## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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Forest Hills Supermarket, : Inc., d/b/a Konnis Family : Foods, :

Complainant,

vs. : Case No. 18-785-EL-CSS

The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company,

and

FirstEnergy Corp.,

:

Respondents. :

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before Patricia A. Schabo, Attorney Examiner, at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Room 11-D, Columbus, Ohio, called at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 26, 2019.

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1 Tuesday Morning Session, 2 February 26, 2019, 3 10:35 a.m. 4 5 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: The Public 6 Utilities Commission of Ohio has set for hearing at 7 this time and place Case No. 18-785-EL-CSS being Forest Hills Supermarket, Inc., d/b/a Konnis Family 8 9 Foods versus The Cleveland Electric Illuminating 10 Company. 11 My name is Patricia Schabo. I am one of 12 the Attorney Examiners assigned by the Commission to 13 hear this case. 14 Let's begin with appearances of counsel, 15 beginning with the Complainant. 16 MR. WILSON: Thank you. For the record, Thomas Wilson, Warqo & Warqo, 440-234-0662, on behalf 17 18 of Forest Hills, Inc. 19 MR. ENDRIS: Thank you, your Honor.

MR. ENDRIS: Thank you, your Honor. On behalf of The Cleveland Electric Illuminating

Company, Robert M. Endris, 76 South Main Street,

Akron, Ohio 44308. Also with me, appearing with me today is Emily Danford, same address, and also I would like to enter an appearance today for Joshua Eckert as well --

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1 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Okay. 2 MR. ENDRIS: -- who has been previously 3 listed in this matter, appearing in this matter. 4 Thank you. ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: With that, 5 6 Mr. Wilson, did you want to present a case without 7 witnesses? Did you want to introduce any exhibits? MR. WILSON: I have some exhibits to 8 9 introduce, but I have no witnesses here today. Do we 10 do any type of opening or is that different here in front -- I've never been in front of the Public 11 12 Utilities Commission, so pardon my naiveté. 13 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: No problem. 14 You can do an opening statement, if you'd like to do 15 some kind of opening statement. It's not necessary. 16 For the most part, I will preside over the hearing, 17 and any record we create will be presented to the 18 Commission along with any recommendation from myself, 19 and that's how the Commission will get the 20 information. So any evidence you would like to mark 2.1 and move into evidence, any cross-examination of the Company's witness, all of that will go to the 22 23 Commission. Let's go off the record. 24 (Discussion off the record.) 25 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Let's go back

on the record.

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Mr. Wilson, you wanted to make an opening statement?

MR. WILSON: Thank you. Just short opening remarks. As I mentioned before, I'm here on behalf of Forest Hills Supermarket, Inc. Forest Hills Supermarket, Inc. is a supermarket in East Cleveland, Ohio. It is a small family-run supermarket that is a direct competitor with Giant Eagle, which is right down the road.

Forest Hills has been at the address of 13598 Euclid Avenue for somewhere about 30 years.

Forest Hills had been receiving electricity from CEI through two separate meters which were billed under Account No. 110 023 165 209. It's the 209 account. In September of 2016, CEI came in and installed a new meter at the rear of the Forest Hills Supermarket. At that time they took off the two old meters, put in a new meter, and then rather than billing -- continue the billing through the 209 account to Forest Hills, they began to bill the landlord at -- at the shopping mall rather than Forest Hills.

In May of 2017, the landlord contacted CEI, said hey, why am I getting these new bills, this isn't for me. On June 19th of 2017, CEI made a

determination and determined that the new meter was serving the 13598 Euclid Avenue, i.e. Forest Hills, not what they had previously been billing at under 13520 Euclid Avenue. In other words, there was just a mistake where the -- where the bills were going.

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On August 1st of 2017, CEI sent a bill to Forest Hills under a different -- a different account, and it billed for June '08 through -- to July of '06 for 29 days that showed a previous balance of \$37,000, \$37,384.63, with consumption for that month of \$7,576.44, for a total amount due of \$44,961.07. In other words, for the first time, on August 1st, 2017, Forest Hills received a bill for \$44,961.07 when it had been getting consumption bills of 5, 6, \$7,000, and we'll be presenting that into evidence.

Dated that same time of August 1 of 2017, CEI also sent a letter to Forest Hills stating that the bill of \$44,961.07 was for the time period of 12/9/2016 to 7/6/2017. Prior to that Forest Hills hadn't received this bill. Among other things, the 8/1/2017 letter says, "Your account has been billed from 12/9/2016 to 7/6/2017 due to your account not being established for electric services at the following address: 13598 Euclid Avenue New Service,

East Cleveland, Ohio 44112." However, that was incorrect, as Forest Hills had been there for over 35 years and had been receiving consistent bills through -- from CEI at that time. It was not a new service that was ever started. If there had been -- there was never a new service. At that time they said that the "amount will be displayed on your next bill."

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Subsequent to that -- I'm sorry. One last thing, on the 8/1/2017 letter, which again we'll be introducing, Forest Hills placed a -- CEI placed Forest Hills on a payment plan, and the payment plan took the 44 -- the total amount, divided it -- of 44,961.07, divided it by the seven months that they had not previously billed for, and added \$6,423.01 of additional monthly charge to the current consumption charge. When you added the \$6,423, it nearly doubled their bill, and Forest Hills, on 4/9 of 2018, Forest Hills had been paying the consumption charges but not the back amount, and they received a disconnect notice for nonpayment of the prior bill even though they had not been charged for that monthly -- or that seven-month time period until August of 2017. That's all.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Thank you.

Mr. Endris, did you want to make an opening statement?

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MR. ENDRIS: Yes. Very briefly, your Honor. Thank you. This case is about a simple and normal rebill process that the Company undertook in order to bill for electricity consumed by Forest Hills Supermarket. It initiated from a meter -- or from a service upgrade requested by the landlord and was all performed pursuant to that request. The evidence will show that -- that the Complainant continued to receive service under the two old meters for another three months after the upgrade service was completed. At the time that the service cut over to the new meter was performed by the landlord is when the period of consumption needed to switch over so that Forest Hills could be billed for the electricity they were consuming. When the records got straightened out, the rebill was a normal process, according to the Commission's records. Thank you.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Thank you.

Mr. Wilson, would you like to mark and move any exhibits?

MR. WILSON: Initially I would like to mark the -- and move into as an exhibit the August 1,

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     2017 -- what's the easiest way to do this, your
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: You can walk
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     a copy and counsel one.
                  MR. WILSON: I'm just trying to make it
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     as easy as possible for everyone.
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Right. You
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     can choose whether or not you'd like to use numbers
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     or letters.
                  MR. WILSON: Let's use letters -- let's
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     use numbers, please. I like numbers for the Court.
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Okay. So the
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                  (EXHIBIT 1 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)
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                  MR. WILSON: Exhibit 2 is the billing
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     statement from the Illuminating Company to Forest
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     Hills Supermarket, Inc. for the billing period June 8
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to July 6, 2017, for 29 days, and that is Account No.

