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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

Evelyn and John Keller,

Complainants,

Case No. 12-2177-EL-CSS

v.

Ohio Power Company,

Respondent.

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COMPLAINANTS' MEMORANDUM IN OPPOSITION TO RESPONDENT'S MOTION TO DISMISS

Introduction

Complainants commenced this action seeking to recover the value of food lost during the summer of 2012 when the electric power to their residence was unavailable for more than six days due to one tree which fell across a power line and also blocked S.R. 315 in southern Delaware County. Complainants allege that Respondent was negligent and that Respondent is thus liable pursuant to Paragraph 19, Terms and Conditions of Service of its tariff (Exhibit 1). Respondent filed a motion to dismiss this complaint. For the reasons set forth below, Respondent's motion is without merit and this matter should proceed to hearing.

This case is not about a storm, it is about Respondent's negligence before and after a storm. Contrary to Respondent's position, the June storm did not take down all trees in its path; the evidence will be that within the approximately one-half mile stretch of heavily forested S.R. 315 here at issue, only one tree fell, and that was the tree which caused Complainant's power outage. This case is about the reason the tree fell and the reason Respondent delayed the repairs.

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Standard for Motion to Dismiss

A motion to dismiss is designed to test a complaint to determine whether, if the facts alleged are established, the complaint states a claim as a matter of law. A motion to dismiss is procedural and tests the sufficiency of a complaint. Hunt v. Mercy Medical Center, 5th Dist. No. 2011-Ohio-3678, ¶ 11. To sustain a motion to dismiss, "it must appear beyond doubt that the plaintiff can prove no set of facts in support of the claim that would entitle the plaintiff to relief." Id. at ¶ 12 (citations omitted); see also Scardina v. Ghannam, 7th Dist. No. 04-MA-81, 2005-Ohio-3315, ¶ 12 (citing Fahnbulleh v. Strahan, 73 Ohio St.3d 666, 667 (1995)). "The factual allegations in the complaint as well as all reasonable inferences to be derived therefrom must be taken as true when addressing a motion to dismiss pursuant to Civ. R. 12(B)(6)." Helman v. EPL Prolong, Inc., 139 Ohio App.3d 231, 235 (7th Dist. 2000) (citing Vail v. Plain Dealer Publishing Co., 72 Ohio St.3d 279, 280 (1995)). The court "must determine whether the complaint's allegations constitute a statement of a claim under Civ. R. 8(A)." Id. at ¶ 13 (citations omitted). Indeed, "[a]ll that the civil rules require is a short, plain statement of the claim that will give the defendant fair notice of the plaintiff's claim and the grounds upon which it is based." Id. (citations omitted).

Argument

1. Complainants need not prove negligence at this stage of this action, merely establish that, if negligence is proven at hearing, as a matter of law Complainants are entitled to the relief sought.

As set forth above, the purpose of a motion to dismiss is to test not whether the facts alleged in the complaint are correct or established, but rather to determine whether the complaining party has alleged a claim which, if one assumes the factual allegations are true, entitles the complaining parties to the relief sought. Here, Complainants have met that burden.

The tariff prepared by Respondent and approved by this Commission expressly provides that Respondent is liable to lost food resulting from its negligence. That is the basis for this complaint; Complainants lost food in their residence as a result of Respondent's negligence. Without question, if negligence is established, Respondent is liable for such damages. On this basis alone, the motion to dismiss should be denied.

2. Complainants are required to respond to this motion without the benefit of reasonable discovery, due to refusal of Respondent to respond to or permit relevant discovery.

Complainants' efforts to conduct discovery have been frustrated by Respondent.

Three examples will illustrate Respondent's efforts to frustrate discovery:

- a. First, the largest document produced by Respondent is a printout of the time and order of outage repairs following the June 2012 storm. (The first five pages of this 216-page document is attached as **Exhibit 2**). However, the document is not self explanatory and the witnesses which Respondent allowed to be deposed had no knowledge of this document or what it means. (Deposition of Selwyn Dias, April 4, 2013, herein "D.T." p. 60) Respectfully, to the extent Respondent is expected to claim that it followed its standard restoration priorities, Complainants are entitled to discovery to "test" Respondent's claims.
- b. Second, in December 2012 Complainants properly served a request for documents documenting Respondent's internal procedure governing the prioritization of outage repairs following a storm or other widespread event. In response, Respondent produced a three-page printout from its website (attached **Exhibit 3**) which gives a broad summary of goals, but no details. In April, 2013, during the deposition of Respondent's vice president, Complainants learned for the first time that there is in fact a much more detailed restoration plan which sets forth procedures for prioritization of outage repairs. This document should have been produced

in response to Complainants' December request, but wasn't.¹ Further, the witness who identified this complete plan in April, 2013 was unfamiliar with its contents, wasn't even sure if it was a written document (D.T. p.22) and did not even know who at AEP would have a copy of the plan. (D.T. p. 24) Complainants have not had a reasonable opportunity to conduct discovery with respect to whether Respondent complied with its own restoration plan.

depositions. In response to Complainants' interrogatories, Respondent identified ten individuals with knowledge of the substance of this complaint. However, when Complainants asked to depose these knowledgeable persons, Respondent refused to produce them for deposition (even though Respondent had not obtained a protective order) and instead said it would produce only two individuals of its selection. One of the persons which Respondent allowed to be deposed, Mr. LaJeunesse, did actually have some pertinent information, but the second, Mr. Dias, knew nothing about either the facts underlying this complaint or the manner in which the relevant decisions were made following the June 2012 storm. (D.T. p. 84) Following the depositions of these two persons on April 3 and 4 of 2013, Complainants immediately requested depositions of four additional persons who had been identified during the two depositions as persons having relevant depositions, and, again, Respondent said it would not produce any of these individuals to be deposed.

Respondent clearly believes that it gets to make the rules which relate to discovery in a complaint proceeding. Complainants wish for the record to clearly reflect that

¹ Following the Dias deposition which first disclosed this document, Complainants filed an additional request for this document and a copy of Respondent's Service Restoration Plan – 93 pages – was ultimately produced one week before the filing of this brief.

they are responding to the motion to dismiss without the benefit of having the ability to conduct relevant discovery.

- 3. Based upon the information Complainants have been able to obtain, there is a high likelihood they will be able to establish that Respondent was negligent.
 - a. Respondent was negligent failing to identify the tree which fell as a "hazard tree" or a "danger tree" which should have been removed.
- Respondent's internal Forestry Guidelines define a "hazard tree" as i. "a tree considered a potential threat to the safety and reliability of AEP's facilities growing within the normally maintained right-of-way" and a "danger tree" as "a tree considered a potential hazard to AEP's facilities growing outside of the normally cleared right-of-way." Here, the power outage at issue was caused by one tree falling across a power line. Respondent's forester, Steve LaJeunesse, who actually was present when the tree was removed and the power outage repaired more than six days after the tree fell, opined that the tree was in poor condition and should have been marked for removal. (Deposition of Steve LaJeunesse, April 3, 2013, herein "L.T." p. 65 and 68.2 Mr. LaJeunessee testified that he looked and did not find any indication on the tree that fell that it had been marked as a hazard tree. (L.T. p. 66) This tree was, in fact, not marked for removal by Respondent when that section of line was inspected in April or May of 2012.³ If the tree was in poor condition, and inasmuch as it was located in a position where its failure caused a power outage, it certainly is likely that someone working for Respondent was negligent in not marking this particular tree as being in need of removal.

² The stump of the tree which fell and caused the outage is in fact dead and entirely rotten. See photograph **Exhibit 4**. Complainants have recovered a piece of the stump showing its condition and can allow the Commission to examine that upon request.

³Exhibit 5 is a detail sheet prepared by Respondent's tree inspector. This does not indicate any trees to be removed in the area where the tree which fell was actually located (see arrow on Exhibit).

ii. Surprisingly, Respondent's negligence continues. Respondent's forester LaJeunesse testified the tree which fell was one trunk of a tree which consisted of three similarly sized trunks. (L.T. p. 57). Complainants inspected the location on April 27, 2013 and, to their surprise, the remaining two trunks of the same tree are without question and have never been either removed or marked for removal by Respondent. See photographs **Exhibit 6** (showing the two remaining trunks from the ground looking up – and showing they are dead - and **Exhibit 7** (showing the proximity of this dead tree to Respondent's new power line. Respectfully, when (not if) the remaining trunks fall and again cause a power outage, will Respondent then concede negligence?

b. Respondent was negligent by failing to remove the tree within a reasonable time.

It appears that the tree which actually fell would not have been removed before the storm even if Respondent had properly performed the vegetation control along the section of S.R. 315 between Powell and Jewett Roads and marked that tree for removal, because of other decisions by Respondent. Electric service to Complainants' residence comes via Ohio Power circuit #3101. Respondent's forester testified that this circuit was inspected for needed vegetation control in April and May 2012 (he did not know when during that period the area on S.R. 315 between Powell Rd and Jewett Rd was inspected). The necessary vegetation control on the remainder of Circuit 3101 was done before the June storm. However, the vegetation control for the section along S.R. 315 between Powell and Jewett Roads was delayed and was not performed before the June storm because Respondent decided that the vegetation control for that section should be combined with another unrelated project, namely changing the electric wire along S.R. 315 from a three-phase to a single phase wire. See Exhibits 8 and 9. Complainants have not yet been allowed to depose a person who can explain the rationale for combining these

two projects into one, but the only logical explanation is that AEP wanted to save money on traffic control. This decision of Respondent to delay vegetation control – and thus jeopardize system reliability – to save money on traffic control could well be determined to constitute negligence.

c. Respondent was negligent by delaying repairs to the outage on S.R. 315 out of a desire to combine such repairs with two other non-emergency projects not related to the storm.

The event which serves as the basis for this complaint was that a single tree fell across S.R. 315 between Powell and Jewett Road, and not only blocked that busy state road, but also took down the electric line which served Complainants and their neighbors. ODOT promptly put up barriers and stationed two pickup trucks – one on each side of the downed tree and power line – and had those trucks manned by ODOT employees 24/7 until more than six days later when Respondent finally came out to repair the power line. Respondent has admitted that one of the criteria it uses to prioritize repairs to power outages is whether a downed power line is blocking a public road. The area of the blockage, S.R. 315 in southern Delaware County, is without question a very busy highway and its blockage for more than six days caused widespread inconvenience. If, as it appears, the delay in repairing this one outage was in violation of Respondent's own plans, then that fact alone would be sufficient to constitute negligence.

However, it appears that the actual facts were even more outrageous.

Respondent's forester testified in deposition that notwithstanding that its downed line was known

⁴ Complainants will testify that they often during that period of more than six days talked with the ODOT employees sitting in their trucks, who said that they could easily cut and remove the downed tree, but they were forbidden to do so until Respondent removed the downed power line. The ODOT employees continually said they had been told Respondent had promised to come out promptly, but that never occurred.

to be blocking S.R. 315 (and causing power outage to Complainants and their neighbors, Respondent nevertheless still delayed responding to that outage until it could coordinate three distinct actions: first, the power outage needed to be fixed (which would have allowed ODOT to reopen S.R. 315); second, Respondent still wanted to replace the three-phase wire with a single phase line (although such replacement was not necessary to restore power and re-open S.R. 315; and third, since Respondent had never performed the vegetation control on this section along S.R. 315, it desired to perform that trimming work at the same time. L.T. p. 54 and 68. The evidence will be that when Respondent finally arrived at the location of this downed tree on Thursday evening, the downed line was repaired and power restored in about one hour. Thus, it appears that rather than finding one hour to repair this one line and allow S.R. 315 to be reopened, Respondent waiting more than six days to do this work so that it could combine this repair with two other desired projects. This decision appears not only to violate Respondent's own restoration plans, but also caused significant disruption and inconvenience for many members of the traveling public.⁵ These flawed decisions by Respondent can well be considered negligence.

4. Comments upon the complaint process.

If the purpose of the Commission's complaint procedure is to provide consumers a fair and reasonable method of obtaining redress against the regulated utility, then Complainants respectfully submit that the process is flawed. In this action Complainants have the distinct—and very unusual—benefit of having in the family an experienced lawyer with the ability and willingness to take the time to pursue this complaint action. Even so, this proceeding has

⁵ To say nothing about the expense to ODOT and Ohio taxpayers to station two ODOT employees and vehicles next to this downed power line for six days while waiting for Respondent.

continued for almost ten months and is not near completion. Moreover, Complainants, even with the benefit of counsel, have been unable thus far to obtain necessary or reasonable discovery. Even the discovery obtained to date – including two depositions of persons selected by Respondent – has cost Complainants almost \$1,000 for a court reporter and transcript. Very, very few consumers possess the knowledge, time, and financial resources to pursue a claim against Respondent. Respectfully, perhaps this explains the attitude of Respondent in and toward consumer complaints.

Conclusion

For the reasons set forth hereinabove, Respondent's motion to dismiss should be denied. Complainants believe that based on the information developed on discovery, Respondent was negligent. However, at this stage in the proceedings Complainants need not establish negligence; at this stage all Complainants need show is that there is a legal basis for them to prevail, if they ultimately establish negligence at the ultimate hearing in this action. Without question, based upon Respondent's tariff, Complainants have established that as a matter of law, they have stated in this action a viable claim and cause of action. Therefore, the motion to dismiss should be denied and this action should proceed to a hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPLICATION FOR SERVICE

Issued: December 22, 2011

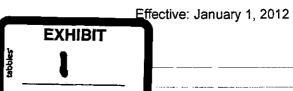
These Terms and Conditions of Service apply to service under the Company's schedules which provide for generation, transmission and distribution service. Customers requesting only distribution service from the Company, irrespective of the voltage level at which service is taken, as provided for in Section 4928.40(E), Ohio Revised Code, shall be served under the Company's open access distribution schedules and the Terms and Conditions of Open Access Distribution Service shall apply.

Electric service shall be made available to a prospective customer within this Company's area of service upon request or execution of a contract therefore and its acceptance by an officer or authorized representative of the Company.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

19. COMPANY'S LIABILITY

The Company will use reasonable diligence in furnishing a regular and uninterrupted supply of energy but does not guarantee uninterrupted service. The Company shall not be liable for damages in case such supply should be interrupted or fail by reason of an act of God, the public enemy, accidents, labor disputes, orders or acts of civil or military authority, breakdowns or injury to the machinery, transmission lines, distribution lines or other facilities of the Company, extraordinary repairs, or any act of the Company, including the interruption of service to any customer, taken to prevent or limit the extent or duration of interruption, instability or disturbance on the electric system of the Company or any electric system interconnected, directly or indirectly, with the Company's system, whenever such act is necessary or indicated in the sole judgment of the Company.

The Company shall not be liable for any loss, injury, or damage resulting from the customer's use of the customer's equipment or occasioned by the energy furnished by the Company beyond the delivery point. Unless otherwise provided in a contract between the Company and customer, the point at which service is delivered by the Company to the customer, to be known as "delivery point", shall be the point at which the customer's facilities are connected to the Company's facilities. The metering device is the property of the Company; however, the meter base and all internal parts inside the meter base are customer owned and are the responsibility of the customer to install and maintain. The Company shall not be liable for any loss, injury, or damage caused by equipment which is not owned, installed and maintained by the Company.

The customer shall provide and maintain suitable protective devices on the customer's equipment to prevent any loss, injury, or damage that might result from single phasing conditions or any other fluctuation or irregularity in the supply of energy. The Company shall not be liable for any loss, injury, or damage resulting from a single phasing condition or any other fluctuation or irregularity in the supply of energy which could have been prevented by the use of such protective devices. The Company shall not be liable for any damages, whether direct or consequential, including, without limitations, loss of profits, loss of revenue, or loss of production capacity occasioned by interruptions, fluctuations or irregularity in the supply of energy.

The Company is not responsible for loss or damage caused by the disconnection or reconnection of its facilities. The Company is not responsible for loss or damages caused by the theft or destruction of Company facilities by a third party.

Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the Company shall be liable to the customer for damage directly resulting from interruptions, irregularities, delays, or failures of electric service, caused by the negligence of the Company or its employees or agents, but any such liability shall not exceed the cost of repairing, or actual cash value, whichever is less, of equipment, appliances, and perishable food stored in a customer's residence damaged as a direct result of such negligence. The customer must notify the Company of any claim based on such negligence within thirty days after the interruption, irregularity, delay or failure begins. The Company shall not be liable for consequential damages of any kind. This limitation shall not relieve the Company from liability which might otherwise be imposed by law with respect to any claims for personal injuries to the customer.

The Company will provide and maintain the necessary line or service connections, transformers (when same are required by conditions of contract between the parties thereto), meters and other apparatus which may be required for the proper measurement of and protection to its service. All such apparatus shall be and remain the property of the Company and the Company shall Filed pursuant to Orders dated December 14, 2011 in Case Nos. 11-346-EL-SSO, 11-348-EL-SSO, 11-351-EL-AIR and 11-352-EL-AIR

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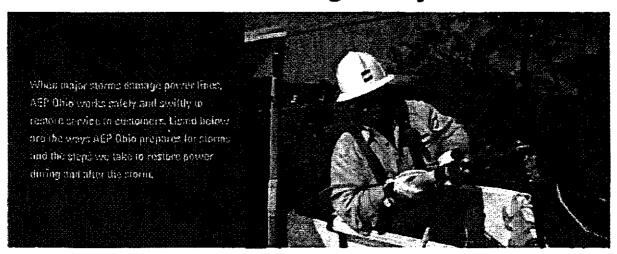
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How AEP Ohio Manages Major Storms



What does AEP Oble do to manage a susjor storm?

AEP Ohio continually monitors weather forecasts via the National Weather Service and local weather communications networks so that we are aware of impending storms. This allows us to work on staffing for restoration efforts even before the storm hits.

During a major storm, workers from portions of our 11-state service territory are called in to assist local employees. We also enlist the help of contract workers as well as personnel from other electric companies through mutual assistance agreements.

In addition, customer solutions centers operate in "storm mode," using extra telephone lines and bringing in additional representatives to better serve our customers. They also employ advanced telephone technologies to handle the unusually large volume of customer cells. These systems provide updates regarding the restoration effort and allow customers to report an outage without speaking to a representative.

What is the best way to get information on the restoration effort? Battery-operated radios and televisions are the best ways for you to be informed of storm restoration progress, informational releases are sent to the news media regarding restoration progress at least three times a day during major power outages.

You also can get information online at www.AEPOblo.com/ news/outages if you have a laptop or other battery-powered Internet-connected device.

Why can't I talk directly with a customer services representative?

During major outages, you may be connected to an automated outage reporting system due to the high volume of calls. In addition, our communications systems give priority to outage calls dealing with safety concerns — such as fallen power lines — so that they receive service as quickly as possible.

Why can't an agent tell me when my power will be restored? It is impossible to accurately predict restoration times of specific circuits serving particular residences because of the many challenges that restoration workers face.

What is AEP Ohio's restoration process?

In all outages, we work to restore power as safely and quickly as possible. Outages during storm events often are extended and can last for several days due to damage to all facilities located in the area hit by the storm.

In every storm restoration plan, we implement a basic process. Hazards, such as fallen power lines, are attended to first. Then emergency facilities, such as fire and police stations, hospitals, and calls from 911 agencies, receive top priority.

After these locations are restored, we work on main lines, or circuits, that will restore the largest number of customers in the shortest period of time. After main lines are restored, secondary power lines that serve smaller clusters of homes are repaired. Finally, lines that feed service drops to individual homes are repaired.

Why would service trucks pass by my house without repairing anything?

Work may need to be completed at a nearby location in order to restore service to you and your neighbors.

Why can my home be the only one on the block without power? Fuses or circuit breakers in your home could have tripped and

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halted power; tree limbs could have fellen on the line serving your home; fuses on the trensformer that serves your home may have tripped or could be damaged, and the primary line feeding the transformer could be damaged.

Why would I less electricity in only part of my bouse?
You could have tripped a circuit breaker, blown a fuse or have a broken connector or wire at one of the service leads to your house. Sometimes damage to these leads leaves only the 120-volt outlets (or some of them) working. In this case, larger appliances that need 240-volt service — such as water heaters, air conditioners and ovens — may be inoperable until repairs are made. It is sele to use the outlets you have available while you check with an electrician. However, if some of your lights are extremely bright or extremely dim, you should avoid using outlets connected to these circuits to avoid potential damage to equipment. If there is a problem with a service lead to your home, our crews will repair the wires when they arrive to restore service.

Why do I sometimes experience brief outages that call for resetting appliances?

Usually, these outages occur when a protective device, called a recloser, detects interference on the line. If interference is detected, the line will de-energize briefly to determine if the problem is prelonged or only temporary. If the problem is temporary, the line will re-energize quickly. If the problem is prolonged, the line will de-energize.

How does AEP Ohio handle tree damage?

AEP Ohio contractors clear trees throughout the year to keep power lines free of limbs and debris. Following a storm, our contractors do not remove fallen limbs or branches caused by the storm from your property. For tree and debris removal, you will need to call a landscape or tree contractor.

Do not attempt to remove tree limbs or debris within 10 feet of a power line. Stay completely away from any fellen power line or sparking equipment. If you notice fallen lines or sparking equipment, please call us at the number on your electric bill as soon as possible.

Backup generators

Some customers use backup, or standby, generators to provide power during outages. Please notify us if you are using a backup generator. Operating a generator poses a potential safety hazard for line workers and you.

The problem arises when power from the backup generators feed power onto distribution lines, which can electrocute personnel working on the lines. On the other hand, power from electric company lines can feed into the generator and cause a fire at your residence. To avoid these hazards, be sure to have your generator installed by an electrician, and be sure that it has a manual transfer switch to isolate the device from the power grid. Remember that appliances can be connected directly to the generator independent of the household wiring. Make sure that all manufacturers' instructions are followed and that only the recommended number of appliances is plugged into the generator.

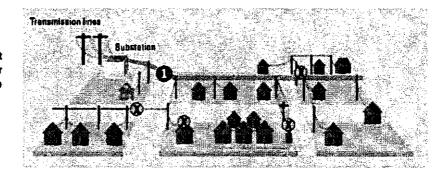


A unit of American Electric Power

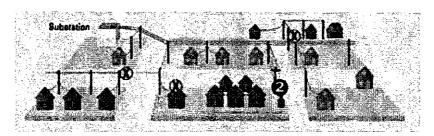
AEP Oblo's Distribution Restoration Process

During outages, AEP Ottio works to restore power as safely and quickly as possible, in every storm restoration plan, we implement a basic process. Special priority is given to: reported hazards such as downed power lines, 91 I agency calls and emergency facilities such as fire and police stations. In restoring customers' electric service, AEP Ohio works on main lines, or circuits, that will restore the largest number of customers in the shortest period of time. A main line feeds power to thousands of homes and is the source of power for secondary and service drop lines. After main lines are restored, power lines that serve smaller clusters of homes are repaired. Finally, lines that feed service drops to individual homes are repaired.

