreement?

9           A.    Yes.

10          Q.    Let me just ask you very briefly, on page  
11 29 of your testimony, beginning on line 13 you talk  
12 about "AEP Ohio is net long against its own capacity  
13 requirements, the remainder of AEP is short." Are  
14 you talking about the other AEP operating companies?

15          A.    Yeah, collectively. The other three  
16 companies collectively.

17          Q.    Well, then you go on to say, you're  
18 talking about the pool dissolution provision here.

19          A.    Right.

20          Q.    Okay. Just to summarize, that's a  
21 provision in the stipulation where if -- when  
22 AEP Ohio divests and moves the generation out of the  
23 utilities to an unregulated affiliate presumably,  
24 they have to go to FERC and seek permission to change  
25 their five-company, six-state pooling agreement. Is

1       that what we're talking about here?

2               A.     Well, the costs associated with that,  
3       yes.

4               Q.     And under the stipulation if the costs  
5       are less than 50 million, AEP Ohio is not even  
6       allowed to ask the Commission for approval. Is that  
7       your understanding?

8               A.     Yes.

9               Q.     And if the costs are more than  
10       50 million, AEP Ohio is allowed to ask this  
11       Commission for recovery but there's no requirement  
12       the Commission grant approval. Is that your  
13       understanding?

14              A.     Yes.

15              Q.     Okay. Now, on line 20 you say "Depending  
16       on how these and other terms are settled, there may  
17       be either a positive or adverse impact on AEP Ohio,  
18       the new nonregulated generation entity, AEP Ohio's  
19       distribution customers, other AEP FRR entities, and  
20       other PJM members as a whole."

21                     You're referring to depending on how the  
22       pool dissolution case turns out at FERC?

23              A.     Well, the dissolution and to the extent  
24       there is a termination or modification charge that  
25       would be approved.

1           Q.    Okay.  Let me ask you, you say depending  
2           on how that comes out, and none of us knows how that  
3           will come out, do we?

4           A.    We can talk about alternatives as to how  
5           it would come out, and I think actually in  
6           Mr. Schnitzer's testimony he puts a metric on it.  
7           There's a very large amount of money that's being  
8           transferred into AEP Ohio, on the order of 4 or 5  
9           hundred million dollars under the pool agreement in  
10          terms of credits for capacity sales, and the issue of  
11          how that gets handled when we have an AEP Ohio Genco  
12          and we have FRR requirements for the remainder of  
13          AEP, it can result in a significant reshuffling of  
14          those moneys.

15          Q.    Let's be careful.  Are you familiar with  
16          the AEP interconnection agreement?

17          A.    Generally, yes.

18          Q.    Okay.  Well, let me ask you this:  You  
19          say there might either be a positive or adverse  
20          impact.  How could there be a positive impact on  
21          AEP Ohio?

22          A.    It depends on the circumstances.  Well,  
23          the agreement goes away.  So under the, what is it,  
24          MLR shares the --

25          Q.    The member load ratio shares, right.

1           A.    -- payments are made at, this is  
2 approximating Mr. Schnitzer's workpapers, but  
3 basically, you know, I think it was 460 or something  
4 dollars a megawatt-day from those that are short to  
5 those that are long.

6           Q.    There's two surplus --

7           A.    Right.

8           Q.    There's two surplus companies that wanted  
9 to get capacity equalization payments from the  
10 capacity deficit companies at the surplus company's  
11 average embedded cost of generation, right?

12          A.    Right.

13          Q.    Okay.

14          A.    And those would presumably be replaced  
15 with bilateral agreements.

16          Q.    Presumably.

17          A.    Well, they don't have to be. And  
18 that's -- that's -- the point is, that's what I'm  
19 trying to get to is if you don't know that, you don't  
20 know what the final transfers are, and we're talking  
21 about hundreds of millions of dollars a year that  
22 swing under that, and depending on how you  
23 restructure those transfers, you could see somebody  
24 coming up and asking for reimbursement for that  
25 amount here at the Commission.

