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- 1 PROCEEDINGS
- 2 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: At my right is Sam Hunter from
- 3 Sikeston, Frank Shorney from Lees Summit, and Jan
- 4 Tupper from Joplin, Todd Parnell will be
- 5 participating on the phone. He's from Springfield.
- 6 And Bill Easley is from Cassville.
- 7 And on my left is Earl Pabst the acting director
- 8 of staff for the Commission and the Water
- 9 Protection Program and also deputy director of the
- 10 Division of Environmental Quality, next is Jennifer
- 11 Frazier the legal counsel to the Commission and
- 12 Malinda Overhoff, secretary to the Commission.
- 13 So I want to take -- thank each of you for
- 14 taking time to come to the meeting today and we'll
- 15 begin with the hearing --
- 16 MR. PABST: Mr. Chairman?
- 17 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Yes.
- 18 MR. PABST: If I may, I'd like to also recognize, I
- 19 believe, Davis Minton is here who is from the
- 20 director's office, Department director's office and
- 21 Gary Gaines our regional director from Southeast
- 22 Regional Office is here and maybe perhaps some of
- 23 Gary's staff as well.
- 24 MR. GARY GAINES: Thank you, Earl. Let me introduce
- 25 Tim Mattingly our staff person from our Madison

- 1 County Satellite Office in Fredericktown.
- 2 MR. PABST: Thanks, Gary.
- 3 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Okay. Thank -- thank you for
- 4 coming. Todd, are you on the phone?
- 5 (No response.)
- 6 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: I don't guess he's gotten on yet.
- 7 We'll begin with Tab No. 1 as a public hearing
- 8 on proposed rulemaking 10 CSR 20-6.010, Construction
- 9 and Operating Permits. The Commission will begin the
- 10 public hearing on the proposed amendment to 10 CSR
- 11 20-6.010, Construction and Operating Permits.
- 12 These rule changes were published for public
- 13 comment in the Missouri Register, Volume 34, Number
- 14 8, on April 15th, 2008. The purpose of this public
- 15 hearing is to provide the Department opportunity to
- 16 present testimony and to provide an opportunity for
- 17 the public to provide comments on this proposed
- 18 rulemaking.
- 19 The public hearing is not a forum for debate or
- 20 resolution of issues. The Commissions asks that
- 21 those commenting limit their testimony to five
- 22 minutes and not to repeat that -- not repeat comments
- 23 that have already been made.
- 24 The Commission will first hear testimony from
- 25 the Department following the Department's testimony

- 1 the Commission will give the public an opportunity to
- 2 comment. We ask that all individuals present fill
- 3 out an attendance card so our records are complete.
- 4 If you wish to present verbal testimony, please,
- 5 indicate that on your attendance card.
- 6 The Commission is holding this hearing to assist
- 7 the public in commenting on the proposed rulemaking.
- 8 The public comment period will close on July 8th,
- 9 2009, at 5:00 p.m.
- 10 When you come forward to present testimony,
- 11 please, speak into the microphone and begin by
- 12 identifying yourself to the court reporter. I'd ask
- 13 the court reporter to swear in those wishing to give
- 14 testimony. All those, please stand.
- 15 (Public Hearing heard in regards to Proposed
- 16 Amendment 10 CSR 20-6.010, Construction and Operating
- 17 Permits, presented by John Rustige, Permits and
- 18 Engineering, transcribed by Ms. Wanda Greenlee of
- 19 Midwest Litigation Services, 3095 Lexington, Suite
- 20 300, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, 63701. Transcript of
- 21 the public hearing proceedings will be found in a
- 22 separate transcript provided by Ms. Wanda Greenlee.)
- 23 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: The Commission will receive
- 24 written testimony on these -- these proposed rule
- 25 changes until 5:00 p.m. on July 8th, 2009. You may

- 1 submit this written testimony to John Rustige,
- 2 Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water
- 3 Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City,
- 4 Missouri prior to that deadline.
- 5 On behalf of the Commission I thank everyone who
- 6 has participated in this process. This hearing is
- 7 now closed.
- 8 Okay.
- 9 We'll move to **Tab No.2**; is another public
- 10 hearing. The Commission will begin a public hearing
- 11 on proposed rule changes to the storm water
- 12 regulations in 10 CSR 20-4.061. These rule changes
- 13 were published for comment in the Missouri Register,
- 14 Volume 34, Number 8, on April 15th, 2009.
- The purpose of this public hearing is to provide
- 16 the Department opportunity to present testimony and
- 17 to provide both the Department and the public the
- 18 opportunity to comment on this proposed rulemaking.
- 19 The public hearing is not a forum for debate or
- 20 resolution of issues. The Commission asks that the
- 21 testimony be brief and to the point. The Commission
- 22 will first hear testimony from the Department following the
- 23 Department's testimony the Commission will give the
- 24 public an opportunity to comment.
- 25 We ask that all individuals present -- present

- 1 fill out an attendance card so our records are
- 2 complete. If you wish to present verbal testimony,
- 3 please, indicate that on your attendance card.
- 4 The Commission is holding this hearing to assist
- 5 the public on commenting on the proposed rulemaking.
- 6 Public comment period will close on July 8th, 2009, at
- 7 5:00 p.m. When you come forward to present
- 8 testimony, please, speak into the microphone and
- 9 begin by indentifying yourself to the court reporter.
- 10 The court reporter will now swear in, anyone
- 11 wishing to testify at this public hearing before the
- 12 Clean Water Commission, today. All those wishing to
- 13 provide testimony, please, stand.
- 14 (Public Hearing in regards to Propose Amendments 10
- 15 CSR 20-4.061, Storm Water Grant and Loan Regulations,
- 16 Joe Boland, Financial Assistance Center, transcribed
- 17 by Ms. Wanda Greenlee of Midwest Litigation Services,
- 18 3095 Lexington, Suite 300, Cape Girardeau, Missouri,
- 19 63701. Transcript of the public hearing proceedings
- 20 will be found in a separate transcript provided by
- 21 Ms. Wanda Greenlee.)
- 22 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: The Commission will receive
- 23 written testimony on these proposed rule changes
- 24 until 5:00 p.m. on July 8th, 2009. You may submit
- 25 this written testimony Richard A. Harris, Missouri

- 1 Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection
- 2 Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri,
- 3 prior to that deadline.
- 4 On behalf of the Commission I thank everyone who
- 5 has participated in this process. This hearing is
- 6 now closed.
- 7 Okay. Next on the agenda is **Tab No. 3**, the
- 8 minutes from the last meeting. I'd entertain a
- 9 motion for approval of the minutes. That was the
- 10 **June 10th, 2009**, meeting.
- 11 COMMISSIONER HUNTER: I move the minutes be
- 12 approved.
- 13 COMMISSIONER EASLEY: Second.
- 14 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Malinda, you want to take the
- 15 vote?
- 16 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Easley?
- 17 COMMISSIONER EASLEY: Yes.
- 18 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Shorney?
- 19 COMMISSIONER SHORNEY: Yes.
- 20 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Tupper?
- 21 COMMISSIONER TUPPER: Yes.
- 22 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Parnell?
- 23 (No response.)
- 24 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Hunter?
- 25 COMMISSIONER HUNTER: Yes.

- 1 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Chair Hardecke?
- 2 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Yes.
- 3 Okay. **Tab No. 4.**
- 4 MR. JOHN HOKE: Thank you, Chairman Hardecke. Good
- 5 morning. My name is John Hoke. I'm a unit chief in
- 6 the Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Section.
- 7 I'm pleased to present to you, this morning, the
- 8 details of the efforts of the Department on the
- 9 State's Water Quality Standard Rule at 10 CSR 20-
- 10 7.031 and to go over comments and responses that --
- 11 to the draft rule that was published in the
- 12 Missouri Register on March 2nd 2009.
- 13 There's a public comment period that ensued, the
- 14 Department received 52 comments, which is a
- 15 correction from what's in your packet. We missed one
- 16 and we received those comments from 14 sources, which
- 17 was one less and that is also in your packet. One of
- 18 the commenter's was counted twice in that count, so -
- 19 -
- 20 A public hearing was held on May 6th, 2009, to
- 21 gather more comments and then the public comment
- 22 period ended on May 13th, 2009. What I'd like to do
- 23 today is briefly go through the ten comments that
- 24 resulted in changes to the rule that was published in the
- 25 Missouri Register -- as well as the comment -- as well as the

- 1 Department's responses to those comments.
- 2 And at the end I'll be happy to answer any
- 3 questions that you may have and ask for your
- 4 approval for the final order of rulemaking for staff
- 5 to file that with the Secretary State's Office and
- 6 the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.
- 7 If you turn to Page 41 in your
- 8 packet, Comment No. 8, on ammonia criteria; the
- 9 United States Environmental Protection Agency both in
- 10 writing and at the public hearing made a comment to
- 11 the effect that the ammonia criteria that the Department
- 12 was proposing in the rule were based on
- 13 criteria that was formulated back in 1999 by the EPA
- 14 and that they were in consultation with the Fish and
- 15 Wildlife Service to revise that criteria because it
- 16 was determined that the criteria were not protective
- 17 of sensitive mussel species in riverine
- 18 systems.
- 19 They issued a memo to all states that were
- 20 implementing or planning on adopting this criteria
- 21 recommending that they wait to implement or adopt
- 22 this criteria until such time as EPA and Fish and
- 23 Wildlife Service came up with a new criteria.
- 24 So as a result of that comment the Department's
- 25 withdrawing its proposed revisions on the ammonia criteria

- 1 and removing that section from the rule and reverting
- 2 back to what was originally in the rule prior to
- 3 these changes.
- 4 The second comment that resulted in changes on
- 5 Page 42, Comment 12; the EPA submitted a number of
- 6 comments on recreational designated use changes that
- 7 the Department was proposing. This is one of a few -
- 8 of a few comments that they had. They had a
- 9 general comment about -- on the data that were collected
- 10 for the UAAs. Predominately when the Department
- 11 consider recreational UAAs, we consider data that was
- 12 gathered using the protocol that was approved by the
- 13 Commission in 2007, which was a very structured and
- 14 scientific approach to gathering that depth data.
- 15 EPAs comment, though, was that because the
- 16 criteria in the Recreational Use Attainability
- 17 Protocol contains a maximum depth criterion that all
- 18 data that was collected, provided it was collected on
- 19 the right conditions provided was collected in a
- 20 structured manner, should be considered and they
- 21 named about 16 water bodies, I believe, that had
- 22 maximum depth did -- depth data that was greater than
- 23 1 meter.
- 24 So in response to that comment the Department
- 25 went back and looked at those 16 waters and kind of

- 1 had litmus test of going through and looking
- 2 at those waters in determining whether or not those
- 3 data were, Number one, collected in a scientific
- 4 manner meaning it was a measured value not an
- 5 observed value from say like bridge crossings or
- 6 something of that nature.
- 7 That the -- that the measurement was collected
- 8 during appropriate conditions meaning base flow
- 9 conditions in the water not during high flows, not
- 10 during -- or after rainfall events. And checking
- 11 that rain- -- checking the rainfall events that were
- 12 provided in the UAA to make sure that they were
- 13 accurate and we went back and reviewed not only NOAA
- 14 Data but the National Climatic Data Center to make
- 15 sure the precipitation numbers were right.
- And then to make sure, thirdly, that the
- 17 location was not taken at a hydrologic anomaly
- 18 meaning behind a beaver dam or someplace like that
- 19 where it was a temporary pooling of water that might
- 20 have been a meter but then after the next storm event
- 21 it would be washed out and moved down.
- 22 After reviewing that data the Department
- 23 determined that 13 of those water body segments had
- 24 depth during those surveys that were sufficient to
- 25 attain whole body contact so we're recommending that