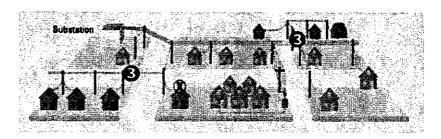
The distribution main line from a substation is damaged, leaving most customers served from that line without power. No other line will be restored until the main line feeding power to that line is repaired.



Once the distribution main line is restored, a distribution line craw is dispatched to the damage site affecting the next largest group of customers.



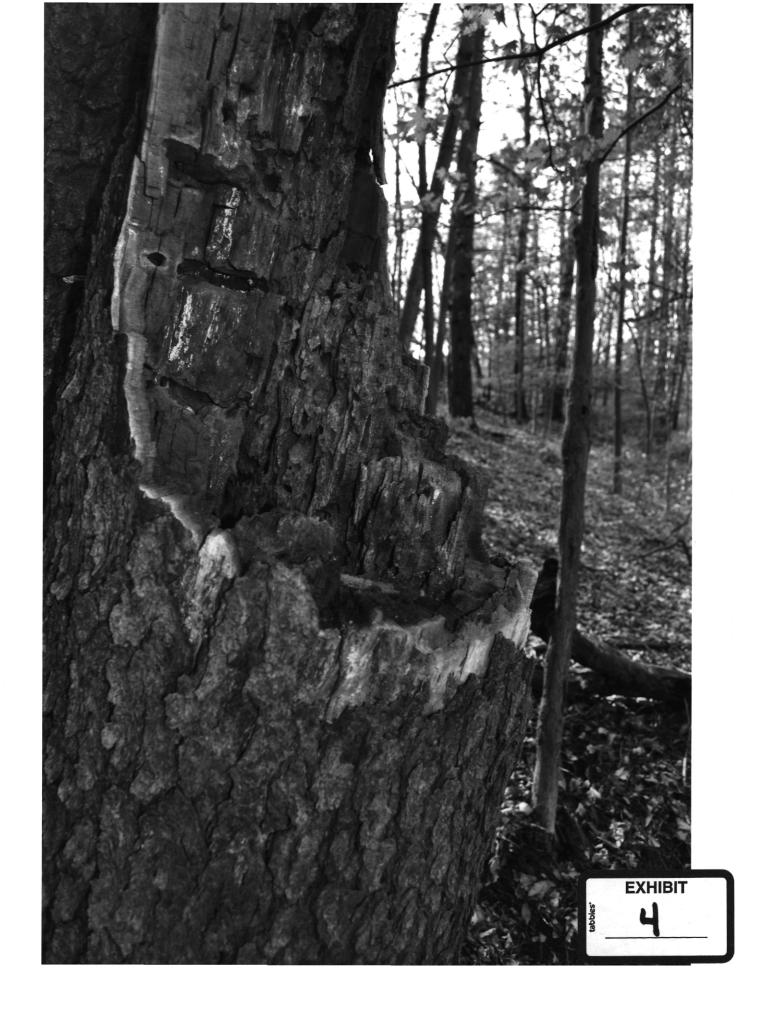
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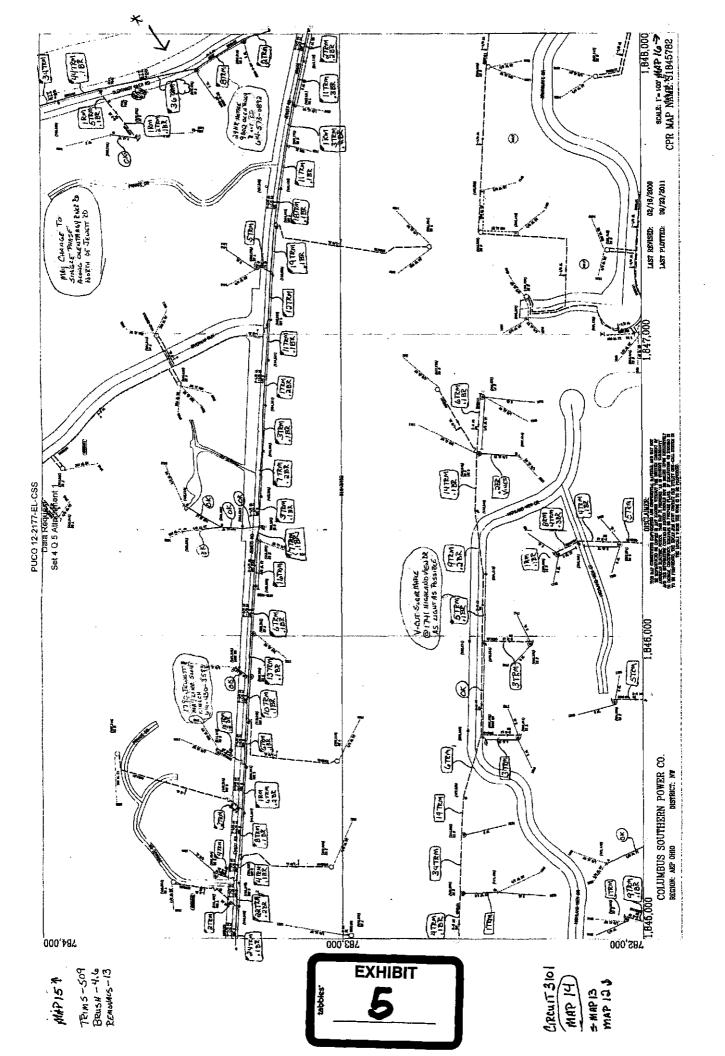


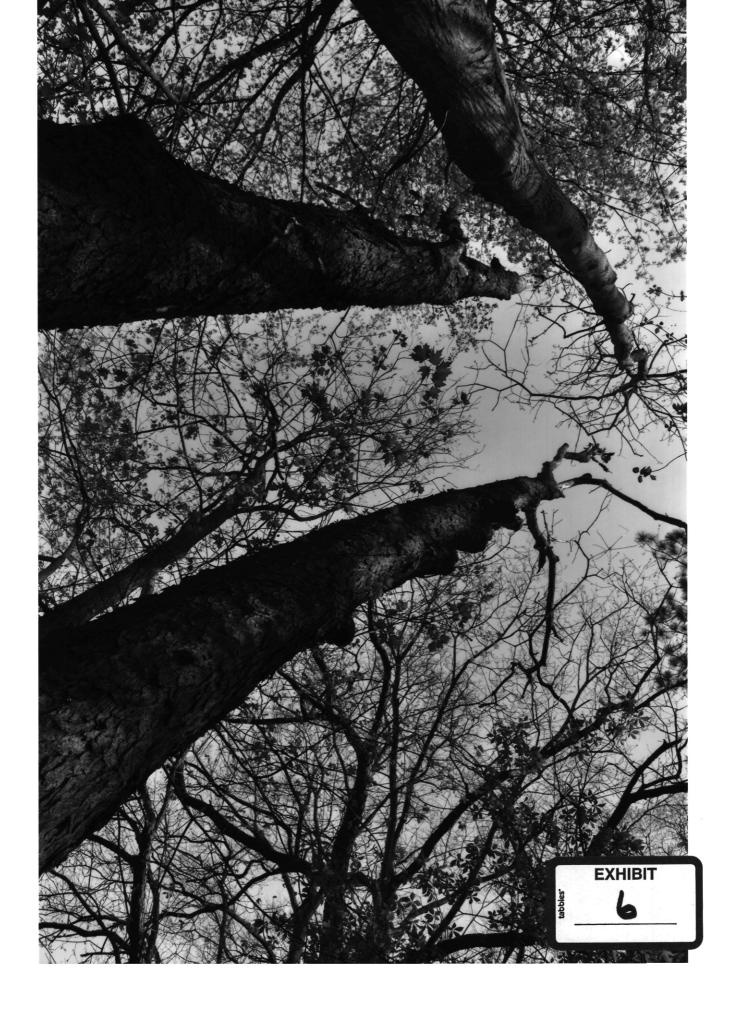
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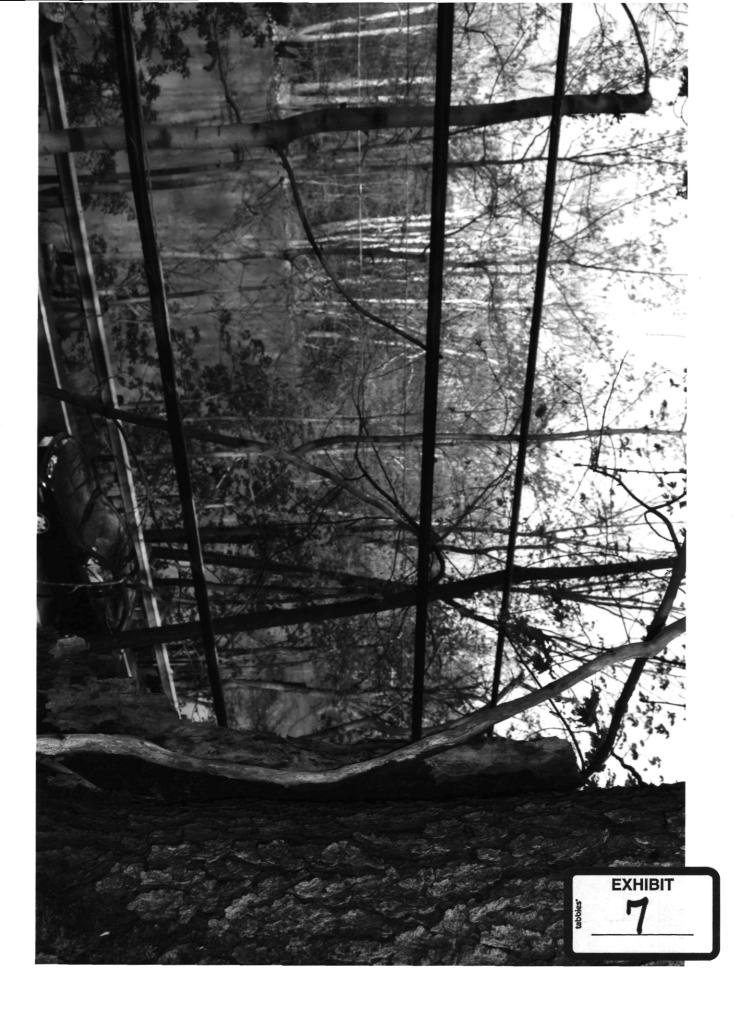


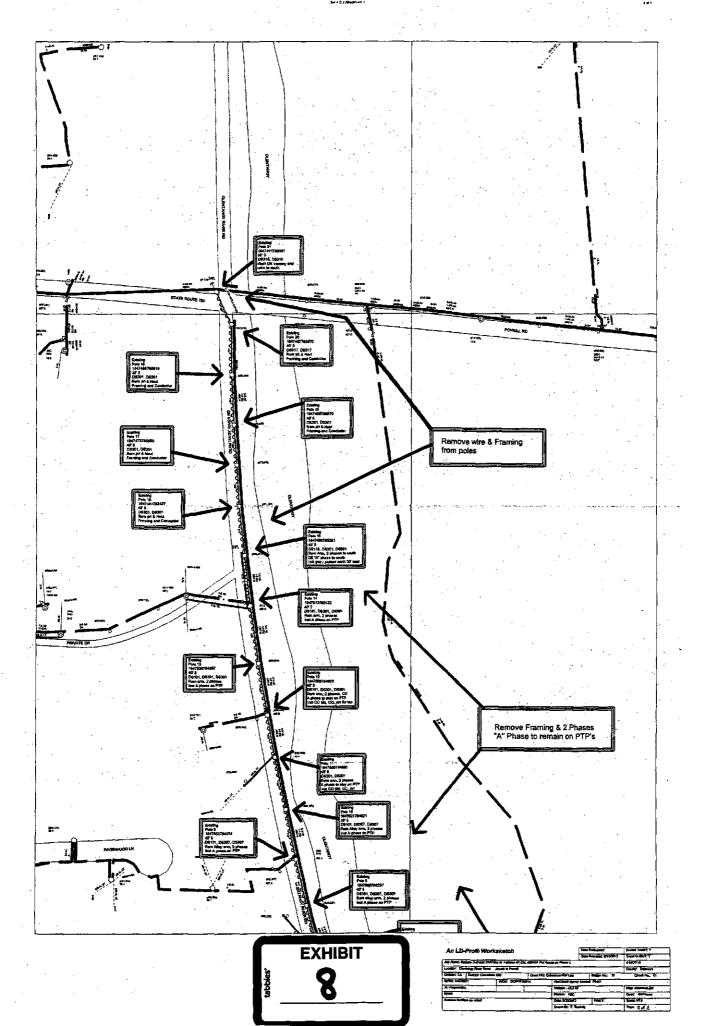
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- damage or repair site

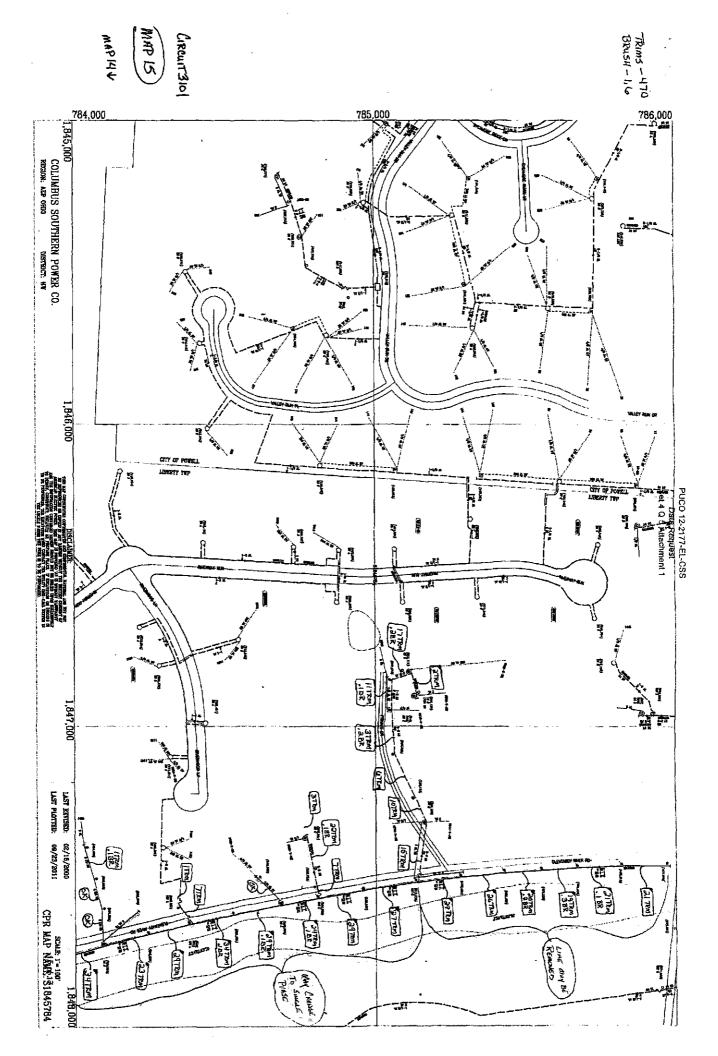












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Circuit: 3101	VARIOUS	Secondary Voltage:
Work Order # DOP 017	12114	Location: OLENTANDY River Rot
PSP Backlog #		OPS# Hold Ready
Do we have customer permissi	on to drive vehicle on pro	
Job Description: Remov	les / ATP's	Nd 2 phases - A phase To sta Last & spans to be Removed (3¢)
Other utilities needed? Cable		
Other departments required?	1 2	
Tree trimming required? YES		P. RoAhris
Customer Contact #	Engineering Cont	tact # <u>883 683</u> 7 Scheduling Contact #
Log date in line:		Stores request date:
Date field checked:		Checked by:
Outage? YES NO		Customer notified of outage? YES NO
Road detours? YES NO_		Total of Ale
Road load limit? YES TO Direction of approach and near		Bridge load limit? YES TON % NO
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     COLUMBUS SOUTHERN POWER
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                Law Offices of Kevin Maloney
               22 East Gay Street, Suite 401
Columbus, Ohio 43215
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1	STIPULATIONS	1	SELWYN J. DIAS
2	It is stipulated by and among counsel	2	being first duly sworn, as hereinafter
3	for the respective parties that the deposition	3	certified, deposes and says as follows:
4	of SELWYN J. DIAS, a Witness herein, called by	4	EXAMINATION
5	the Complainants under the applicable Rules of	5	BY MR. KELLER:
6	Civil Procedure may be taken at this time by the	6	Q. State your name for the record, please.
7	notary pursuant to notice and by agreement; that	7	A. Selwyn J middle initial J., Dias,
8	said deposition may be reduced to writing in	8	D-i-a-s.
9	stenotypy by the notary, whose notes thereafter	9	Q. Where do you live, Mr. Dias?
10	may be transcribed out of the presence of the	10	A. I live in Lewis Center, Ohio.
11	witness, and that the proof of the official	11	Q. By whom are you currently employed?
12	character and qualification of the notary is	12	A. I'm employed by Ohio Power Company.
13	waived.	13	Q. In what position currently?
14	waiveu. -=0=-	14	A. I believe my title is vice president of
15	u	15	distribution operations.
16		16	Q. I'm sorry. You said American Electric
17		17	Power was your employer?
18		18	A. Well, I'm employed directly by Ohio
19		19	Power Company, which is a subsidiary of American
20		20	Electric Power.
21		21	Q. Okay. Have you ever been deposed
22		22	before?
23		23	A. I have.
24		24	Q. On how many occasions?

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 1	A. I don't recall. Two or three.	1	Q. Have you had any formal education since
2	Q. And what was the nature of those	2	that time?
3	proceedings?	3	A. Would you please describe formal
4	A. I recall one of them was an employee	4	education?
5	matter in a prior position.	5	Q. What does that mean to you?
6	Q. Okay.	6	A. I'm sorry?
7	A. And the others would have been in my	7	Q. Do you have any graduate degrees?
8	capacity as in regulatory.	8	A. I do not have a graduate degree.
9	Q. In connection with PUCO regulatory	9	Q. Okay. I assume you've gone to various
10	efforts?	10	classes and courses in the through your
11	A. Correct.	11	employment.
12	Q. If at any time you want to take a break	12	A. I have attended executive management
13	or something, just say so and we'll do that.	13	programs at one I completed was at University
14	A. Sure. Thank you.	14	of Virginia Darden School of Business.
15	 Q. Can you briefly tell me about your 	15	 Q. Do you receive any kind of degree or
16	family.	16	certification as a result of that program?
17	A. In what regard?	17	A. I don't recall it being called a
18	Q. Are you a married man?	18	certification, but I completed the program
19	MR. NOURSE: I'm just going to object.	19	successfully.
20	That's completely irrelevant.	20	Q. Okay. And that was in management
21	Q. Let me ask you this: In your family,	21	business management issues?
22	are you the person primarily responsible to buy	22	A. Correct.
23	the family groceries, food items?	23	Q. Okay. Do you have any specific training
24	A. No.	24	in vegetation control issues?
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1	Q. If you were asked today to produce	1	A. No.
2	receipts for the food items in your house, do	2	Q. What about specific training in power
3	you know if your family maintains those?	3	restoration after a storm event?
4	MR. NOURSE: Objection.	4	A. I've not had formal training, but I've
5	A. I don't know.	5	had experience in that regard.
6	 Q. You don't personally make a practice of 	6	 Q. Can you tell me about your experience,
7	keeping grocery store receipts after you buy	7	please, in that area.
8	groceries, do you, you personally?	8	A. In my tenure with American Electric
9	A. I don't buy the groceries for the	9	Power, and on occasions when we've had major
10	family.	10	weather events, I've been involved in those
11	Q. That's fair.	11	restoration efforts.
12	Where is your office located?	12	Q. With respect to the storm in central
13	A. Gahanna, Ohio.	13	Ohio in June of 2012, what was your involvement
14	Q. Would you briefly take me through your	14	in connection with that storm?
15	educational background.	15	A. I don't recall specifics, but I was
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16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	A. Can you explain what you're asking? Q. Formal education after high school, where, when. A. I received my bachelor's degree from University of Central Oklahoma, graduated in 1981. Q. What was your degree? A. Had a major in accounting and a minor in business management.	16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	generally participating and as sisting with the overall restoration effort, assisting the president and the vice president of operations Q. I don't understand what you just said. In what way were you assisting? I'm trying to find out I don't expect you were out there trimming trees, you know, cutting up trees. Can you tell me in a little more detail about what you were doing in response to that storm?