1           Q.    Oh, it could be -- it will be a real  
2   Donnybrook at FERC when all the states and all the  
3   state submissions and all the state consumer  
4   advocates and all the industrial groups and all the  
5   environmental groups all converging on FERC seeking  
6   their issues on that pool termination, that's the way  
7   that will work. They had this case in 2001 that got  
8   withdrawn. Were you aware of that?

9           A.    Yeah. But you left out they'll all be  
10  here too, depending on how those contracts are set  
11  up.

12          Q.    Let me go back to my question.  
13  Mr. Schnitzer, he quantified a \$525 million harm to  
14  AEP Ohio based on his assumption of how this  
15  multistate case that hasn't even been filed will turn  
16  out. That's what he quantified, right? You referred  
17  to that.

18          A.    That's the ballpark of the difference  
19  between the embedded cost payments and the market  
20  payments, and I think the perspective that generated  
21  that was if people in Ohio are paying, let's say a  
22  hundred dollars a megawatt-day or 90 or so, which was  
23  the average, and people in Kentucky are paying 460,  
24  there is very likely to be some discontent.

25          Q.    We understand you get something for your

1 capacity equalization payments. You get something  
2 to -- you understand that, right?

3 A. You get access to the capacity and a  
4 portion of the energy share, but when you dissolve  
5 the pool it's not clear that you'll continue to get  
6 that, and if you do continue to get it, it's not  
7 clear at what price.

8 And if that price is different than the  
9 current price, there's going to be a pot of money for  
10 AEP Ohio that is not going to be recovered in the way  
11 that it's being recovered now.

12 And you don't know and I don't know what  
13 those arrangements are, and I think what  
14 Mr. Schnitzer is saying is that the amount of money  
15 being left on the table to be determined as to how it  
16 is going to be transferred from the way it is  
17 currently is approximately 500 and some million  
18 dollars, and in my mind I refer to this as the pig in  
19 the poke.

20 You don't understand right now, and the  
21 company, in its answers to interrogatories, has made  
22 it clear that they have no contemplation about how  
23 they're going to resolve that.

24 Q. That's my point. Since no one knows how  
25 this -- that this future case will be resolved, how

1 in the world could anybody quantify what it will  
2 cost?

3 A. Well, if there is \$500 million of  
4 transfers going and AEP doesn't know what's going to  
5 happen to them and you don't know what's going to  
6 happen to them and the Commission doesn't know what's  
7 going to happen to them, I'm suggesting in this part  
8 of my testimony that somebody ought to be concerned  
9 about that.

10 Q. Yeah. I want to go back to my original  
11 question. You said positive or adverse impact. So  
12 do I take that to mean that the pool dissolution  
13 could be positive to AEP Ohio? Does that mean they  
14 get money?

15 A. It's possible. I see that as an unlikely  
16 resolution of the transfers, but I have to say  
17 intellectually could you write a contract that it  
18 could turn out better for them? Yes.

19 Q. Sure.

20 A. Is it likely to happen? Not very likely.

21 Q. And it could have a positive impact on  
22 AEP Ohio's distribution customers too. That's your  
23 testimony, right?

24 A. That it's feasibility for that to happen,  
25 yes.

1 Q. All right.

2 A. That it's likely to happen, no. That's  
3 what that \$500 million is we're talking about.

4 Q. Okay. How could it be feasibly that  
5 AEP Ohio or AEP Ohio ratepayers would be better off  
6 by the pool dissolution?

7 A. If there was some fashion in which the  
8 rest of the pool compensated them greater than they  
9 do now, they would be better off. I think we both  
10 understand that's very unlikely.

11 Q. You know, I enjoyed this conversation, I  
12 think none of us know how that case is going to come  
13 out and so we'll leave that there.

14 MR. KURTZ: Your Honors, those are all my  
15 questions, thank you.

16 EXAMINER TAUBER: Thank you.

17 Other parties that wish to cross-examine?

18 (No response.)