- 1 the whole body contact use be added back to those
- 2 water bodies.
- 3 For those -- it met the criteria, the
- 4 depth was -- the depth data were measured, it was
- 5 during a base flow condition, it was not immediately
- 6 after a rainfall event that would elevate the
- 7 -- the water body and it was not collected in a place
- 8 where it was anomalous for the water body segment as
- 9 a whole.
- 10 Three of those water bodies though we did look
- 11 at the data and we affirmed our conclusion that
- 12 the data were not -- were representative that we had
- in the later surveys that the data collected during
- 14 the earlier surveys was not representative. So we
- 15 affirmed our recommendation to remove the use for
- 16 those -- for those water bodies where we thought that
- 17 the data didn't bare it out.
- 18 The second comment from EPA is Comment No. 15 on
- 19 Page 44. There were a number of waters that EPA said
- 20 that the UAs failed to successfully rebut the
- 21 presumption of a swimmable water body based on
- 22 the data collected. A number of these waters were
- 23 actually waters that were included in the previous
- 24 comment meaning that they had depth readings greater
- 25 than a meter and that we had failed to look at those

- 1 for Use Attainment.
- 2 So a number of those waters kind of fell in the
- 3 same category as the previous comment and so since we
- 4 already done the analysis that was an easy comment to
- 5 reconcile and we recommend it where the data
- 6 was appropriate that the depth was met and the use
- 7 use be restored.
- 8 There were a few waters, however, where we did
- 9 not have enough data to successfully rebut the
- 10 presumption and under the Clean Water Act it's a
- 11 rebuttal presumption so it must be applied until it's
- 12 rebutted by a structured scientific assessment called
- 13 a UAA. We did restore the whole body contact use a
- 14 default to those water bodies. However, we do have
- 15 UAAs that were conducted on those waters and we do
- 16 have data in-house that will review and analyze for
- 17 those waters where we restored that default use. And
- 18 any changes as a result of those UAAs would be
- 19 forthcoming in the next triennial review of the Water
- 20 Quality Standards.
- 21 EPA's next comment is Comment No. 16 on Page 45.
- 22 There are a number of waters where EPA required some
- 23 clarification for the Department to substantiate the
- 24 removal of whole body contact. The clarification
- 25 usually had to do with how the protocol was used in

- 1 making that determination for that water or how the
- 2 data were collected.
- 3 We re-visited a lot of those -- those
- 4 recreational UAs for those waters and when we felt
- 5 there was sufficient information to confirm our
- 6 recommendation we provided a ration- -- rational for
- 7 EPAs consideration. However, were we felt sufficient
- 8 information existed to revise the recommendation, we
- 9 also did that. And those waters are listed
- 10 in that table.
- 11 Comments No. 19 and 20 on Page 48. Both deal
- 12 with Maline Creek in St. Louis City and St. Louis
- 13 County. We received two comments on that water body,
- 14 one, was from Washington University, Environmental
- 15 Law Clinic on behalf of the Grace Settlement
- 16 House asking that we look at depth data from the
- 17 2005/2006 surveys 'cause it had a meter depth.
- 18 This was one of the water bodies that EPA asked
- 19 us to look at and we did confirm that it had the --
- 20 the sufficient depth for whole body contact and
- 21 recommended adding the whole body contact to that
- 22 water body.
- We also received a comment from the St. Louis
- 24 Metropolitan Sewer District that indicated there was
- 25 a lower-water dam on Maline Creek down towards the

- 1 mouth that, basically, hydrologically modified the
- 2 water such that below the dam it was sheet flow
- 3 water. It did not obtain depths in any of the
- 4 surveys that were taken back in '05/'06 and
- 5 subsequent to that did not contain the depth
- 6 sufficient for whole body contact.
- 7 And MSD's recommendation was to remove whole
- 8 body contact from that -- below that low-water dam
- 9 but have whole body contact above the dam where it
- 10 was -- was attaining the whole body contact depth.
- 11 So in essence the Department sub-segment that water
- 12 body.
- 13 We reviewed all the data and -- and that
- 14 conclusion bared out so what we're recommending in
- 15 the rule is whole body contact and secondary contact
- 16 recreation above that low-water dam and only
- 17 secondary contact below -- down from the low-water
- 18 dam down to the -- down to the mouth. We fill the
- 19 data bares that out and it's in accordance with the -
- 20 with the UA protocol.
- 21 Lastly, on the UAAs at the end of Comment No. 24
- 22 on Page 50; it's kind of summary table of all the
- 23 changes that were made as a result of the Use
- 24 Attainability Analysis. In addition to those
- 25 comments received by EPA and -- and Wash U, there

- were a couple comments received from the public
- 2 during the public notice of the
- 3 proposed rule. And we restored whole body contact
- 4 based on comments of existing use on Raccoon Creek in
- 5 Grundy County and Wolf Creek right here in Cape
- 6 Girardeau County.
- We had comments that we substantiated via staff
- 8 following up with all of the comments that were made
- 9 and confirming that those uses do actually exist. So
- 10 we are recommending that those whole body contact
- 11 uses be added.
- 12 The next comment is Comment No. 25 on Page 51.
- 13 Site specific DO criteria for West Fork Sni-A-Bar and
- 14 Sni-A-Bar creeks, the Department's been working with
- 15 EPA and the City of Blue Springs on the site specific
- 16 criteria for this water body. The City of Blue
- 17 Springs revised their petition for site specific DO
- 18 criteria and requested a number of changes that are
- 19 detailed on Page 51.
- 20 The Department accepts those suggested
- 21 revisions and made them to Table K in the proposed
- 22 rule. In addition the Department, as a kind of
- 23 response, indicates remove the proposed sites to the
- 24 criteria for West Fork Sni-A-Bar as this segment is
- 25 above the point where effluent from the City of Blue

- 1 Springs facility would enter. So we didn't -- we
- 2 felt that that site specific criteria was not needed
- 3 in that -- for that part of the segment.
- 4 There were a number of comments that
- 5 kind of take up some space in the Commission packet
- 6 on nutrient criteria from the Environmental --
- 7 Environmental Protection Agency. After reviewing
- 8 these comments and after providing responses it's the
- 9 staff's belief that these comments from EPA were not
- 10 a challenge to the criteria that are proposed
- 11 in the advanced rule -- or the proposed rule. Sorry.
- 12 But rather that the comments were more of a
- 13 clarification and more of a documentation for their
- 14 administrative records so that when they act upon the
- 15 rule they'll have a complete record of the
- 16 Department's rational and justification for the
- 17 processes and the procedures in the criteria that
- 18 we're proposing.
- 19 So we felt that wasn't a challenge to the
- 20 veracity of our -- of our work, but more for their
- 21 purposes to document how we got to where we got on
- 22 this criteria.
- 23 Specifically, however, we did receive a comment
- 24 from EPA, Comment No. 45 on Page 65; total
- 25 phosphorous criteria contributory arms of major

- 1 reservoirs. An early version of this table, Table N,
- 2 was inadvertently included in the proposed rule that
- 3 had values that had not been calculated or
- 4 substantiated. So we replaced this earlier version
- 5 with one that only includes criteria for reservoirs
- 6 where sufficient data were available to calculate
- 7 total phosphorous criteria. So that table
- 8 is shortened significantly down to only Lake of the
- 9 Ozarks and Table Rock Lake.
- 10 However, as more data become available for other
- 11 reservoirs we will consider that data and modify
- 12 those -- include new criteria for those reservoirs in
- 13 subsequent triennial reviews of the Water Quality
- 14 Standards.
- The last comment that changed the rule
- 16 was Comment No. 50 on Page 67; data requirements for
- 17 calculating nutrient concentration. EPA comments
- 18 regarding the minimum data requirements for actually
- 19 calculating nutrient concentrations for total
- 20 phosphorous, total nitrogen and chlorophyll in
- 21 reservoirs. In particular, the requirement in the
- 22 proposed rule that four consecutive years of data be
- 23 used to calculate those criteria. The Department re-
- 24 wrote that portion of the rule to state that four
- 25 years of data required but not necessarily from

- 1 consecutive years.
- 2 The revision also clarified that the data must
- 3 be representative meaning if there were older data
- 4 there were to be included in the analysis the
- 5 Department would analyze that data to make sure that
- 6 it was still relevant for calculation of the
- 7 criteria.
- 8 Those are the ten comments that changed the
- 9 proposed rule that went on -- went into the Missouri
- 10 Register as -- in light of those changes the
- 11 Department went back and investigated whether
- 12 the additional costs particularly for the Use
- 13 Attainability Analyses where whole body contact
- 14 recreation would be added to water bodies where
- 15 previously it had not had it, whether that would
- 16 change the fiscal note that was included with the
- 17 Regulatory Impact Report for the proposed rule.
- 18 We went back and ran calculations on those water
- 19 bodies that have facilities that would now to
- 20 disinfect as a result of that change in the rule.
- 21 Using the same methodology we used to calculate the
- 22 fiscal impact for the RIR and what we found was the
- 23 cost was less than 10 percent for both -- for both
- 24 the public and private facilities and so
- 25 because it was less than 10 percent the Department

- 1 does not feel we need to go back and re-visit that
- 2 Regulatory Impact Report. So the estimates were
- 3 within 10 percent.
- I have a copy of a memo to a file with those --
- 5 with those figures that -- that Malinda can
- 6 hand out.
- We did after that after the Commission packets
- 8 went out, so I apologize for the -- for the delay in
- 9 getting this to you. But it basically summarizes all
- 10 of the water bodies where the changes were made and
- 11 for those where whole body contact was added. Some
- 12 calculations on cost of insulation and disinfection,
- 13 both, chlorination and ultra-violent, yearly
- 14 operation and maintenance costs as well as testing
- 15 costs. And the analysis that demonstrates that for
- 16 both the public and private fiscal side the
- 17 costs would not be more than 10 percent of the total
- 18 costs proposed in the Regulatory Impact Report that
- 19 you have seen previously.
- 20 And with that I would be happy to answer any
- 21 questions you may have on any comments we received or
- 22 the revised fiscal note.
- 23 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Anyone have any questions?
- 24 (No response.)
- 25 MR. JOHN HOKE: If there are no -- if there are no

- 1 questions, I would like to again recommend that the
- 2 Commission adopt the order of rulemaking to Amendment
- 3 10 CSR 20-7.031 of the Water Quality Standards and
- 4 direct the Department to file that with the
- 5 Secretary of State's Office and the Joint Commission
- 6 (sic) -- Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.
- 7 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Have you had time to look over
- 8 the additional data here and any questions on that?
- 9 COMMISSIONER SHORNEY: John, would you mind just reviewing
- 10 the costs again.
- 11 MR. JOHN HOKE: Sure.
- 12 COMMISSIONER SHORNEY: Just so everybody kind of knows
- 13 where we're headed on this thing.
- 14 MR. JOHN HOKE: Okay. This memorandum in the file
- June 12th, 2009, was -- basically the comments we
- 16 received through the public notice of the proposed
- 17 rule, we made some recommended designated use changes
- 18 to some waters in Table H of the Water Quality
- 19 Standards. For the Regulatory Impact Report we
- 20 focused on those waters where we were adding whole
- 21 body contact to waters that previously had not been
- 22 included in the Regulatory -- previous Regulatory
- 23 Impact Report. So these are the additional costs as
- 24 a result of these new use changes.
- 25 And then we went back and used the methodology