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1	A. As you would expect in a major event,	1	contractor standpoint, estimated times of
2	it's a tremendous effort to depending on the	2	restoration from a global standpoint for various
3	significance, you specifically cited the June	3	communities.
4	or the summer of 2012 derecho, d-e-r-e-c-h-o,	4	Q. Who was your principal contact at the
5	storm, the major storm event.	5	PUCO staff during that event?
6	Q. The storm that came through in late	6	A. I don't recall a specific name because
7	June.	7	they rotated staff that were based at the State
8	A. Related to your complaint?	8	EMA.
9	Q. Yes.	9	Q. And what was your what was the nature
10	A. Correct. It was a significant event,	10	of your discussions with the State EMA during
11	and we were working that storm 24/7, as you	11	that period of time?
12	could imagine. And I was involved with the vice	12	A. Very similar to what I just shared with
13	president and president in the efforts that they	13	you related to the PUCO staff.
14	were involved in to bring customers back on.	14	Q. Were you involved in prioritizing
15	Q. And I'm just trying to get some	15	restoration efforts, which outage would be
16	understanding of what you personally were doing	16	addressed before which other outage, during that
17	during that period of time.	17	storm?
18	A. I see. At that time, I was in a	18	A. No.
19	different position than I am in today, and I was	19	Q. During that storm, do you recall any
20	the primary contact between Ohio Power Company	20	instances where the PUCO made requests to Ohio
21	and the PUCO and the State EMA.	21	Power through you to restore something before
22	Q. What role did the PUCO have in the	22	something else, or change the priority to get
23	response to the storm? I mean, during this	23	something repaired?
24	power restoration period, immediately following	24	A. I do not recall.
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1	the storm, what role did the PUCO have in that	1	Q. What about the State EMA agency, do you
2	process?	2	recall any instances where they made requests or
3	A. You will have to ask them.	3	urged you to change the priority of repair work?
4	Q. Well, if you interacted with the PUCO	4	A. I do not recall them ever asking us to
5	during that period of time, let's say in the two	5	change a priority, but I do recall them asking
6	weeks following the storm, I mean, what was the	6	about our priorities and giving me situations
7	nature of that interaction?	7	where there were critical customers that were
8	A. I was sharing with the PUCO staff and,	8	without power.
9	in some instances, commissioners, the overall	9	Q. Can you give me some examples of the
10	restoration efforts that we were going through,	10	types of critical customers that were without
11	that is, customers that originally were without	11	power?
12	power, the progress we were making, and the	12	A. There was just one specific example that
13	things we were doing to help bring customers	13	I remember, and that was a hospital or two.
14	back on.	14	Q. Okay. And hospitals, I would expect,
15	Q. So you would periodically say, you know,	15	would be high on your list of priorities to
16	as of 10:00 this morning, we have X number of	16	restore power to anyway. Isn't that correct?
17	people still without power?	17	A. Hospitals is one of the highest
18	A. That's one example.	18	prioritization on the restoration effort.
19	Q. Okay. What other types of examples can	19	Q. So as you sit here today, nine months
20	you give me, just so I can understand what your	20	later, is it correct to say that Ohio Power was
21	involvement was?	21	not as far as you know, was not receiving
22	A. As I said earlier, I gave them	22	political pressure to do something versus
23	information on the number of resources we had	23	something else?
24	working, both from an employee standpoint,	24	A. Oh, I don't know if I could say that we

Page 14 Page 16 1 A. Well, Ohio Power Company is run by the didn't receive political pressure. 1 2 2 president and chief operating officer. Q. Well, I understand -- I'm sure there was 3 3 Q. Right. And I understand they have pressure to restore everybody. 4 4 ultimate responsibility for everything. But A. Every customer wanted to be restored, 5 5 there were approximately how many power outages correct. 6 after that storm? Do you recall the approximate 6 Q. But in terms of prioritizing customers, 7 7 number? did you feel that there was political pressure 8 8 A. It was one of the largest I'd ever seen. to do one customer or one group of customers 9 I'm not sure. It was well over 650 -- I really 9 over another one? 10 10 don't know. A. I was not involved in any of those -- if 11 there was such political pressures, I was not 11 Q. Let's say six-hundred-and-some-thousand 12 12 individual power outages, or customers that were aware of them. 13 without power, right? 13 Q. Okay. So the prioritization of the 14 A. Generally, I'd say that's correct. 14 power restoration efforts was done by AEP and 15 15 Q. Okay. Now, at some point, somebody had its affiliates: is that correct? 16 to say -- someone had to prioritize which 16 A. No. outages were addressed before other outages, 17 17 Q. Who was it done by? 18 correct? 18 A. In addition to AEP and its affiliates, 19 we also had other resources. 19 A. Well, that's why I say it's not 20 20 somebody, it's collectively Ohio Power Company's Q. What were those other resources? 21 operations personnel followed the restoration 21 A. Resources outside AEP and its 22 plan. 22 affiliates. 23 Q. Such as? 23 Q. Okay. And who would you consider to be the head of that operations department or area? 24 24 A. Contractors. Page 17 Page 15 A. Well, the position that is responsible 1 Q. I understand you had contractors and you 1 2 2 for distribution operations and restoration had cooperative arrangements with other 3 3 utilities who send in crews, certainly. Were directly below the president is the vice 4 those people making decisions as to which outage 4 president of distribution operations. 5 was addressed in what order, or were they told 5 Q. Who was that person in June and July of 6 where to go and what to do? 6 2012? 7 7 A. Tom Kirkpatrick. A. I believe we give them instructions as 8 8 Q. Can you spell his last name, please? to where to go. 9 9 A. I'm not sure I'm going to get this Q. Okay. And by we, AEP, or its 10 10 correct, but I'm going to try. affiliates? 11 Q. You know him better than I do, so give A. Ohio Power Company, correct. 11 12 12 Q. Who within the AEP organization was in it your best shot. 13 charge of making decisions as far as 13 A. K-i-r-k-p-a-t-r-i-c-k. 14 prioritizing repair after the June 2012 storm? 14 Q. Thank you. 15 A. I don't believe there is any one 15 Is he still with the company? 16 individual that makes those decisions. 16 A. As far as I know. 17 Q. I believe that is probably true, but 17 Q. After you graduated from college, can 18 within the chain of command, the organizational 18 you take me through your employment history from 19 structure of AEP, who would have been in charge 19 that time up until the present. 20 20 A. You want me to walk you through what of that effort? 21 aspects of my career path after I graduated from 21 A. Could you please explain what effort 22 22 college? I'm just curious how it's relevant to you're referring to? your complaint. 23 Q. Prioritizing repairs caused by the 23 24 24 Q. Let's start with, what was your first storm.

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1	job after college? Who did you work for?	1	Texas, moved to took another position with a
2	A. I worked for a retail supermarket chain	2	company in Tulsa, Oklahoma. And then I
3	called Allied Supermarkets.	3	relocated back to Dallas, Texas.
4	Q. How long did you work for them,	4	Q. Were you in internal audit all that
5	approximately?	5	period of time?
6	A. Less than a year.	6	A. No.
7	Q. What was the next job you had after	7	Q. After you left internal auditing, what
8	that?	8	area of the company did you go into?
9	MR. NOURSE: Are you asking for his	9	A. I went to corporate services.
10	utility background, or you just want to know his	10	Q. What does that mean? What do corporate
11	life story?	11	services do?
12	MR. KELLER: I'm trying to find out what	12	A. It ran the facilities and other major
13	employment history he has had up to this point	13	components of the operations. When I say major,
14	which may contribute to his knowledge at this	14	it was the corporate kind of facilities. So we
15	time.	15	had buildings and fleet and
16	MR. NOURSE: So you're asking about his	16	Q. Okay. How long were you doing the
17	utility background?	17	corporate services work?
18	MR. KELLER: I don't know what other	18	A. I don't recall. It wasn't very long.
19	background he has. I mean, we all bring our	19	Q. After that, what area of the business
20	life experiences.	20	did you go into?
21	Q. If you could just run me through briefly	21	A. I went into pricing.
22	the other employment you had before you started	22	Q. Pricing for electricity?
23	working for a utility.	23	A. Correct.
24	A. After the retail experience, I worked	24	Q. Okay. And how long did you work in that
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1	for an oil and gas two oil and gas companies,	1	area?
2	and then I came over to the electric utility	2	A. Two years.
3	industry.	3	Q. And after that, what area did you go
4	Q. Okay. What type of work were you doing	4	into?
5	for the oil and gas companies?	5	A. Regulatory services.
6	A. Financial work. I was an internal	6	Q. I assume that's interaction with the
7	auditor.	7	various governmental regulators.
8	Q. When did you first start in the electric	8	A. Well, when I started in regulatory
9	utility industry?	9	service, I did not have any direct interaction
10	A. 1985.	10	with the utility regulators. I was more in the
11	Q. What was the first position you had in	11	administrative aspects of regulatory.
12	the electric industry?	12	Q. Okay. How long did you have that
13	A. I don't recall the specific title, but	13	position?
14	it was internal audit work.	14	A. About four years.
15	Q. What company was that with?	15	Q. At the end of that four years,
16	A. Central and Southwest Corporation.	16	approximately what year does that take us to?
17	Q. How long did you work for that company?	17 18	A. About 2003. Q. And then after that?
18	A. Up until American Electric Power merged	19	A. I was asked to move to Columbus, Ohio to
19 20	with Central and Southwest, and I'm thinking it was around 2000.	20	take over the regulatory function for Columbus
21	Q. Okay. What city were you working out of	21	Southern Power Company and Ohio Power Company.
22	when you worked for that company before the	22	Q. And at that point, you began to interact
23	merger?	23	with the PUCO on behalf of both of those
24	A. I moved around. I started in Dallas,	24	companies; is that correct?
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1	A. That is correct.	1	wanted to find out about that plan at that
2	Q. How long did you have that position?	2	period of time, who would you go to today?
3	A. My title changed, but I was in that	3	A. Depending on what aspect of the plan I
4	position, in that capacity, from 2003 until the	4	was interested in.
5	end of 2012.	5	Q. Assume it was prioritizing the
6	Q. What position did you take beginning in	6	restoration service.
7	2013?	7	A. I generally know that aspect of it. I
8	A. Vice president, distribution operations.	8	don't know if i'd go to anybody for that.
9	Q. So you took over the position that	9	Q. Okay. If you wanted to physically get
10	Mr. Kirkpatrick had in the summer of 2012; is	10	your hands on the emergency restoration plan for
11	that correct?	11	Ohio Power Company as it existed in June and
12	A. That is correct.	12	July of 2006, where would you go to find that
13	Q. You mentioned earlier that after the	13	document?
14	storm, the company followed its restoration	14	A. I don't know.
15	plan. What do you mean by its restoration plan?	15	Q. Is there, like, a company librarian,
16	A. I don't understand the question.	16	somebody that functions in that purpose?
17	Q. Do you recall saying that in order to	17	A. I don't know.
18	prioritize the outage recovery work, that AEP	18	Q. Is the restoration under the authority
19	people followed its restoration plan?	19	of the vice president of distribution and
20	A. The emergency restoration plan, correct.	20	operations?
21	Q. Tell me what the emergency restoration	21	A. I can't tell you that with any
22	plan is. Is that a set of papers, or is it a	22	certainty.
23	general understanding, is it something announced	23	Q. But you said back in the summer of 2012,
24	by the PUCO? I mean, what is the emergency	24	it was under the responsibility of
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1 1	restoration plan?	1	Mr. Kirkpatrick, that was your understanding?
2	A. It's an operational plan to bring	2	A. He has – that position had distribution
3	customers who have been outaged, typically from	3	operations.
4	a major event weather event, back in service	4	Q. But you also said that you understood he
5	as safely and as quickly as possible.	5	was in charge of the restoration.
6	Q. Before getting into the substance of	6	A. That's correct.
7	that plan, let's just talk about the mechanical	7	Q. So you currently are in charge of
8	aspects of it. Is this something that's a	8	restoration, since you have that same position,
9	written document?	9	correct?
10	A. I believe it is a written document.	10	A. Today, I am.
11	Q. And is it called or understood to be	11	Q. Yes.
12	referred to as the emergency restoration plan?	12	So the fulfillment of the emergency
13	A. I don't know.	13	restoration plan comes under your current
14	Q. Is that what you refer to it as?	14	responsibility?
15 16	A. Yes.	15	A. My organization has responsibility for
17	Q. Would there be a separate one for Ohio	16	the restoration efforts.
18	Power Company versus AEP, or is it an AEP-wide plan?	17	Q. But you're saying you don't know where
19	· ·	18	you could get your hands on the emergency
20	A. Keep in mind, at the time you were that goes back to your complaint from the major	19	restoration plan document today? A. As I'm sitting here this moment, I do
21	derecho event, I was in a different position,	20 21	•
22	and I'm just not that familiar with the details	22	not.
23	of that plan.	23	Q. If you wanted to find that, who would you ask within your organization?
24	Q. Okay. Who at the current if you	24	A. I would start with my people that report
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1	to me.	1	those types of essential services?
2	Q. Anybody in particular?	2	A. Yes.
3	A. No.	3	Q. Okay.
4	Q. What is your familiarity with the	4	A. And then the next level, general, would
5	emergency restoration plan as it existed in the	5	be all other customers that the
6	June and July time period in 2012?	6	prioritization would be the facilities that
7	A. I'm familiar with it enough that I know	7	would bring the largest number of customers back
8	it is a it follows the Public Utilities	8	on, into service, from a repair. And it starts
9	Commission's guidelines on restoration in	9	from highest number of customers being restored,
10	general. It has a prioritization of how we	10	down to the lowest level, which could be
11	prioritize the restoration efforts. My	11	streetlights.
12	familiarity is from discussions during events	12 13	Q. What about reopening public roads, is
13	major events, depending on what I may be	ą.	that a factor?
14 15	involved in.	14 15	A. I'm not familiar with that part. Q. Who within AEP would know that?
16	Q. Have you ever seen this emergency restoration plan document?	16	A. I don't know.
17	A. I have.	17	
18	Q. Approximately how thick is it, or how	18	Q. Would it seem sensible to you that doing a repair that would reopen a public road would
19	many pages would you estimate it covers?	19	be a factor in prioritizing the work?
20	A. I don't know.	20	MR. NOURSE: Objection. Are you asking
21	Q. More than one?	21	about the service restoration plan still, or are
22	A. More than one page?	22	you just asking a general question? I don't
23	Q. Yes.	23	understand.
24	A. Yes.	24	MR. KELLER: I guess I'm asking both
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4	More than a hundred pages, would you	1	cines I haven't each that desument
1 2	Q. More than a hundred pages, would you estimate?	1 2	since I haven't seen that document.
3	A. I don't think so, but I'm not sure.	3	MR. NOURSE: Could you rephrase it? BY MR, KELLER:
4	Q. Okay. What does that plan provide as to	4	Q. So you don't know whether the emergency
5	how restoration projects are prioritized?	5	restoration plan has as a factor to go into that
6	A. It's a general guideline on the	6	analysis the reopening of public roads, is that
7	prioritization. Is that what you just asked me?	7	what you're telling me?
8	Q. I'm trying to figure out what that plan	8	A. As vice president of regulatory and
9	says as to how prioritization occurs.	9	finance at the time, I had no dealings with any
10	A. I see.	10	of that.
11	Q. What are the factors that go into	11	Q. What about today, do you know whether
12	prioritizing the restoration? I mean	12	that's a factor in the plan today?
13	A. Sure.	13	A. I do not.
14	Q I've never seen it, so you have to	14	Q. Do you feel that that should be a factor
15	tell me what it says.	15	used to analyze the prioritization of repairs?
16	A. Generally, my understanding again,	16	MR. NOURSE: I'd object. That's not
17	this is from when I was in regulatory, at the	17	relevant. His opinion on what it should say is
18	time of the storm the highest priority is	18	not relevant.
19	hazardous conditions, such as a wire down that's	19	Q. The way this works is the lawyers make
20	energized.	20	objections, but unless he specifically tells you
21	Q. Okay.	21	not to answer
22	A. A next broad category I would place the	22	MR. NOURSE: He understands that, but
23	priorities on is essential services.	23	you can't if he doesn't have an opinion, then
24	Q. Such as hospitals, fire departments,	24	he doesn't have an opinion. So he can answer if

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1	he wants to. If he doesn't have an opinion, he	1	that question, who in your company would you
2	can state that.	2	ask?
3	Q. Do you have an opinion on that?	3	A. I would go to my old regulatory services
4	A. I don't.	4	group to find out.
5	THE WITNESS: Mr. Keller, earlier you	5	Q. Can you give me the name of that
6	offered me a break if I needed one.	6	group or the head of that group currently?
7	MR. KELLER: Any time you need a break,	7	A. Well, that position has not been filled
8	go ahead.	8	yet since I moved over. It's vacant right now.
9	THE WITNESS: I'd like to take a quick	9	Q. Who is the number two person in that
10	break.	10	group?
11	MR. KELLER: Please.	11	A. Well, I don't know there is a number
12	THE WITNESS: Thank you.	12	two. We're a very small group. There are a
13 14	(Recess taken.) BY MR. KELLER:	13	handful, four or five people, in that group. I
15	Q. Does Ohio Power have a vegetation	14 15	would just go find one of them to ask them.
16	control policy?	16	Q. Give me the names of a couple people in that group.
17	A. I don't know.	17	A. Michelle Jeunelot, Andrea Moore.
18	Q. Let me ask you this: Does the is	18	Q. Could you spell Ms. Jeunelot's last
19	Ohio Power required to have to obtain PUCO	19	name?
20	approval for a vegetation control procedure or	20	A. You ask me only the difficult names to
21	policy?	21	spell. J-e-u-n-e-l-o-t, I think.
22	A. I'm not sure whether Ohio Power has to	22	MR. NOURSE: That's close.
23	have PUCO approval, but the PUCO is very	23	THE WITNESS: That's not correct?
24	familiar and monitors our vegetation control	24	MR. NOURSE: I don't know. That's
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1	practices.	1	either right or close.
2	Q. Is there a written vegetation control	2	A. Do you want me to spell Moore?
3	policy document or practices document at Ohio	3	Q. If you have other names in that group.
4	Power Company?	4	A. That's an easy one, M-o-o-r-e.
5	A. I don't know.	5	Q. Does Ohio Power Company submit periodic
6	Q. Who would know that?	6	reports to the PUCO about compliance with its
7	A. I don't know that, either.	7	regulatory excuse me, its vegetation control
8	Q. I thought you were the guy in charge of	8	practices?
9	the regulatory affairs for Ohio Power in Ohio.	9	A. Yes.
10	A. For regulatory affairs, yes.	10	Q. How often are those reports filed?
11 12	Q. But that would not include PUCO	11 12	A. I think they're done annually.
13	oversight over your vegetation control practices?	13	Q. What are they called? What's the report called that's filed, or is it on a form number,
14	A. That's correct. As I said earlier, they	14	or how do you identify it?
15	do they're familiar with our program and our	15	A. I don't know those details.
16	plan. We have ongoing discussions with them.	16	Q. When you were in charge of that
17	They monitor very closely.	17	department, did you have any responsibility for
18	Q. What I'm trying to find out is whether	18	the filing of those forms?
19	you're aware whether there is a written plan or	19	A. My group had responsibility for that
20	policy or practice document which has been given	20	reporting, for all of the administrative
21	to the PUCO at some point in time.	21	reporting.
22	A. And that's what I'm not sure. I don't	22	Q. I assume that you were involved in
23	know.	23	discussions concerning those reports.
24	Q. If you wanted to find out the answer to	24	A. I only got involved if there were

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1	questions that the PUCO staff may have come to	1	A. In my capacity as vice president of
2	me specifically for. They could have gone	2	regulatory and finance, I had conversations with
3	directly to my staff. So, no, not everything	3	the commission staff about an overall about
4	was funneled through me.	4	overall objectives on vegetation clearing.
5	Q. Generally what were those reports	5	Q. How would you describe the company's
6	referred to as? What were they called?	6	overall goals with respect to that issue?
7	A. In my words, I would describe them as	7	A. Well, it was it has been centered
8	the administrative reporting reports related to	8	over the last few years around an agreement we
9	our actual versus plan results.	9	have with the PUCO.
10	Q. For vegetation control?	10	Q. What's the nature of that agreement,
11	A. For vegetation control.	11	sir?
12	Q. Okay. Thank you very much.	12	A. The agreement Ohio Power Company or AEP
13	Was there one person over the last	13	Ohio has with the PUCO is that we have an
14	couple of years at the PUCO who focused on those	14	objective to get to do vegetation clearing on
15	types of reports with respect to Ohio Power?	15	circuits electric circuits on a cycle
16	A. I don't know if there was one person.	16	basis.
17	Q. Can you give me the names of some people	17	Q. So that every X number of years, you
18	that you've discussed vegetation reports with at	18	would address each circuit?
19	the PUCO over the last couple of years?	19	A. Yeah, I would describe it as generally
20	A. I don't recall specifically discussing	20	the plan is that we would do end-to-end review
21	the reports, but the vegetation plan in general,	21	and clearing of a circuit within a four-year
22	during the year, there may have been discussions	22	cycle.
23	that took place, would have been head of the	23	Q. Is that agreement a written agreement
24	group that I can think of, his name is John	24	between your companies and the PUCO?
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1	Williams.	1	A. I don't know if I would call it when
2	Q. And which group would that have been?	2	I think of agreement, I think of a contract, and
3	A. I think they're called service	3	I don't recall it being a contract. But that's
4	monitoring and enforcement division.	4	a it's an agreement in principle around
5	Q. Can you describe the Ohio Power	5	funding for the costs associated with the
6	vegetation control plan?	6	program and the performance against the
7	MR. NOURSE: I'd object. I think he	7	actual you know, how much progress we make in
8	said earlier he didn't know if there was a	8	a given year.
9	written plan, if that's what you're asking	9	Q. But there is a what you referred to
10	about.	10	as the agreement, regardless of its legal
11	MR. KELLER: Now I'm talking about the	11	effect, that is a written document that exists
12	substance of it.	12	someplace?
13	A. I mean, vegetation control is a broad	13	A. I don't know if it's a written document.
14	subject. Is there something specific you want	14	I really don't know that.
15	to ask me about?	15	Q. Okay. Who in the company would know
16	Q. Tree trimming and removal.	16	that?
17	A. That's a pretty broad subject.	17	A. Perhaps our legal folks, legal
18	Q. You know more about it than I do, so	18	department.
19	A. I'm not sure, so if you can ask me	19	Q. Who is the vegetation control, does
20	something more specific, I'll be able to tell	20	that activity come under the vice president of
21	you if I do.	21	distribution and operations?
22	Q. I'm trying to find out what the plan is.	22	A. At the highest level, yes.
23	I mean, does that plan set forth the company's	23	Q. Can you expand upon that answer?
24	goals as far as trimming trees, removing trees?	24	A. Well, there are employees within

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1	distribution operations that execute on the	1	in the distribution support function?
2	vegetation program.	2	A. I think so.
3	Q. So the vegetation program activities are	3	Q. Do you know how long he has held that
4	underneath the vice president of distribution	4	position?
5	operations, organizationally; is that correct?	5	A. Austin has just started that position.
6	A. I believe that's correct.	6	Q. Do you know who held that position in
7	Q. And is there a I don't imagine that	7	2012?
8	you are the person currently who is primarily in	8	A. I'm getting outside my knowledge of what
9	charge of implementing that vegetation control	9	happened during 2012. I was in a totally
10	plan. Am I correct on that, that there are	10	different position, and we've had some changes
11	people below you who have more involvement in	11	that took place late in 2012 and early into 2013
12	that than you do?	12	that I don't know.
13	A. That's correct.	13	Q. So you don't know who held that position
14	Q. And who would you say within the company	14	in 2012?
15	is most knowledgeable of the company's	15	A. Well, I know there was a gentleman that
16	vegetation control plan?	16	retired, but I'm not sure he had vegetation
17	A. I would expect it's managers over that	17	control. That may have been there was a
18	area.	18	position eliminated, there was a person that
19	Q. How many managers would there be?	19	retired, there was some consolidation, so it
20	A. I don't know.	20	gets complicated, and I don't know the answer.
21	Q. Approximately?	21	Q. What's the name of the person who
22	A. It's not a large number. I would guess	22	retired that you were thinking of?
23 24	one or two.	23 24	A. Tom Lukowski. You're going to ask me to
	Q. And who would those managers report to?		spell Lukowski.
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1	A. When I say manager, I would use that	1	Q. Yes.
2	term generally speaking, perhaps their	2	A. L-u-k-o-w-s-k-i, I think.
3	supervisors. I don't know.	3	Q. Thank you.
4	Q. Sure. That may not be their job	4	Are you familiar with the reports
5	title	5	strike that.
6	A. Correct.	6	To your knowledge, when was the last
7	Q but they are managing that activity.	7	report filed by Ohio Power with the PUCO,
8	Who would they report to?	8	detailing your progress toward meeting the
9	A. I believe they report to a manager that	9	vegetation control goal?
10	reports to me.	10	A. I don't know.
11	Q. So if there are two or three of the	11	Q. Has there been one filed since you took
12	managers or supervisors, they report to one	12	on your current position?
13	individual who then reports to you, is that the	13	A. I don't know.
14 15	way it works? A. I believe that's correct.	14	Q. Who would know that at the company?
16	Q. And who is that one individual	15 16	A. Someone in the regulatory group.
17	currently?	17	Q. The people you mentioned earlier? A. Correct.
18	A. Austin McMillion.	18	Q. What is your personal knowledge of the
19	Q. Can you spell his last name?	19	circumstances involved in this particular
20	A. M-c-M-i-l-i-o-n.	20	complaint?
21	Q. What is his job title?	21	A. I'm aware of the complaint.
22	A. I think it's manager of distribution	22	Q. Do you have any let me ask you this:
23	support.	23	Did you have any personal involvement in
24	Q. And vegetation control would be included	24	decisions on how to deal with vegetation in the
	2. A side regulation control would be intoldated	. — ⊤ 2000 (H)	according on now to deal with regulation in the