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11 110 124 917 649, which shows an amount due of 1 2 \$44,961.07. 3 (EXHIBIT 2 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.) MR. WILSON: Exhibit 3 is a --4 5 (EXHIBIT 3 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.) 6 MR. ENDRIS: I'm sorry. I lost track of 7 what --MR. WILSON: This is Exhibit 3. 8 9 MR. ENDRIS: What did you hand her? 10 MR. WILSON: It's in the order that I 11 gave them to you. It is the August 9, 2017, bill, 12 Account No. 110 124 917 649. That's the Account 649, 13 and that's from the period of July 7 to August 7, 14 2017, for 32 days, and again these bills are to 15 both -- Exhibit 1 and Exhibit 2 are to Forest Hills 16 Supermarket, Inc. at 13598 Euclid, and if you go down 17 under the right hand -- left-hand side, under 18 "Messages," under the first paragraph it states, 19 "Thank you for setting up a payment arrangement with 20 The Illuminating Company on 8/1/2017. The terms of 2.1 the installment plan require a monthly installment amount of \$6,423 in addition to the current charges. 22 23 The amount you must pay will be shown on your bill 24 each month. Please pay this amount by the due date

on the bill. Failure to keep the terms of the

installment plan may result in a disconnection of
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That is an incorrect statement. There was never a monthly plan that was agreed to by Forest Hills. It was placed -- it was placed by CEI unilaterally on us, on Forest Hills.

MR. ENDRIS: Your Honor, he's testifying. There's no facts in the record at all for the statements that he's making.

MR. WILSON: They're also true. I'll just introduce the records, that's all.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: The

Commission can make that determination, I agree. Go

ahead. You didn't bring a witness to testify --

MR. WILSON: I did not.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: -- so go ahead and mark your exhibits.

MR. WILSON: May I read from the exhibits, your Honor?

ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: No. The exhibits will speak for themselves, if they're admitted.

MR. WILSON: The next exhibit will be Exhibit 4.

25 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: I will amend

1 my statement to say that if there is some portion of 2 an exhibit that you would like us to pay attention to, you may point that portion out, but again, there 3 is no need to read the actual content of the exhibit. 4 5 MR. WILSON: Understood, your Honor. 6 Thank you. 7 Exhibit 4 is the April 9, 2018, bill 8 from -- from The Illuminating Company to Forest Hills Supermarket, Inc., 13598 Euclid Avenue, East 9 10 Cleveland, Ohio, Account No. 110 124 917 649, which is the "Disconnection Notice," is the only section 11 12 that I would point the Court to (indicating). 13 (EXHIBIT 4 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.) 14 MR. WILSON: Exhibit 5. 15 (EXHIBIT 5 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.) 16 MR. WILSON: Exhibit 5 is an e-mail 17 chain from myself to -- at the bottom dated October 18 25, 2017, to Joshua Eckert at FirstEnergy Corp 19 requesting documents and asking for all the bills. 20 The response, which is on the top from Mr. Eckert to 2.1 myself on October 27, 2017, in which CEI only 22 provides a small amount of documents. 23 And then the last exhibit would be 24 Exhibit 6. (EXHIBIT 6 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.) 25

1 MR. WILSON: Your Honor (indicating). 2 Exhibit 6 is the follow-up e-mail chain from myself, at the bottom, to -- to Mr. Eckert, and his response, 3 Mr. Eckert, from FirstEnergy Corp to myself is a 4 5 response dated November 13, 2017, in which I've asked 6 for all of the bills and which they were also not 7 produced. That's all, your Honor. 8 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Thank you. 9 Exhibit 1 through 6 will be marked as discussed. 10 Mr. Endris. 11 MR. ENDRIS: Has he requested these to 12 be admitted into the record yet, your Honor? 13 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Mr. Wilson, 14 are you admitting these into the record? Mr. Wilson, 15 are you moving for these exhibits to be --16 MR. WILSON: Yes, your Honor. 17 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: -- admitted 18 into the record? 19 MR. WILSON: Yes, your Honor. 20 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Yes, he has. 2.1 MR. ENDRIS: Thank you, your Honor. At 22 this time the Company would object to the admission of these exhibits. There's no witness here to 23 24 authenticate these documents nor to cross-examine 25 about their content and/or the meaning of their

content.

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MR. WILSON: Your Honor, these are all admissions made by FirstEnergy or CEI, admissions against interest. While they may be hearsay, they are admissible under the -- well, they're actually not hearsay because they're admission by a party opponent.

MR. ENDRIS: With all due respect, your Honor, if I may, that still doesn't overcome the ability -- inability to cross-examine over the contents of these exhibits.

MR. WILSON: And again, your Honor, I guess I misunderstand. If I understood what the Court said to me earlier, it said the documents speak for themselves, so if the documents speak for themselves, which the Court made the determination without objection by Mr. -- by counsel and I have produced the documents, to allow them to speak for themselves. In regard to the last two documents, Exhibit 5 and 6, which are documents where Forest Hills Supermarket is attempting to get bills and the only two witnesses available on that would be myself, and I'm happy to swear myself in -- or have you swear me in and I'll testify to it, in regard -- and in addition to Mr. Eckert, who is counsel, which

obviously I couldn't cross-examine anyway, so -- and the last two are only to put in there to show that irrespective of how many times we asked and how many times we tried, CEI selectively provided us with documents, and now to say to you I can't put those documents in because we don't have a witness, when they are the ones that sent the e-mails and they're the ones that stent the attachments, I don't know who else I could call to but myself to put those in. And again, if someone wants to swear me in, I'll be happy to testify in regard to Exhibits 5 and 6.

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ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Setting

Exhibits 5 and 6 aside for just a moment, Mr. Endris,

are you indicating that we cannot rely on the

authenticity of bills that were issued by CEI?

MR. ENDRIS: No, your Honor. What I'm saying is there's no witness to cross-examine on whether they received these billed statements and were aware of the content.

what, just for now we're going to leave this open.
We're not going to rule on the admissibility at this very second. What we can do is proceed with the Company's case, and perhaps Mr. Wilson can find an opportunity to have these documents identified by a

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     witness during his cross-examination.
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                  MR. ENDRIS: Thank you, your Honor.
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: You're
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                  MR. ENDRIS: At this time the Company
     would call Miss Princess Davis to the stand.
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Good morning.
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                  MS. DAVIS: Good morning.
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                  (Ms. Davis was sworn.)
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Thank you.
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     Have a seat. If you can state your name and your
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    business address for the record.
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                  THE WITNESS: Princess Davis, 5001 Nasa
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    Boulevard, Fairmont, West Virginia 26554.
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Thank you.
                  MR. ENDRIS: Your Honor, may I request a
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    brief recess? I just realized I did not bring with
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    me a copy of my witness' testimony.
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Absolutely.
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being first duly sworn, as prescribed by law, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

7 BY MR. ENDRIS:

- Q. Miss Davis, I am handing you what's -you already have it. Do you have before you -- let
  me back up. I'll try to start right where we left
  off. Miss Davis, by whom are you employed and in
  what capacity?
- A. FirstEnergy Operating Company. I'm a Customer Service Compliance Specialist.
- Q. Thank you. Do you have what's been marked or what's been -- can you identify what's been placed in front of you?
- A. It's my direct testimony on behalf of
  The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company.
- MR. WILSON: Has it been marked as an exhibit?
- 22 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: I don't 23 believe so, not yet.
- MR. ENDRIS: Yes, may I have that marked as Company Exhibit 1?