- 1 and the bench marks that we used to determine the impact for
- 2 the Regulatory Impact Report. So we used the same
- 3 methodology that we used previously to
- 4 calculate the costs.
- 5 And the updates for propose- -- proposed mend- -
- 6 amendment will cost public entities about 4.2
- 7 million in aggregate for construction and -- of waste
- 8 water treatment system upgrades, and an additional
- 9 1.4 million approximately in aggregate for system
- 10 operation, maintenance and reporting.
- 11 In regards to the original estimate, the updates to the
- 12 proposed amendment recommend a 1.3% increase in construction
- 13 costs and a 4.9% increase in operation and maintenance on the
- 14 public side. On the private side it will cost private entities
- 15 due to the additional whole body contact about 402,000 roughly in
- 16 aggregate for construction of wastewater treatment facilities and
- 17 282,000 roughly for operation and maintenance for those facilities.
- 18 In regards to the original estimate that increase for construction
- 19 is also a 1.3% increase which is the same essentially as the
- 20 public increase was for the construction but for operation and
- 21 maintenance it was a 7.1% increase over the original estimates, so
- 22 in aggregate all of those values both summed and collectively are
- 23 less than 10% of the overall original costs proposed in the
- 24 Regulatory Impact that you saw at previous Commission meetings.
- 25 And the calculations are the 2^{nd} attachment to that. Overall

- 1 there was a total of 40 facilities both public and private that
- 2 would be affected that are included in those costs numbers.
- 3 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Any other questions or -- we have
- 4 two cards. John Lodderhose.
- 5 MR. JOHN HOKE: Thank you.
- 6 MR. JOHN LODDERHOSE: Chairman Hardecke, thank you.
- 7 I'm John Lodderhose, the Assistant Director of
- 8 Engineering for the Metropolitan St. Louis District.
- 9 Just one quick comment this morning; I wanted to
- 10 express my support of classifying the lower River Des
- 11 Peres for secondary contact recreation. MEC Water
- 12 Resources on behalf of the MSD performed a UAA back
- in 2005 and it did show there is no existing or
- 14 attainable whole body contact recreational uses.
- 15 There's been numerous public comment periods since
- 16 2005, there's no indication that there's an existing
- 17 use in that lower part of River Des Peres.
- 18 EPA has already approved removing whole body contact
- 19 recreation from the lower two-and-a-half miles and
- 20 DNR's adding another 3.7 miles for secondary contact
- 21 and EPA did not comment removing whole body contact
- 22 in that new section. So, I think, everything's
- 23 cleared for this to -- to be approved for EPA.
- 24 Glad to answer any questions.
- 25 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Thank you.

- 1 MR. JOHN LODDERHOSE: Thank you.
- 2 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Curtis Zell.
- 3 MR. CHRIS ZELL: Yes. My name is Chris Zell with MEC
- 4 Water Resources --
- 5 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: I'm sorry.
- 6 MR. CHRIS ZELL: Well, that's fine. That's fine.
- 7 And I just wanted to go ahead and support John
- 8 Lodderhose's comments regarding the River Des Peres
- 9 UAA determination made by the Department.
- 10 If you have any questions from me regarding the
- 11 data collection I would be glad to address those.
- 12 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Any questions?
- 13 (No response.)
- 14 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Thank you.
- 15 MR. CHRIS ZELL: All right. Thank you very much.
- 16 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Phil?
- 17 MR. PHIL WALSACK: Good morning, Commissioners. Phil
- 18 Walsack, Missouri Public Utility Alliance. In light
- 19 of the fact that there's a new memo to the file MPUA
- 20 would love to see that memo and -- and make comment
- 21 on it. I understand fully that the Department
- 22 doesn't believe that the costs rise significantly but
- 23 we'd love to -- to take a look at that data and --
- 24 and have a second set of eyes look at that.
- I appreciate it. Thank you very much.

- 1 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Thank you.
- 2 (Laughter.)
- 3 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Where's your card?
- 4 MR. ROBERT BRUNDAGE: It got lost in the shuffle.
- 5 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Oh. Okay.
- 6 MR. ROBERT BRUNDAGE: Mr. Chairman, members of the
- 7 Commission, I'm Robert Brundage. I represent the
- 8 City of Moberly and I wanted to express my
- 9 disappointment concerning the designation of whole
- 10 body contact for Sweet Spring Creek. Back in -- and
- 11 I think, John, reminded me it was 2005 when we first
- 12 did the -- the rulemaking on designating whole body
- 13 contact and at the time the City of Moberly had
- 14 conducted a UAA on Sweet Spring Creek which flows off
- 15 the west side of Moberly in Randolph County and
- 16 eventually empties into east fork of the Chariton
- 17 River after 10 or 15 miles.
- 18 That UAA showed that there was -- there was
- 19 depths no greater than about 1 foot, 4 inches or so,
- 20 something like that. And, therefore, the Department
- 21 of Natural Resources agreed that whole body contact
- 22 was not attainable and recommended removing or not
- 23 applying the use at the time.
- 24 However, due to a -- just a -- an oversight the
- 25 little X in the box in the regulations was left for

- 1 Sweet Spring Creek instead of being erased like the
- 2 Department said in their -- in their remarks that it
- 3 shouldn't be there, but it accidently got in there.
- 4 So after that whole body contact was applied to
- 5 Sweet Spring Creek even though the UAA, at the time,
- 6 said it wasn't supposed to be. So I ask that that be
- 7 fixed in the next triennial review, which is what
- 8 we're doing here today.
- 9 Subsequently EPA hired a contractor named
- 10 Picket, Ray & Silver who conducted a UAA in October
- 11 of 2007. I think that's correct? Yes. And at the
- 12 very last site before it empties into the East Fork
- 13 Locust Creek their data shows that there was a pool
- 14 that had a depth greater than 1 meter. And
- 15 apparently EPA pointed that out to DNR, DNR on Page
- 16 45, I think, of -- in your briefing document. I have
- 17 46 --
- 18 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Forty-six?
- 19 MR. ROBERT BRUNDAGE: Forty-six about a third of the
- 20 way down, Sweet Spring Creek talks about Site 7 had
- 21 sufficient depth. So apparently and EPA contractor
- 22 subsequently out of, I guess, their very last site
- 23 before the creek emptied into East Fork Locust Creek
- 24 found 1 meter.
- 25 I couldn't recall the process but John -- I was

- 1 talking to John and he reminds me that apparently --
- 2 you know, even if one site, even at the very bottom
- 3 of a stream before it -- before a confluence of the
- 4 next stream exceeds 1 meter then we're going to go
- 5 all the way back upstream to the very head waters and
- 6 call it whole body contact.
- 7 Now, the City of Moberly is way up at the head
- 8 waters. And I was looking at the map that's in the
- 9 EPA UAA and I was just eyeballing this thing so this
- 10 -- but it looked liked it was 7 to 10 miles maybe
- 11 from the City of Moberly down to this site where
- 12 apparently more than 1 meter of water was located.
- 13 And I'm looking at the map here and it's about maybe
- 14 a half a mile before it empties into East Fork Little
- 15 Chariton River.
- So this is a situation where if that's -- that's
- 17 what the rules are, I guess, that's what the rules
- 18 are. But it's -- to me it's an inequity to call this
- 19 whole stream whole body contact when there's been at
- 20 least two or three UAAs done and only one location
- 21 found a pool greater than 1 meter. And it's very
- 22 disappointing that we're at this -- this point where
- 23 I don't know if you have any other options and -- and
- 24 -- you know, John Hoke, and the other Department
- 25 staff may want to respond to that, but I just wanted

- 1 to point the kind of history of just one kind of case
- 2 study and where -- and how things can fall out with
- 3 this protocol that we have where in my mind it's
- 4 probably not a just result to apply whole body
- 5 contact to this stream, so --
- 6 That concludes my remarks.
- 7 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Do you want to respond, John?
- 8 (No response.)
- 9 MR. ROBERT BRUNDAGE: Oh. I forgot.
- 10 (Laughter.)
- 11 MR. ROBERT BRUNDAGE: Sorry. I did want to say
- 12 something. The EPA UAA said that within 10 days
- 13 prior there was 4.29 inches of rain in the watershed.
- 14 John tells me that they've checked upon that
- 15 subsequently and found out that it wasn't that much
- 16 and I trust he's telling me the truth, but it makes
- 17 you wonder about the contractor trying to report 4.29
- 18 inches. And if it's supposed to be at base flow
- 19 conditions; are we really sure it was base flow
- 20 conditions?
- On Page 46 or whatever, it says that from
- 22 looking at the photos it appears to be at base flow
- 23 condition, but do we really know the base flow
- 24 condition. I don't know if we know that or not
- 25 'cause if it wasn't then we shouldn't take into

- 1 account these readings if there was some kind of
- 2 rainfall where it was above base flow conditions at
- 3 the date that the data was collected.
- 4 MR. JOHN HOKE: Thank you.
- 5 After discussions with Robert, earlier this
- 6 morning, I kind of did some fact checking. The --
- 7 the 2005 UAA that was conducted by the City of
- 8 Moberly was done prior to adoption by the
- 9 Commission of the structure in Scientific
- 10 Recreational UAA Protocol.
- 11 So back in 2007 we sent -- the Department
- 12 contracted with Pickett, Ray & Silver who's an
- 13 engineering firm, one of many, that we hire to do
- 14 these UAAs to go out an investigate waters that EPA
- 15 wanted us to take a closer look at or that facilities
- 16 wanted us to take a closer look at.
- 17 In 2007 they went out and surveyed and did find
- 18 at that last site, as Robert mentioned, there was a
- 19 depth greater than a meter. But they also reported
- 20 that there was over 4 inches of rain in the watershed
- 21 prior to that survey. Well, that usually raises red
- 22 flags when we do these reviews so I had staff
- 23 especially for this -- in these instances where EPA
- 24 makes comments to go back and review that data.
- 25 They found that greater than 4 inches of rain

- 1 was an error. They usually get a precipitation
- 2 station that was not within the correct watershed.
- 3 When we looked at the NOAH data and the National
- 4 Climatic Data Center data the City of Moberly in that
- 5 area didn't even receive 4 inches of the whole month
- 6 of October, which is when the survey was done.
- 7 It was actually more on the -- on level three
- 8 and in the 10 days prior it was less than about six-
- 9 tenths of an inch and none of that was before the
- 10 survey was -- two or three days before the survey was
- 11 taken.
- 12 So that means -- for that particular stream
- 13 there was -- was sufficient time after than rain, for
- 14 that stream to come back down to base flow
- 15 conditions. And looking at the photographs, what
- 16 they tend to look for, in addition to training the
- 17 field staff when they go out to look for these
- 18 things, they make sure that the water's not turbid,
- 19 which would indicate storm water runoff influence.
- 20 They look at how the channel looks. If there's
- 21 emerging vegetation in the channel that's a pretty
- 22 good indication that there probably hasn't been a
- 23 rain in a while otherwise it would be flattened,
- 24 covered with mud, covered with silt that sort of
- 25 thing.