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1	area subject to this complaint before the storm	1	A. I would agree that the terrain is has
2	in June 2012?	2	got a lot of trees in it. It is a very
3	A. No.	3	challenging terrain around that area.
4	Q. Did you have any personal involvement in	4	Q. If this complaint goes to trial or
5	determining when the repair of that outage would	5	affidavits are required, do you expect to
6	occur?	6	provide testimony?
7	A. No.	7	A. I don't know.
8 9	Q. Do you know who made decisions in June	8	Q. Do you have any idea as to what you
10	or July 2012 about when that outage would be repaired?	9 10	might be expected to provide testimony about? A. I don't know.
11	A. No.	11	Q. Am I correct that you were not your
12	Q. Do you know what factors went into	12	position in June and July 2012 was in regulatory
13	prioritizing repair of that particular outage?	13	and finance for Ohio Power Company?
14	A. I shared with you my knowledge of	14	THE WITNESS: Would you please repeat
15	prioritization of outage restorations earlier.	15	the question?
16	Q. Generally speaking, but	16	(Record read as requested.)
17	A. Correct.	17	A. That is correct.
18	Q do you have any personal knowledge as	18	Q. So at that time, you were not directly
19	tot factors that went into prioritizing the	19	involved in efforts to prioritize or restore
20	repair of this particular outage?	20	power outage, correct?
21	A. The factors I shared with you earlier	21	A. That is correct.
22	are what I understand as being the	22	Q. And similarly, in 2012, you were not
23	prioritization of restoration efforts. And	23	involved directly in vegetation control
24	beyond that, I don't have any knowledge of	24	practices for the company, correct?
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1	specific outages.	1	A. That is correct.
2	Q. So you don't know what factors beyond	2	Q. Approximately how many customers does
3	the ones you mentioned earlier went into	3	Ohio Power Company have currently?
4	prioritizing the repair of this particular	4	A. I think it's about, approximately, 1.4
5	outage?	5	million customers.
6	A. Oh, no. I was in regulatory and finance	6	Q. 1.4 million, is that what you said?
7	at that time.	7	A. I think that's correct.
8	 Q. Who have you discussed this complaint 	8	Q. And when was the Ohio Power/Columbus
9	with and the issues involved in this complaint,	9	Southern combination, when did that occur,
10	beyond your lawyers?	10	approximately?
11	A. Nobody.	11	A. I think the merger was closed in
12	Q. Were you ever out at the area of this	12	December of 2011.
13	outage during the outage?	13	Q. Do you know how many employees Ohio
14	A. No.	14	Power Company has?
15	Q. How often do you travel 315? You know	15	A. I don't.
16	where State Route 315 is, I assume.	16	Q. How many people work under your area
17	A. Yes.	17	currently?
18	Q. How often do you travel the section of	18	A. Approximately 1,300.
19	315, south of Powell Road?	19	Q. And strike that.
20	A. Three or four times a year.	20	-=0=- (Falsibility Francisco)
21	Q. It's not a part of your normal travels?	21	(Exhibit 5 marked.)
22	A. No.	22	-=0=-
23	Q. You would agree that that's a heavily	23	BY MR. KELLER:
24	wooded, treed area?	24	Q. Handing you what's marked as Exhibit 5,

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1	can you identify that document, please.	1	circuit?
2	MR. NOURSE: Do you have another copy?	2	A. No.
3	MR. KELLER: 1 just have these two.	3	Q. Okay. So you personally could not tell
4	MR. NOURSE: Okay.	4	whether there are devices on that circuit which
5	MR. KELLER: I believe your colleague	5	would allow, for example, power to be restored
6	has a copy.	6	to part of the circuit but not all of the
7	MR. NOURSE: Can you represent what this	7	circuit?
8	is where you obtained this?	8	THE WITNESS: Can you repeat the
9	MR. KELLER: It is Bates stamped as	9	question?
10	three pages produced by AEP.	10	Q. Let me try that again. I'm expressing
11	MR. NOURSE: Thank you.	11	my ignorance of your business, so I'm trying to
12	BY MR. KELLER:	12	get educated through you.
13	Q. Are you familiar with this three-page	13	Can you tell from Exhibit 1 whether
14	document?	14	there is any device on the circuit which would
15	A. I am not.	15	allow power to be restored to a portion of the
16	Q. Okay. Earlier, you referred to an	16	circuit without having power restored to the
17	emergency restoration plan. Do you recall that?	17	entire circuit?
18	A. Correct.	18	A. No, I could not.
19	Q. Am I correct that this three-page	19	Q. Okay. Thank you.
20	document is not that emergency restoration plan?	20	-=0=-
21	A. I don't know. It could be part of the	21	(Exhibit 6 marked.)
22	restoration plan. I'm just not familiar with	22	-=0=-
23	these pages.	23	BY MR. KELLER:
24	Q. But am I correct that you think the	24	Q. Handing you a report published relating
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1	emergency restoration plan is contains more	1	to a PUCO filing. Are you familiar with the
2	pages than this three-page document?	2	subject of this report? This is Exhibit 6.
3	A. Oh, I agree.	3	MR. NOURSE: When you say report, you're
4	Q. Okay. I'm handing you what was marked	4	talking about a news report, news
5	yesterday as Exhibit 2.	5	MR. KELLER: This is a news publication
6	MR. NOURSE: For the Lajeunesse	6	that came out, talking about an AEP request
7	deposition, correct?	7	filed at the PUCO.
8	MR. KELLER: Yes.	8	MR. NOURSE: Okay.
9	Q. Are you familiar with that document?	9	BY MR. KELLER:
10	(Pause in proceedings.)	10	Q. And I'm asking whether you're familiar
11	A. I'm not familiar with this document.	11	with that AEP request.
12	Q. Handing you what was marked as Exhibit 1	12	A. I'm aware that Ohio Power Company has
13	yesterday in the deposition, are you familiar	13	requested a cost recovery.
14	with that type of document?	14	Q. And is that request within your area
15	A. I think this is what I would call a	15	of is that included is the regulatory
16	one-line circuit layout, but I'm not familiar	16	affairs department within under your control
17	with this document.	17	currently?
18	 Q. So you recognize the type of document it 	18	A. No.
19	is, but you're not familiar with that particular	19	Q. It's not? Who is the vice president
20	document?	20	over regulatory affairs?
21	A. That's correct.	21	A. That position is currently vacant.
22	Q. Can you interpret a document of that	22	Q. I know, but what's it called?
23	sort to tell where there are what types of	23	A. Vice president of regulatory and
24	facilities are located at what part on the	24	finance.

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1	Q. Okay. In the third but you're	1	article, Exhibit 6, includes a request that the
2	generally familiar with the request discussed in	2	customers be compensated for the damage they
3	this article, Exhibit 6, correct?	3	incurred as a result of those power outages?
4	A. Generally, yes.	4	A. I have no knowledge.
5	Q. Okay. And in the third paragraph, if	5	Q. Whether or not it does?
6	you look at that, it indicates the amount of	6	A. That's correct.
7	damage that AEP customers and property	7	Q. Who would know that?
8	A. I'm sorry. Let me catch up with you.	8	A. I wouldn't expect it does, but I
9	Third paragraph starting from the top, or	9	would you would need to check with the legal
10	Q. No, of this article.	10	department.
11	A. Okay.	11	 Q. Or the regulatory affairs department.
12	Q. It mentions the amount of damage that	12	A. Okay.
13	AEP customers and properties sustained during	13	 Q. Would that filing have been made by the
14	the storms. I assume that AEP suffered damage	14	regulatory affairs department that you discussed
15	during the storm, correct?	15	earlier?
16	A. Yes.	16	A. They would have been involved in it,
17	 Q. And this indicates that AEP understands 	17	yes.
18	that its customers also suffered damage during	18	Q. I believe you said earlier that the
19	the storm, correct?	19	actual storm restoration activities would come
20	MR. NOURSE: Are you asking whether	20	under the vice president of distribution and
21	suffered damages equals knocked-out power? Is	21	operations.
22	that what	22	A. The overall responsibility would come to
23	MR. KELLER: Suffered damages as a	23	the top of the vice president of distribution
24	result of power outages.	24	and operations and the president and chief
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1	A. I don't know if I'm reading anything	1	operating officer.
2	into this third paragraph other than what it	2	Q. Right. But you're the vice president.
3	says.	3	That activity falls within your general
4	Q. Well, you understand, do you not, that	4	governance, correct?
5	AEP customers suffered damage as a result of	5	MR. NOURSE: Again, I'll object. He's
6	power outages during the storm, correct?	6	here because of his role last summer, not
7	A. I know AEP's customers were	7	because of his current role. So he can answer
8	inconvenienced when our facilities were	8	general questions, but we're not offering him as
9	destroyed as a result of the event.	9	a witness to talk about his current job and
10	Q. At least some of those customers	10	future storms or whatever you want to get into.
11	suffered damages in terms of their food spoiled,	11	MR. KELLER: Okay. I was not aware of
12	correct?	12	that.
13	A. I would expect that is correct.	13	Q. Just organizationally, if you look at
14	Q. Okay. Do you know whether the filing	14	the company's organization chart I assume
15	made by AEP requesting cost recovery is broad	15	companies still have organization charts,
16	enough to compensate your customers for damages	16	correct?
17 18	they may have incurred as a result of those	17	A. (Nods head.)
1	power outages?	18	Q. You understand what I mean by
19	A. In my role as vice president of	19	organization chart?
20 21	regulatory and finance, my dealings were in the past have been very specific to company	20	A. I do.
22	facilities.	21 22	Q. The restoration work to get power
23	Q. My question is: Do you know whether the	23	restored after a storm comes under your vice presidency, correct, currently?
24	request for cost recovery described in the	23 24	A. Today, if there was a major event, I
L <u></u>	requestion cost recovery described in the	44	A. IOUAY, II LIEIE WAS A HIAJOI EVEIL, I

Page 54 Page 56 do in the summer of 2012 that has relevance to 1 would be responsible for that, yes. 2 Q. Okay. And within that responsibility 2 the complaint currently pending at the PUCO. 3 filed by my wife and I? What could you testify comes the responsibility to prioritize the 3 4 restoration work, correct? 4 about that has -- in your view, has relevance to 5 A. Following the restoration plan and the 5 that complaint? 6 6 MR. NOURSE: I'll just direct him to prioritization I set forth earlier. 7 Q. Right. 7 respond to his -- based on his general 8 Do you understand that there is some 8 understanding and not based on conversations 9 that we've had about potential areas of discretion as to if there are two outages which 9 10 10 testimony because there's no decision made on are similarly situated, have similar facts, that 11 somebody has to make a decision whether you do 11 that at this time. 12 number one first or number two first? 12 A. In my position as vice president of 13 A. Was there a question in there? Maybe I 13 regulatory and finance, I had overall 14 14 need to have it read back. responsibility to work with the PUCO on tariffs, 15 Q. Am I correct that if there are two 15 terms and conditions, general expectations on 16 similarly situated outages, that somebody has to 16 our service reliability. The administrative 17 make a decision whether you repair number one 17 reporting that we do to the Public Utility 18 first or number two first? 18 Commission on whatever frequency the rules may 19 MR. NOURSE: Does that question assume 19 require related to overall system performance 20 that there's only one crew that's waiting to be 20 and reliability, reporting of how our 21 21 directed to repair work? distribution system performed, including things 22 22 Q. Let me ask it this way: How are you asked about on vegetation programs, our 23 decisions made as to which outage gets addressed 23 following of the programs. And we've worked 24 with the commission staff on that. The terms in which priority? Is all the data fed into a 24 Page 57 Page 55 1 computer and the computer spits out the list of 1 and conditions of our electric service does not 2 priorities, or is this done manually by 2 guarantee perfection of reliability, and that 3 somebody, or do you know how those decisions are 3 storms that came through, like the one we're 4 physically made? 4 discussing in the summer of 2012, was an act of 5 A. At the time of the storm, this derecho. 5 God and had nothing -- that was not associated 6 I was not involved in those -- in any of that. 6 with our performance of our system reliability. 7 Q. Okay. But if a similar storm hit next 7 Q. Anything else? 8 8 A. That's just generally speaking. week, I assume that you have given some thought 9 as to how you would respond to that, since 9 -=0=-10 (Exhibit 7 marked.) you're the person who would be organizationally 10 11 in charge, have overall responsibility, correct? 11 -=0=-12 A. (Nods head.) 12 BY MR. KELLER: 13 Q. Correct? 13 Q. Let me hand you what's marked as 14 A. What was the correct -- what was the 14 Exhibit 7. Can you identify that document. 15 question? 15 A. Yep. 16 Q. I assume you have given some thought as 16 Q. What is Exhibit 7? 17 to how the process works. 17 A. This is Ohio Power Company's terms and 18 MR. NOURSE: Again, I'm going to object 18 conditions of service. 19 because, again, you're getting into future Q. And what is your familiarity with this 19 20 storms and his current role, which has nothing 20 document? 21 to do with last summer, or your claim, or his 21 A. I've seen it a few times, had to refer 22 position during the time period when your claim 22 to it on occasions dealing with specific 23 arose. 23 customer situations. 24 Q. Let me follow up on that. What did you Q. And was Exhibit 7 the terms and 24

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1	conditions that would have been applicable in	1	A. I do not have an opinion.
2	June and July of 2012?	2	Q. Okay.
3	A. I'm looking at the bottom of the first	3	A. Am I done with this document?
4	page, and it indicates it was issued on December	4	Q. Yes.
5	22nd, 2011, effective January 1, 2012.	5	-=0=-
6	Q. So to the best of your knowledge, this	6	(Exhibit 8 marked.)
7	is the document which would have been effective	7	` -=0=
8	over June and July of 2012?	8	BY MR. KELLER:
9	A. It appears so.	9	Q. Handing you what's marked as Exhibit 8,
10	Q. Would you turn to Section 19 of	10	can you identify that document.
11	Exhibit 7. I don't believe the pages are I	11	A. That's a big document.
12	believe it is on Page 16, it looks like.	12	It's not obvious to me, Mr. Keller, what
13	MR. NOURSE: 103-16, yes.	13	this document is.
14	A. I'm there.	14	Q. Okay. Let me represent to you that this
15	Q. Would you focus on the	15	was provided by your company to me as something
16	second-to-the-last paragraph on this page,	16	that indicates identifies outages and the
17	particularly the first sentence.	17	number of customers affected by the outages and
18	A. I've read that paragraph.	18	when they were - power was restored.
19	Q. Am I correct that this provides that	19	A. Okay.
20	upon negligent acts by the company or its	20	Q. Are you familiar with this type of
21	employees or agents, the company may be liable	21	document, I mean, a printout containing that
22	to a customer for loss of perishable food?	22	type of information?
23	MR. NOURSE: I'm going to object because	23	A. No.
24	you're asking a legal conclusion. While it may	24	Q. No?
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1	be guided, in part, by this language, there is	1	A. No.
2	other provisions and other principles that	2	 Q. You haven't worked with anything that
3	apply.	3	looks like this in your job responsibility?
4	With that, you can give your general	4	A. No.
5	understanding.	5	Q. If you wanted to obtain this type of
6	MR. KELLER: That's all I'm asking for.	6	information, who would you go to at the company?
7	MR. NOURSE: Are you asking whether	7	A. I have no idea.
8	under some circumstance, the company might be	8	Q. Who would you start with?
9	responsible for perishable food if during an	9	A. I don't know.
10	outage?	10	(Pause in proceedings.)
11	MR. KELLER: Yes.	11	Q. Have you ever had any discussions with
12	Q. Is that your understanding?	12	Ohio Department of Transportation concerning the
13	A. My interpretation of this paragraph is	13	outage on State Route 315 during June and July
14	that only, and only under negligence of the	14	2012?
15	company, would there be a responsibility of the	15	A. No.
16	company for the damages.	16	Q. During the aftermath of the storm in
17	Q. And would that include negligence of the	17	June of 2012, did you have any conversations
18	company's contractors?	18	with ODOT that you recall?
19	A. I don't know.	19	A. Not directly.
20	Q. What would you think?	20 21	Q. What do you mean, indirectly?
21	A. I would have to seek legal counsel.	ţ	A. I said earlier my role as vice president
22	Q. So you have no opinion as to whether or	22 23	of regulatory and finance during the derecho storm was communications with the PUCO staff and
	not this would include negligence by the	23	
23 24	company's agents I mean, contractors?	24	the State EMA. I was present during much of

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1	that event at the EMA, and ODOT was there, along	1	officials were present, where would those
2	with a lot of other State agencies.	2	meetings be held?
3	Q. Were you in any discussions with ODOT	3	A. I attended meetings at the State EMA.
4	concerning State Route 315?	4	Q. And where is that located?
5	A. No.	5	A. I don't know the address. I know how to
6	Q. Were you, at that time, involved in any	6	get there.
7	discussions with ODOT concerning road closures,	7	Q. What road is it off of?
8	generally?	8	MR. NOURSE: Is it 161?
9	A. No.	9	A. I think it's 161, yes.
10	 Q. Do you recall who from ODOT was present 	10	Q. West of Linworth?
11	during that storm?	11	A. West of Sawmill. I don't know where
12	A. No.	12	·Linworth is.
13	Q. Any of the people?	13	Q. You think it's west of Sawmill?
14	A. I don't.	14	A. I'm not sure.
15	Q. You indicated that you were the person	15	Q. Okay.
16	tasked by AEP with interacting with ODOT	16	A. I'm turned around now.
17	excuse me, with the PUCO. Do you know if there	17	Q. South of
18 19	was someone tasked by your company with	18	A. In that direction.
20	interacting with ODOT at that time? A. I do not.	19	Q south of 161 in northwestern Ohio?
21	Q. Who would know that?	20 21	A. South of 270, on 161. I can't recall if it's east or west of Sawmill.
22	A. I do not know.	22	Q. Okay. And who told you to go to those
23	Q. Who asked you to fill the function	23	meetings?
24	fulfill the function that you did fulfill during	24	A. Actually, I think it's between Sawmill
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1	that storm aftermath?	1	and 315 on 161.
2	A. I don't recall anybody asking me to do	2	Q. I do, too. I think I know what you're
3	that. It was part of what I felt was my	3	talking about.
4	responsibility as vice president of regulatory	4	Who directed you to go to those
5	and finance and my interaction with the PUCO.	5	meetings?
6	Q. Was there like a war room someplace in	6	A. Nobody directed me to go to those
7	the aftermath of the storm, where you worked out	7	meetings.
8	of it?	8	Q. Who invited you to go to those meetings?
9	A. Can you be more specific?	9	A. I'm not sure anybody invited me to go to
10	 Q. Physically, where were you located while 	10	those meetings.
11	you were dealing with the storm aftermath?	11	Q. Who else from AEP would normally have
12	A. I was a lot of places.	12	been present at those meetings?
13	Q. Primarily? Was there headquarters, I	13	A. I believe the president/chief operating
14	mean, some location, room, building, where	14	officer attended at least one with me.
15	people came together to address the storm	15	Q. When you attended, did you have any
16	aftermath?	16	staff people with you, any people on your staff?
17	A. We had regular meetings, conference	17	A. No.
18	calls, discussions. Our headquarters for Ohio	18	Q. Do you know an AEP employee by the name
19 20	Power Company is in Gahanna, so those kind of discussions typically took place in Gahanna.	19	of Paul Roahrig, who works at the tech center in
21	Q. Were those discussions normally attended	20 21	Gahanna? A. I think I do.
22	by AEP people primarily?	22	Q. What do you understand his job
23	A. Yes.	23	responsibility is?
24	Q. What about meetings where other state	24	A. I don't. In fact, I'm not even sure
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1	I said I think I do. You said AEP employee.	1	A. I think we had a discussion earlier in
2	I'm not even sure the Paul Roahrig I'm thinking	2	my deposition related to administrative
3	of is even an employee.	3	reporting and that Ohio Power Company does
4	Q. You think he may be	4	administrative reporting on performance.
5	A. Contractor.	5	Q. My question is: Do you know how, in
6	Q. What type of contractors work at that	6	2012, Ohio Power Company compared to other Ohio
7	location?	7	electric utilities?
8	A. Various kinds of contractors.	8	A. And I said earlier, I do not know.
9	Q. Including?	9	Q. What about 2011, any recollection of
10	A. Engineering design, right-of-way.	10	that?
11	 Q. Some of those functions are served by 	11	A. I do not know.
12	contractors?	12	 Q. You don't know whether your results are
13	A. Staff augmented by contractors, yes.	13	better than the other companies, or worse, or
14	Q. Okay. Thank you.	14	right in the middle of the pack; is that what
15	What is the goal of AEP or Ohio Power's	15	you're telling me?
16	vegetation control policy?	16	A. Yes, that's what I'm telling you, I do
17	A. I think I stated earlier in my capacity	17	not know.
18	as vice president of regulatory and finance, my	18	Q. Do you know who at AEP made the decision
19	knowledge of the vegetation program I don't	19	when the outage affecting my house would be
20	even know if I would call it a policy, but the	20	repaired?
21	vegetation program, as I understand it,	21	MR. NOURSE: I thought you asked that
22	objective is to provide safe and reliable	22	earlier and he said he didn't know.
23	electric service. And as it specifically	23	Q. Do you know who made that decision?
24	relates to vegetation, we're on a program to do	24	A. Mr. Keller, I don't know. We follow our
	Page 67	approprietation of the second	Page 69
1	cycle-based vegetation clearing.	1	general operating guidelines on the restoration
2	Q. How was it done previously?	2	efforts. I don't know or have any knowledge of
3	A. I'm not familiar with that aspect of it.	3	decisions being made on specific customers or
4	 Q. Is it your understanding that the PUCO 	4	house-by-house basis.
5	approves the Ohio Power Company vegetation	5	Q. So you don't have that type of
6	control policy or procedures?	6	information with respect to any of the
7	A. Yes.	7	particular outages that occurred last summer?
8	Q. How does Ohio Power Company compare with	8	A. I do not.
9	other Ohio utilities with respect to the	9	Q. I may have asked this, but I don't
10	reliability of its service?	10	remember your answer. Who would I need to talk
11	MR. NOURSE: For what time period? I	11	to to find out who made decisions as to
12	object to the form and the subject. It's not	12	prioritizing outage repairs in June and July of
13	relevant to your claim.	13	2012?
14 15	Q. Let's say for 2012.	14	A. I think you did ask me that question
16	A. I don't know. Q. There was a reported report yesterday	15 16	earlier, and my response is the same, that it's the employees of Ohio Power Company and the
17	of a recent filing at the PUCO dealing with	17	contractors in which instructions are given to
18	electric utility reliability. Are you not	18	that follow the prioritization of restoration
19	familiar at all that that report was recently	19	effort, I believe that I've described that
20	filed?	20	l've discussed earlier.
21	MR. NOURSE: Again, I object to the	21	Q. I'm looking for the name of an
22	relevance. It has nothing to do with last year	22	individual or position within your company who
23	or your claim.	23	would have made those decisions.
24	If you know, you can answer.	24	A. I don't know if anybody makes a specific
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Page 70 Page 72 A. The entire organization of 1,300 people decision. 1 2 Q. Well, certainly somebody tells a 2 is not -- my expectation that the entire 3 3 organization of 1,300 people would follow the contractor where to go at what point in time, 4 4 service restoration plan that we've been don't they? 5 5 discussing --MR. NOURSE: Are you saying that -- are 6 you asking about the decision to follow the 6 Q. Okav. 7 policy, or do you believe there is some 7 A. -- and use the prioritization that I've 8 8 discretionary decision that involved your house? discussed. 9 MR. KELLER: Both. I think there's --9 Q. And it's your testimony that that plan is detailed enough that it allows for the 10 MR. NOURSE: It's unclear what you're 10 specific decisions where to send the tree crews 11 asking. 11 12 12 and the line crews? MR. KELLER: Somebody had to make a 13 A. I'm not testifying to the details of the 13 decision when to send trucks out to repair this 14 particular outage. I'm trying to find out who 14 plan. I don't have specific knowledge of the 15 15 details of the plan. I'm only responding to that would be. your question around --16 Q. And I'm asking you if you know who I 16 17 would inquire from to --17 Q. Who do you understand within your 18 A. I don't know. 18 department is the most knowledgeable person as 19 Q. Again, what department would be 19 to the details of that plan and the way that 20 20 that plan is to be implemented? responsible for making those prioritization 21 MR. NOURSE: Again, you're going back 21 decisions in responding to a power outage? 22 MR. NOURSE: I would just, again, object 22 and forth between the 2012 storm and currently. 23 to your characterization of prioritization 23 Can you clarify what you're asking? And I would 24 24 decisions. It is unclear what you're referring object to the --Page 71 Page 73 Q. Do you know who those people were in 1 1 to. 2 Q. I'm talking about specific decisions 2 2012? 3 dealing with specific outages. What person or 3 A. I do not. 4 position or department at AEP would make those 4 Q. So since you don't know anything about 5 decisions -- would have made those decisions in 5 2012, I'm asking you about currently. Who 6 6 within your department is the most knowledgeable the summer of 2012? 7 7 A. Can you ask the question again or have person, to your knowledge, as to contents of 8 8 that plan and the way that it is supposed to be it reread, please? 9 9 (Record read as requested.) implemented? 10 A. I don't know. 10 MR. NOURSE: I'll object for relevancy. 11 Q. Would those decisions be made by someone 11 If you know, you can answer. 12 within the distribution and operations area of 12 (Pause in proceedings.) 13 the company? 13 A. I'm sorry? 14 A. That would make sense that it would be. 14 Q. I'm waiting for an answer. 15 Q. But you don't know, and you're in charge 15 A. Oh, I'm sorry. I misunderstood. I 16 16 thought he said if I know, I can answer. And I of that area, correct, as a vice president? 17 A. Not in the summer of 2012, I was not. 17 do not know. I'm sorry. 18 Q. But currently, you are in charge of --18 Q. Do you know anybody within your -- under 19 ultimately, you have responsibility for that 19 your supervision who is more knowledgeable about 20 effort? 20 that restoration plan and how it is to be 21 A. Today I am, correct. 21 implemented than you are? 22 Q. And within your department, what 22 A. My expectation in my current role is 23 individual would be responsible for that 23 that my direct reports, the folks that report to 24 activity? 24 me and the organizations below them, are