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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Yes.
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                  MR. WILSON: So we're both -- we're both
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                  MR. ENDRIS: Exhibit A. Thank you.
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                  MR. WILSON: Thank you.
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: So marked.
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                  MR. ENDRIS: Thank you, your Honor.
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     Company Exhibit A in front of you?
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                  MR. ENDRIS: Your Honor, at this time,
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     into the record, I'd like to begin with some rebuttal
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     rather than go straight into cross-examination.
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Okay. Well,
     then -- let's just simplify this. Exhibits 5 and 6
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     are e-mail exchanges between two attorneys. I will
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     not swear you in on behalf of your client because
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that is a conflict. An attorney cannot act as a witness in their client's own case. Exhibits 5 and 6 will not be admitted.

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Exhibits 1 through 4, although I'll admit is a bit fast and loose, have been referenced throughout the pleadings, have been referenced within the stated testimony, are records that were created by the Company, sent to the Complainant. One would presume that the Company is relying upon the Complainant to receive these. Though not in the most ideal sense, i.e. via testimony, the Complainant has acknowledged receiving them, and for the ease of the record and for the Commission's own admission, Exhibits 1 through 4 will be admitted.

(EXHIBITS ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

MR. ENDRIS: Thank you, your Honor. May
I make at least one observation that these bill
statements include confidential consumption
information. If Complainant is willing to waive
that, then they don't have to be redacted.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Okay. Mr. Wilson, if there is confidential information within --

MR. WILSON: We'll waive it, your Honor.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: You'll waive

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MR. ENDRIS: And if I may ask one more, if counsel will stipulate that other billed statements sent to his client were, in fact, received by his client.

MR. WILSON: I wouldn't be able to stipulate to that until I saw the particular documents, your Honor. I mean, in general -- I answer -- I don't have that answer, your Honor. I'd have to see the document.

11 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Let's go off 12 the record.

13 (Discussion off the record.)

ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Let's go back on the record.

Mr. Endris, I believe you had requested that there be a stipulation as to some other bills issued by the Company.

MR. ENDRIS: Yes, your Honor, and while we were off the record counsel for Complainant stipulated that his client indeed received the billed statements that he's been -- that he's been shown.

23 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Mr. Wilson,

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MR. WILSON: Yes, that is correct, your

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Honor. There appears to be four -- four first pages
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     of two-page documents with various amounts, and they
     appear to be for an account number of 110 023 165
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     209, and they are --
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: We'll let Mr.
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     Endris mark them and identify them. Okay?
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                  MR. WILSON: Understood, your Honor.
                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Great.
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     you.
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                  MR. WILSON: So stipulated.
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Mr. Endris.
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                  MR. ENDRIS: Thank you, your Honor. May
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     I approach the witness?
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: You may.
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                  MR. ENDRIS: And first I would ask that
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     these be marked as Company --
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: B.
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                  MR. ENDRIS: -- Exhibit B.
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: All four
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                  MR. ENDRIS: Yes, four pages to the
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     exhibit.
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: We will mark
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     as Company Exhibit B a package of four documents.
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     I'll go ahead and let you identify them further, Mr.
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MR. ENDRIS: Thank you, your Honor, and for the record I have handwritten the numbers one, two, three, and four on the successive pages in the exhibit, Company Exhibit B.

6 MR. WILSON: So it's B1, B2, B3, that 7 way?

MR. ENDRIS: Yes.

MR. WILSON: Okay. Thank you.

(EXHIBIT B MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

11 BY MR. ENDRIS:

- Q. Miss Davis, I've handed you what's been marked as Company Exhibit B, consisting of four pages of B1, B2, B3, and B4. Can you identify these documents?
  - A. They are bills that were issued to Forest Hills Supermarket by the Illuminating Company for billings March 7th of 2017 through July 7th of 2017, under account number ending in 209.
  - Q. And were these sent to the address 13598

    Euclid Avenue, East Cleveland?
    - A. Yes. Each one was sent to 1398 (sic).
  - Q. And I would direct your attention to the left-hand side of the page. Is there a graphic depiction of consumption history?

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- Q. And is there a table of monthly consumption history above the graphic?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. And does that appear on each one of the pages?
  - A. It does, yes.
- Q. For each monthly billing statement. And
  I would direct your attention to the top right
  portion of the billing statement under "Account
  Summary." I know it's a little blurry. Do you see
  that section?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. And does it state "Previous Balance"?
- A. Yes. It shows a previous balance of 49.64.
- Q. And going down the page a little

  further, for the "Usage Information," does it show

  the kilowatt hours consumed for these bills?
  - A. Yes. It looks like zero consumption.
- 21 O. On each --
- 22 A. For each of the four bills shown, yes.
- MR. ENDRIS: That's all I have on
- 24 rebuttal, your Honor.
- 25 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Thank you.

MR. ENDRIS: I would move for the 1 2 admission of Company Exhibit B, B1, B2, B3, and B4. 3 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: They've been stipulated, so we can go ahead and admit them for the 4 5 record. 6 MR. ENDRIS: Thank you. 7 (EXHIBITS ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.) 8 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Would you 9 like to proceed sponsoring your witness on direct? 10 MR. ENDRIS: I'm sorry? I apologize. 11 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Would you 12 like to proceed with sponsoring your witness on 13 direct? 14 MR. ENDRIS: Yes. At this time, your 15 Honor, I would offer Miss Davis direct testimony into 16 the record subject to cross-examination. 17 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: We'll proceed 18 with cross-examination and then work on the admission. 19 20 MR. WILSON: The Court will note my 2.1 objection to the -- to Exhibit A. I'm happy to 22 provide the Court with my reasons for it, but I don't 23 always know what the Courts want in regard to 24 providing -- it's hearsay, classic hearsay. 25 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Are you

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MR. WILSON: Yes.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Would you like to cross-examine her on any part of the testimony?

MR. WILSON: Let's start with the easiest piece first, your Honor. Before I can determine whether or not to cross-examine her on anything in regard to Exhibit A, CEI Exhibit A, Company Exhibit A, I need to place my objections on the record. No. 1, she's here to testify. Her prior testimony is classic hearsay. There is no reason that she cannot testify here on her own, if counsel needs to ask questions, but in regard to putting in a piece of paper in front of the Commission on which I've not had the opportunity to cross-examine in regard to the specifics within the testimony other than the fact that -- it's -- it's hearsay. There's no hearsay exception that allows it in, and I was precluded from cross-examining her, and we would object to Exhibit A coming into the record.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Okay. We take a little side break -- or we're going to stay on the record and just explain the procedure. So at this point in time her testimony is not anything

other than presented for purposes -- this is how I think about it to myself. It is as if Mr. Endris just asked her each one of those questions in our presence and she delivered those answers right now. So no part of it has been admitted. It is laid out in front of you. Think of it as a pre-transcript, if you will. After this we'll go ahead and we'll take a short break so that you can re-review it, because you're not used to the procedure. At that time you may go through and move to strike any portion based on typical objections to testimony. Once we have her finished statement by way of striking something or not, you may cross-examine her on any portion of that testimony. It is different, but that is how the Commission proceeds with its cases.

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So let's go off the record for, say, five, ten minutes, and you can review the testimony, and then we'll pick up with any motion to strike that you might have.

MR. WILSON: Again, just so that I'm clear on the procedure, and I apologize for my ignorance, your Honor, I know better, but when we come back on the record, if I understand what your Honor has said, the testimony as set forth in Exhibit A is going to be -- I'm allowed to cross-examine on.