- 1 So looking at the photos we get a pretty good
- 2 idea of -- if that is indeed representative of base
- 3 flow conditions. But because of that -- that
- 4 recording of greater than 4 inches, we wanted to take
- 5 another look. So in 2008 we actually contracted with
- 6 -- I think, it was a different firm. We went back
- 7 and looked at Sweet Spring Creek again with a separate
- 8 survey --
- 9 (TAPE ONE, SIDE A CONCLUDED.)
- 10 MR. JOHN HOKE: -- a number of locations upstream
- 11 closer to the City of Moberly in that segment.
- 12 So we feel the data that was collected -- after
- 13 seeing that second set of data feel the data that was
- 14 collected during the 2007 is representative as well
- 15 as giving some confirmation to the -- to the
- 16 recommendation that there is depth sufficient in that
- 17 creek to -- to meet the whole body contract criteria
- 18 as spelled out in the recreational protocol.
- 19 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: So you're saying in the 2008 UAA;
- 20 was it an official UAA that was done then?
- 21 MR. JOHN HOKE: Yes.
- 22 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: You found more than the one hole?
- 23 MR. JOHN HOKE: They found more than just that site.
- 24 That site had depth but there are a number of sites
- 25 upstream from that that actually had depth of greater

- 1 than 1 meter as well.
- 2 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: How many?
- 3 MR. JOHN HOKE: I might have -- I took some notes
- 4 from staff. Right. The 2007 UAA, which had the 1
- 5 meter was -- was deemed inconclusive by the
- 6 Department because of that, like, I said that -- that
- 7 rain figure so we went back out and re-surveyed it.
- 8 I don't have the exact sites, but usually where you
- 9 have a bridge crossing your -- your measurements are
- 10 going to be pretty close to where the previous sites
- 11 were taken. Whereas, in the 2007 survey there was
- 12 just that one, most downstream site.
- 13 Follow-up in 2008 had a meter at Site 5, a
- 14 meter at Site 4, a meter at Site 3 and this is going
- 15 -- all going back upstream towards the city. And
- 16 then at Site 1 there was a meter depth as well.
- 17 This classified segment starts actually about
- 18 five miles downstream from the City of Moberly's
- 19 outfalls that drain to Sweet Springs Creek. So it's
- 20 a sufficient ways -- ways down from that.
- 21 COMMISSIONER SHORNEY: Do you know where Site 1 was?
- 22 MR. JOHN HOKE: Because I kind of did this real
- 23 quick, I can't confirm the exact same Site 1, but
- 24 Site 1's the upper most site; the number from
- 25 upstream to downstream, one to however many. So I

- 1 can't confirm it's the most upper one. Is it exactly
- 2 at the same Site 1 from the previous survey, I can't
- 3 say for sure.
- 4 COMMISSIONER TUPPER: Segment is five miles long?
- 5 MR. JOHN HOKE: The segment's roughly about -- I
- 6 think, it's 11 miles along. That's what in my review sheet
- 7 here.
- 8 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: So you say the City of Moberly is
- 9 5 miles above the 11 mile segment?
- 10 MR. JOHN HOKE: Yes, sir, roughly.
- 11 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Any other questions?
- 12 MR. ROBERT BRUNDAGE: I just want to say that -- I
- 13 didn't talk to you about this third UAA. That's not
- 14 because I'm trying to hide anything. When I reviewed
- 15 the Department's webpage, I don't think it was on
- 16 there so I didn't know about it. So I haven't had a
- 17 chance to look at it.
- 18 And as far as I know it's not part of the
- 19 administrative rulemaking record if it wasn't on the
- 20 webpage. So I don't even know if you can consider it
- 21 or not.
- 22 Plus, in the write-up here on Page 46 of your
- 23 briefing document there's -- there's no mention of
- 24 this third UAA or no analysis of it. So I -- I
- 25 simply didn't know about. And I don't know if you

- 1 can even consider it just from a legal standpoint.
- 2 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Did you want to say something
- 3 else, Phil?
- 4 MR. PHIL WALSACK: Good morning, Phil Walsack, with
- 5 Missouri Public Utility Alliance. I am looking at
- 6 the memo from June the 12th that was included into the
- 7 DNR file set. I don't see the 25 percent contingency
- 8 that is listed on Page 514 and 515 of our briefing
- 9 packets included in those numbers.
- 10 And as you would understand, that I represent
- 11 municipal utilities and any costs that are associated
- 12 with municipal utilities are important to me and
- important to them, 120 members or so, but I don't see
- 14 that contingency number in there and I'd like an
- 15 opportunity to discuss that with the -- the
- 16 Department.
- 17 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Now, run that by again.
- 18 MR. PHIL WALSACK: There's a 25 percent contingency
- 19 in the Regulatory Impact Report, for example, I just
- 20 happen to be looking at one line here, UV light and
- 21 we come down to a 25 percent contingency factor
- 22 that's added. And I don't see that in the memo dated
- 23 June the 12th.
- 24 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Is that in this --
- 25 MR. PHIL WALSACK: It is. It's on page -- the one

- 1 I'm specifically I'm talking is on Page 515. Oh,
- 2 'bout a third of the way down the page.
- 3 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: You got different numbers than we
- 4 do.
- 5 MR. PHIL WALSACK: Oh. I'm sorry. I didn't realize
- 6 that.
- 7 So on yours it would be Page 311, I believe.
- 8 Mine our double numbered here.
- 9 I'm not sure that that affects the overall 10
- 10 percent number. It would seem to me that it does
- 11 not, but that's something of interest to municipal
- 12 utilities.
- 13 Thank you.
- 14 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Does anybody have any questions
- 15 about that?
- 16 (No response.)
- 17 COMMISSIONER SHORNEY: Could you --
- 18 MR. JOHN HOKE: Yes.
- 19 COMMISSIONER SHORNEY: Could you comment?
- 20 MR. JOHN HOKE: Oh. Yeah. This was -- when we did
- 21 the revised fiscal cost we just did a straight up
- 22 cost. We didn't do the 25 percent contingency cost
- 23 for that, but 25 percent of 1.3 percent is not going
- 24 to be a whole lot. It's going to be half -- a
- 25 quarter of a percent if that. And it wouldn't bump

- 1 any of those individual estimates above the 10
- 2 percent.
- 3 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Okay. Any other comments on this
- 4 section?
- 5 (No response.)
- 6 COMMISSIONER SHORNEY: Well, it seems like even if
- 7 you threw out the 2008 data for technical reasons. Still
- 8 we have an incidence of over a meter depth, don't we?
- 9 And if you put the 2000 data and maybe it wasn't
- 10 properly presented there was what three or four sites
- 11 --
- 12 COMMISSIONER HUNTER: At least four.
- 13 COMMISSIONER SHORNEY: Four?
- 14 MR. JOHN HOKE: Yeah. It's at least four. And we
- 15 did that, not just to confirm that 1 meter down
- 16 low was not just an aberration is was a result of a -
- 17 we looked at it and considered it to kind of give
- 18 it -- to get a look at. And we were looking for was there an
- 19 opportunity to sub-segment this segment -- you know,
- 20 to sort of provide some relief, you know, if it
- 21 indeed it was really dry all the way up and it was
- just that one could we sub-segment to offer some
- 23 relief. So we looked at the new data to say, well,
- 24 if we looked at this during the next rulemaking when
- 25 we make a different decision and the fact that -- you

- 1 know, there were three or four sites above that site
- 2 that had the depth. We wouldn't have made it -- been
- 3 able -- wouldn't have been able to sub-segment and so
- 4 we felt that, you know, retaining whole body contact
- 5 on the segment was appropriate.
- 6 COMMISSIONER SHORNEY: I was going to ask that
- 7 question. Segmenting does -- does not make sense,
- 8 then? Could you repeat, why?
- 9 MR. JOHN HOKE: Right. When we looked at the 2008
- 10 data we were looking -- would there -- would there be
- 11 an opportunity to sub-segment meaning divide that
- 12 segment and have whole body contact only on a portion
- 13 of it. Perhaps, you know, have whole body contact
- 14 start at Site 7 and just go down to the mouth.
- 15 So to confirm that that site was not kind of an
- 16 outlier and to con- -- to see if we could sub-segment
- 17 we looked at this new data that we gathered and
- 18 because of the new data from 2008 showed depth
- 19 greater than a meter at more than one site, we felt
- 20 there was not an opportunity to sub-segment and it
- 21 also confirmed our -- our recommendation that -- that
- 22 whole body contact be placed on that water body,
- 23 based on that data.
- 24 So while the data on its own could stand to have
- 25 whole body contact for -- based on the 2007 UAA,

- 1 after staff reviewed it, the additional data helps us
- 2 confirm that, the recommendation.
- 3 COMMISSIONER TUPPER: It seems to me that if we were
- 4 using the new data to classify would be one thing and
- 5 all were doing is using it to retain the
- 6 classification that was already there.
- 7 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Does somebody wish to make a
- 8 motion?
- 9 COMMISSIONER SHORNEY: Mr. President, I move the
- 10 Commission adopt the order of rulemaking for Water
- 11 Quality Standards approving the changes made as a
- 12 result of public comment and the Department file the
- 13 order with the Joint Committee on Administrative
- 14 Rules and the Secretary of State.
- 15 COMMISSIONER HUNTER: Second.
- 16 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Malinda, take the vote, please.
- 17 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Shorney?
- 18 COMMISSIONER SHORNEY: Yes.
- 19 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Tupper?
- 20 COMMISSIONER TUPPER: Yes.
- 21 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Did Commissioner Parnell ever
- 22 --
- 23 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Todd are you on the phone?
- 24 (No response.)
- 25 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Hunter?

- 1 COMMISSIONER HUNTER: Yes.
- 2 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Easley?
- 3 COMMISSIONER EASLEY: Yes.
- 4 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Chair Hardecke?
- 5 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Yes.
- 6 MR. JOHN HOKE: Thank you.
- 7 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Thank you.
- 8 Okay. We'll move to **Tab No. 5.** And it's --
- 9 MR. JOHN RUSTIGE: Okay.
- 10 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: John?
- 11 MR. JOHN RUSTIGE: I'm here to summarize the comments
- 12 and responses for 10 CSR 20-6.200, Storm Water
- 13 Regulations can be found at Tab No. 5, Page 325 of
- 14 the briefing document.
- 15 The purpose of -- of this amendment is to align
- 16 the state rule with the federal rule and avoid
- 17 mandating municipal separate storm sewer systems or
- 18 MS4 requirements to non-urban areas with population
- 19 density less than 1,000 people per square mile. And
- 20 this is being accomplished by correcting the
- 21 definition of a regulated MS4 to exclude low
- 22 population density, non-urban geographies that really
- 23 aren't intended to be part of the Program.
- 24 Boone County was the only entity to provide
- 25 written comments and testimony on the proposed

- 1 amendment. Boone County has a county-wide Storm
- 2 Water Program in addition to their county-wide MS4
- 3 Permit. Boone County has a stream buffer ordinance.
- 4 And I also understand that they have another proposed
- 5 storm water ordinance. Boone County was not in
- 6 support of the rule correction because under the
- 7 proposed definition change they believe that their --
- 8 their county-wide approach would be limited to a
- 9 very small area, the urbanized area just outside of
- 10 Columbia or Centralia.
- 11 Boone County commented that the -- the
- 12 federal definition and therefore the proposed amend-
- 13 -- definition in the proposed amendment is really
- 14 sort of a poor way of structuring the boundaries of
- 15 an MS4 Program.
- Relying on a census that defines an urbanized
- 17 area and relying on the census for population data,
- 18 density data creates the potential for boundaries
- 19 that can change over time and also can create
- 20 individual tracts that are regulated while
- 21 neighboring geographies wouldn't be.
- Boone County also commented that they have over
- 23 50 square miles of land that is currently outside the
- 24 urbanized area, but is zoned for urban density
- 25 development. Located in Boone County are two streams

- 1 Hinkson and Grindstone Creeks that have water quality
- 2 impairments that are impacted by urbanization and
- 3 TMDLs are being developed for these streams. And the
- 4 county also has state resource waters included the
- 5 Bonne Femme and Little Bonne Femme watersheds.
- 6 In their comments Boone County made a strong
- 7 case that a county-wide program is needed for them to
- 8 protect -- to protect these waters and make the
- 9 Program workable from sort of a practical standpoint.
- 10 But if the definition isn't changed then we really
- 11 haven't solved the problem for the other eight -- 38
- 12 counties in the state that -- that we've identified
- 13 that really should be excluded from the Program.
- 14 So, based on Boone County's comments on this
- 15 rule correction the Department decided to specially
- 16 designate Boone County as a regulated MS4 under a
- separate provision in the rule under sub-Paragraph 1(C)
- 18 24(b). And that special designation of Boone County
- 19 in its entirety would allow the county, Boone County,
- 20 to continue their storm water management efforts and
- 21 while at the same time allow us to move forward with
- 22 the proposed regulation and get the rule aligned with the
- 23 federal definition.
- 24 Therefore, we haven't recommended changes to the
- amendment as a result of Boone County's comments.