Page 74 Page 76 familiar with the plan and they follow the 1 questions? 2 guidelines that we've discussed in the plan. 2 A. Okay. And I --3 3 Q. If you're not the person with knowledge Q. Okay. That's helpful. 4 So how many direct reports do you have? 4 of that, I have to believe there is somebody at 5 5 A. I have 13 direct reports. Ohio Power Company that is more knowledgeable 6 Q. And I don't care about their names at 6 than you, since you're not knowledgeable at all. 7 7 So I'm trying to identify an individual or -- an this point, but what -- I assume they all don't 8 8 individual who is more knowledgeable about that do exactly the same thing. I assume they have 9 9 different areas of responsibility; is that plan than you are. 10 correct? 10 A. Okay. 11 A. Generally speaking, yes. 11 Q. And I have to believe you have an idea 12 Q. Okay. So take me through the areas of 12 of someone who you believe is likely to be more 13 responsibility for your direct reports. 13 knowledgeable about the implementation of that 14 plan than you are. So tell me who that person MR. NOURSE: I'm going to object for 14 is, or persons. 15 relevancy. Can you guide it toward what you're 15 16 really looking for here now that relates to your 16 A. My responsibility for our service 17 complaint? 17 territory in Ohio today, which is, again, quite 18 18 different from where it was back in the summer MR. KELLER: I'm trying to find out who of 2012, I have seven districts for our service 19 is the most knowledgeable person under his 19 20 supervision with knowledge about the restoration 20 territory, and each district has a manager. 21 report and how it is implemented. 21 Q. Okay. 22 MR. NOURSE: Okay. 22 A. Those managers -- each manager has 23 23 A. Okay. So can you tell me again the responsibility for that district, and they 24 follow the plan we've been discussing for 24 question you have? Page 75 Page 77 Q. Sure. I'm trying to find out, since you 1 restoration. 2 have no expertise or knowledge about the details 2 Q. That's helpful. Thank you. 3 of that restoration plan and how it is 3 A. Okav. 4 implemented, and you said that you would expect 4 Q. And I assume those seven people are 5 your direct reports to have knowledge of that, 5 seven of the 13 direct reports that you have. 6 I'm trying to find out which of your direct 6 A. Correct. 7 reports is most knowledgeable about that 7 Q. Would you expect those managers to be 8 restoration plan and how it is to be 8 more knowledgeable about the restoration plan 9 implemented. 9 than the other six direct reports? I don't 10 A. I don't know if I have any one direct 10 know, I mean, what are the other six direct 11 report that I would say is most knowledgeable. reports who are not district managers? 11 12 We're all responsible for providing safe, 12 A. How is this relevant to your complaint, 13 reliable electric service to our customers. And 13 Mr. Keller? Q. That's my concern, not yours. 14 during a major weather event, an act of God, our 14 15 task is to bring customers back in service as 15 What are the titles of the other six 16 safely and as quickly as possible. 16 direct reports? Q. In accordance with that plan? 17 17 A. You want me to go through all 13 direct 18 A. As a guideline, yes. It's a plan, 18 reports? 19 that's correct. 19 Q. Well, seven of them are district 20 Q. And since you don't know anything about 20 managers. What are the other six? 21 that plan, and I don't know anything about that 21 A. Okay. The seven are -- they're not 22 plan, I'm trying to identify somebody that I 22 district managers, they're the equivalent of a 23 could talk to to learn about that plan. Do you 23 district manager, but their title is manager of understand what I'm -- the purpose of these 24 distribution systems.

Page 78 Page 80 Q. Fine. What are the other six? 1 1 Q. So by dispatch, you're not talking about 2 2 A. I have -- I believe there's two of them dispatching electric power, you're talking about 3 that are called -- that are titled managers of 3 dispatching people; is that, generally, correct? 4 region support, or distribution support. One is 4 A. That's correct. Dispatching people and 5 a manager of distribution dispatch. One is a 5 the assurances that when they're working on a 6 manager of meter revenue operations. How many 6 circuit, the circuit is properly controlled. 7 have we got so far? 7 Q. Seems prudent to do that. 8 Q. We're missing two. 8 Do you know, in terms of a storm 9 A. Okay. I've got a -- one of those six is 9 restoration, does that dispatch person, are they 10 a newly created position that I just actually --10 in charge of dispatching work crews out to do 11 the role hasn't even started yet -- is a manager 11 particular repairs when responding to a storm? 12 of emergency preparedness. And I have an 12 A. No, they do not dispatch the workers. administrative assistant. 13 13 Q. During a storm? Q. So the administrative assistant, that's 14 14 A. Correct. 15 a secretarial position; is that right? 15 Q. Okay. So we can forget about that 16 A. Correct. 16 person. 17 Q. Okay. And the emergency preparedness, 17 You said there is a regional or district 18 there isn't anybody in that position currently? 18 support. What is the function of those two 19 A. I just named a position person, but they 19 individuals? 20 A. One of them, his normal responsibility haven't even started yet. 20 21 Q. Was there anyone in a similar position 21 is managing the organization and does all the 22 in 2012? 22 engineering design. 23 A. No. 23 Q. Okay. 24 Q. The meter revenue, I can't believe that 24 A. And the other manages the contractors Page 79 Page 81 has any impact on what we're talking about. that we have on our property, including 1 1 2 2 forestry. That's the one we had talked about Dispatch -- district dispatch person, I 3 3 assume he's responsible for making sure that earlier in the discussion. 4 there is sufficient supply to meet your 4 Q. What's that individual's name that deals 5 5 requirements. I mean, is he in the supply with contractors, including forestry? 6 department, or what does the dispatch person do? 6 A. Austin McMillion. 7 A. We have a whole operation that --7 Q. Okay. And you believe he was in that 8 Q. I understand. You said one of your 8 position in 2012? 9 direct reports is in charge of dispatch. 9 A. No. 10 Generally, what do you mean by dispatch? 10 Q. Do you recall who was in that position? 11 A. That's where I was starting to go. A. This is where I get really confused, 11 12 Q. Take your time. 12 Mr. Keller, because I was not in my position. 13 A. We have a whole operation that has 13 Q. If you don't know who it was, that's 14 responsibility for radio communications with the 14 fine. 15 A. I don't know. workforce and assure that they are -- that when 15 16 they're going to get onto a circuit, work a 16 Q. Now, that takes us back to the seven 17 circuit, it is properly de-energized or it is 17 district managers. I assume these are 18 switched properly or it has been isolated, or if 18 geographic districts. 19 they're going to re-energize it, that there's no 19 A. Uh-huh, yes. 20 other crews working on it. Q. And who would be the current manager for 20 21 the district that includes southern Delaware 21 22 22 A. So those are the -- they do all of the County? 23 radio communications to the central organization 23 A. Would you repeat the question? 24 on the circuits. 24 Q. Who is the current manager of the

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1	district that includes southern Delaware County?	1	Q. There is a statement in something that
2	A. His name is Randy Knight.	2	your company sent back to me that says that the
3	Q. K-n-i-g-h-t?	3	order of work after the June 2012 storm was
4	A. Correct.	4	completed according to AEP's policies which were
5	Q. And do you know if he held that position	5	created pursuant to Commission Rule
6	in 2012?	6	4901:1-10-08. Would that have been the storm
7	A. He did not.	7	restoration plan that you were talking about?
8	Q. Do you know who did?	8	A. I don't know. I'll have to I don't
9	A. Yes. It was Ron Winrod.	9	know what was sent.
10	Q. W-i-n-r-o-d?	10	Q. Do you know of any AEP policies dealing
11	A. Correct.	11	with the order of storm restoration other than
12	Q. Is Mr. Winrod still with the company, to	12	the plan that you referred to?
13	the best of your knowledge?	13	A. I don't know.
14	A. He is.	14	Q. Just to clarify, do you have any
15	Q. Do you know what his current position	15	knowledge of the specific facts dealing with the
16	is?	16	outage that affected my house in June and July
17	A. He's one of the he's now a district	17	of 2012?
18	manager at another one of the districts.	18	A. No.
19	Q. Same job, different district?	19	Q. Am I correct that you have no specific
20	A. Correct.	20	knowledge as to AEP's storm restoration efforts
21	Q. What district does he have currently?	21	in June of June and July 2012 as it affects
22	A. Newark district.	22	the particular outage affecting my house?
23	 Q. Would you expect that the district 	23	A. That's correct.
24	managers would be more knowledgeable than you	24	==0=-
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1	are as to the details and implementation of the	1	(Exhibit 9 marked.)
2	storm restoration plan?	2	-=0=-
3	A. I don't know. I would hope so.	3	BY MR. KELLER:
4	Q. They couldn't be less knowledgeable than	4	Q. Are you familiar with what's marked as
5	you are.	5	Exhibit 9?
6	Do you know what role those district	6	A. I think I've seen this Web page, or
7	managers had during the storm restoration in	7	something similar to this, before.
8	summer of 2012?	8	Q. Did you have any involvement in the
9	A. I do not.	9	preparation of Exhibit 9?
10	Q. Would they have been actively involved	10	A. I did not.
11	in restoring power after the June 2012 storm?	11	Q. Do you know if this is a document which
12	A. I do not know.	12	is filed when they're approved by the PUCO?
13	 Q. Is there anything else regarding the 	13	A. I do not know.
14	complaint action that we're here on that you	14	Q. If you would look at the last paragraph
15	have knowledge of that we have not discussed	15	on the first page, is that a correct description
16	here today?	16	of the restoration plan?
17	A. I don't know.	17	A. Is that the paragraph that says "How
18	Q. Nothing comes to mind?	18	does AEP decide which customers to restore
19	A. Not at this moment.	19	first"?
20	Q. Are you familiar with PUCO Commission	20	Q. Yes, sir.
21	Rule 4901:1-10-08?	21	(Pause in proceedings.)
22	A. The number sounds familiar, but I'll	22	A. Yes. Generally, it makes sense.
23	have to refresh as to what that particular code	23	Q. Any aspects of that paragraph that you
24	rule is about.	24	believe are not correct?

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1	A. Based on my familiarity of our	1	Q. I'm sure, as you've been driving around
2	restoration guidelines, this makes sense.	2	personally or on business, you've seen areas
3	Q. How do budgetary factors affect	3	where a road or half of a road is blocked and
4	vegetation control practices at Ohio Power?	4	there are flagmen and they're directing traffic.
5	A. Can you be more specific?	5	A. Sure.
6	Q. Sure. It costs money to perform	6	Q. And I would expect that sometimes when
7	vegetation control, correct?	7	vegetation control is being performed along the
8	A. Sure, it does.	8	side of a road, that traffic control would be
9	Q. And is there a budget established each	9	necessary. Would that also be your
10	year or each month or each quarter as to how	10	understanding?
11	much money can be spent on vegetation control?	11	A. If it's needed to safely do the work, I
12	A. In my role as vice president of	12	would expect that is correct.
13	regulatory and finance, I was aware that we have	13	Q. Okay. And do you know whether the cost
14	overall operational budgets. That includes a	14	of that traffic control would be included in the
15	lot of things, including vegetation.	15	vegetation control budget, or would that be
16	Q. And I assume that budget would be broken	16	handled by a different
17	down into separate categories or line items.	17	A. I don't know.
18	A. We keep track of costs by various line	18	Q. You were in charge of finance, weren't
19	items.	19	you?
20	Q. Okay. I'm talking now about the budget.	20	A. Yes.
21	And what I'm asking is, is there a budget each	21	Q. But you don't know whether that is a
22	year for vegetation control within Ohio Power	22	separate budget item or whether that would be
23	Company?	23	included in the vegetation control?
24	A. I believe that's correct.	24	A. No, I don't.
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1	Q. And then I assume that's broken down by	1	Q. Okay. So you've got one group of people
2	region or district.	2	that do vegetation control. I assume there's
3	A. I don't know that.	3	another set of people at the company who deal
4	Q. And I assume the size of the budget has	4	with the actual power lines on poles, correct?
5	an impact on how much work can be done during	5	A. Yes.
6	that period of time in terms of vegetation	6	Q. Can I call that the line function?
7	control.	7	A. Sure.
8	A. I guess I don't typically look at it	8	 Q. Would the line function have a different
9	that way.	9	budget than the vegetation control?
10	Q. My question is, would you agree that it	10	A. As I said earlier, there are budgets for
11	is accurate that the amount of the budget	11	different line items, correct.
12	affects how much vegetation control work can	12	Q. And the control of the power lines is a
13	actually be done during that period of time?	13	different function from vegetation control? Let
14	A. Well, generally speaking, we manage	14	me give you an example. Let's say there was a
15	against a budget, that's correct.	15	section of electric line strung on poles in an
16	Q. So if the budget is higher, more work	16	area, and that section of line needed to be
17	can be done, and if the budget is lower, less	17	replaced or repaired. Do you understand the
18	work can be done. Isn't that the way the budget	18	example?
19	works?	19	A. Yes, I do.
20	A. Generally speaking, yes.	20	Q. And that's something that occurs from
21	Q. What about traffic control, if traffic	21	time to time, I assuming.
22 23	control do you understand what I mean by	22	A. Lagree.
23 24	traffic control?	23 24	Q. Would the and it costs money to do
L 44	A. No.	44	that work, correct?

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	A. I agree. Q. Would the cost of doing that power line replacement or repair come out of the vegetation control budget, or would that be a separate budget item? A. I don't know. I don't know whether we tracked traffic control by line or whether it is a separate line item altogether. I don't know. That's a level of detail I would not get involved in. Q. Ignoring traffic control, though, the work on the power lines themselves would be a separate budget item than vegetation control? A. That's correct. Q. Does the repair or replacement of electric lines, is that a function that comes under your responsibility currently? A. Currently, it does. Q. And would that also be under the responsibility of the district managers? A. Partly. Q. Would the district managers be	1 CERTIFICATE 2 STATE OF OHIO: SS: COUNTY OF FRANKLIN: I, Sara S. Clark, RPR, CRR, CCP, CBC, a Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio, duly commissi oned and qualified, do hereby certify that the within-named SELWYN J. DIAS was first duly sworn to testify to the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth in the cause aforesaid; that the testimony then given was reduced to stenotypy in the presence of said witness, afterwards transcribed; that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the testimony; that this deposition was taken at the time and place in the foregoing caption specified. I do further certify that I am not a relative, employee or attorney of any of the parties hereto; that I am not a relative or employee of any attorney or counsel employed by the parties hereto; that I am not financially interested in the action; and further, I am not, nor is the court reporting firm with which I am affiliated, under contract as defined in Civil Rule 28(D). In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office at Columbus, Ohio, on this 16th day of April, 2013. Sara S. Clark, RPR, CRR, CCP, CBC Notary Public, State of Ohio.
23	knowledgeable about scheduling repair or	23 My commission expires: March 10, 2018
24	replacement work for power lines within their	24
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	districts? A. Generally speaking, I would say yes. MR. KELLER: I don't have any other questions. Thank you very much. THE WITNESS: You're welcome. MR. NOURSE: Okay. So we're done. We'll review and sign the transcript. -=O=- Thereupon, the testimony of April 4, 2013, was concluded at 11:07 a.m. -=O=-	

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2	It is stipulated by and among counsel	2	being first duly sworn, as hereinafter
3	for the respective parties that the deposition	3	certified, deposes and says as follows:
4	of STEVEN M. LAJEUNESSE, a Witness herein,	4	EXAMINATION
			BY MR. KELLER:
5	called by the Complainants under the applicable	5	** **
6	Rules of Civil Procedure may be taken at this	6	Q. Would you state your name for the
7	time by the notary pursuant to notice and by	7	record, please.
8	agreement; that said deposition may be reduced	8	A. Steve Lajeunesse.
9	to writing in stenotypy by the notary, whose	9	Q. And what is your business address?
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11	presence of the witness, and that the proof of	11	Road, S-h-i-e-r, second word Rings, Road.
12	the official character and qualification of the	12	That's in Dublin, Ohio 43015.
13	notary is waived.	13	Q. Have you been deposed previously, sir?
14	-=0=-	14	A. No, sir.
15	_	15	Q. Would you spell your name again, please.
16		16	A. Yes. Last name is Lajeunesse,
17		17	L-a-j-e-u-n-e-s-s-e.
18		18	Q. Okay. By whom are you currently
19		19	employed?
20		20	A. American Electric Power.
21		21	Q. In what position?
22		22	A. I'm a utility forester.
23		23	 Q. Briefly take me through your educational
24		24	background.

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2	A. Graduated from Kent State with a bachelor of conservation bachelor of science	1 2	Q. Can you take it up to today. A. So I did a lateral move as a utility
3	in conservation in '89. Currently certified	3	forester in West Virginia to Columbus, Ohio in
4	herbicide applicator, also certified arborist,	4	'98 spring of 1998. I've been in northwest
5	and a certified utility arborist. Those are	5	Columbus ever since.
6	through the ISA, International Society of	6	Q. In the same position?
7	Arboriculture.	7	A. Yes, sir.
8	Q. And please take me through your	8	Q. Okay. Your conservation degree, did any
9	employment history let me ask you this: Did	9	of that involve training in inspecting or
10	you go to college right after high school?	10	trimming or removing trees?
11	A. Yes, I did.	11	A. No, sir.
12	Q. Okay. So starting from when you	12	Q. What type of things were involved in the
13	graduated from college, take me through your	13	conservation program up there?
14	employment up to today, please.	14	A. Conservation of natural resources, soil,
15	A. Okay. So after college in '89,	15	water, trees, air, that kind of thing. A lot of
16	graduated in the fall of '89, I worked as a park	16	science courses. Local flora and fauna courses,
17	ranger in Blue Hills Reservation. I'm sorry.	17	tree ID and so forth.
18	That was actually the summer before I graduated	18	 Q. And your certifications as an arborist,
19	in '89. I then worked as a at a ski resort	19	what did that involve?
20	in Sugar Bush, Vermont, for a season. And then	20	A. I'm not sure I understand the question.
21	I worked as a	21	Q. Well, you indicated that you're
22	 Q. Decided to come back to Columbus for the 	22	certified as an arborist.
23	weather?	23	A. Yes.
24	A. For the weather, yeah. And then I left	24	Q. I'm trying to find out what that
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1	Columbus actually, I'm from northern Ohio	1	involves, what type of training, what testing
2	northeast Ohio. Then I went to Canada and	2	was done for you.
3	worked as a fishing and hunting guide for	3	A. Right. The process of becoming
4	approximately five years, living up there in the	4	certified is you have to you need to take a
5	spring through fall and coming back, and I had a	5	test, and you're given a large amount of
6	painting and remodeling business up in northern	6	study material, and you have to take and pass a
7	Ohio that I did in the winter months.	7	test.
8	So after that, I worked at a vet clinic	8	Q. What type of topics are covered in that
9	in Macedonia, Ohio, so I could go back to vet	9	program?
10	school. And then moved down to Huntington, West	10	A. Tree ID, tree pruning, tree removal
11 12	Virginia and was a planner for American Electric	11	practices, safety equipment, climbing equipment,
13	Power, planner for the tree crews.	12 13	that sort of thing.
14	Q. When did you start that? Was that your first employment with AEP, or AEP affiliate?	13	Q. Is that particular certification geared toward the utility industry, or is it the same
15	A. Actually at that time, I was not	15	type of program that somebody that comes out to
16	employed with AEP. I was employed with a	16	my house to trim trees would do?
17	company called ACRT, which was a contract	17	A. At that level in the ISA certification,
18	company, working for AEP.	18	it's not tied to the utility industry, which is
19	Q. When did you start that job?	19	why I went back and got my utility specialist
20	A. 1997, I believe.	20	certification, which is directly tied to
21	Q. Okay. Continue.	21	electrical industry.
22	A. Then I was hired on with AEP as a	22	Q. In the second certification, the utility
23	utility forester in the fall of 1997 in West	23	arborist, what additional matters are covered in
24	Virginia.	24	that certification?