1 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: You may move 2 to strike any portion of it and you may cross-examine 3 her on it, yes. MR. WILSON: And when I move to -- when 4 5 I objected to the entirety of it, that was a 6 different objection than to the specifics within? 7 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: I -- yes. I 8 interpreted it differently because I understood that 9 you believe that the testimony just came in the 10 record as is, without you having an opportunity to 11 challenge it in any way, and what I am trying to 12 explain to you is that you will have the full 13 opportunity to challenge it. So if you are -- if 14 your objection is that you are objecting to her 15 presenting written testimony, that objection is 16 overruled because that is how it works in the 17 Commission's proceedings. If your objection is you 18 haven't had the opportunity to cross-examine her, my 19 response would be then proceed to cross-examine her, 20 please. 2.1 Let's go off the record. (Discussion off the record.) 22 23 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Let's go back

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MR. WILSON: Your Honor has explained it to me in detail, along with counsel for CEI, and I understand the procedure and I understand the -- what my role is here and what everyone's role is, and I appreciate counsel and I appreciate this Court -- or, I'm sorry, the Commission explaining that to me, and I'm ready to proceed, your Honor.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Fabulous.

Are there any portions you have a motion to strike?

MR. WILSON: Well, I guess the -- yes,

your Honor.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Okay. If you could identify the page you're on.

MR. WILSON: Page 3.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Page 3. And then you can either identify it by question and answer -- or, I'm sorry, by line number.

MR. WILSON: Beginning with the question on Line 8, "Did you review any records related to this case?" And then the answer coming right afterwards, beginning in the middle of Line 10 to the -- that begins with, "These records," and then -- the statement is, "These records, all of which were

kept in the course of regularly conducted business activity, include customer contact notes and other customer service records, and various bills associated with the property," I move to strike that.

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ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Go on.

MR. WILSON: No. 1, there's no identification of what the records are. All it is is I have these records that I looked at. I don't know what those records are. I know -- "customer service records," I don't even know what that means. haven't been provided any of those records, "and various bills associated with the property," I don't know what that means. I don't know if it's the documents that -- the four documents that CEI has produced. Have there been other documents? I cannot cross-examine someone on documents that I don't have in front of me and which are under some nebulous concept of "customer contact notes"; "customer service records." I don't know what those mean. regard to that I move to strike and move to strike in regard to anything following up on that.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Mr. Endris, do you have a response?

MR. ENDRIS: Yes, your Honor. First, I would note that your Honor's entry of November 21st

specified the prefiling date for this testimony. 1 Ιt was three days longer than what the rule required, 2 and your Honor specifically noted that it was in 3 order to allow time for review and for depositions. 4 5 If Mr. Wilson had questions about the records that 6 were reviewed in her testimony, he had ample time. 7 Other than that, your Honor, Miss Davis' testimony is that these are, in fact, the records that --8 9 MR. WILSON: Objection. Your Honor the 10 testimony is the testimony, not what he says. 11 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: We're not 12 going to be objecting on his grounds for responding 13 to a motion to strike. 14 MR. WILSON: My apologies both to 15 counsel and to the Court. 16 MR. ENDRIS: Thank you, your Honor. 17 She's testified that this is what she does in the 18 normal course of her capacity of employment. 19 MR. WILSON: May I respond, your Honor? 20 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: You may. 2.1 MR. WILSON: The issue of discovery and 22 what is permitted for or allowed in regard to 23 depositions is a totally separate and distinct issue 24 as to what is admissible here in front of the 25 Commission in regard to the documents and the

testimony. They're separate and apart. Irrespective of what occurred or did not occur during the discovery time period, that does not change the burden in regard to what is admissible in regard to the statement here. What counsel has said basically is because Forest Hills Supermarket didn't take any depositions, everything should come in, and that, quite frankly, your Honor, has no legal basis, not in the rules of evidence, even if they are liberalized for purposes of the Commission.

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ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Your motion to strike is directed at these records, all of which were kept, so she would answer any questions did you review any records related to the case. If you would like to flesh out what she means by customer service records related to the property, feel free to do so on cross-examination, but I will not strike her explanation or her positive answer as to whether or not she was reviewed any records in the case. To be clear, we are not admitting these records.

MR. WILSON: But they're not even here for me to cross-examine her on. You're asking me to cross-examine on a statement where she says I looked at records, and I don't know what those records are, and if I ask her what those records are, she could

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it. If she's here in her capacity of -- of a -whatever her capacity -- as a customer service
capacity. That's all.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Mr. Endris.

MR. ENDRIS: Thank you, your Honor.

Counsel doesn't have any basis for alleging that she has no way of knowing this. It's pure conjecture on his part, and -- and he's, as your Honor previously indicated, he's capable or allowed to cross-examine her on the basis of her knowledge of that information, but he doesn't have grounds to strike it at this point.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Are you alleging that it is hearsay, that it is otherwise objectionable on an evidentiary basis?

MR. WILSON: It is objectionable on an evidentiary basis, plus there's been no --

ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: What is that evidentiary basis?

MR. WILSON: First of all, it's hearsay.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: How is it

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MR. WILSON: Because she's making a statement about -- strike that.

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ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: She's in court and she's subject to cross-examination.

MR. WILSON: Your Honor, how about if I just cross-examine her and I withdraw that motion, motion to strike?

ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Okay.

MR. WILSON: We'll be able to cross-examine her on everything in regard to -- unfortunately, since I don't have the documents in front of me, it will be difficult, but I don't have a better idea on how to do this, so I'll just go through it and cross-examine her, as long as -- because this is her statement, we'll go forward. I'm ready.

we're going to go off the record for five minutes.

I'm going to allow you to read through the testimony,
and if there are any other motions to strike that you
would make before cross-examining the witness, you
may do so at that time, keeping in mind that the
Rules of Evidence do otherwise apply. She, on the
other hand, is here, in court, asserting facts. She
is subject to cross-examination. If it is her

statement, it is, therefore, not hearsay. If she is characterizing the statement of others, just like in court.

Let's go off the record for five minutes to allow Mr. Wilson the opportunity to review the witness testimony. We'll go back on at 11:45.

7 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Let's go back 8 on the record.

Mr. Wilson, do you have any further motions to strike?

MR. WILSON: No, your Honor.

12 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Okay. You may cross, then.

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## 15 CROSS-EXAMINATION

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- Q. Miss Davis, how long have you been working with FirstEnergy Service Company?
- 19 A. Just over 18 years.
  - Q. And your current title is what?
- 21 A. Customer Service Compliance Specialist.
- Q. And how long have you been a Customer
  Service Compliance Specialist?
- A. Just about ten years.
- Q. Okay. Were you a Customer -- is it fair

- to say you were a Customer Service Compliance Specialist in the 2016, 2017 time period?
  - A. Yes.

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- Q. 13598 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, 44112, have you ever been to that property?
  - A. No, I have not.
- Q. So you don't know -- strike that. Are there meters there?
  - A. Yes.
  - Q. Have you ever seen them?
- 11 A. No.
- Q. Okay. So you have no personal knowledge whether there are meters there?
- A. No, but I do contact our Meter Services

  Department, who did go to the property.
- Q. I asked that -- but you've never seen them and they're not here today; is that correct?
  - A. That's correct.
  - Q. So you have no personal knowledge about 13598 Euclid Avenue?
  - A. No, but I am an expert witness for the Company and rely on information during my investigation from others within the Company to form my opinion and investigation analysis.
- Q. And what documents did you, as an

expert -- as an expert testifying here on behalf of CEI today -- do you mind if I call it CEI or --

- A. No, that's fine.
- Q. -- is there a different name? It's just easier to come out with, it rolls easier.
- A. That's what we commonly refer to it as well.
  - Q. All right. Thank you. In regard to -you're here to testify as an expert?
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- 11 Q. In what capacity of an expert?
- A. I'm not sure I understand what you're saying.
  - Q. You're not going to testify in your capacity as an expert as to installation of meters?
    - A. No, just in the overall billing of customers and investigation in customers, the work order piece that was created for the upgrade. That's all information that I've gathered on behalf of the Company.
  - Q. And how much of that information has been provided to me prior to your testimony here today?
- A. I cannot answer that. I don't know exactly what you've been provided with.