- 1 EPA has indicated that the method for establishing
- 2 this MS4 boundaries will -- will likely be -- be
- 3 visited sometime in the next few years with a federal
- 4 rulemaking. And EPA is aware of the problems that
- 5 Boone County has identified with regards to these
- 6 evolving geographies or evolving demographics.
- 7 So once the federal rulemaking is done then the
- 8 Department expects to -- to come back and re-visit
- 9 this issue. With that the Department recommends that
- 10 the Commission adopt the amendment as it was
- 11 proposed.
- 12 Any questions?
- 13 (No response.)
- 14 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Well, I want to compliment the
- 15 Department for working with Boone County to meet
- 16 their needs as well as provide consideration for the
- 17 other 38 counties to not bring regulations on them
- 18 that would be over burdensome. So that's good.
- 19 Any other questions or comments?
- 20 (No response.)
- 21 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Somebody want to make a motion?
- 22 COMMISSIONER EASLEY: I move the Commission adopt the
- 23 order of rulemaking for 10 CSR 20-6.200 and the
- 24 Department file the order with the Joint Committee on
- 25 Administrative Rules and the Secretary of State.

- 1 COMMISSIONER TUPPER: Second.
- 2 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Malinda, call the vote.
- 3 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Tupper?
- 4 COMMISSIONER TUPPER: Yes.
- 5 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Hunter?
- 6 COMMISSIONER HUNTER: Yes.
- 7 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Easley?
- 8 COMMISSIONER EASLEY: Yes.
- 9 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Shorney?
- 10 COMMISSIONE SHORNEY: Yes.
- 11 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Chair Hardecke?
- 12 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Yes.
- Okay. Tab No. 6, Forty Percent Construction
- 14 Grant List. Joe, again.
- 15 MR. JOE BOLAND: Good morning, again. Joe Boland,
- 16 with the Financial Assistance Center. Tab No. 6 is -
- 17 we're asking for a couple of changes to the FY2009
- 18 Intended Use Plan. As you recall the 2009 IUP is
- 19 still in place. The 2010 IUP is still under
- 20 development for lack of a better term because of all
- 21 the stimulus activity and the Stimulus Intended Use
- 22 Plan we postponed the adoption of the 2010 IUP
- 23 basically to wait for the dust to settle.
- 24 And that's occurring right now. We have several
- 25 projects that are -- that were on the regular IUP

- 1 that are now on the Stimulus IUP and vice versa. We
- 2 have some that are on the Stimulus IUP that may not
- 3 proceed on to the American Recovery and Reinvestment
- 4 Act.
- 5 So as I said the dust is settling right now.
- 6 We'll be moving -- we'll be finalizing that 2010 IUP
- 7 and bring it to you in September. But in the
- 8 meantime we do have a couple projects that are moving
- 9 forward on the Forty Percent Construction Grant List.
- 10 And one of those is Silver Creek who is dropping off
- 11 this list because they chose to go the stimulus
- 12 route. They have more grant money available to them
- 13 through the stimulus avenue so they did notify us
- 14 that they are withdrawing their application for the
- 15 Forty Percent Grant.
- 16 So that's -- that's one change we'd like to
- 17 make. The next one is the City of Cross Timbers --
- 18 or the Village of Cross Timbers rather has opened
- 19 bids and the bids came in a little bit high so
- they're requesting an additional \$76,925.
- 21 St. Elizabeth is in a similar situation. They
- 22 are moving forward, actually opened bids and they're
- 23 requesting an additional \$268,000.
- 24 And we do support these changes and request that
- 25 you approve these changes. If you have any

- 1 questions, I'd be more than happy to answer them.
- 2 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Questions?
- 3 (No response.)
- 4 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: If not, we'll entertain a motion.
- 5 COMMISSIONER TUPPER: Mr. Chairman, I move that the
- 6 Commission approve the proposed changes to the State
- 7 Forty Percent Construction Grant List.
- 8 COMMISSIONER SHORNEY: Second.
- 9 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Malinda, take the vote.
- 10 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Hunter?
- 11 COMMISSIONER HUNTER: Yes.
- 12 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Easley?
- 13 COMMISSIONER EASLEY: Yes.
- 14 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Shorney?
- 15 COMMISSIONER SHORNEY: Yes.
- 16 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Tupper?
- 17 COMMISSIONER TUPPER: Yes.
- 18 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Chair Hardecke?
- 19 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Yes.
- 20 MR. JOE BOLAND: Thank you.
- 21 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: You're on again with No. 7.
- 22 MR. JOE BOLAND: It's very convenient.
- This is a request for two Small Borrower Loans.
- 24 The first is for St. Elizabeth and this is in
- 25 conjunction with, again, their -- opened their bids

- 1 and they're requesting a Small Borrower Loan of
- 2 \$100,000 to cover some of that overage. We also have
- 3 a direct loan with them, Rural Sewer grant and Forty
- 4 Percent Grant to complete that funding package.
- 5 The City of Rocheport is requesting only \$38,000
- 6 Small Borrower Loan to pay for an ultraviolet
- 7 disinfection system.
- 8 And at this time we're asking for your approval
- 9 for these loans as well.
- 10 COMMISSIONER SHORNEY: Mr. Chair?
- 11 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Yes.
- 12 COMMISSIONER SHORNEY: I move to approve the Small
- 13 Borrower Loans to St. Elizabeth for \$200,000
- 14 and Rocheport for \$38,115.
- 15 COMMISSIONER HUNTER: Second.
- 16 COMMISSIONER TUPPER: Second.
- 17 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Malinda, take the vote, please.
- 18 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Hunter?
- 19 COMMISSIONER HUNTER: Yes.
- 20 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Easley?
- 21 COMMISSIONER EASLEY: Yes.
- 22 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Shorney?
- 23 COMMISSIONER SHORNEY: Yes.
- 24 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Tupper?
- 25 COMMISSIONER TUPPER: Yes.

- 1 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Chair Hardecke?
- 2 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Yes.
- 3 MR. JOE BOLAND: Thank you.
- 4 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Thank you.
- 5 Since we're moving along so well, we'll take a
- 6 10 minute break, now, and then we'll move on to Tab.
- 7 No. 8.
- 8 (Break in Proceedings.)
- 9 (This portion of audio is summarized for Item No. 8,
- 10 Targeted 2008-2009 Section 319 Nonpoint Source Grant
- 11 Request for Proposals, Greg Anderson, Watershed
- 12 Protection Section, due to a recording error.)
- 13 MR. GREG ANDERSON: 1. Combined grant: Due to some
- 14 delays related to negotiations with EPA we are
- 15 submitting a combined grant request of 2008 and 2009.
- 16 2008, \$3,431,234. 2009, \$4,463,700.
- 17 2. The Department elected to target State cost share
- 18 funs to "critical agricultural watersheds" to fulfill
- 19 the states commitment to the Nonpoint Source
- 20 Management Plan. These collaborative watershed
- 21 projects will be targeted by the 319 Nonpoint Source
- 22 staff based upon criteria presented to the Commission
- 23 in 1996.
- 24 3. These projects will be "hybrids" of the two
- 25 programs, having characteristics of both 319 and

- 1 traditional cost share.
- 2 4. Consequently, most 319 grant funds will be
- 3 targeted to non-agricultural projects in priority
- 4 watersheds. Priority non-agricultural are those
- 5 water bodies that are on the 303(d) List, impaired by
- 6 non-agricultural sources such as mining, urban, or
- 7 other hydrologic modification.
- 8 5. For 75 percent of the funding, an active
- 9 stakeholder driven watershed group should be in
- 10 place, the water body impaired and listed for NPS
- 11 contaminants, a nine-element watershed plan must be
- 12 approved for the watershed, and the project must
- 13 implement practices described in the plan.
- 14 6. The remaining 25 percent will be available for
- 15 other typical NPS projects such as Info Ed or
- 16 technology transfer.
- 17 7. Aside from the main RFP, funding will be set
- 18 allocated for the mini-grant program and for the
- 19 Watershed Planning Grant Program as well. The amount
- 20 needed is undetermined at this time but should not
- 21 exceed \$300,000 total.
- 22 8. With the RFP is a proposed schedule that will be
- 23 slightly revised to expedite the award process; i.e.
- 24 dates will probably be moved up by about two weeks.
- 25 9. A multi agency review committee will provide

- 1 ranking recommendations to the Department and then
- 2 the Commission (probably early in 2010). Upon
- 3 approval by the Commission the projects will be
- 4 submitted to EPA for final approval.
- 5 10. I'll be glad to answer any questions, at this
- 6 time.
- 7 (Any remaining audio regarding Item No. 8, Targeted
- 8 2008-2009 Section 319 Nonpoint Source Grant Request
- 9 for Proposals, Greg Anderson, Watershed Protection
- 10 Section will be concluded at this time.)
- 11 MR. EARL PABST: -- it's not to supplement
- 12 those efforts. It would be some local proposal to
- 13 address maybe a portion of that -- or a local --
- 14 particularly local issue. We do need to be careful
- 15 with this particular area with EPAs efforts on addressing
- 16 the lead (inaudible) that were not duplicating efforts or were
- 17 not getting crossways there. (Complete statement
- 18 inaudible.)
- 19 COMMISSIONER SHORNEY: I see.
- 20 And -- and I think you addressed it, but the first
- 21 question I had is we kind of went from an
- 22 agricultural aspect to a mining; and is that just
- 23 following the money or is it following greatest potential water
- 24 quality problems are? How do we go -- it seems like we're
- 25 always talking agricultural nonpoint source and now

- 1 we're focusing on mining; how did that happen again?
- 2 MR. GREG ANDERSON: Well, we're still going to fund -
- 3 I'm sorry.
- 4 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Maybe -- I talked to Davis
- 5 Minton about kind of given a broader overview of what
- 6 the Department is trying to do between the Soil and Water
- 7 and I think that would help answer Frank's question;
- 8 if that's okay?
- 9 MR. GREG ANDERSON: Sure. Absolutely.
- 10 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Davis, you want to kind of give
- 11 us an overview of what's being looked at here.
- 12 MR. DAVIS MINTON: Obviously, my awareness of the
- 13 process is new because I've been on staff for such
- 14 a short period of time. But my familiarity with the
- 15 Soil and Water Program is more extensive than
- 16 probably the Water Program. Let me, first of all,
- 17 say that it's important as we start addressing
- 18 nonpoint source pollution issues that we -- and one
- 19 of the criteria for this is, on the first line is, is
- 20 evaluation.
- 21 And while we had an emphasis with the salt
- 22 projects for many years and they were very
- 23 successful. We have to look at those successes and
- 24 see what the next step is. As a result of
- 25 the salt projects and their consistent

- 1 movement throughout the entire agricultural community
- 2 in those defined watersheds one of the things that we
- 3 saw as a result of that was the passage of House Bill
- 4 250, which expanded our cost share docket, our regular cost
- 5 share docket with the Soil and Water Conservation
- 6 Program.
- 7 That added approximately four more -- 40 more
- 8 practices to the things that we can do to address the
- 9 agriculture community. The Governor signed that, I
- 10 guess, last week. And so now that is a part of the
- 11 Program, the Soil and Water Prog- -- the Soil and
- 12 Water Program.
- 13 What we don't have and what the Soil and Water
- 14 Program hasn't been able to do in which you-all can
- do is we can use these 319 monies now for evaluation
- 16 and determination of what positive impacts that --
- 17 that all these millions of dollars that we've
- 18 spending for the last 25 years, through the cost
- 19 share that we have, we can now start to evaluate and
- 20 show significant impacts on various watersheds.
- 21 It's important, I think, to realize this is a
- 22 beginning step. This is a new movement. A
- 23 transition from the way we've done business to the
- 24 way hopefully we can do business in the future.
- One of the things that I'll digress for a