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1	A. In addition to what was offered at the	1	with the customer?
2	ISA regular certification arborist	2	A. His main job is to contact customers to
3	certification, you learn all about the	3	let them know that tree crews are coming. He
4	electrical industry, substations, line voltages,	4	also marks trees that will be trimmed or
5	hardware, proper pruning practices, safety	5	removed. Basically he's there to grease the
6	practices around power lines, that sort of	6	wheels for the tree crews coming through.
7	thing.	7	Q. And you said you have planners working
8	Q. When you say proper pruning methods,	8	for you now?
9	what does that involve?	9	A. Yes, sir.
10	A. Part of that is what was covered under	10	Q. How many would that be?
11	the initial certification, pruning to proper	11	A. Currently, I have four.
12	lateral branches, proper pruning techniques on	12	Q. Are those employees of your company, or
13	the trees themself. And the flip side of that	13	contractors?
14	is how to safely trim trees around power lines,	14	A. Contractors.
15	remove overhang, approach distances to lines if	15	Q. Do they all work for Asplundh?
16	you're, you know, a certified tree trimmer and	16	A. They do.
17	so forth.	17	Q. Do the contract planners that work for
18	Q. You said that you were a planner for a	18	you do the same type of work that you just
19	tree crew down in West Virginia. Can you tell	19	described that a planner does?
20	me what that job involved.	20	A. Yes.
21	A. That job is the same job that I have	21	Q. Has the procedure for tree control
22	people doing for me right now, and that was	22	changed over the last two or three years for
23	going in front of the at that time, there was	23	AEP?
24	Asplundh tree crews working for American	24	A. I'm not sure I understand what you mean
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1	Electric Power.	1	by that.
2	Q. Can you spell the name of the tree	2	Q. Well, let me ask you this: As a utility
3	company?	3	forester, have your overall job duties changed
4	A. Asplundh, A-s-p-l-u-n-d-h.	4	over the last two or three years?
5	Q. And how did you pronounce it?	5	A. No.
6	A. Asplundh.	6	Q. And you indicated that you're employed
7	Q. Asplundh?	7	by AEP. A number of the lines that you service,
8	A. Yes. It's actually Asplundh Tree Expert	8	I believe, are owned by Ohio Power. Is that
9	Company.	9	your understanding?
10	Q. I'm sorry. I interrupted you.	10	A. That's I'm not sure I can answer that
11	So what does the planner do?	11	question accurately the way it's stated.
12	A. Goes in a planner would move in front	12	Q. How would you state it? I mean, I'm
13 14	of the tree crews, per a forester's direction,	13	just trying to figure out which company we're
15	and contact customers and make a basic outline of the work to be performed when the tree crews	14 15	dealing with here. A. My operating company currently is OPCo,
16	come through.	16	Ohio Power Company. It used to be Columbus
17	Q. How much in advance of the tree crews	17	Southern.
18	would the planner normally work? I mean, is it	18	Q. Okay. But you work for AEP?
19	half an hour before, or two weeks before?	19	A. Yes, sir.
20	A. It can vary by large margins. I would	20	Q. So your paycheck says AEP, not Ohio
21	not say there is a typical time frame.	21	Power?
22	Q. How would you describe the job of the	22	A. My paycheck probably says Ohio Power.
23	planner? What does he do? He talks to the	23	Q. But you understand that's all under the
24	customer, but what does he do when he interacts	24	AEP umbrella?
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Page 16 Page 14 1 A. Yes, sir. 1 Q. What aspect of the vegetation control 2 Q. Do you know who Asplundh works for? Is 2 does AEP do with its employees? 3 it Ohio Power, or AEP? 3 A. AEP employees, such as myself, are 4 4 responsible for the management of our tree A. I would not know what's in the contract 5 5 program, the movement of the tree crews, how on that. 6 Q. For the purposes of this session today, 6 they do their work, and the type of work that 7 if I refer to it as AEP, will you understand 7 they do. Q. But the actual marking, trimming, and 8 that I'm meaning AEP or its affiliates, Ohio 8 9 9 removal is done by a contractor? Power and any other affiliates? Is that okay, 10 iust to save some time here? 10 A. Yes. Q. And in your district, anyway, it is 11 A. Yes. 11 12 Asplundh? Q. And if you think that, in your answer, 12 13 it makes a difference whether we're talking A. That's correct. 13 Q. Do you know how long the relationship 14 about AEP as an entity or Ohio Power as an 14 15 entity, will you point that out so we can 15 between AEP and Asplundh has continued, let's clarify that? say in your area? 16 16 A. I don't know that answer. 17 A. Yes. 17 18 Q. Okay. Thanks. 18 Q. At least five years or so? Let me ask 19 it this way, if you moved up here in '98, have What is the relationship between AEP and 19 they been the exclusive contractor in your area 20 20 Asplundh? 21 21 during that time period? A. Asplundh is a tree company that we have 22 contracted with to do our line clearance work. 22 A. No. 23 Q. Do you know if there actually is a 23 Q. What other contractors has AEP used? 24 written contract between AEP and Asplundh? 24 A. In my area specifically, we've had Page 17 Page 15 1 A. Yes. 1 Nelson. 2 Q. And do you have a copy of that contract 2 Q. Nelson? 3 available to you? 3 A. Uh-huh. 4 A. No, sir. 4 Q. Where are they located, do you know? 5 Q. If you wanted to see that contract, who 5 A. Don't know where they're based out of. 6 6 Q. And the Asplundh people that you work would you ask? 7 7 with in your area over the last year, where is A. I don't know. 8 8 their base of operations? I'm not talking about Q. Who is your immediate supervisor? 9 9 the corporate headquarters, I'm talking about --A. Rich Simpson. 10 Q. S-i-m-p-s-o-n? 10 I assume they have some place local where they 11 A. Yes. 11 keep the trucks and do those type of functions. 12 Q. What is his position? 12 A. Asplundh has an office in Millersport, 13 A. He's a forestry supervisor. 13 Ohio, but their trucks are not kept there. 14 14 Trucks are kept as close as possible to where Q. Do you know what geographic area he 15 covers? 15 we're working. 16 Q. The crews that you work with, where do A. He has nine foresters, which I am one. 16 17 and he covers central and southern Ohio. 17 they keep their trucks? 18 18 A. We have several different pullouts, what Q. As far as the relationship between AEP we call staging areas. Currently, there's a lot 19 and Asplundh, how would you -- do they actually 19 20 do the marking, trimming, cutting work, or does 20 in Delaware State Park, parking, and there is a 21 AEP have employees who do some of that work? 21 lot off of Roberts Road, and there is a lot down 22 Let's say within the last 12 months' time frame. 22 by 4th Street, the Crew stadium, I think it is, 23 A. Asplundh does the planning and the 23 down there. 24 trimming. 24 Q. Okay. So you are responsible for

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1	directing the contractor as far as what areas to	1	Q. Okay. And what geographic area are you
2	work in; is that right?	2	assigned to?
3	A. Yes.	3	A. I cover northwest Columbus and Delaware.
4	Q. How do you schedule that work and	4	Q. All of Delaware County?
5	communicate it to them? Is that done verbally,	5	A. Yes, plus parts of Licking and Marion.
6	or meetings, or via e-mail, or some other	6	Q. And that hasn't changed in the last
7	method?	7	year?
8	A. We establish a work plan at the	8	A. No, sir.
9	beginning of each year that is presented to the	9	Q. When you assign work to be done, is it
10	Public Utilities Commission, and we work off	10	generally done on a circuit-by-circuit basis?
11	that work plan. The crews get direct	11	A. Yes.
12	direction from me as far as where they go, and	12	Q. Within your what do you call it,
13	that is by both verbal and written	13	service area that you're in charge of, is that
14	communications.	14	what I mean, what do you refer to it as?
15	Q. What form are the written	15	A. We could call it a service area.
16	communications?	16	Q. Okay. Within your service area, how
17	A. There is a big board in my room that has	17	many electric circuits are there, as you would
18	our circuit list for the year, so they know	18	use that term?
19	exactly where they're going.	19	A. Our system's constantly changing, but
20	Q. Where is your room?	20	approximately 160 circuits are in my area.
21	A. At the address I gave you previously.	21	Q. And how many total customers,
22	Q. Okay. Does someone from the contractor	22	approximately, are served from those 160
23	come in there on a daily or at least a regular	23	circuits?
24	basis to check the board?	24	A. I don't know that.
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1	A. Yes, contractor's in my office daily.	1	Q. What are your job responsibilities as a
2	Q. Over the last 12 months, who has been	2	utility forester?
3	your primary contact at Asplundh?	3	A. My responsibilities are to manage the
4	A. My primary contact with Asplundh are my	4	forestry program for my service area.
5	general foremen.	5	Q. Okay. And what do you mean by the
6	Q. How many general foremen are there?	6	forestry program?
7	Again, let's talk about the last year.	7	A. It includes the planning of our work,
8	A. Right.	8	the movement of crews, communication with
9	Four.	9	customers, communication with city officials to
10	Q. Who are they?	10	get our work done.
11	A. Matt Knisley.	11	Q. And what do you mean by your work? What
12	Q. Can you spell the last name?	12	I'm trying to get at is, starting from the big
13	A. K-n-i-s-l-e-y.	13	and moving down to the little, is there a
14	Ritchey Tuttle, T-u-t-t-l-e, Dennis	14	vegetation control policy for AEP, or some other
15	Elkins, and Jason McMahn, M-c-M-a-h-n.	15	overall program that you're trying to help
16	Q. Have they all been there for the last	16	comply with?
17	vear?	17	A. Yes. AEP has a forestry program that I
18	A. Yes.	18	implement in my service area.
19	Q. Do each of them have one crew, or	19	Q. Okay. And is that forestry program in
20	multiple crews working for them?	20	writing?
21	A. Multiple.	21	A. Yes.
22	Q. How many actual crews would, generally,	22	Q. What's it called? Is it called the AEP
23	each of those individuals control?	23	forestry program, or is there some other title
24	A. It varies, but usually around six.	24	for this?
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Page 22 1 A. Well, there is a policy, procedures, and goals of our forestry program, which is in writing. 2 Us that all one document, or 4 A. Yes. C. Do you have a copy of that, not with you, but in your office? A. Yes. A. Yes. C. Is that a three-ring binder, or is it a I mean, how is what's it look like? A. Well, there is a policy, procedures, and 2 supposed to be doing? Do you go directions or budget for the year? 4 does that work? 5 A. Are you asking about our work plan? 7 Q. I don't know what there is. 8 both, tell me about both. 9 A. Our work plan is determing trends presently, so circuits contains.	get like written
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10 a - I mean how is what's it look like?	
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11 A. I believe it's stapled, and quarter-inch 11 needing to be trimmed or work	ced on a regular
12 thick. 12 basis. Our budget is given to	us by my
13 Q. And it is broken down into what 13 supervisor.	
14 sections? I thought you indicated three 14 Q. Is that done annually?	
15 sections. 15 A. Yes.	
16 A. I haven't spoken on the policy that 16 Q. First of the year? What time	ne of the
17 we're speaking about now. It's broken into many 17 year does that happen?	
18 sections, all of which I'm not I won't be 18 A. Our budget?	-
19 able to recall without having a copy of that in 19 Q. Uh-huh, yes.	
20 front of me. 20 A. Beginning of the year.	-1
21 Q. I thought a minute ago, you said there 21 Q. Have you received your bu	laget for this
22 were goals and two other general categories. 22 year?	
A. You asked me what it was called. And 23 A. Yes. 24 the title on that is our goals, procedures, and 24 Q. And do you recall, approximately	mantali, whan
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1 policies. 1 you received that?	
2 Q. Is there a separate section called 2 A. Again, beginning around	the beginning
3 goals, or is it all sort of just combined into 3 of the year.	_
4 one thing? 4 Q. The you said that there are	
5 A. It is broken into many sections. I 5 for addressing these in the vegetat	
6 don't believe there is a section called goals. 6 trees. Can you tell me what you m	•
7 Q. In addition to the forestry program 7 A. Currently currently, we're	
8 document, are you aware of any other documents 8 program. We're working toward	
9 produced or established by AEP that covers 9 four-year cycle. In other words,	-
10 forestry issues as far as tree trimming, tree 10 was trimmed last year. It would 11 removal, tree control, vegetation control? 11 trimmed again in 2016. That's or	
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12 A. We have trimming guidelines, which is a 12 action right now. That's our goa 13 single-page overview. 13 working towards right now.	וו נוומנ שט וט
14 Q. What type of things does that cover?	heen on?
15 A. That would cover distances we would like 15 A. It has varied greatly over the	
16 to see cleared from our primary conductors, the 16 Q. Over the last 10 years that ye	-
17 use of herbicides, how aggressive we would be on 17 worked in this position, what cycles	The state of the s
18 tree removals, that type of thing. 18 used for various circuits?	
19 Q. During your employment at AEP, have 19 A. AEP has operated under di	ifferent
20 those trimming guidelines changed? 20 programs over the course of the	1
21 A. No. 21 one of which was a breaker zone	-
22 Q. Any other documents you're aware of that 22 included trimming the breaker zo	· -
23 govern your work? 23 substation to the first isolating -	ľ
24 A. No. 24 isolating device on that circuit.	- 1

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1	type of cycle work we were on.	1	scheduling of work?
2	That's I'm not sure I understand your	2	A. The reliability of all our circuits are
3	question.	3	important to us.
4	Q. I don't know enough to ask it any	4	Q. I understand that.
5	more I'm just trying to find out what you	5	A. Hospital circuits, circuits of that
6	said there were cycles. Your goal is to get	6	nature, are probably patrolled more frequently
7	them to four years. I'm trying to find out what	7	than more outlying circuits.
8	it has been. Presumably it hasn't been on a	8	Q. Looking for issues? I mean, when you
9	four-year cycle or you wouldn't be trying to get	9	say patrolled, what do you mean by patrolled?
10	on a four-year cycle, so I'm trying to find out	10	A. Looking for both hardware issues,
11	what the cycles have been.	11	tree-related issues and so forth.
12	A. They have varied greatly. There have	12	Q. Is there a specific program to patrol
13	been circuits that have been on a four-year, and	13	all of the lines?
14	it just has worked out that way. Other years	14	A. Not on the forestry side.
15	there are portions of that 10 years you're	15	Q. Okay. But do you know whether AEP has
16	speaking of, you know, there are circuits that	16	people whose primary responsibility is or who
17	have certainly gone much longer than that.	17	one of their responsibilities is to specifically
18	Q. Okay. You mentioned the circuit that my	18	patrol looking for hardware or vegetation
19	house is on was trimmed last year. Do you know	19	issues?
20	when it was trimmed previous to that?	20	A. I don't know that.
21	A. Previous trim on your circuit was 2001.	21	Q. Well, you said that some areas would be
22	Q. Okay.	22	patrolled more, so I'm just trying to find out
23	A. There	23	what you meant. I mean, who does the patroling?
24	Q. Go ahead.	24	A. I would say I don't have enough
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1	A. It was also trimmed the breaker zone	1	knowledge to answer that question accurately.
2	program was in operation in 2009, so we trimmed	2	The line may be patrolled by forestry personnel
3	the breaker zone on your circuit in 2009.	3	or by line personnel at varying times.
4	Q. And the breaker zone is the area from	4	Q. Do you ever patrol lines?
5	the substation to the first breaker?	5	A. Yes.
6	A. First reclosure, which on your circuit,	6	 Q. Does somebody call you and say, I want
7	is at the westernmost end of Jewett Road.	7	you to patrol X, Y, and Z, or do you just take
8	In 2009, we also did some hotspot tree	8	it upon yourself to patrol every line in your
9	trimming, and in 2010, we also did some hotspot	9	area, you know, periodically?
10	tree trimming.	10	A. I don't receive direction from anybody
11	Q. What do you mean by hotspot tree trim?	11	to patrol my lines. I patrol on my own
12	A. Portions of that circuit were identified	12	knowledge of my area.
13	as needing to have tree work done, and we sent	13	Q. You're saying if there was an area that
14	crews in to do it.	14	you consider that an outage would cause more
15	Q. When work is planned or scheduled, is	15	damage, then you would patrol that more often;
16	there trimming and tree removal work, is	16	is that true?
17	there consideration given to the risks of a	17	A. Possibly.
18	problem developing in that area? For example,	18	Q. So am I correct that there is not any
19	if you're next to a hospital, does that area get	19	specific program or procedures to patrol lines
20	greater attention than if you're in a country	20	looking for either hardware or vegetation
21	road in Morrow County?	21	problems?
22	A. I'm not sure what you mean by attention.	22	MR. ALAMI: Objection. I think that
23	Q. Does the importance of the circuit	23	question's been asked and answered before.
24	let me use that term factor into the	24	Q. You need to answer.

Page 32 Page 30 1 MR. ALAMI: You can answer. 1 It also incorporates only one circuit. 2 A. Not from the forestry side, other than 2 Q. Okay. Is this the type of map that you 3 3 our cycle trim program. I don't have enough work with on a regular basis? 4 knowledge to answer about the line department 4 A. Yes. 5 5 and what their protocol is on that. Q. I notice there are two pages here. Do 6 Q. Have there been occasions where the 6 you know how the second page ties into the first 7 7 budget presented to you constrained the amount page? 8 of tree or vegetation work that you were able to 8 A. Yes. This is the remainder of the work 9 get done during that year? 9 coming down 315. This ties in right at Jewett 10 A. Our budget is in direct correlation with 10 Road (indicating). 11 the amount of work we get done. Reduced budget Q. Why don't you, if you can, take a pen 11 12 is reduced work. 12 and just mark on there on Page 2 where Jewett 13 Q. So you get the budget and you decide how 13 Road is, just right on there. 14 much work you can do under that budget; is that 14 A. (Indicating). 15 the way it works? 15 Q. I notice that there is some handwritten A. Yes. 16 16 material on the left-hand side of Page 1. Do 17 Q. Are you required periodically to present 17 you know who wrote that? 18 a request for how much you think your budget 18 A. Our planner, the gentleman that planned 19 should be in your area? 19 the circuit, Ty Carpenter. 20 MR. ALAMI: I'll object to this whole 20 Q. Do you know when he wrote that on 21 line of questioning about the budget. I believe 21 there --22 Mr. Lajeunesse stated previously that he 22 A. No. 23 receives a budget from his supervisor, somewhere 23 Q. - at what stage of the process would he 24 around the beginning of the year. And frankly, 24 have written that? Page 33 Page 31 the budget or amount in the budget, I don't 1 A. That's the total tree count for this 2 think, is relevant to this proceeding. 2 circuit. It would be written on there at the 3 3 end of the planning process. You can answer, if you know. Q. Okay. So after he finished the planning 4 Q. You still answer. This is lawyer stuff. 4 5 but before the work was actually done --5 We make objections and stuff for the record. 6 6 But my question is: Do you -- as part A. Yes. 7 7 Q. -- is that what that means? of your job responsibility, do you submit 8 8 something like a request for so much money for And there are four categories listed 9 the next year? 9 there at the top. Could you describe what each A. No. 10 10 of those means to you. 11 Q. Okay. 11 A. Trims is the tree that's scheduled to be 12 -=0=-12 trimmed. Branches trimmed away from conductors. 13 Q. Do you know whether that's an estimate, 13 (Exhibit 1 marked.) 14 -=0=-14 or does he actually count them? A. That is an estimate. 15 BY MR. KELLER: 15 16 16 Q. Let me hand you what's been marked as Q. Okay. Exhibit 1 and ask you if you can identify what 17 A. Brush is any noncompatible tree species 17 18 that document is. 18 coming up underneath our lines. It's a 19 A. This is our one-line map for Circuit 19 tall-growing tree that is now the size of stick 20 3101. 20 and brush. Removals is anything that's marked 21 21 to be removed. DBX are large removals, over 18 Q. When you say one-line map, you mean this 22 covers only one circuit? I'm just trying to 22 inches. 23 23 find out what you meant by that term. Q. On the brush category, is that number 24 24 A. This has all primary conductors on it. 15.7, or 157?

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1	A. 15.7.	1	saying?
2	Q. 15.7?	2	A. Yes.
3	A. Yes.	3	Q. And what are the criteria for removal?
4	Q. So I don't understand. Is that the	4	A. We try to remove trees that are under
5	number of brushes that are being removed?	5	our facilities if they're a tall-growing tree
6	A. Number of units.	6	species. Good tree in a bad spot. Improve
7	Q. What's a unit?	7	safety and reliability on our infrastructure.
8	A. 50 by 10.	8	Q. Is the planner told to mark for removal
9	Q. Okay. 50 by 10?	9	all trees underneath your primary conductors?
10	A. (Nods head.)	10	A. No.
11	Q. But the other ones are indicate	11	Q. So which again, I'm trying to figure
12	individual trees?	12	out, which trees is the planner told to mark for
13	A. Yes.	13	removal versus trimming?
14	Q. Now, the what instructions are given	14	MR. ALAMI: Objection. I think we've
15	to the planners to determine what trees need to	15	had this question now a couple of times, and I
16	be trimmed or removed?	16	believe Mr. Lajeunesse has referred to the AEP
17	A. They work off our AEP forestry	17	policies as the instructions the planners follow
18	guidelines.	18	in determining what trees to either trim or
19	 Q. And is that the forestry program 	19	remove. And I believe, Mr. Keller, you are in
20	document that you indicated?	20	possession of that policy. It was turned over
21	A. Yes.	21	to you
22	Q. And that's a quarter-inch thick?	22	MR. KELLER: That's the 17-page
23	A. Yes.	23	document?
24	Q. Okay. And what are the criteria for	24	MR. ALAMI: I believe so.
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1	removal versus trimming for trees.	1	MR. KELLER: He described it as a
2	A. None other than are stated in that	2	quarter-inch thick.
3	document.	3	THE WITNESS: I also said it was stapled
4	Q. We don't have it here, but, I mean, the	4	and gave you the general title on that document.
5	best of your recollection, what are those	5	MR. ALAMI: That's fine. If you want to
6	what are the criteria?	6	discuss the document, we can discuss the
7	A. Trees would be trimmed if they re within	7	document. But he's referred to it as the
8	10 feet of the conductors.	8	document containing the information responsive
9	Q. By conductors, you mean the lines?	9	to your questions here.
10	A. Primary conductors, that's correct.	10	-=0=- (Fat it it 0 mandard)
11	Q. Again, just to educate myself, you say	11	(Exhibit 2 marked.) -=0=-
12 13	primary conductors. Are there also secondary conductors?	12 13	BY MR. KELLER:
14	A. Yes.	14	Q. Let me show you what's marked as
15	Q. What's the difference?	15	Exhibit 2. Can you identify that document.
16	A. Voltage.	16	A. That's our Forestry Goals, Procedures,
17	Q. So secondary, they go up to a house, for	17	and Guidelines.
18	example?	18	Q. So that's the forestry program document
19	A. That's correct.	19	that you referred to earlier?
20	Q. And the primary is the line that feeds a	20	A. These are our forestry guidelines.
21	number of properties?	21	Q. But is there more to the forestry
22	A. Correct.	22	program document you described earlier, or is
23	Q. Okay. So for primary, it's trim any	23	that it?
24	branches within 10 feet, is that what you're	24	A. This is it.