- Q. Okay. What are customer contact notes?
- A. It's our billing records, customer records. When a customer or anyone calls into our contact center, each agent automatically notes the account, that they were on that account and a summary of that conversation.
- Q. In regard to customer contact notes, you reviewed those in preparation for your expert testimony here today?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Which specific customer contact notes did you review in preparation for today's testimony? And I'd like the dates, please.
- A. Specifically May 11th of 2017, which is when a representative from the landlord, Zaremba

  Group, had contacted CEI regarding --
- MR. WILSON: Objection, your Honor.
- 18 It's hearsay.

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- 19 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Please let
  20 the witness finish her statement and then make the
  21 objection.
- Were you done with your answer?
- 23 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 24 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Okay. Your
- 25 objection?

MR. WILSON: She's testified that somebody from someplace else contacted her to give her some information, and that person is not here and I have no opportunity to cross-examine it. It is hearsay.

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MR. ENDRIS: Your Honor, this is not -this meets the exception to the hearsay rule

ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Mr. Endris.

9 regarding expert witness. She is an expert and is
10 qualified to review the records and testify as to
11 their content.

12 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Mr. Wilson.

MR. WILSON: Again, your Honor, I feel like as if I've fallen down the rabbit hole. Sometimes the Rules of Evidence are enforced and sometimes they're not. In regard to expert testimony, I've not been provided with a single document in regard to this witness' review of anything, in which case that she's testifying about. I cannot cross-examine her about documents that I've never seen that she seems to have reviewed. So if we're talking about expert testimony, then I have the right, under the rules, to see everything that she's -- that she's relied upon in her testimony. I

don't have that. I don't know what this May 11,

2017, thing is. Okay. However, I'm being told that as an expert, she's going to be allowed to testify about something, and if I don't have the document -- if I don't have the documents, I haven't been provided the documents, she can't testify in regard to those specifics, in regard to an expert, because, quite frankly, I don't even know what she's an expert in as it pertains to customer -- as it pertains to the providing of electricity and the metering to the Forest Hills Supermarket.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Well, I believe that she said that she was not testifying as an expert as to the metering and the provision of electricity. She's testifying in the capacity as a Customer Servicing Specialist and customer complaints, and your objection is overruled.

MR. WILSON: Thank you, your Honor.

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BY MR. WILSON:

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- Q. So you've reviewed the available -- so you -- in preparation to provide your expert testimony here today, you've looked at a May 11, 2017, what, customer contact note?
- A. I've reviewed all customer contact notes in my review of the investigation for the entire case.

Q. I understand that. My question is, I want you to tell me what specific customer contact notes you've reviewed in preparation for your expert testimony here today, and I believe you said the May 11, 2017. What other ones?

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- A. May 11th is one of the contacts, and actually throughout my testimony there's references to multiple contacts that were reviewed and contact dates of what occurred.
- MR. WILSON: And again, your Honor, she's now reading and looking into her testimony to answer her question on cross-examination. She doesn't even know what she's put in her -- the Court -- the Commission told me this is just as if she's testifying, okay, her testimony here. So she doesn't get to go back and reread it when she's answering her questions. That's never proper in any type of evidentiary matter.
- MR. ENDRIS: If I may, your Honor. Your Honor, with all due respect, it's not at all uncommon to read back the record in a proceeding.
- ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Your objection is overruled.
- MR. WILSON: I'm sorry?
- 25 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Your

- 1 | objection is overruled.
- 2 MR. WILSON: One moment, your Honor.
- 3 | All right.
- 4 BY MR. WILSON:
- Q. Other than the May 11, 2017, customer contact note, can you tell me today what other specific date of a customer contact note you
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- A. We received court documents.
- Q. I'm just talking customer contact notes.
- A. Well, the customer contact notes can be documents that we receive from your office as well.
  - Q. I apologize. Go forward.
  - A. Anything that comes in on an account is documented under customer contact. It doesn't necessarily have to be someone calling us. It's a record of the account, so if a disconnect notice goes out, there's going to be a line item in the contact notes to show that. If we receive letters from your office, there's a contact note to show that. I believe August 30th, I believe --
    - Q. What year?
- 23 A. -- August 20th.
- 24 Q. August 20th --
- 25 A. I apologize. That was a record -- that

was a letter that we received from your office.

- Q. I'm sorry, August 20 of what year?
- A. Of 2017.
- Q. And again, you're looking at your testimony to testify; is that correct?
- A. Just as reference, yes.

MR. WILSON: Objection.

8 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Is this

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THE WITNESS: I'm sorry?

11 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Is this

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13 THE WITNESS: Yes.

14 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Objection

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MR. WILSON: That may be, your Honor,

17 but she hasn't said she doesn't remember it. She's

18 just rereading what she's -- she's just rereading her

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21 | something, she says I don't know. Counsel then gets

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23 | something, and he gives me something to show her, in

24 | which case she would refresh her recollection. The

25 | difficulty I have is I don't understand how she could

refresh her recollection with her own testimony.

That's the -- that's the rabbit hole we're in. This testimony that she keeps looking at is her testimony.

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Let's pretend -- because I understand that this is what the Commission said, that this is the testimony, Exhibit A is the testimony that she's presenting. If I ask her in cross-examination what her testimony -- about a question, she doesn't get to ask the court reporter to go back and look at the -- and look at the testimony that she previously gave. It doesn't work that way. She either remembers it or she doesn't. All I'm asking is I want specifics, and when I asked her about a specific, she went back and reread her testimony, which is again insane, but that's my objection, your Honor. And I apologize for the last remark. That was uncalled for, and I withdraw it. It was unprofessional, and I take it back, but I am truly at a frustrated point here.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: I understand your frustration. It is different than a courtroom. It's an administrative proceeding, under different rules, and we have different Ohio Administrative Code provisions that pertain to how our hearings are conducted, and where it is not addressed specifically in the code or the statute, the civil and evidentiary

rules do apply. There is a disconnect because of the unfamiliarity with the form. I believe I already overruled your objection, but if I haven't, I will overrule it now, and we'll continue.