- 1 moment. One of the things that I think it will be
- 2 important for this Commission to do as well as the
- 3 Soil and Water Conservation Commission; I would look
- 4 forward at some point in time to the two Commissions
- 5 having a joint meeting. A half-a-day meeting and
- 6 then you break up and you go to your individual
- 7 concerns.
- 8 I think it's important for the Soil and Water
- 9 Conservation Commission to become better educated as
- 10 to what this Commission can do and has done in the
- 11 past. I had the privilege of serving on the Clean
- 12 Water Commission for a number of years and I think
- 13 there's a disconnect between awareness of what the
- 14 two programs do and how they can facilitate
- 15 nonpoint source pollution.
- 16 Because this is a change in the way we have -
- 17 the way we're doing business, I think, it's
- 18 important to proceed with caution. I think the Soil
- 19 and Water Conservation Commission who is obviously
- 20 directly related to the agriculture community needs
- 21 the guidance on clean water. And they will need the
- 22 support to understand that these things cannot be
- 23 accomplished overnight, the positive impacts from all
- 24 the things that we do and the monitoring that shows
- 25 positive results to ultimately get streams off the

- 1 303(d) List.
- 2 That's a really big overview from a really high
- 3 altitude. I -- first of all, when I first personally
- 4 started reading this I thought, well, you know, some
- 5 how or another the agriculture community is being
- 6 disconnected because we're loosing the salt projects.
- 7 But if anything, I think, this is a progression to
- 8 the next generation or the next direction that the
- 9 two commissions need to go.
- 10 Once again this is -- this is something that, I
- 11 think, will need continued evaluation, but at the
- 12 same time not to go back -- or not -- or to just
- 13 continue to do business the way we've always done it
- 14 is not gaining us anything with regard to the
- 15 environmental community. How are we positively
- 16 impacting nonpoint source pollution?
- 17 And I think this is a very first beginning of
- 18 how we can evaluate that via agriculture as well as
- 19 MPS from other sources. So are we -- are we losing
- 20 something? On the surface, it may appear to be that.
- 21 If you're looking at it from the perspective of
- 22 agriculture community, but in reality I think we're
- 23 gaining far more than -- than the quote/unquote loss
- 24 that you might see on the surface.
- 25 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: And I think what Davis is saying,

- 1 some of this money, 319 money will be used to monitor
- 2 and evaluate the positive impacts that the soil and
- 3 water cost share funds are having.
- 4 MR. DAVIS MINTON: I'm going to use --
- 5 if I can find it here, real quickly. The language
- 6 actually says, is to be used for evaluation of those
- 7 issues. So -- and that is that is the
- 8 reason why I think that the Soil and Water
- 9 Conservation Program will be a benefactor from a
- 10 change in philosophy.
- 11 If we don't do that -- if we don't start
- 12 monitoring and evaluating what we're doing; how can
- 13 we in the future justify a continuation of our -- of
- 14 our dedicated sales tax? We have got to start --
- 15 we've got to start demonstrating a positive result
- 16 from all the monies that we're spending.
- Now, we all logically know that as you reduce
- 18 sediment in receiving streams then you've obviously
- 19 impacted -- you know, the water quality of those cit-
- 20 -- of those streams. But how? What were the
- 21 impacts? What were the measurable impacts? How much
- 22 phosphorous did we eliminate going into the receiving
- 23 stream? What was the lack of nitrogen loading as a
- 24 result of -- of Terasen in highly erodible lands for
- 25 -- in corn production?

- 1 We can't tell you that. And as a result it's
- 2 going to be more and more difficult as time passes
- 3 for us to justify what we're doing with these mass--
- 4 massive expenditures of money.
- 5 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Does that help answer your
- 6 question?
- 7 COMMISSIONER SHORNEY: Yeah. That's fine. I was
- 8 just curious.
- 9 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Of the half that is going
- 10 to be passed through this money that's going to be
- 11 used for monitoring in the Soil and Water Program
- 12 does that come out of the half that's retained or
- 13 will it be a portion of the other half?
- 14 MR. DAVIS MINTON: I'll have to defer to somebody
- 15 else to answer that one.
- 16 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Or do you --
- 17 MR. GREG ANDERSON: I think the plan right now is beginning
- 18 (inaudible) in three watersheds. In monitoring of the
- 19 plan will not come from the (inaudible).
- 20 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Okay.
- 21 MR. GREG ANDERSON: The monitoring was planned to be
- 22 done by the Department.
- 23 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Okay.
- 24 I think that's a very good start
- 25 because like Davis said, there's dedicated sales

- 1 taxes been spent for the last 25 years and we know
- 2 that it's had tremendous soil benefits as well as
- 3 improvement of water quality but it just hasn't been
- 4 documented. And if we can use some of these funds to
- 5 document that and then we can show EPA and others
- 6 that the benefit that we're getting out of that as
- 7 -- as we move forward.
- 8 So I think I -- I think that's a good idea and
- 9 thanks for --
- 10 MR. DAVIS MINTON: Well, once again, -- you know, I
- 11 would -- this is just from personal experience, you
- 12 know, of sitting where you gentlemen are sitting
- 13 today. This -- when the discussion of this comes up
- 14 in the future, for future years it would be a great
- 15 opportunity for the two commissions to spend a part of your
- 16 day together.
- 17 And so they can understand the issues that you
- 18 have and your concerns and why you have those
- 19 concerns because we're somewhat, from the other side
- 20 -- the other Program, we're somewhat divorced from
- 21 that. We're more -- that Commission deals with more
- 22 of putting things on the ground, so to speak,
- 23 actually seeing something tangible.
- 24 And those two -- those two comm- -- ideas, those
- 25 two concepts have to be married together. We cannot

- 1 -- we should not work in the future as disconnected
- 2 as we have in the past.
- 3 So I'd encourage you to do that.
- 4 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Thank you.
- 5 COMMISSIONER SHORNEY: Thank you.
- 6 COMMISSIONER TUPPER: Those -- on 367, those mining
- 7 sites over in southwest Missouri represent
- 8 (inaudible) essentially. EPA has been in that for several
- 9 years now -- relatively smaller projects, but recently
- 10 they got a settlement from the mining companies so
- 11 we'll be awarding another contract. But it's going on.
- 12 They're essentially pushing the (inaudible) back in
- 13 the holes and then (inaudible). They've done a lot
- 14 of surprises. Used tons of that, in the bypass
- 15 around the east side of Joplin, they built the road
- 16 beds with the (inaudible) and then covered them with real
- 17 dirt, and then with rocks.
- 18 UNKNOW SPEAKER: But we got plenty more if you
- 19 want.
- 20 COMMISSIONER TUPPER: Bring your truck.
- 21 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Okay. Greg, sorry to interrupt,
- 22 but I thought that would help clarify. Do you have
- 23 some more?
- 24 MR. GREG ANDERSON: I just wanted to mention John
- 25 Hoke said he thought that Village Creek, the area

- 1 next to Cape was impaired by Zinc and Lead. But I
- 2 didn't have anything else unless there were more
- 3 questions from the Commission. I think this is just
- 4 for informational purposes only. I don't think a
- 5 motion is necessary.
- 6 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: I've got one more question. You
- 7 -- if I understand right, 75 percent is going to go
- 8 to projects that are actually putting some physical
- 9 attribute to work?
- 10 MR. GREG ANDERSON: Yes.
- 11 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Correct?
- 12 MR. GREG ANDERSON: That is the plan.
- 13 CHAIRMAN HARDEKCE: I -- I think that's very
- 14 important. Myself, I think that's -- we need to be
- 15 spending our money to actually do something. It's --
- 16 info-ed is fine but unless we get -- actually get
- 17 something done we're not going to see the tangible
- 18 benefits to water quality, so --
- 19 I wouldn't be upset if that 75 percent went
- 20 higher. Keep that in mind the next time.
- 21 MR. GREG ANDERSON: Okay.
- 22 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Okay. Any other questions for
- 23 Greg?
- 24 (No response.)
- 25 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: And you'll keep us advised of the

- 1 review committee meeting in case any of the Commissioners wants
- 2 to attend.
- 3 MR. GREG ANDERSON: Yes, sir. We'll do that.
- 4 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Oh. One other question, the 319
- 5 Grant for the sub-surface irrigation; do you have an
- 6 update on where that is? I understand that EPA's
- 7 approved it. Do we have any further --
- 8 MR. GREG ANDERSON: I didn't hear that EPA had
- 9 approved it. What I --
- 10 MR. EARL PABST: We got verbal approval, but you and I
- 11 talked, Greg, a couple of weeks ago, the next step
- 12 that we have to do.
- 13 MR. GREG ANDERSON: I'm going to rewrite it into a
- 14 sub-grant format and submit it back to EPA. This is
- 15 what I was asked to do.
- 16 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: So what kind of time frame are we
- 17 looking at on that?
- 18 MR. GREG ANDERSON: We're working on that now. I
- 19 would estimate probably within a month I
- 20 should have it drafted and submitted back to
- 21 EPA.
- 22 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Okay. How -- will the rec- -- is
- 23 the recipient required to be a part of the -- that
- 24 application or --
- 25 MR. GREG ANDERSON: Well, we'll probably have to

- 1 contact the recipient to get -- to get some updated
- 2 figures so we can rewrite the -- they call it, a
- 3 Project Implementation Plan. We'll have to update --
- 4 or get updated on some of the figures on that and
- 5 then submit it back to EPA for approval, final
- 6 approval.
- 7 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Maybe it would be helpful if
- 8 you'd contact him and let him know what's going on.
- 9 MR. GREG ANDERSON: Oh. Sure.
- 10 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Okay.
- 11 MR. GREG ANDERSON: Um-huh. I'll do that.
- 12 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Okay. Anything else on this?
- 13 (No response.)
- 14 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Thank you.
- 15 MR. GREG ANDERSON: Thank you.
- 16 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Okay. No. 9.
- 17 MR. ROB MORRISON: Good morning Commission members.
- 18 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Morning.
- 19 MR. ROB MORRISON: My name is Rob Morrison, Chief of
- 20 the Water Pollution Control Branch. I want to bring
- 21 to you an issue this morning. One of which, I
- 22 think, is a step in the right direction. It's a step
- 23 toward regionalization of some issues in Boone
- 24 County involving the Boone County Sewer District and
- 25 the City of Columbia.

- 1 Many of you are aware of our requirements in the
- 2 regulations in Chapter 6, specifically, there in
- 3 6.010 Sub-para- -- or in Section 3 regarding Level 2
- 4 continuing authorities. Currently in the state of
- 5 Missouri, I'm not aware of any officially approved
- 6 Level 2 continuing authorities and I'll probably get
- 7 an e-mail on this when I get back to the office, but
- 8 the -- the -- as far as I know, I'm not aware of any
- 9 official ones. I have heard rumors of a couple of --
- 10 or one example of a Level 2. I really -- I don't
- 11 know if that's approved. I'm not sure how germane it
- 12 is to this issue.
- But sufficed to say, that the Commission at this
- 14 opportunity has this -- at this time an opportunity
- 15 to move forward with a proposal on -- towards
- 16 regionalization of sewers in Boone County
- 17 and involving, as I said, Boone County Sewer District
- 18 and the City of Columbia.
- 19 We've had extensive discussions with Boone
- 20 County and the City of Columbia regarding many issues
- 21 that you'll -- they'll be speaking today in detail
- 22 about. Many of the private sewers that are in
- 23 Columbia and some of the issues and challenges that
- 24 that brings to them in terms of efficiency of
- 25 operation and water quality.