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1	Q. So this is, to your knowledge, the only	1	Q. So that's part of your job, is to
2	written instructions or guidelines given to the	2	receive reports directly from the planners
3	planner to determine what needs to be trimmed or	3	A. Yes.
4	removed?	4	Q of hazard or danger trees?
5	A. There is also the clearance specs that I	5	A. Yes.
6	mentioned earlier, the single-page clearance	6	Q. And then what do you do when you receive
7	guidelines that I mentioned earlier.	7	such a report?
8	Q. Does that cover removal, as well as	8	A. Go out and inspect the trees. Some
9	trimming?	9	trees don't need to be removed. Some trees can
10	A. It gives the basic guidelines for what	10	be trimmed to make our lines safe. Some trees
11	we're looking for in our right-of-way.	11	don't need to have a thing done to them.
12	Q. What do you refer to that document as,	12	Q. So would that be a situation where the
13	the forestry guidelines?	13	planner was simply wrong, or you have a
14	A. I don't recall what the title is on	14	different conclusion about it than he does?
15	that, if there is one.	15	A. Different conclusion.
16	Q. What do you call it?	16	Q. What type of training do the planners
17	A. Clearance guidelines.	17	have, to the best of your knowledge?
18	Q. Now, referring to Exhibit 2 well, let	18	A. That would vary greatly.
19	me ask you this: Under the clearance	19	Q. Do you know what type of training
20	guidelines, what do you understand it says as to	20	Mr. Carpenter has?
21	when a tree is to be removed?	21	A. I don't.
22	MR. ALAMI: I'll object. I think the	22	Q. Do you know how long he has worked as a
23	document will speak for itself.	23	planner?
24	You can answer the question.	24	A. Approximately two years.
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1 2	A. Again, we target trees for removal that are under our facilities, adjacent to our	1 2	Q. A minute ago, you said that trees would be targeted for removal if they were under your
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1	question or answer.	1	planner, part of his job is to prepare maps
2	Q. When you look at trees for potentially	2	showing where work needs to be done?
3	removal removing them, am I correct that the	3	A. That's correct.
4	area you look at are if a tree is close enough	4	Q. And do they just prepare those maps on a
5	that if it fell, it could affect one of your	5	circuit-by-circuit basis? Let's take Circuit
6	primary lines?	6	3101 in 2012. Is this the map that he would
7	A. We look at trees that have a potential	7	have returned to you?
8	to reach our facilities if they fall.	8	A. This is the cover map. Each number here
9	Q. Okay. And if there is a tree that the	9	represents an individual map that's also turned
10	planner concludes has a potential of damaging	10	in
11	your lines if it falls and if he views that it	11	Q. Okay,
12	is a danger or hazard tree, then he should	12	A at the time.
13	either mark it for removal or contact you; is	13	Q. The numbers you pointed to, 1, 2, 3, et
14	that right?	14	cetera, with the circles around them,
15	A. He needs to first contact that customer.	15	handwritten, do you think Mr. Carpenter would
16	Again, that's part of his process, is to contact	16	have written those numbers on here? Is that
17	that customer, discuss the tree, and mark it for	17	normally the way it occurs?
18	removal, or at least bring it to my attention.	18	A. It happens several ways. Sometimes I
19	Q. In your district, how does a planner	19	make up the map, and sometimes he does. In this
20	physically mark trees, either for trimming or	20	case, I couldn't answer.
21	removal?	21	 Q. So there should be somewhere individual
22	A. With painted dots.	22	maps for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, et cetera, showing the
23	Q. Are there different colors?	23	trees that he marked on there?
24	A. Yes.	24	A. That's correct.
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1 -	Q. What do the colors mean?	1	Q. Do those maps show each individual tree,
2	A. Blue means trim. Red, orange, or pink	2	or just approximate areas where work is needed?
3	means removal.	3	A. Approximate locations.
4	Q. Is there a difference between red,	4	Q. And would you have those maps for this
5	orange, and pink?	5	circuit for 2012?
6	A. No.	6	A. Yes.
7	Q. Do you know when strike that.	7	Q. Other than provide you with those maps,
8	Was Mr. Carpenter the planner for	8	what type of report do you receive back from the
9	Circuit 3101 in 2012?	9	planner after he finishes the circuit?
10	A. Yes.	10	A. There are no other reports associated
11	Q. And do you know when he began that work	11	with the finished map product.
12	and when he completed the work on this circuit?	12	Q. So for Circuit 3101, when Mr. Carpenter
13	A. I believe he began work planning the	13	finished his planning work in 2012, he would
14	circuit the second week of April and finished	14	have returned to you this map, Exhibit 2,
15	somewhere around the third week of May.	15	together with 17 individual maps?
16	Q. Do you know when he was working on 315?	16	MR. ALAMI: Just for clarifying the
17	A. No, I don't. Sometime in that window.	17	record, I believe you meant Exhibit 1.
18	Q. What kind of reports do you receive from	18	MR. KELLER: I'm sorry. Exhibit 1,
19	the planners when they're out there working?	19	thank you.
20	Monthly, weekly, daily, hourly? How does that	20	Q. Is that correct?
21	work?	21	A. That's correct.
22	A. I may receive no reports from them until	22	Q. Okay. Do the individual maps
23	I get the finished maps back in my office.	23	specifically identify removals or DBX trees?
24	Q. Okay. And you're saying that the	24	A. The maps will indicate a count per span,
	a. Okay. And you're saying that the	47	A. The maps will mulcate a count per Span,

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1	pole to pole, the type of work that's needed to	1	find a tree back here that can potentially cause	
2	be done in that span.	2	an outage or accident and you address it, that	
3	Q. Generally, how far apart are the poles?	3	can protect your whole circuit while you're	
4	Is there any standard distance?	4	working on the rest of it. So we work from the	
5	A. No, no standard.	5	sub out to effect the greatest potential of	
6	Q. You indicated that sometimes the planner	6	reliability and safety on that circuit.	
7	marks a tree for removal and you conclude that	7	Q. On a circuit such as 3101, is it	
8	the tree does not need to be removed, correct?	8	engineered so it can be divided into portions,	
9	A. That's correct.	9	so portions of this circuit can have power and	
10	Q. Have there ever been instances where a	10	portions cannot, or is it sort of you're all in	
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	planner failed to mark a tree for removal and	11	or you're all out?	
12	you conclude that it should be removed?	12	A. This circuit has isolating devices on	
13	A. Yes.	13	it. I really couldn't speak to the ability for	
14	Q. So I assume like all of us, they can	14	this circuit to be back-fed from another	
15	make mistakes, the planners.	15	circuit, for example, if there was an outage on	
16	A. They make mistakes. They	16	this portion of that circuit. Sometimes power	
17	Q. Again, let's use Circuit 3101 in 2012.	17	can be back-fed from a different circuit to	
18	After the planner goes out and marks that and	18	energize a portion of that circuit while another	
19	turns the maps back in to you, does anyone else,	19	portion of that circuit is out.	
20	either from the contractor or from AEP, go out	20	THE WITNESS: Would this be a bad time	
21	and check his work?	21	to ask to take a break?	
22	A. The planning process is not inspected	22	MR. KELLER: Any time you want.	
23	prior to having the tree crews do the work.	23	THE WITNESS: Thank you.	
24	Q. So the tree crews are then dispatched to	24	(Recess taken.)	
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1	do the work that the planner tells them to do?	1	MR. KELLER: Can you read back the last	
2	A. Yes.	2	question?	
3	 Q. Do you know, is that what happened on 	3	(Record read as requested.)	
4	Circuit 3101 in 2012?	4	BY MR. KELLER:	
5	A. Yes.	5	Q. Did you have any personal involvement in	
6	 Q. Do you know when the tree crews actually 	6	the planning work for Circuit 3101 in 2012?	
7	did the work on Circuit 3101?	7	A. No.	
8	A. Work began the last week of May, I	8	Q. And when there was an outage on that	
9	believe, and was concluded, except for this	9	circuit in late June, what was your involvement	
10	section from Jewett to Powell Road, the third	10	in the power restoration effort?	
11	last week in week ending the 23rd, I believe,	11	A. Are you asking me to assume that the	
12	of June.	12	outage you're speaking of is the one on 315 that	
13	 Q. Do you know how many different crews 	13	you're familiar with?	
14	worked on this circuit during that time period?	14	Q. Let's talk generally. You were aware	
15	A. No, sir.	15	that there was a storm in late June, and a	
16	Q. Would they would it have been more	16	number of circuits were there were a number	
17	than one crew, generally?	17	of outages, correct?	
18	A. Yes.	18	A. Yes.	
19	Q. Would they generally have started at map	19	Q. What is what was your personal role	
20	point 1 and worked up to 17, or do they start at	20	in responding to that event?	
21	different areas, or how does that generally	21	A. That storm?	
22	work?	22	Q. Yes?	
23	A. Generally, we start at the substation	23	MR. ALAMI: I'll just object; relevance.	
24	and work our way through the circuit. If you	24	You can answer, if you know.	

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	1	A. My job duties during a storm such as the	1	A. That's correct.
	2	one that occurred in late June are to coordinate	2	Q. You just went where the linemen told you
	3	tree crew movements to facilitate restoration	3	you needed to be; is that correct?
1	4	efforts.	4	A. That's correct.
	5	Q. Okay. And were you involved in deciding	5	Q. Did you have any personal involvement in
	6	what locations got attention at any given time,	6	the efforts to restore service to Circuit 3101
ĺ	7	in other words, prioritizing the work, or did	7	in June and July of 2012?
1	8	somebody tell you, here's a list of the outages	8	A. Yes.
	9	we're going to address in this order and then	9	Q. Tell me what that was.
	10	you then dispatched the crews to follow that	10	A. I was on-site as we cleaned up that tree
	11	list of priorities?	11	on 315.
	12	A. During an event such as the storm in	12	Q. Any other involvement prior to that
	13	June, I have no ability to send any tree crew to	13	date?
1	14	any location without a line truck. Conditions	14	A. None other than sending crews to various
I	15	are such that lines are down, poles are down,	15	locations on that circuit, I'm sure.
ı	16	there's all kinds of hazards. So I do not have	16	Q. But you personally weren't were
ı	17	any I do not make any determination as to	17	not you don't recall being out any place else
Į	18	when what job or what outage gets worked.	18	on the circuit during that period of time?
ı	19	Q. At some point in time, you have to	19	A. I really don't recall.
	20	dispatch, I assume, your contractor's crews to a	20	Q. Why were you present when the tree was
ľ	21	certain location, right?	21	removed on 315?
ı	22	A. Yes.	22	A. Because it was brought to my attention,
ı	23	Q. And who tells you what locations you	23	and I just I went there.
ı	24	know, what the priority list is?	24	Q. Just because it was 315?
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ı	1	A. No one tells me what the priority list	1	A. Just because it was we were sending a
ı	2	is. When I need to send a tree crew to a	2	lot of trucks over there, and I wanted to make
ı	3	location, the linemen, most generally speaking,	3	sure everything ran smoothly and no one got hurt
ı	4	come into my office to say, I'm going here today	4	and things were safe when we work. That is a
ı	5	to work on this outage and I need two tree	5	very hazardous stretch of road, I'm sure as
ı	6	crews, who can you get me.	6	you're aware.
ı	7	Q. Okay. And in June and July of 2012,	7	Q. Why do you consider it a hazardous
ı	8	that was generally done by somebody coming into	8	stretch of road?
ı	9	your office?	9	A. Narrow, two-lane, fast-moving vehicles.
ı	10	A. Generally, yes.	10	Q. At that period of time, was the road
l	11	 Q. As opposed to e-mails going around or 	11	open or closed?
۱	12	anything like that?	12	A. That period of time, when we did the
ĺ	13	A. Some linemen have my phone number. They	13	outage, it was closed.
1	14	may phone me in the morning and say, I'm going	14	Q. Would you consider 315 more when
	15	back to this location today, can you send me the	15	there is no traffic on it, to be more dangerous
	16	same crews I had yesterday, or I'm going to this	16	than other two-lane roads in your area?
	17	location, can you send me additional crews.	17	A. More dangerous than some, and not as
	18	Q. How many different linemen would you	18	dangerous as others.
	19	have been contacted by during that period of	19	Q. Again, if there is no traffic, what made
	20	time? I mean, is it three, or 50?	20	that road dangerous for your type of work?
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A. The large amount of trucks showing up at

roadway with a guardrail on one side and a steep

that location, my knowing that it is a narrow

bank on the other. The sheer amount of

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A. Closer to 50.

forestry team; is that correct?

Q. So the prioritizing of the work was done

by the linemen or their bosses, not by the

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1	resources that we were putting towards that	1	A. Yes. That was in the process of being
2	operation, I felt, mandated my presence on that	2	planned. That was a job that was pending.
3	scene.	3	Q. What else was done that day?
4	Q. And what work was done that day when you	4	A. Trees were trimmed the whole section of
5	were out there?	5	road there from Jewett Road, just south of
6	A. The outage was restored, the limb was	6	Powell Road.
7	removed, lines were put back up. We also	7	Q. Per Mr. Carpenter's planning
8	stripped out two phases of line from Jewett Road	8	recommendations?
9	to just south of Powell Road. And we trimmed	9	A. More or less, yes.
10	that whole section, as well.	10	Q. Were there any other trees that had
11	Q. Okay. You sort of lost me on some of	11	fallen across 315 in that section between Jewett
12	those things. Let's go through that list again	12	and Powell Road at that time?
13	of what all was done that day.	13	A. Not that I'm aware.
14	A. So the downed power line was repaired.	14	Q. And what else I think you said there
15	Q. And that was done by an AEP line crew,	15	was a fourth thing that was done that day. You
16	is that what you would	16	removed the tree that had fallen.
17	A. I don't recall who actually what	17	A. Cleaned up the debris on the road. I'm
18	company actually repaired that line.	18	not sure I think we just ended up pushing it
19	Q. But a line crew, not	19	off cleared the road for traffic, for our
20	A. Yes.	20	trucks.
21	Q a forestry crew?	21	Q. But you had to remove the tree that had
22	A. Yes.	22	actually fallen across the line, correct?
23	Q. Okay. And what else was done?	23	A. The part of the tree that fell across
24	A. Prior to us being on that road that day,	24	the line we removed off the roadway.
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1	that was a three-phase line running up that	1	Q. And that was a tree, wasn't it?
2	road, meaning there was three primary conductors	2	A. That was a tree.
3	on those poles from Jewett Road, just south of	3	Q. What do you mean by a portion of a tree?
4	Powell Road. And while that road was shut down,	4	A. The tree in question has three leads
5	we went ahead and removed two of those phases,	5	coming off out of the trunk. That was one of
6	leaving one phase going down 315. That's an	6	those leads.
7	effort to improve reliability in that area,	7	O. And that there are three that
8	improve treeline contact situations, improve	8	essentially came out of the ground? I mean, or
9	safety and reliability.	9	did it split into three 30 feet up in the air,
10	Q. Okay. So there was a three-phase line,	10	or I don't understand what you're saying.
11	and you didn't need a three-phase line, so you	11	A. It's more or less a single trunk at
12	replaced it with a one-phase line?	12	ground level to a certain distance off the
		13	ground, and then it splits off into three
I 13	A. We removed two phases and left one	, ,	
13 14	A. We removed two phases and left one remaining.	E .	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
14	remaining.	14	separate leads.
14 15	remaining. Q. Does that involve actually physically	14 15	separate leads. Q. Okay. And how big around was it, do you
14	remaining. Q. Does that involve actually physically changing one wire for another wire, or do you	14	separate leads.
14 15 16	remaining. Q. Does that involve actually physically	14 15 16	separate leads. Q. Okay. And how big around was it, do you recall it?
14 15 16 17	remaining. Q. Does that involve actually physically changing one wire for another wire, or do you physically leave one in place and remove	14 15 16 17	separate leads. Q. Okay. And how big around was it, do you recall it? A. I don't recall.
14 15 16 17 18	remaining. Q. Does that involve actually physically changing one wire for another wire, or do you physically leave one in place and remove something else?	14 15 16 17 18	separate leads. Q. Okay. And how big around was it, do you recall it? A. I don't recall. Q. Do you recall how long it strike
14 15 16 17 18 19	remaining. Q. Does that involve actually physically changing one wire for another wire, or do you physically leave one in place and remove something else? A. You remove and leave one in place.	14 15 16 17 18 19	separate leads. Q. Okay. And how big around was it, do you recall it? A. I don't recall. Q. Do you recall how long it strike that.
14 15 16 17 18 19 20	remaining. Q. Does that involve actually physically changing one wire for another wire, or do you physically leave one in place and remove something else? A. You remove and leave one in place. Q. Okay. And, again, was that done by the	14 15 16 17 18 19 20	separate leads. Q. Okay. And how big around was it, do you recall it? A. I don't recall. Q. Do you recall how long it strike that. What was the order of the work that was
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	remaining. Q. Does that involve actually physically changing one wire for another wire, or do you physically leave one in place and remove something else? A. You remove and leave one in place. Q. Okay. And, again, was that done by the line crew?	14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	separate leads. Q. Okay. And how big around was it, do you recall it? A. I don't recall. Q. Do you recall how long it strike that. What was the order of the work that was done out there that day? What happened first,
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	remaining. Q. Does that involve actually physically changing one wire for another wire, or do you physically leave one in place and remove something else? A. You remove and leave one in place. Q. Okay. And, again, was that done by the line crew? A. Yes.	14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	separate leads. Q. Okay. And how big around was it, do you recall it? A. I don't recall. Q. Do you recall how long it strike that. What was the order of the work that was done out there that day? What happened first, what happened second, what happened third?

Page 58 Page 60 1 Q. Sure. 1 A. I don't recall the exact number, no. 2 A. I was not there when that tree was 2 Q. More than one, if you recall? 3 3 removed off the roadway. That's why I showed A. Yes, there was more than one. 4 4 some uncertainty in that response. I'm assuming Q. What I'm trying to get at, was the tree 5 my crews did it, but I might be wrong in 5 trimming work done in the same way it would have 6 6 assuming that. been done, but for the storm? 7 7 The order of events that day was pretty A. I would say yes to that, the tree work 8 much simultaneous. Everything was happening 8 was done the same as it would have been, except 9 9 together. The line was being repaired as I for the storm. 10 approached there, we were trimming trees, and 10 Q. By the same number of crews and 11 they were removing phases. 11 everything, or --A. We had more crews on-site during that 12 Q. Do you recall ODOT doing any work out 12 13 there at the same time? 13 storm --14 A. ODOT was present to block the road, I 14 Q. But --15 believe, but I'm not aware of them doing any 15 A. -- than we would have had on a normal 16 extra work out there that day. 16 17 Q. And do you recall how long it took to 17 Q. That particular afternoon, you had more 18 repair the line once the crews arrived? 18 crews on-site, is that what you're saying, or 19 A. Don't recall. 19 just generally in the area, you had more crews? 20 Q. Are there records of something like that 20 A. That's a two-part question. Certainly 21 somewhere that you know of? 21 we have more crews in the area because we were 22 A. The actual repair of that line, I don't 22 in major storm restoration mode. We also had 23 23 know if those records exist or not. more crews on 315 that day than we would have Q. Do you recall how long your crews were 24 24 sent down to do on a normal cycle trim, and we Page 59 Page 61 out there on 315 on that day, that section of trimmed it much more quickly than we would have 2 2 315? in a normal situation, saying that the storm had 3 3 A. I really don't recall how long we were not occurred. We were trying to get it done 4 4 quickly, get it cleaned up and get off the road, there. 5 5 so we threw more resources at it. Q. And did they complete the trimming work 6 that was -- that needed to be done? 6 Q. Do you know why that work on 315 was not done before it was done? 7 A. They completed the work to -- yes, that 7 8 8 A. Yes. We're in the process of was -- that needed to be done at that point in 9 time. 9 coordinating a joint-line department forestry 10 10 approach to addressing that section of road, Q. Was it work that needed to be done with 11 the exception of the removing the tree that had 11 completing the tree trimming, as well as 12 fallen, or the portion of the tree that had 12 completing the line project that we worked on 13 fallen, was that the same work that had been 13 during that storm. 14 planned by Mr. Carpenter previously? 14 Q. Changing the three line out --15 A. Yes, sir. A. I didn't compare the work we were doing 15 16 to the map that Mr. Carpenter had planned. 16 Q. -- for the one phase? 17 Being on-site, I had them trim the trees to our 17 A. Yes. 18 specifications, in general. We didn't want to 18 Q. Who was involved in that coordination 19 spend any more time out there than was 19 process?

A. Myself, Paul Roahrig was one of the

in the line department in the northwest I had

Q. Mr. Roahrig is - what's his job?

discussions with on that.

engineers working on that, several of the folks

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necessary, but we wanted to clear the line as

many tree crews were doing the work out there

Q. And do you recall how many crews -- how

best we could at that point in time.