MR. WILSON: Thank you, your Honor.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: You're

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## BY MR. WILSON:

- Q. Other than the May 11, 2017, customer contact note and the August 20, 2017, customer contact note, what other customer contact notes did you review in preparation to give your expert opinion here today?
- A. Specifically I reviewed the order from June 19th of 2017.
- Q. I'm sorry, the -- the order? From June 19th, 2017, is that a -- an order from what?
  - A. That is the order that was drafted from the May 11th contact for us to investigate the meter that was at the location in servicing the supermarket.
- Q. I understand. So when you say "order,"
  you don't mean an order from the Commission?
  - A. No.
- Q. You just mean a -- a document that's

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- A. It was an order that -- from the May

  11th contact, the Customer Service Center requested,

  sent an order over to Meter Services to investigate

  the claim.
- Q. What other documents did you review in regard to customer contact notes?
- A. The August 1st rebill letter that was issued to your client.
  - Q. And what was the -- August 1st what?
  - A. August 1st, 2017.
  - Q. Okay. And that was the what letter?
- A. It was a rebill letter and notification of the account being billed. I believe that's what you introduced into evidence as evidence No. 1.
  - Q. Okay. Thank you. What else?
- A. Also the October 11th letter, which was -- of 2017, which was referred to our Legal Department from your office, which was the -- indicating that it was being investigated and working with the landlord regarding the rebilling issue.
  - Q. Anything else?
- A. There are specific no contacts after
  that, though I'm not for sure on the exact date, but
  at some point in January -- well, actually, on August

the 30th, I believe, there was a contact from the Complainant requesting a new payment agreement, which was not granted at that time. Then in January we issued a disconnect notice and in February --

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Q. I'm sorry, what date was that?

MR. ENDRIS: Excuse me, your Honor.

I've got to protest. He keeps interrupting my client -- or my witness in mid-sentence, and I would ask the court to remind him to let her finish her sentence before interrupting her.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Let her finish.

A. In January of 2017 a disconnect notice was issued, and in February of 2016 a second payment plan was set up for the client. Then in April of 2017 another disconnect notice was issued, and in May of 2017 this Complaint was filed -- I'm sorry, May of 2018. I need to correct that. The January was also 2018, and February was 2018. I apologize. And then May is when we received the Complaint, in May of 2018. Those are the specific contacts that I recall.

- Q. Anything else?
- A. Not that I recall at this time.
- Q. Do you have any of those documents here with you today?

A. No.

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- Q. And you're recalling them from memory?
- A. I'm recalling from what -- my preparation as well, yes. They were not introduced into evidence, so we do not have them today.
- Q. What's the date of the February 2017 second payment plan customer contact note that you talked about here this morning?
- A. It was actually February of 2018. That was part of my correction, and if I may, I do have that included in my testimony as of the date that was. It was February 1st of 2018. That's referenced on Page 5, Line 11.

MR. WILSON: Objection. Same objection. She's reading from her prior testimony. She doesn't get to read from her prior testimony. If she doesn't it, she says she doesn't remember. She doesn't get to go look at it. She's testifying on testifying. That's all, your Honor.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: The objection is overruled.

22 BY MR. WILSON:

- Q. Any other customer contact notes?
- A. Not that I recall.
- 25 O. What is a customer contact note?

- A. It's the record for CEI for anything that's done on an account, anytime anyone does work on an account, talks to a customer on an account or an order is done, a document is issued.
- Q. So it's your testimony here today that the dates that you've now provided us in regard to customer contact notes constitutes the entirety of the customer contact note file that CEI has?
  - A. No.

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- Q. There are other things?
- A. There may be things that I'm not recalling today that are in the customer notes that may not have been used in my investigation. I don't have specific dates of every disconnect notice that was issued. I believe, from my recollection, there was also contacts after the Complaint was filed, such as power outage, things like that, that were not privy to this Complaint.
- Q. So the answer to the question is there may be other things in the file? You just don't remember in regard to customer contact notes?
  - A. They may not be part of the testimony.
- Q. Okay. Can you tell me what records are kept -- are kept in the regular course of regularly conducted business by FirstEnergy or CEI in regard to

13598 Euclid Avenue, in their entirety?

- A. We would have copies of customer bills, customer letters, disconnection notices, the work order that was created for the upgrade, follow-up orders that we did to investigate that, our customer accounting contacts where the rebills were completed, any power outages that a customer, you know, would file. Anything related to the account is going to be maintained.
- Q. Perhaps I -- I'm sorry. I don't mean to interrupt. Are you complete?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Perhaps my question was vague. In regard to 13598 Euclid Avenue, not in general, not what's generally kept, but I would like to know the specifics of all of the records that are kept in the normal course of regularly conducted business activity in regard to 13598 Euclid Avenue.
- MR. ENDRIS: Your Honor, I'm going to object. She just answered that very same question.
- MR. WILSON: May I, your Honor?
- 22 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Your
- 23 response.

MR. WILSON: She talked generally. I'm asking for the specifics in regard to this one

particular thing, and all I heard is generalities of there could be power outages, there could be this. I want to know what's in the file that's -- what's in the file, since I don't have them and I haven't -- they haven't been produced to me, and if she's going to talk about them, I still want to know what's in them.

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MR. ENDRIS: Your Honor, counsel has had ten months to conduct discovery and has not, and he's objecting that he doesn't have documents in his possession that he's never asked for.

MR. WILSON: That -- your Honor, Exhibit 5 and 6, those are the documents. I asked for everything. As a matter of fact, I asked for it twice, and what I got was what CEI decided to give me and nothing else, and now I'm being precluded to cross-examine her because they refused to give me the documents, and Exhibit 5 and 6 were kicked out, and they're not even before this committee. I am hamstrung here. You can't say you get to cross-examine them, but they don't have to produce the documents, and when they don't produce the documents, they get to rely on them. Objection.

MR. ENDRIS: Your Honor, those communications were prior to the filing of this

Complaint.

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ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Your objection is sustained. She's already answered your question. If you would like to clarify your question further, you may do so.

## BY MR. WILSON:

- Q. Can you give me the specifics of the other customer service records that you reviewed, please? And I want the specifics, not generalities.
  - A. I reviewed the disconnect notices.
  - Q. That are not -- may I --
- A. I reviewed the bills that were issued to the Complainant for multiple months prior to the meter exchange as well as after the meter exchange. I reviewed the letters that were sent to the Company from your office. I reviewed the written testimony of -- I'm sorry, the written Complaint, our answer to the Complaint, the work order record where the upgrade was requested. I reviewed the order that was investigated in June to confirm that Forest Hills was indeed receiving service from the new meter that was installed in September of 2016.
- Q. And again, I guess my question was unclear, because I asked what other customer service records other than the customer contact notes. Your

testimony -- your prior testimony said that you reviewed customer contact notes and other customer service records and various bills associated with the property. You've now listed for me the customer contact notes. Okay. Those were all the documents that we talked about from the August 30 letter, June 2017 disconnect notice. Now, in regard to the customer service records, I assume -- may I assume those -- strike that. Are customer service records different than customer contact notes?

- A. Customer service records can be contact notes as well, but it is also the work order that I referred to where the Zaremba Group requested the upgrade.
  - Q. I'm sorry, what?

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- A. The work order --
- Q. I just didn't hear it.
- A. The work order where the upgrade was requested, the document, the order where we went out and investigated in June. We also had meter reading records which showed where actual meter readings were obtained, what date they were obtained. So those are -- anything in our billing system would be considered a customer service record.
  - Q. Okay. So when you said in your prior

testimony that you reviewed customer contact notes, other customer service records, and various bills associated with the property, in your mind are those all combined together or are they separate?

- A. Well, they can be considered separate or inclusive depending on what's -- you know, who is -- what you're reviewing it for. The customer contacts is one list of things that we reviewed through, and then other records are just kind of a catchall for anything that -- such as like the meter reading history, the crews' work orders, the orders that are sent to Meter Services.
- Q. You testified that you reviewed various bills associated with the property, and when you say property, are you talking about 13598 Euclid?
  - A. Yes.