19 EXAMINER TAUBER: Mr. Alexander, would  
20 you like to redirect?

21 MR. ALEXANDER: I just have a couple  
22 follow-up questions.

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## REDIRECT EXAMINATION

By Mr. Alexander:

Q. First of all, Dr. Shanker, you doing okay, do you need a break?

A. No, other than a sore throat, which I apologize for, no.

Q. I'll try to be brief.

You've had quite a few questions today regarding whether a state compensation mechanism can or should be a cost-based mechanism, and you've talked about that in some detail.

What are the potential problems with setting a state compensation mechanism as a cost-based system?

A. I think both I and Dr. Lesser describe what's the right way to transfer assets and resources among entities, and that's to have reference to the market or the marginal cost or the market price, and it's to create the right incentives. It's the traditional make or buy type of incentive.

And when you price something at the marginal cost or the market price, regardless of how the market's determined, an internal consumer faces the right prices in terms of making a decision as to how to deploy its assets. And if you have a

1 cost-based rate that is significantly higher than  
2 market, you create an incentive for people to divert  
3 resources from other reasonable applications into  
4 that high cost application to displace cost rates --  
5 cost-based assets and you use them inefficiently.

6 You're taking them away from an  
7 application where they are useful at say \$150 in  
8 order to displace something at \$350, and in doing so  
9 you're disturbing the market where the 150 asset  
10 was -- resided.

11 In the original testimony that I provided  
12 I discussed how a likely result would be if prices  
13 were very high and AEP on retail, let's say the 350  
14 level, there would be an incentive for people to  
15 withdraw assets from the rest of PJM where they're  
16 properly -- not properly, where they are valued at,  
17 say, 150 in the hypothetical, and to direct them into  
18 AEP, and with the result being the prices would  
19 actually rise in the rest of PJM from the distortion  
20 of the resources.

21 That's what you're trying to avoid.  
22 Whenever you go to a cost-based resource as opposed  
23 to market, you're telling people the wrong signal in  
24 terms of what to use among the alternatives they have  
25 in front of them.

1           Q.    You also received some questions from  
2           Mr. Nourse regarding volatility, specifically the  
3           volatility of RPM pricing. And you referenced two  
4           types of volatility. Can you explain that in a  
5           little more detail?

6           A.    Sure. By intent RPM is supposed to be --  
7           have variances in a sense we're calling it  
8           volatility, between locational areas. As  
9           transmission constraints come into existence, it was  
10          designed that prices would increase in the  
11          constrained area. And de facto prices would stay the  
12          same or decrease in the unconstrained area.

13                 And that was to send a price signal, not  
14          so much to build as to retain existing generation or  
15          to encourage new transmission, and I would expect  
16          over time for one of those prices to rise and, two,  
17          as new transmission is built and it has to be built,  
18          these are mandatory build-outs for these types of  
19          constraints, for the prices to then drop, and that's  
20          exactly what we saw happen.

21                 Part of the equalization in pricing  
22          across PJM in this last auction was a decline in  
23          prices in the east as new transmission came in and an  
24          increase in prices in the west as the ability of  
25          generation to move to the east was increased.

1           Now, part of it was other effects and  
2           that's the second source of volatility, and that's  
3           basic economics. We have an offset for energy and  
4           ancillary services and it's based on historic price,  
5           so as gas prices move, RPM prices would move in the  
6           opposite direction.

7           Similarly as the general economy, we slow  
8           down and the growth rate is less, the demand for  
9           capacity will be lower and the prices will drop.  
10          That kind of volatility is inherent, is real, it is  
11          volatility in the sense that I think most people talk  
12          about volatility.

13          The first one is structural in that we've  
14          designed things to actually send price signals in and  
15          relative scarcity with respect to locational supply  
16          of capacity, and those are the two I was trying to  
17          distinguish between.

18          Q.    And even with that volatility have RPM  
19          prices ever been as high as the \$355 a megawatt-day  
20          suggested by AEP Ohio in this case?

21          A.    No. No, they haven't. No, the RTO  
22          prices have never come close to that.

23          Q.    Mr. Nourse also had a pretty lengthy  
24          discussion with you regarding three criticisms you  
25          had of the RPM pricing model. Can you talk about

1 some of the positive things you think about the RPM  
2 pricing model?