- 1 And this is really from our perspective. It's
- 2 about waste quality protection and enhancing those
- 3 efforts as we move forward. So today in your packet
- 4 what you have is a conceptual white paper. We wanted
- 5 to bring this issue before you to see what questions
- 6 you might have, what concerns, what issues you would
- 7 like for us to address in the final proposal.
- 8 In the back of your packet, I'm certain, the
- 9 folks from Columbia and Boone County will go through
- 10 this but the key items there are eight key items that
- 11 will be included in the final submittal. And it will
- 12 address the requirements contained in the -- in the
- 13 regulations.
- 14 The process for this would be that the -- that
- 15 Boone County, Columbia would submit that to the
- 16 Department. The Department would make a
- 17 determination and then we would bring that
- 18 recommendation forward to you for final
- 19 approval.
- 20 And as I mentioned the plan is to do this in
- 21 September so you can -- everything going as planned
- 22 you could expect to see a proposal in the September
- 23 packet for this final proposal.
- 24 So without that any further comments on my part.
- 25 I just wanted you to know that we have been involved.

- 1 We are generally supportive of the concept and
- 2 are ready to bring this issue forward to the
- 3 Commission.
- 4 Today, you will have three gentlemen from --
- 5 representing Boone County Regional Sewer District,
- 6 David Shorr, and Tom Ratermann and then from Colum- -
- 7 City of Columbia will be Mr. Steve Hunt.
- 8 So, with that, I will ask David Shorr if he
- 9 would come to the podium.
- 10 MR. DAVID SHORR: Thank you, Rob. Appreciate it.
- 11 Good morning, Mr. Chairman, members of the
- 12 Commission. My name is David Shorr. I'm an attorney
- 13 with the law firm of Lathrop & Gage. I'm in
- 14 Jefferson City, Missouri.
- Today, my representation is somewhat unique.
- 16 And it's germane to the -- the discussion. Before
- 17 you as Rob indicated the matter is on background.
- 18 It's for a joint request by the City of Columbia and
- 19 Boone County Regional Sewer District to establish
- 20 Tier 2 Authority in the majority of Boone County.
- 21 This is a coordinated effort. That's my part of
- 22 this discussion is to emphasize to you that this has
- 23 been a group effort by these government authorities
- 24 in order to come up with a concept working with Rob's
- 25 team.

- 1 I represent the City of Columbia, Boone County Regional
- 2 Sewer District in the county of Boone, so all three
- 3 have been coordinated as a result of this effort at
- 4 their request by us. I also want to emphasize that I
- 5 am the vice-chair of the Boone County Regional Sewer
- 6 District so this is a direct request from our
- 7 Commission, our Board of Trustees to pursue what the
- 8 citizens of Boone County have been demanding of both
- 9 the county and the Columbia governments. Greater
- 10 coordination, greater harmony between what they're
- 11 doing. And this is one of the examples that we can
- 12 point to, to our citizens that we are working
- 13 together.
- 14 Let me give you some brief information before
- 15 Tom gets up and talks in a little more detail about -
- 16 about my clients. First of all, Boone County is a
- 17 first class county and that's important in this
- 18 conversation. The population is about 145,000.
- 19 Importantly it has the power to zone.
- 20 And in that power, as its police powers it has
- 21 required county-wide that no new development can
- 22 occur that has a centralized sewer system unless it
- 23 is owned and operated by the Boone County Regional
- 24 Sewer District. So when we get a proposal from a
- 25 developer that comes into Boone County and goes into

- 1 Planning and Zoning and they are not adjacent to one
- 2 of our satellite systems or the City of Columbia,
- 3 that developer is going to have to do a proposal that
- 4 the Boone County Regional Sewer District is going to
- 5 accept with regard to sewage if it wants to have a
- 6 concentrated development. And that's regardless of
- 7 the location inside Boone County.
- 8 This means that all new subdivisions requiring
- 9 service, sewer service since the date of the
- 10 inception of zoning which was 1973 have been built to
- 11 Boone County Regional Sewer District's standards and
- 12 then turned over to the sewer district. Generally
- 13 speaking if it's a Boone County Sewer District
- 14 project area it has a general rate that is amortized
- 15 through the entire district. So you may have a
- 16 separate plant and you may only have 20 houses on it or you
- 17 may have one that has 1,000 houses on it in another
- 18 part but they all pay generally the same rates. And
- 19 there's some differences relating to the sewer system
- 20 whether it's pressurized, whether it's not et cetera,
- 21 et cetera. But generally speaking it's the same
- 22 rate.
- 23 The District operates 43 separate wastewater
- 24 treatment plants in order to accomplish this. That
- 25 is a significant number for a small district to do.

- 1 And I will tell you that Tom Ratermann does a
- 2 wonderful job.
- 3 In order to comply with recent regulatory
- 4 changes including changes authorized by this
- 5 Commission we have been faced with phasing out about
- 6 20 lagoons due to disinfection requirements alone.
- 7 We're in the process of replacing these lagoons
- 8 with mechanical plants with disinfection or
- 9 connecting them with other plants either owned by the
- 10 Boone County Regional Sewer District or to the City
- of Columbia to meet our obligations under the law.
- 12 In order to do so, the residents of Boone County
- 13 have authorized a bond issue for \$21 million to
- 14 achieve this goal. Through consolidation and
- 15 upgrades the Board of Trustees expects to meet the
- 16 2013 disinfection requirement on sewer district
- 17 plants.
- 18 This will result in a sewer rate increase of
- 19 over 100 percent for the people in Boone County and
- 20 the sewer district. I am one of them. The average
- 21 rate payer in the Boone County Regional Sewer
- 22 District will pay \$65 a month in order to continue to
- 23 meet the requirements.
- 24 The City of Columbia is a city of approximately
- 25 100,000. They operate a regional wastewater

- 1 treatment plant which provides service to the City of
- 2 Columbia and by agreement the Boone County Regional
- 3 Sewer District. It is a regional facility in its
- 4 greatest context. It services the outlying areas
- 5 plus the main plant plus the center city -- part of
- 6 the city. It is a regional facility.
- 7 You will recall that this plant is unique, in
- 8 fact, that it has a wetland complex at its discharge
- 9 location in order to continue to advance both habitat
- 10 and treatment requirements. The citizens of Columbia
- 11 have also authorized a significant bond issue to upgrade
- 12 the regional wastewater treatment plant in order to
- 13 comply with new regulations in an amount of
- 14 approximately \$60 million.
- 15 So jointly the citizens of Boone County, just
- 16 the two major entities have bond issues already
- 17 passed for \$81 million in order to comply with the
- 18 upgrades. All these upgrades are required as a
- 19 result of regulatory changes and will result in rate
- 20 increases within the boundaries of the City of
- 21 Columbia.
- 22 The city and the sewer district are asking for
- 23 this Tier 2 Authority. In doing our regional
- 24 wastewater planning we are hampered by the presence
- 25 of DNR permitted facilities. Individual permitted

- 1 facilities still exist within the boundaries of Boone
- 2 County, which Tom will talk about. And these
- 3 individual permitted -- permitted facilities have
- 4 certain property rights that they're entitled to
- 5 under law and they go through the process through
- 6 Rob's group of getting permit renewals and that's the
- 7 point in which Tier 2 Authority specifically impacts
- 8 the Boone County Regional Sewer District.
- 9 Many of these are directly adjacent to waste- --
- 10 to sewer lines of either the city or the county. So
- one of these plants could be directly adjacent to the
- 12 sewer line and we don't have the right to technically
- 13 intercept it if DNR has a specific permit related to
- 14 it without Tier 2 Authority the Department is unable
- 15 to deny permits even when they are directly adjacent
- 16 to sewer which could intercept and remove a
- 17 discharge.
- Our goal is to reduce the number of net
- 19 discharges in Boone County. And in order of that
- 20 comply and help us with the Department Tier 2
- 21 Authority -- we need Tier 2 Authority.
- 22 In addition, the City of Columbia wishes to have
- 23 Tier 2 Authority to review sewer distinctions within
- 24 its boundaries. The City of Columbia is at a size in
- 25 where it can be more efficient to the citizens of its

- 1 community to fix sewers and implement sewer
- 2 expansions without having to have to go through the
- 3 Department of Natural Resources. This will provide a
- 4 further expedited process to ensure appropriate
- 5 sewage within the city limits, and with regard to
- 6 expansions going out into the county areas served by
- 7 the Boone County Regional Sewer District. With that
- 8 --
- 9 (TAPE ONE, SIDE B CONCLUDED.)
- 10 MR. DAVID SHORR: -- the operator -- operating
- 11 engineer for the city of Columbia over the wastewater
- 12 treatment authority.
- 13 MR. TOM RATERMANN: Morning Mr. Chairman, members of
- 14 the Commission.
- 15 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Morning.
- 16 MR. TOM RATERMANN: My name's Tom Ratermann. I'm the
- 17 General Manager of the Boone County Regional Sewer
- 18 District in Columbia, Missouri.
- 19 And I believe this multi-colored map was in your
- 20 mailed out packet along with the conceptual white
- 21 paper that Rob referred to before. And I'd kind of
- 22 like to step you through this. This is a map of
- 23 Boone -- all of Boone County, home of Columbia
- 24 Missouri and University of Missouri. What we've
- 25 outlined in red are the city limits of the cities in

- 1 Boone County. The City of Columbia is in the center,
- 2 bisected east, west by Interstate 70, north, south by
- 3 Highway 63. Up in the far northeast corner is the
- 4 City of Centralia, the second largest city in Boone
- 5 County.
- 6 About half-way between Columbia and the Missouri
- 7 River to the south is the City of Ashland. There's
- 8 other cities in Boone County of a -- of smaller
- 9 populations.
- 10 The next think I'd like to point out, what we're
- 11 showing in the multi-colored background are the
- 12 watersheds of Boone County and then for lack of a
- 13 better word the blue blobs are the sewer service
- 14 areas. And you can see that most of the sewer
- 15 district service areas are in a ring around the City
- 16 of Columbia. But we do go as far south almost to
- 17 Callaway County where 63 crosses into Callaway
- 18 County.
- 19 We have some service areas half-way between
- 20 Columbia and Harrisburg. We have three service areas
- 21 near Hallsville. The next thing I'd like to draw
- 22 your attention to are the black dots. And the black
- 23 dots, you can see one at the very northern most part
- of the map, almost in Randolph County. There's 50
- 25 black -- over 50 black dots on the map and those are

- 1 private DNR permitted facilities. And typically
- 2 those are DNR permits to private individuals.
- 3 There's a list up in the upper left hand corner of
- 4 the map.
- 5 You'll probably notice a half-a-dozen mobile
- 6 home parks, convenience stores, diners, facilities of
- 7 that nature. The University's Channel 8 T.V. Station
- 8 is far enough outside the city's service area that
- 9 has -- that it has a private DNR permitted facility.
- 10 You'll also notice that most of those private DNR
- 11 permitted facilities are in a ring around the City of
- 12 Columbia.
- 13 And David mentioned that both the City of
- 14 Columbia voters and Boone County voters approved bond
- 15 issues to make improvements to the sewer treatment
- 16 inflection systems in Boone County. And as part of
- 17 the planning that the sewer district does to make
- 18 these improvements, we access the State Revolving
- 19 Fund and we're required to plan for the 20 year
- 20 design life of the treatment facility and -- and the
- 21 service area that it would serve.
- 22 And in those areas where there's existing loads
- 23 from these private DNR permitted facilities we're
- 24 required to do the planning for them and build
- 25 treatment capacity to serve them. Yet we don't have

- 1 the authority to require them to connect. And that's
- 2 what we're applying for here in this joint
- 3 application by the sewer district and the City of
- 4 Columbia for Tier 2 Authority.
- 5 And basically this -- if this Tier 2 designation
- 6 were conveyed to the City of Columbia and the sewer
- 7 district this would memorialize a lot of the planning
- 8 efforts that have been going on between the sewer
- 9 district and the City of Columbia since the 19- --
- 10 since the late to 1980s.
- 11 The sewer district has about 6,000 customers.
- 12 So we have -- we service a population of probably
- 13 18,000 to 24,000 people and about a third of those
- 14 people are already connected to the City of Columbia.
- 15 And every time the sewer district connects to the
- 16 City of Columbia a connection agreement is required
- 17 between the sewer district and the City of Columbia.
- 18 There's -- there's over 20 different connection
- 19 agreements between the sewer district and the City of
- 20 Columbia.
- 21 So the planning level efforts are going on and
- 22 have been ongoing for -- since the late 1980s. And
- 23 what we'd like to do is memorialize that by you folks
- 24 considering this in September and considering
- 25 conveying a Tier 2 Continuing Authority to the sewer