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- Q. Which specific bills did you -- strike that. When you said various bills associated, did you review all the bills?
  - A. Yes.
  - Q. Okay. So when you say --
- A. Actually, let me clarify. When I say all the bills, I went back to where -- September of 24 2016 forward.
  - Q. Okay and. September of 2016, what was

the dollar value of the bill?

- A. I cannot tell you that.
- Q. What was the consumption?
- A. In September? I cannot tell you. I can give you a generality that the usage was 5 to \$7,000, but after the December, the consumption dropped to zero.
- Q. All I'm asking is can you tell me the various consumptions on any particular bill as you sit here today?
- 11 A. No.

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- Q. Can you tell me the dollar value on any particular bill as you sit here today?
- A. Not to the dollar, no.
  - Q. When you talk about the various bills, what account number were you talking about?
- A. The account ending in 209 and the account ending in 649.
- Q. Did you look at any other account numbers?
- A. I looked at account numbers for the landlord, which ended in 305.
- Q. Your prior testimony is that the landlord requested the upgrades; is that correct?
- A. That's correct.

- Q. Okay. So it wasn't Forest Hills Supermarket that requested the upgrades?
  - A. No.
- Q. And that request is somewhere in a CEI record?
- A. Yes.

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- Q. And is it here today?
- A. No.
- 9 Q. Do you know whether or not it's ever
  10 been produced to Forest Hills Supermarket, as you sit
  11 here today?
- 12 A. To my knowledge, they have not been requested.
- Q. That wasn't my question. Do you know whether or not it's been produced?
- 16 A. I do not know.
- 17 If I were to request something that I didn't know occurred, how would I go about doing 18 19 that -- strike that. If a customer were to 20 request -- would want something that the customer 2.1 didn't know occurred, how would the customer go about 22 requesting that document that they didn't know 23 existed, please give me stuff that I don't know 24 about?
- MR. ENDRIS: Your Honor, I'm going to

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                  MR. WILSON: Your Honor, may I?
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: I understand
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Thank you.
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                  MR. WILSON: -- and to the Commission
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likely request for that specific document, where did the request for a new meter come from. I mean, that would be a logical question that I would maybe ask if I was unsure as to why a new meter was installed.

MR. WILSON: May I approach the witness, your Honor?

ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: You may.

- Q. I just wanted to see that you had it in front of you. Okay. In regard to CEI Exhibit B1 -- do you have that in front of you? Do you see that?
  - A. Yes.

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- Q. What meter is that for? What's the number on the meter?
  - A. I apologize, I cannot read it.
  - Q. In regard to B2, can you tell me what the meter number is on Exhibit B2?
- 17 A. I cannot.
- Q. All right. Let's try Exhibit B3, can you tell me what the meter number is for B3?

20 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Is there a
21 reference as to where the meter number would be on
22 this document?

- 23 | THE WITNESS: (Indicating.)
- 24 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: This is
- 25 | information for meter number?

THE WITNESS: There's actually two meters on these bills. However, I cannot make out the exact numbers.

4 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Okay. Thank 5 you.

BY MR. WILSON:

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- Q. I'm sorry. That was B3. Would your answer be the same for B4?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Are there places in the CEI records which talks about what type of business a customer is in? For example, at my business will it say somewhere in CEI documents that I have a law firm that's receiving this electricity through this meter?
  - A. Only if you requested it or it was in the name of your business.
- Q. So if it said Wargo & Wargo Co., LPA,

  which is the name of my law firm, would you know that

  that's a -- would CEI have a document in its files

  that said that this is a law firm versus this is an

  accounting firm versus anything else that could be

  Wargo & Wargo Co., LPA?
  - A. Not generally no.
- Q. In regard to the specifics in regard
  13598, is there a document in any of the files which

lists 13598 as a grocery store?

- A. I cannot concretely say other than the name that is on it in references to contact notes. I cannot say if there's an actual document that states that.
- Q. Okay. And you would be able to look at -- if you had the file in front of you, you would be able to look through that and make that determination; would that be correct?
- A. Well, I'm able to see the document that we have here that refers to it as a supermarket in the name.
- Q. The name of the company. Other than the name, is there something else in the CEI documents that would -- that you would be able to refer to to determine what was going on at that supermarket --

MR. ENDRIS: Objection, your Honor.

- Q. -- whether it's a supermarket or a grocery store or a corner store or a beverage store or anything, other than the name?
- 21 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Hold on.
- 22 Your objection?

  23 MR. ENDRIS: Aske
- MR. ENDRIS: Asked and answered. She
  already said that there's no specific record that
  she's aware of. Now he's trying to parse it down and

give examples of other names or types of supermarkets or stores.

MR. WILSON: I'll withdraw the question. Counsel's answer is good enough for me.

- Q. Without referring to your prior testimony, can you tell the Commission what meters are associated with Account 209?
  - A. Not the specific numbers, no.
  - Q. How about in regard to Account 649?
  - A. No.

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- Q. What's a billing correction?
- 12 A. I'm sorry?
- Q. What's a billing correction?
- A. That is anytime that an account is rebilled for any reason.
- Q. Can you tell me the date of the first billing correction in regard to the meters of the first bill that was sent to Forest Hills?
- 19 A. I believe it was August the 9th of 2017.
  - Q. And prior to that was Forest Hills

    Supermarket billed for any consumption via those

    meters?
- A. Forest Hills, prior to that, was billed for the original two meters that they were originally billed for, and they were billed for some consumption

between September and January, I believe, and then I believe beginning with the February billing through July the consumption was zero.

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- Q. Okay. But in between that time period, there wasn't a monthly, every month you get a consumption -- you have to -- excuse me, the consumption that was billed to CEI for that time period of what, was it December 9 through -- 2016 through July 6, 2017?
- MR. ENDRIS: Your Honor, I object. She just got through saying there was zero bills on the bills for those months.
- Q. Perhaps my question is -- what I'm trying to understand is the August 1st bill, which we marked as Exhibit 2 that's in front of you, was that the first time that the rebilled amount, the amount from December 9, 2016, to July 16, 2017, was billed?
- A. The exhibit that I have in front of me for No. 2 is the original billing from April to May on the two meters, the original two meters that billed zero consumption.
- Q. What I'm trying to understand is the \$37,384.63 had that been billed?
- 24 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: He's
  25 referring to Exhibit No. 2, not Exhibit B2. Do you

still have --

THE WITNESS: I was not given those.

3 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Could we

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5 MR. WILSON: I thought they had them

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ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: We had them marked, but she does not have it in front of her.

MR. WILSON: May I approach?

ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: You may.

11 BY MR. WILSON:

Q. I'm handing you what's been marked as a number of --

I'm taking out five and six, your Honor, as the Court has already ruled on -- or the Commission has already --

I'm handing you what's been marked as Forest Hills Exhibits 1 through 4 -- 1 through 3.

19 I'm sorry. Where is four? It's just not in order.

20 I'm handing you what's been marked as Exhibits 1 21 through 4, please.

A. Thank you.

Q. Take a look at Exhibit 2 for me, please, and tell me when you've had an opportunity to review it so I may inquire.

- A. You can inquire.
- Q. Thank you. In regard to August 2 -- Exhibit 2, is that a document you reviewed prior to testifying here today?
  - A. Yes.