Page 62 Page 64 1 thought I was taking care of it, and then I 1 A. I believe he's an engineer. 2 2 thought he was taking care of contacting ODOT. Q. Do you know what department at AEP he 3 3 works in? Our crews were not to that location yet anyways. 4 4 We got towards the end of Jewett Road around the A. No, sir, I don't. 5 Q. But was he involved because of the 5 end of June, as it were. 6 6 I can't speak for the line department, changing the three phase to the one phase? 7 7 A. Yes. whether they were ready to do that job yet or 8 Q. When did the discussion occur or begin 8 not. I'm working several circuits at the same 9 9 about planning the work on 315? time, and the line department's working multiple 10 10 jobs at the same time, as well. So it's -- we MR. ALAMI: Sorry to interrupt, but just 11 for clarification, when you say planning the 11 had -- there was a lot of things going on. 12 work, are you referring to the line work, or are 12 Q. The tree or portion of tree that took 13 13 the line out on 315, was that marked for removal you referring to the tree trimming work? 14 MR. KELLER: I'm talking about what he 14 by Mr. Carpenter? 15 15 A. My inspection of that tree following said, that there was a planning to do all of the 16 16 this storm and the filing of this case, I found work they wanted to do on 315. So that's what 17 17 no marks on that tree. I'm referring to. 18 A. Sometime in early April, I believe, was 18 Q. But of all the trees along 315, that was 19 the first coordinated discussion on that, or 19 the only one that really fell, right, during 20 20 initial discussions on that. that storm? 21 A. Of all of the trees along 315 from 21 Q. Okay. Who was in charge of that 22 22 Jewett Road to Powell Road -coordination? 23 A. There were discussions between Paul and 23 24 24 A. -- that was the only tree that fell myself, or at least communications that he had a Page 63 Page 65 line project and I had a forestry project. during that storm that I'm aware of. 1 2 2 Q. Do you know why that particular tree There was no one in charge of the discussions. 3 3 fell and the other trees didn't? Q. Was that done by e-mail or by phone, 4 4 ог --A. No. sir. 5 5 A. Some e-mail and some phone. Q. Is it possible that that tree was 6 Q. Okay. So do you know why that work was 6 diseased or had some other problem and should 7 not done before the storm hit? 7 have been marked for removal? 8 A. Again, we were trying to coordinate a --8 A. The tree most likely was in decline, the 9 make a coordinated effort to get out there and 9 portion that fell, of what I witnessed. The 10 10 do that work to eliminate either multiple-road fact that the tree was not marked didn't bother 11 closures or interaction with the public on that 11 me. In an ideal situation, walking through 12 12 someone's back yard, easy access and so forth, I as far as -- I can't think of the word, but 13 trying to eliminate our effects to traffic and 13 think it would have been an easy try to identify 14 so forth on that road. It made sense to try to 14 and mark. In that situation, and the way that 15 do it in one combined effort than to do it 15 our program operates, I don't feel that the 16 multiple times. 16 issue that the tree was not marked was a -- was 17 Q. Because it's a busy, heavily traveled 17 of any concern. 18 road? 18 The planning process is only one step in 19 19 the program. Once the tree crews arrive on A. Yes. Yes, sir. 20 20 Q. Okay. But what was -- if you started in scene on any planned work, anywhere that we 21 21 early April, what was the problem in getting work, they often will remove trees or trim trees 22 22 that done before the end of June? that have not been marked by the planner. They 23 23 A. I don't think there was a problem. It also may not trim trees or remove trees that 24 was in the process. I think for a while, he 24 have been marked by the planner. So the tree

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1	crews are the second step in our process. Our	1	Q. I'm just well, humor me.	
2	work is also audited, both by myself, by an	2	A. A tree in decline that has the potential	
3	outside auditing company, and by the Public	3	to take down our lines should be either marked	
4	Utilities Commission, following our you know,	4	for removal or picked up by the line crews, or	
5	following our completed work.	5	picked up in an audit situation following our	
6	So the fact that that tree wasn't	6	work.	
7	marked, in my opinion, is not of concern to me.	7	Q. Okay. The audit reports, you said those	
8	Q So you're saying your tree crews might	8	are done by AEP, and also by the PUCO, and there	I
9	have removed that section of tree when they got	9	was a third auditing group?	I
10	out there, even though it wasn't marked?	10	A. We have an outside company called ACRT	ļ
11	A. That is correct.	11	that audits spot audits our work.	
12	Q. And are you positive that it was not	12	 Q. How often does the outside group audit, 	
13	marked?	13	like, your geographic area?	200
14	A. In my inspection, I saw no marks on that	14	A. Once or twice a quarter.	
15	tree.	15	Q. Calendar quarter?	
16	Q. Had the tree been cut up by the time you	16	A. Yes, sir.	l
17	got out there?	17	Q. And do they submit written reports	20.00
18	A. It was off to the side of the road	18	written audit reports?	
19	because trucks were moving through there. I did	19	A. Yes.	
20	not inspect it.	20	Q. Are those in your possession?	
21	Q. Did you turn it over or anything?	21	A. Most of those are, yes.	
22	A. I did not inspect that.	22	Q. For the last couple of years?	
23	Q. You did not inspect the tree?	23	A. Yes.	
24	A. No.	24	Q. The internal reports by AEP, who does	
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1	Q. So it could have been marked and you	1	that work?	
2	just didn't see the mark?	2	A. I do that work.	200
3	A. I can't answer that. I don't know the	3	Q. And do you submit a written audit report	
4	answer to that.	4	to someone?	1
5	Q. What I understand you're saying is you	5	A. No. When I my audits are	
6	did not see a mark, but do you recall	6	self-driven. They're not in any format.	1425473
7	specifically looking for a mark on that tree?	7	Q. Do you keep notes?	
8	A. I'm not sure I understand your question.	8	A. No.	-C 078
9	I did not look for a mark on the branch that was	9	Q. Do you find that it's more common that	10000
10	on the ground across 315.	10	the planners mark too many trees, or too few	
11	Q. That was my question.	11	trees?	200
12	A. I did not look for a mark on that	12	A. I would say neither is more common.	
13	branch.	13	Q. Some of each?	
14	Q. So it may have been marked, may not have	14	A. That would be a true statement.	ľ
15	been marked?	15	 Q. And what about the outside company, 	ŀ
16	A. I don't know.	16	what would you say that they more often	j
17	Q. Okay. And if the tree was likely in a	17	indicate that too many trees were marked for	
18	state of decline, it's at least possible that it	18	trimming and removal, or not enough?	
19	should have been marked for removal by	19	A. They're judging us to our line clearance	
20	Mr. Carpenter; is that correct?	20	efforts. They're not going to say that too many	
21	MR. ALAMI: Objection; assumes facts not	21	have been trimmed. In other words, they're not	1
22	in evidence.	22	going to tell us we have too great of clearance	×
23	You can answer.	23	from our facilities. They're going to tell us	
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1	A. He's currently working with Sara	1	30 hours for the week, for planning Circuit
2	Jackson, who is an AEP employee, out of the	2	3101. He's charged us for his computer and his
3	northeast garage. Columbus, northeast garage.	3	pickup truck for those hours.
4	Q. Who did you say he is working with?	4	Q. What's the length of Circuit 3101?
5	A. Sara Jackson.	5	A. I believe it's 9.6 miles.
6	Q. Who is that?	6	Q. Okay. And the next sheet, which ends in
7	A. That's an AEP forester.	7	5421, what does that show?
8	Q. Similar position to you, just in a	8	A. The same basic information, except he
9	different district?	9	turned in 40 hours for that week. He's also
10	A. Yes, sir.	10	turning in planned units on these time sheets,
11	Q. Do you know why he's working in that	11	which I'm not familiar with, because my planners
12	district and not yours?	12	don't do that. Typically Sara must have him do
13	A. That's where he's been stationed. When	13	that in her area.
14	he came to work with me, he was helping us out.	14	Q. What's a planned unit?
15	Q. Do you know why he was temporarily	15	A. Down at the bottom here, he's turned in
16	working for you?	16	170 planned units for 30 hours of work.
17	A. Because we needed more work planners at	17	Q. What's a planned unit?
18	that point in time.	18	A. Tree trim or removal or unit of brush.
19	Q. Your district as opposed to other	19	Q. Okay. So when it says there, for
20	districts?	20	example, on Monday, on Page 5423, 80, the
21	A. My specific area of coverage. It	21	number see the number 80 down there?
22	happens very frequently.	22	A. Yes, sir.
23	Q. So people move around?	23	Q. What does that represent?
24	A. Shifting of resources where needed.	24	A. That represents 80 units planned for
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1	-=0=-	1	that day.
2	(Exhibit 4 marked.)	2	Q. What's that mean?
3	-=0=-	3	A. 80 units, 80 trees.
4	BY MR. KELLER:	4	Q. 80 trees?
5	Q. Let me ask you to look at what's marked	5	A. 80 trims, 80 removals, 80 combination
6	as Exhibit 4 and tell me if you can identify	6	of any of the above.
7	those documents, please.	7	Q. So when you add all those up, it should
8	A. Looking at Exhibit 4, these are time	8	come up with the 1800 that's shown on Exhibit 1
9	sheets for Ty Carpenter.	9	here?
10	Q. What type of work does this relate to?	10	A. More or less. These numbers are not
11	A. This these are his time sheets for	11	these are not set in stone. These could very
12	planning of Circuit 3101.	12	well be rough estimates of his work for that
13	 Q. So just the top sheet, what period of 	13	week. It's not something we judge him on, nor
14	time does this cover?	14	do we hold him to as far as his accuracy of his
15	A. If you're referring to 665223 or	15	planned units.
16	5423	16	Q. But that doesn't represent additional
17	Q. Yes.	17	work he did, that's just based on his 10 hours
18	A this would be week ending 5/19, 2012.	18	of work that day, he figured there were 80 trees
19	Q. What information can you get off this	19	or bushes or something that need some attention;
20	one sheet that you just referred to, ending in	20	is that what you're saying?
21	423, about what Mr. Carpenter was doing during	21	A. Correct.
22	this time?	22	Q. So Exhibit 4 consists of six pages; is
23	A. He's turning in 10 hours for Monday, 10	23	that correct?
24	hours for Tuesday, and 10 hours for Wednesday,	24	A. Yes.

Page 78 Page 80 1 Q. All dealing with Circuit 3101? 1 A. I'm not sure I understand that question. 2 2 A. Yes. Q. What I took from your previous answer is 3 3 that if you have two trees of a similar type and Q. What's your experience about how long it 4 4 takes to plan the work on a mile of line? condition, one is located in proximity to a 5 5 A. There is no one answer to that. It single-phase line and one is in proximity to a 6 6 three-phase line, that you would be more could vary greatly. 7 Q. Do they physically walk this, or do they 7 inclined to remove the tree which is in 8 drive it, or how is the planning work done? 8 proximity to a three-phase line than the tree 9 A. They walk every span of line. 9 that's in proximity to a single-phase line. 10 Q. Let's talk about tree removals. Are the 10 A. We aggressively seek removals on all of 11 standards for what trees should be removed 11 our facilities. We may or may not be more aggressive on that removal on a three-phase. 12 different depending on where that tree is 12 13 13 Q. Okay. So criteria is the type of located and what the possible result would be if 14 it fell? 14 distribution line that can be affected if that 15 A. We seek out removals more aggressively 15 tree fell, correct? 16 on three-phase line, higher priority lines, 16 A. Correct. 17 higher voltage lines. 17 Q. What other factors would go into whether 18 Q. Why is that, just because those lines 18 a tree is removed or not? 19 are more valuable to the company? 19 A. The type of tree it is, species of tree 20 A. It is affecting -- it has the ability to 20 it is, the tree's condition, where it is in 21 affect -- it is a better spend of our resources. 21 proximity to our facilities, would be some of 22 It is a better -- you can affect more customers 22 the factors that go into play there. 23 by removing that tree than you would on a 23 Q. I'm trying to find out what other 24 single-phase line, for example, or secondary 24 factors would go -- would influence your Page 79 Page 81 1 line. 1 decision if you were the one making the decision 2 Q. Generally speaking, does a three-phase 2 whether a tree should be removed or not. 3 line serve more customers than a single phase 3 MR. ALAMI: Objection. I think 4 line, to your knowledge? 4 Mr. Lajeunesse answered the question, which I 5 5 A. That would vary. believe has been asked at least twice now. 6 Q. Okay. So I understand that there is --6 But you can answer again. 7 correct me if I'm wrong, but I'm paraphrasing --7 A. Again, I would restate my previous but it's -- it is worth more to the company to 8 8 answer, that I look at the species of tree, the 9 protect a three-phase line than a one-phase 9 condition of the tree, and its proximity to our 10 line, is that what you're saying? 10 facilities. 11 MR. ALAMI: Objection; assumes facts not 11 Q. And those are the only factors that you 12 in evidence. 12 look at in whether a tree should be removed? 13 Q. How would you explain that again? 13 A. I believe that's correct. 14 A. That -- I don't believe that's what I 14 Q. What are some types of trees that you 15 said. I think removals are sought on 15 consider are more likely to need removal? I 16 three-phase lines because we have the ability to 16 assume shallow-rooted trees. A. Are you referring to a danger tree, or a 17 affect more customers' reliability than we would 17 18 on a single-phase line. 18 tree that I'm seeking to remove underneath our 19 Q. What other factors affect the -- strike 19 facilities that's a live, growing tree? 20 that. 20 Q. Let's talk about danger trees or hazard 21 So you do recognize that the standard 21 trees.

A. Hazard trees. We look at -- I would

look at the lean of the tree, the condition of

the tree, and how -- and it's proximity to our

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factors other than simply the condition of the

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1	facilities.	1	Q. Is he in the forestry department?
2	Q. Okay. But not the species of the tree?	2	A. No.
3	A. Species of the tree is in there, also.	3	Q. How about Tim Flaherty?
4	Q. What would be some species that would be	4	A. I know Tim.
5	more risky?	5	Q. Do you know what he does?
6	A. If you walk down our lines today, it is	6	A. I don't.
7	the ash trees.	7	Q. Tony Dicenzo, do you know him?
8	Q. Because those are dying and	8	A. Probably to look at him.
9	A. We know those are dying, and we have an	9	Q. Does he work with you in forestry at
10	aggressive program in place right now to address	10	all?
11	those trees.	11	A. None of those individuals that you've
12	Q. What are some other common species in	12	mentioned work in the forestry department.
13	central Ohio that you consider higher risk	13	Q. How about Grady West?
14	trees?	14	A. No, sir.
15	MR. ALAMI: Relevance; objection.	15	Q. Would they have control over the I
16	You can answer, if you know.	16	think what you called the line crews, the guys
17	A. Each tree is different. You can't	17	that fix the power lines?
18	really pick a species and say they're more	18	A. Cliff manages line operations at the
19	likely to fail than any other tree. If the tree	19	northwest garage.
20	is dead or diseased or dying, no matter what	20	Q. Did you work with him on the storm
21	type of tree it is	21	restoration process?
22	Q. Well, a minute ago you said that the	22	A. We all work together during storm
23	species of tree was one of the criteria you're	23	restoration. It is all hands on deck.
24	looking at. I'm trying to find out what	24	Everybody does everything they can to assist
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1	species.	1	with the restoration.
2	A. When I stated that, I was referring to a	2	Q. In June 2012, he was one of the people
3	live tree, growing under our facilities. I	3	that you worked with?
4	thought you were talking about ones removed.	4	A. He was in our offices while we were
5	When I'm looking at the live trees under our	5	working, yes.
6	facilities, and we're talking about sycamore	6	Q. Does he work generally work out of
7	versus fir tree, the sycamore I am much more	7	the same office you work in?
8	likely to seek removal on than the fir tree.	8	A. Same building in northwest.
9	Q. That's fair.	9	Q. I've heard of something referred to as
10	Does the fact that a tree would fall	10	AEP's vegetation control policy. Are you
11	across a busy state highway make it more likely	11	familiar with that phrase?
12	that a tree should be removed as opposed to a	12	A. I've heard that.
13	tree that would fall across a township road?	13	Q. What do you understand that phrase to
14.	A. That has no bearing on what we do as far	14	refer to?
15	as protecting the lines.	15	A. It refers, I believe, to all of the
16	Q. So the goal is protect your lines?	16	policies we have in place as far as controlling
17	A. We're a utility company.	17	our vegetation around our power lines.
18	Q. Do you know a Cliff Moritz?	18	Any documents included in that, other
19	A. Yes.	19	than what we've talked about here today?
20	Q. What is his position?	20	A. Not that I'm aware of.
21	A. He's the manager at northwest Columbus,	21	Q. Who have you discussed this legal
22	SDS, I believe what they call him, his title.	22	proceeding with, other than your lawyers?
23	Q. Do you know what SDS stands for?	23	A. I don't think I've discussed this
24	A. I should, but I don't.	24	proceeding with anybody except my lawyers.

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- Q. Do you know how soon after AEP arrived on 315 between Jewett and Powell Road that the service was restored -- the electric service was restored?
 - A. I do not.

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- Q. Would you -- I mean, a day, an hour, or what do you recall, or do you not know when the service actually is restored?
- A. I don't know when the service is actually restored.
 - Q. That's all right.

I may have asked this, but you said you did not have any contact with AEP about repairs to that line on 315 after the storm?

- A. I don't understand that question.
- Q. That was not a good question.

After the June 2012 storm hit, do you recall any direct communications with ODOT or any of its officials that you had concerning the tree that had fallen or the power line that had fallen on 315 between Jewett and Powell Road?

- A. I had no communications with ODOT.
- 23 Q. Were you aware that ODOT had stationed 24 trucks on both sides of that fallen tree for the

Q. Is there anything else about the

- situation involving the fallen tree and power line on 315 between Jewett and Powell Road that
- 3 4 you feel you have knowledge of that we have not 5
 - talked about here today?
 - A. No. sir.
 - Q. Do you recall what species of tree it was that you saw had fallen?
 - A. I believe it was a cherry tree.
 - Q. That section of 315, you're familiar with that section of road?
 - A. Yes, sir.
 - Q. Let me just ask you generally in your life, how often do you drive that section of road?
 - A. Not very often because of traffic congestion.
 - Q. As infrequently as possible, I assume.
 - A. Pretty much.
- 20 Q. The electric lines are on one side of 21 the road, not both sides of the road?
 - A. That's not correct. They begin on the, I believe, west side of the road and jump to the east side of the road.

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- 1 week after the storm?
 - A. I became aware of it.
 - Q. How did you become aware of that?
 - A. I don't recall.
 - Q. Do you recall when you became aware of it?
 - A. No. I don't.
 - Q. Were you ever involved in any discussions about any degree of urgency to reopen 315 after the June 2012 storm?

MR. ALAMI: I'll object. I think Mr. Lajeunesse has indicated he didn't have any conversations with ODOT. So to the extent your last question, Mr. Keller --

MR, KELLER: I'm not limiting this to discussion with ODOT. I meant internal discussions about any urgency to get that road reopened.

MR. ALAMI: I'm sorry.

You can answer, if you know.

- A. At this point in time, I don't recall any discussions on that situation up on 315.
 - Q. Prior to actually going out there?
 - A. Prior to actually going out there, yeah.

- Q. As you go north?
- A. As you go north from Jewett Road.
- Q. But at any given point, they're only on one side of the road, right?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. And would the planner only look to examine or mark trees on the side of the road where the power line is, or would he look at both sides of the road?
- A. Again, taking into consideration this is a very hazardous area to even be out of the car walking down and examining any trees in this stretch of road, typically they would examine trees on both sides of the road in a situation like that.
- Q. Okav. Your answer confuses me. This is a more difficult area for the planner to work in than if he were working on a quieter road, that's the first part of what you're saying?
 - A. Correct.
- Q. Now, because this is a more difficult area to work in, would that mean that -- why would that mean that he would mark both sides of the road?

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1	A. In an area such as this, he would be	1 be more than five minutes, if that, but if we		
2	more likely to mark the trees directly	2	can just take a minute.	
3	underneath the power lines and not address the	3	MR. KELLER: Sure.	
4	trees on the other side of the road.	4	(Recess taken.)	
5	Q. Oh. So he would be more likely to only	5	MR. ALAMI: No questions. Thank you.	
6	mark one side of the road, not two sides of the	6	MR. NOURSE: We will review signature.	
7	road?	7	-=O=-	
8	A. (Nods head.)	8	Thereupon, the testimony of April 3,	
9	Q. That, I understand.	9	2013, was concluded at 11:12 a.m.	
10	A. Yes.	10	-=0=-	
11	Q. Do you know whether that's what	11		
12	Mr. Carpenter did when he marked that section of	12		
13	315?	13		
14	A. I don't know.	14		
15	Q. Okay. Do you know what width easement	15		
16	AEP has in that section of 315?	16		
17	A. No, I don't.	17		
18	Q. Is that ever an issue that you get	18		
19	involved in, actually defining the boundaries of	19		
20	your company's easement?	20		
21	A. Ido.	21		
22	Q. Tell me how you get involved in that	22		
23	type of issue.	23		
24	A. Most typically and it has occurred	24		
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1	frequently in this area we're discussing because	1 2	CERTIFICATE STATE OF OHIO :	
2	it is a very we tend to get a lot of kickback	_	SS:	
3	from our customers as far as us even being out	3 4	COUNTY OF FRANKLIN: I, Sara S. Clark, RPR, CRR, CCP, CBC,	
4	doing necessary tree work to clear our lines.	5	a Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio, duly commissioned and qualified, do hereby	
5	But typically, I would approach our	-	certify that the within-named STEVEN M.	
6	right-of-way agents with a request for an	6	LAJEUNESSE was first duly sworn to testify to the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the	
7	easement on certain property because that	7	truth in the cause aforesaid; that the testimony	
8	customer has refused us the ability to come on	8	then given was reduced to stenotypy in the presence of said witness, afterwards	
9	that property to do our work. So we look up our	9	transcribed; that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the testimony; that this	
10	easements, we take that to the customer and	10	deposition was taken at the time and place in	
11	attempt to be able to do the work that we need	11	the foregoing caption specified. I do further certify that I am not a	
12	to do to provide safe, reliable service.	12	relative, employee or attorney of any of the parties hereto; that I am not a relative or	
13	Q. Does that occur more when you're working	13	employee of any attorney or counsel employed by	
14	outside of a road right-of-way?		the parties hereto; that I am n ot financially interested in the action; and further, I am not,	
15	A. I can't answer that.	14	nor is the court reporting firm with which I am affiliated, under contract as defined in Civil	
16	Q. Do you have any idea what the easement	15 16	Rule 28(D). In witness whereof, I have hereunto	
17	width is in the area where the tree fell on 315?		set my hand and affixed my seal of office at	
18 19	A. No, sir.	17	Columbus, Ohio, on this 16th day of April, 2013.	
	MR. KELLER: I don't have any other	18	Olgitally signed by Sara S. Clark	
20 21	questions. Thank you for your time.	19 20	Sara S. Clark Olicons as S. Clark Confederation (S. Confederation of Confe	
22	THE WITNESS: Thank you.	21 22	Oate: 2013.04.16 10:15:05 -64/00° Sara S. Clark, RPR, CRR, CCP, CBC	
23	MR. ALAMI: At this time, if we could		Notary Public, State of Ohio.	
24	take a minute to see if there is any necessary follow-up questions. I don't think there will	23	My commission expires: March 10, 2018	
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