3 A. Well, there's two elements: First  
4 there's offsetting price movements of things that are  
5 wrong and then there's things that are right in  
6 general.

7 The positive elements is that we're  
8 getting a rational or intended-to-be rational pricing  
9 of capacity based on the marginal cost of the  
10 resource to go forward in the market. We define the  
11 avoided cost rate which is the to-go cost, that's  
12 what does a rational person need to spend to keep the  
13 generation in the market and then what is their  
14 anticipated earnings out of the energy market.

15 And anything they get above that  
16 difference, so if it cost me a hundred dollars to  
17 keep this unit functioning, it doesn't matter if it  
18 costs 350 for embedded costs, but for a hundred  
19 dollars I can keep it out there and I expect to earn  
20 \$90 in energy revenues, then I'm irrational if I ask  
21 for anything more than \$10 to keep it in the market  
22 because everything above 10 bucks is profit. It's  
23 offset to me. I'm better off than I would be.

24 That decision process is the fundamental  
25 driver of pricing in RPM, is that you look at the

1 marginal to-go costs of a facility net of income and  
2 if it makes sense in terms of the overall  
3 requirements of the market, you offer it in at that  
4 price, and if the market needs it then you get paid  
5 for it and you're happy with that decision.

6 It's inherently the right decision  
7 process that all of us do in almost everything else  
8 in our lives except embedded cost-based  
9 decision-making for utilities, and it's just what we  
10 want to have. And that's just what RPM is about.

11 So everything, all the bells and whistles  
12 and the complexity of the model, I propose the  
13 structure that looked very much like RPM at around  
14 2000, a little different in terms of how the  
15 locational constraints worked.

16 The reason it was proposed is because  
17 it's the right way to think about it. It's the same  
18 as our locational pricing. You want people to offer  
19 resources out into the market at their marginal cost  
20 and you want them to clear only when they're at or  
21 above the marginal cost.

22 Q. Next, there were several questions  
23 regarding the exercise of market power. Are there  
24 rules in place limiting the exercise of market power  
25 in RPM auctions?

1           A.    Yes.  The supplier rules are pretty  
2 stringent.  There's a multiple-step process.  The  
3 first is a determination of concentration in the  
4 markets by the market monitor.  If they are  
5 concentrated, all of the offers are subject to  
6 avoided cost caps, avoided cost minus operating  
7 margins, and the market monitor has to make a  
8 determination that the entire process was competitive  
9 in order to certify that the auction could go  
10 forward.

11                   On the buyer's side there are stronger  
12 rules than there were.  Would I like to see them  
13 stronger?  That answer is yes.  But we do have  
14 directed mitigation for new entrants in combined  
15 cycle and combustion turbines related to their cost  
16 of entry of a reference unit.

17                   Now, I think over time we'll probably see  
18 even some of the strength in them, hoping at least,  
19 on the buyer's side.

20                   MR. ALEXANDER:  Could I just have one  
21 second?

22                   EXAMINER TAUBER:  You may.

23                   MR. ALEXANDER:  No further questions at  
24 this time.

25                   EXAMINER TAUBER:  Thank you.

1 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

2 EXAMINER TAUBER: Mr. Nurse, recross?

3 MR. NOURSE: Just a couple questions,  
4 your Honor.

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6 RECROSS-EXAMINATION

7 By Mr. Nourse:

8 Q. Dr. Shanker, the to-go cost principle  
9 that you just discussed with your counsel, as I  
10 understand the basic proposition there is that it's  
11 irrational to do anything other than offer an  
12 existing unit into the market at or above those  
13 prices if you can harvest those prices; is that  
14 correct?

15 A. Your net to-go costs, and that would be,  
16 you know, anticipated expenses too, yes. But yes.

17 Q. And does that principal apply or  
18 incentivize new capacity?

19 A. Yes, it should be totally consistent with  
20 new capacity.

21 Q. So your proposition is that collecting  
22 marginal cost over the life of a unit would  
23 incentivize the building of capacity?

24 A. In the RPM design, yes, because we, in  
25 short, we would clear against the curve if everything

1 worked right. And you would collect scarcity  
2 payments in excess of your marginal costs.