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- Q. Okay. And that's in regard to Account 649?
  - A. Yes.
  - Q. In regard to Account 649, did you review all of the bills? And I apologize to counsel and the Commission if she's already testified. What I'd like to find out is what was the first bill in regard to 649 that you reviewed and the last bill in regard to 649 that you reviewed.
  - A. 649, these -- this bill would have been one of the first, because 649 was the newly created account number for Forest Hills once we determined that they were being billed -- or, I'm sorry, they were being provided electricity from the new meter that was installed in September of 2016.
  - Q. So it's your testimony that Exhibit 2 is the first bill that got sent to them in regard to 649?
  - A. There should have been a rebill letter, a multi -- a multi-bill bill that was sent to them

that showed the breakdown of each billing period, so I cannot completely say that this is the first bill sent to them.

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- Q. Okay. So you can't tell me, where it says "Previous Balance," where it say \$37,384.63, whether that number had been billed prior to August 1 of 2017 on Exhibit 2?
- A. Under the multi-bill, the rebill that's not here, would have had all of the breakdown of that prior to this.
  - Q. So there's a prior bill?
- A. There was a bill that was sent to them as a -- that was considered a multi-bill rebill that had a breakdown of each billing component and each billing period that was being billed from December 7th through July -- or, I'm sorry, through June.
- Q. So there is a -- I'm sorry. What did you call it, a --
  - A. A multi-bill rebill.
- Q. A multi-bill rebill. Okay. So the multi -- it's your testimony here today that there's a multi-bill rebill that would have shown the balance, a previous balance of 37,384.63?
- A. I cannot speak without seeing it to
  exactly what the previous balance would have shown,

but it would have shown each individual billing period and what was being billed for that period to give us the total.

Q. Okay. So --

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- A. And just to add to that, I apologize, the original amount was billed to the landlord.
- Q. I got that. What I'm trying to understand is this, before receiving a bill for \$37,384.63, which is a previous balance amount, were there multiple bills that were sent to Forest Hills Supermarket that set out the individual monthly bills that the 37,384.63 is the total of?
  - A. I believe so, yes.
- Q. So every month the client got a -Forest Hills got a bill that said, for Account 649,
  that said there is a previous balance of what that
  ultimately totaled up to 37,384.63, not the multi -not the multi-bill, but I'm talking about specific
  bills?
- A. No. The multi-bill -- multi-monthly rebill was the first billing that would have been sent to Forest Hills Supermarket for the new meter showing the breakdown of each billing component, along with the rebill letter that was sent to them. They were also issued a rebill letter on August the

68 1 1st. 2 MR. WILSON: No further questions. 3 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Any redirect? 4 MR. ENDRIS: Yes, your Honor. 5 6 REDIRECT EXAMINATION 7 BY MR. ENDRIS: Counsel asked you earlier if you --8 Ο. 9 about the bills that you had reviewed in preparation 10 for this case. Do you recall that --11 Α. Yes. 12 Q. -- question? 13 And you mentioned bills beginning in 14 September and then through -- I think you mentioned 15 up through the Complaint period. Did you also look at consumption history outside of that window of 16 17 bills that you reviewed? 18 Yes. Α. 19 And what did your review of the 0. 20 consumption history show? 2.1 The review showed that the consumption 22 for super -- Forest Hills Supermarket was consistent 23 through December of 2016, consistent to the amounts

of prior years, and then on the two meters it

registered zero. The usage on the new meter

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registered consumption consistent to prior usage for Super Hills Forest Market prior to December of 2016.

- Q. And counsel also asked you if you could, sitting there today, identify the meter numbers for Account 209. Do you recall that question?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. Are the meter numbers for Account 209 listed in your testimony?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. And counsel also asked you if you could recall the meter number for account ending in 649.

  Do you recall that question?
  - A. Yes.

MR. WILSON: Objection, your Honor.

That wasn't my question. My question was, given

the -- given Exhibits B1, B2, B3, and B4, could she

provide me with the meter numbers based upon those

documents, which she could not. I did not ask that

question. It's a different question. Or as Donald

Trump would say it's a different question. And to

further my objection, redirect is confined to the

scope of cross, pursuant to the Rules of Evidence.

MR. ENDRIS: I'll rephrase, your Honor.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Thank you.

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- Q. Do you recall being asked if you could identify the meter for -- meter number off of Exhibit B1, B2, B3, and B4?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. Are the meter numbers that would appear on -- that appear on those bills also listed in your testimony?
- 9 A. Yes.
- MR. WILSON: Objection, your Honor.
- 11 | Objection, your Honor.
- 12 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: I understand
- 13 | your objection that what you intended or thought that
- 14 you asked is different than what he's asking. Is
- 15 | that correct?
- MR. WILSON: No, your Honor. I don't
- 17 know how --
- 18 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Do you have a
- 19 | new objection? Okay.
- 20 MR. WILSON: My objection is different,
- 21 | which is --
- 22 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: My apologies.
- MR. WILSON: My objection is she
- 24 | testified earlier in regard to B1, 2, 3, and 4 that
- 25 | she could not identify the meter numbers. Because

there is a meter number listed in her prior testimony, that doesn't change the fact that she could not identify the meter numbers listed in B1, 2, 3, and 4. Separate issues.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Mr. Endris.

MR. ENDRIS: I'll withdraw the question.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Thank you.

MR. ENDRIS: May I approach the witness,

your Honor?

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ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: You may.

MR. ENDRIS: I think this would be

12 | Company Exhibit C.

13 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Yes.

MR. ENDRIS: If I could have it marked

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16 (EXHIBIT C MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

MR. ENDRIS: Thank you.

18 BY MR. ENDRIS:

Q. Miss Davis, I'm handing you a document that has been marked as Company Exhibit C. Do you see that?

A. Yes.

Q. And earlier when -- do you recall that counsel asked you questions about what customer records you reviewed and you identified a letter

received from the client's counsel dated August 9th,
2 2017?

- A. It is a letter that we received in Customer Service -- I'm sorry, the Customer Service Department received indicating it was -- it appears to be a follow-up letter to our August 1st letter where they were questioning a balance due of \$44,961.07, and the letter indicates that they have contacted the landlord to determine why the client was not billed and was trying to reach a resolution with the landlord to take care -- you know, to resolve the billing.
  - Q. Thank you.

Your Honor, the Company would offer Company Exhibit C for the record.

16 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Any

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MR. WILSON: No objection.

19 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: We'll admit

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21 (EXHIBIT ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

22 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Does that

23 | mean you are finished with your redirect?

MR. ENDRIS: Yes, your Honor.

25 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Do you have

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                  MR. WILSON: No, your Honor.
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Mr. Endris,
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                  MR. WILSON: Nothing, your Honor, other
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: All right.
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     off the record for a moment.
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                  (Discussion off the record.)
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Let's go back
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74 on the record. We had a brief discussion regarding 1 briefing. Pursuant to that discussion, initial 2 3 briefs will be due on March the 15th, and reply briefs will be due on March the 29th. 4 5 With that, is there nothing else to 6 discuss? 7 MR. WILSON: Nothing. 8 MR. ENDRIS: Nothing here, your Honor. 9 ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: Subject to briefing, the case is submitted to the record. Thank 10 11 you very much. We are adjourned. 12 MR. WILSON: Thank you, your Honor. 13 MR. ENDRIS: Thank you. 14 (Thereupon, the hearing was concluded at 15 12:43 p.m.) 16 17 18 19 20 2.1 22 23 24 25

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I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me in this matter on Tuesday, February 26, 2019, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

Valerie J. Sloas, Registered Professional Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio.

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