3 And if you work through it,  
4 the equilibrium, if you don't operate at all in  
5 equilibrium, you would recover under RPM the net cost  
6 of a peaker.

7 Q. Of a peaker.

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. All right.

10 A. And if you think about it, let's assume  
11 it cost \$50 for a peaker to convert to a combined  
12 cycle a megawatt-day, a rational owner will look at  
13 that peaker and look at the rents in the energy  
14 market and when they see sufficient rents in the  
15 energy market, say \$51 a megawatt-day, they'll  
16 convert it to a combined cycle plant. And then  
17 they'll still be short the cost of the peaker.

18 And so if you pay them the cost of the  
19 peaker, the energy conversion margins take care of  
20 the incentives to move from a peaker to a combined  
21 cycle to a baseload unit. And that's exactly the  
22 basis upon which the model is built.

23 Q. But, again, my question wasn't directed  
24 at an existing unit whether it should run or not, my  
25 question was directed at the incentive for building

1 new capacity other than a peaker.

2 A. What I described is applicable to both  
3 and it's the underlying theory as to -- it's the  
4 underlying theory as to why we price the reference  
5 unit at the net cost of a peaking unit. It's sort of  
6 the purest -- it's, we talk about it as the cost of  
7 pure capacity and all the inframarginal energy events  
8 of any sort of conversion over time will pay for the  
9 conversion of that peaker into the more capital  
10 intensive form you need.

11 Now, if you anticipate those rents in  
12 advance, you build the other type of unit.

13 Q. And so your theory is that one would  
14 build a peaker converted into a combined cycle and  
15 then convert it into a baseload, is that what you  
16 said?

17 A. No. That's how you conclude that the  
18 incentives over time are right so that if you  
19 anticipate those kinds of rents in the market, you'll  
20 make the investment in advance --

21 Q. Isn't that --

22 A. -- with the conversion.

23 And actually with a peaker and a combined  
24 cycle you could actually do it, but obviously you  
25 wouldn't do it for an IGCC or something like that.

1           Q.    And that would be based one a three-year  
2    decision investment -- investment decision time  
3    frame?

4           A.    It would be based on a long-term decision  
5    time frame with a market mechanism that worked on the  
6    three-year advance.

7           Q.    Okay.  And with regard to the market  
8    power question your counsel asked you, and you  
9    mentioned some rules that are in place and the market  
10   monitor unit function as it relates to those rules,  
11   correct?

12          A.    Yes.

13          Q.    Has the market monitor alleged that AEP  
14   has violated any market power rules?

15          A.    Not that I'm aware of.

16               MR. NOURSE:  That's all I have.  Thank  
17   you.

18               EXAMINER TAUBER:  Thank you.

19               Mr. Kurtz?

20               MR. KURTZ:  No questions, your Honor.

21               EXAMINER TAUBER:  Any other parties with  
22   recross questions at this time?

23               (No response.)

24               EXAMINER TAUBER:  Thank you, Mr. Shanker,  
25   you may be excused.

1 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

2 EXAMINER TAUBER: Mr. Alexander.

3 MR. ALEXANDER: Your Honor, at this time  
4 we would move to have FES Exhibit No. 14 admitted  
5 into the record.

6 EXAMINER TAUBER: Are there any  
7 objections to FES Exhibit No. 14, which was the  
8 direct testimony of Mr. Shanker?

9 (No response.)

10 EXAMINER TAUBER: Hearing none, FES  
11 Exhibit 14 shall be admitted.

12 (EXHIBIT ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

13 EXAMINER TAUBER: Let's go off the  
14 record.

15 (Discussion off the record.)

16 EXAMINER SEE: Let's go back on the  
17 record. We'll reconvene tomorrow at 9.

18 (Thereupon, the hearing was adjourned at  
19 6:15 p.m.)

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## 1 CERTIFICATE

2 I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a  
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5 and carefully compared with my original stenographic  
6 notes.

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8 Maria DiPaolo Jones, Registered  
9 Diplomat Reporter and CRR and  
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