- 1 district so where the sewer district has the
- 2 capacity. It can provide service to these private
- 3 DNR permitted facilities and they can be required to
- 4 connect and protect the public health and protect
- 5 water quality and provide service to those people
- 6 that are on private facilities.
- 7 With that I'd like to turn it over to Steve Hunt
- 8 and he can talk about some of the advantages to the
- 9 City of Columbia if this Tier 2 Continuing Authority
- 10 --
- 11 Yes, sir. Did you have a question?
- 12 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Can I ask you a question?
- 13 MR. TOM RATERMANN: Sure.
- 14 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: What would your plans be for say
- 15 that dot up at the very northern most Boone County
- 16 because, obviously, you're not going to pipe that
- 17 anywhere?
- 18 MR. TOM RATERMANN: Right. A lot of these
- 19 facilities, private facilities the sewer district
- 20 will not be able to serve and what we would envision
- 21 is that when DNR is ready to issue a draft operating
- 22 permit on one of these facilities it would be sent
- 23 both to the sewer district and the City of Columbia
- 24 and the City of Columbia and the sewer district would
- 25 have an opportunity to comment on these formally and

- 1 inform the Department whether or not capacity is
- 2 available.
- 3 And if capacity is available then the permit
- 4 would not be reissued and the operator of that
- 5 private system would be required to connect. And
- 6 that's -- we really see that as being a local
- 7 governance issue. And that's the purpose of the
- 8 Columbia City Council and the Board of Trustees of
- 9 the Boone County Regional Sewer District to make sure
- 10 that those costs to the -- of connection are
- 11 reasonable.
- 12 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Okay. So what about those
- 13 individuals where -- I mean, if they -- if you --
- 14 MR. TOM RATERMANN: To directly answer your question.
- 15 In that case up on the Randolph County line we would
- 16 say, we don't have the ability to serve and we have
- 17 no objection to the operating permit being reissued.
- 18 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Okay.
- 19 But someone closer -- I mean, you wouldn't
- 20 consider taking over the operation of that system.
- 21 MR. TOM RATERMANN: No. We wouldn't.
- 22 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: As the continuing authority?
- 23 MR. TOM RATERMANN: If capacity is available we would --
- 24 we would advocate that they connect. Most of these
- 25 50 private DNR permitted facilities are lagoons that

- 1 are rapidly becoming obsolete due to the disinfection
- 2 standard and the age of the facilities.
- 3 That's what we're finding at the sewer district. We
- 4 have close to 20 lagoons that we plan on taking out
- 5 of service between now and 2013 to stay in compliance
- 6 with disinfection. And that's really what's driving
- 7 our \$21 million bond issue that voters approved.
- 8 COMMISSIONER SHORNEY: So, Tom, what would the rate
- 9 impacts likely be if you took over a say a private
- 10 system?
- 11 MR. TOM RATERMANN: Right now sewer district
- 12 customers pay -- the typically customer pays \$35 a
- 13 month. By 2013 they'll be paying about \$65 a month
- 14 to stay in compliance with disinfection.
- 15 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: You said 2013?
- 16 MR. TOM RATERMANN: Correct.
- When a -- when one of these private DNR permitted
- 18 facilities connects to the sewer district they would
- 19 pay the same rate as sewer district customers. Now,
- 20 there would be a connection fee involved in providing
- 21 that treatment capacity or maybe that interceptor
- 22 sewer to them. In my mind, the best way to defuse
- 23 that capital cost is through the Neighborhood
- 24 Improvement District Program.
- 25 The Boone County Commission has the authority to

- 1 issue, voter approved authority to issue up to five-
- 2 and-a-half million dollar bonds -- five-and-a-half
- 3 million dollars in general obligation bonds to
- 4 finance sanitary sewer projects. And those -- what
- 5 the County Commission does is they build the project
- 6 and then tax bill the property owners through a
- 7 special assessment. And that special assessment is
- 8 collected by the Boone County Collector in the same
- 9 manner as real estate taxes.
- 10 And you know I don't want to sugar coat it.
- 11 It's expensive. We're working with a neighborhood
- 12 right now that has 88 homes, single-family homes that
- 13 are 30 to 35 years old that have septic tanks and
- 14 leach fields. And we're bringing them a grinder pump
- 15 system. Right now we've got about 50 of the 88
- 16 connected. We'll probably have them all connected by
- 17 the end of the month. And the special assessment to
- those property owners is between \$18,000 and \$23,000
- 19 per lot.
- 20 But probably a dozen of those are in failing --
- 21 failing and the county health department has cited
- 22 them. In one instance there is three homes sharing
- 23 the same lagoon which probably by state regulations
- 24 should be DNR permitted. It makes it difficult for
- 25 those people to market those -- their homes. So that

- 1 same Neighborhood Improvement District Program can be
- 2 used to help these property owners that have private
- 3 systems to connect to a public system.
- 4 COMMISSIONER TUPPER: What -- what role is the County
- 5 Commission going -- I mean, they're avoided here, but
- 6 that's where the person that doesn't want to be
- 7 picked up is going to go to complain.
- 8 MR. TOM RATERMANN: Right.
- 9 COMMISSIONER TUPPER: And those guys are elected.
- 10 MR. TOM RATERMANN: Right.
- 11 The Boone County Regional Sewer District is
- 12 essentially separate from the Boone County
- 13 Commission. The trustees are appointed by the Boone
- 14 County Commission but our -- our finances are
- 15 separate. Boone County Sewer District revenues are
- 16 99 percent user rates. The Boone County Commissions
- 17 role, to answer your question, is through the zoning
- 18 ordinance.
- 19 The -- the reason that Boone County, I believe,
- 20 is unique in the state of Missouri is that for a
- 21 predominately rural county it has planning and
- 22 zoning. So as David alluded to or mentioned before
- 23 earlier, if a developer wants to build a subdivision
- 24 and it's dense enough to require wastewater treatment
- 25 and collection it's the Boone County Commission's

- 1 zoning ordinance that requires that the treatment and
- 2 collection system be conveyed to the Boone County
- 3 Regional Sewer District.
- 4 And that in my mind is what essentially stops
- 5 the bleeding in that we won't be back here 10 years
- 6 from now and say there's 100 private DNR permitted
- 7 facilities. You know, it's these -- it's these 50 or
- 8 so that are in existence right now that are
- 9 problematic I think from an enforcement perspective
- 10 often times. And just from an age and obsolescence.
- 11 Did that answer your question?
- 12 (No response.)
- 13 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Okay. You gave an example of the
- 14 area that does -- that was on septic tanks --
- 15 MR. TOM RATERMANN: Um-huh.
- 16 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: -- supposing you have a, well,
- 17 just for example a trailer park. They've got a
- 18 collection system to their facility, treatment
- 19 facility and it's right across the street from your
- 20 line so connection is not going to be a huge cost.
- 21 MR. TOM RATERMANN: Right.
- 22 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: And they have already have
- 23 invested in their system so are they -- are you going
- 24 to assess them the same as you would if you had to
- 25 lay a whole new system in or what kind of

- 1 considerations --
- 2 MR. TOM RATERMANN: The Board of Trustees has brought
- 3 authority to set their connection fees. And right
- 4 now their connection fees are -- the philosophy
- 5 behind connection fees is the connection fee defrays
- 6 the cost of building the treatment and
- 7 collection system.
- And so to date that's been kind of been a site
- 9 specific issue. In some issu- -- in some geographic
- 10 areas the capital costs haven't been as high to
- 11 provide treatment and collection. In other
- 12 geographic areas it is a little higher.
- Where there's connection possible to a sewer
- 14 district service area that's connected to the City of
- 15 Columbia typically those connection fees are a lot
- 16 lower. A good example is the Prathersville area,
- 17 just north of Columbia, there's seven private DNR
- 18 permitted facilities within a quarter-mile to a half-
- 19 mile of each other and a sewer district, sewer line
- 20 that has been connected to the City of Columbia by a
- 21 connection agreement that's probably five, ten years
- 22 old.
- 23 There was a little capital project five or ten
- 24 years ago to take a sewer district lagoon out of
- 25 service and connect it to the city. So that

- 1 particular geographic area is already governed by a
- 2 connection agreement. Yet there's seven or eight
- 3 private DNR permitted facilities that neither the
- 4 city nor the sewer district can require to connect.
- 5 And to have seven or eight private DNR permitted
- 6 facilities within a quarter-mile or to a half-mile of
- 7 each other really kind of presents a public health
- 8 issue.
- 9 On top of that there's about 30 single-family
- 10 homes that are also on septic tanks and leach fields
- and we can't do anything with the single-family homes
- 12 because we can't get the private DNR permitted
- 13 facilities to do their part. And we can't get the
- 14 private DNR permitted facilities to do their part
- 15 because we can't get the single-family homes to do
- 16 their part.
- 17 And if we had this Tier 2 Level Authority it
- 18 would facilitate the connection of those private
- 19 facilities, some of which are having compliance
- 20 problems with the Department.
- 21 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: I guess, my concern, in those
- 22 instances would be that -- you know, when you're
- 23 given that authority you can go in there with a big
- 24 hammer and say, you know, we got you. But I would
- 25 hope that you would look at it as a benefit to all to

- 1 have this happen and not just hold a hammer over
- 2 somebody's head.
- 3 MR. TOM RATERMANN: Right.
- 4 And I really think that's the role of the sewer
- 5 district's Board of Trustees. They're appointed by
- 6 the County Commission. One of the County
- 7 Commissioners, one of the elected County
- 8 Commissioners sits on the sewer district's Board of
- 9 Trustees and really they're the -- the local
- 10 governing body that is the check on the
- 11 reasonableness of the costs.
- 12 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: So what is -- what is the local
- 13 response to this been? Is there a lot of opposition
- 14 or --
- 15 MR. TOM RATERMANN: When we have a connection
- 16 agreement with the -- with the city -- do you want to
- 17 speak to that.
- 18 MR. DAVID SHORR: Let me put on my Board of Trustees
- 19 hat.
- 20 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Okay.
- 21 MR. DAVID SHORR: Seeing as how I am the vice-chair.
- 22 I've not received one call. I am appointed. Karen
- 23 Miller, who you've all met before, I believe, last
- 24 meeting she was present. She is the go-to person.
- 25 She's the southern district commissioner.

- 1 She has received only one call. That one call,
- 2 one plant having a conversation that's going to
- 3 impact 1,000 or so residences, is one where you have
- 4 to question whether you use a waiver or a variance,
- 5 as part of the Board, to what's your connection fee
- 6 and what's your connection requirements. Part of it
- 7 is; what are they going to do with regard to
- 8 transition?
- 9 So for example, if it's a trailer park and we've
- 10 had this conversation, if it's a trailer park that's
- 11 got 34 units and it's a plant that was going to cost
- 12 \$150,000 to upgrade or to connect and DNR has it in
- 13 violation already, I think, it's all in our interest
- 14 for that plant to be eliminated.
- Now, the question becomes for us. How is that
- 16 going to be expedient for us? In providing a
- 17 universal rate which is what we provide across the
- 18 Board for that connection. And I will tell that we
- 19 will be considering whether that party who has the
- 20 plant is willing to install meters, because meters
- 21 are important to us. Whether they're willing to
- 22 investigate their individual lines for connections
- 23 and if they're going to be doing those type of
- 24 expenditures in order to connect we're going to weigh
- 25 that as part of our decision regarding the connection

- 1 fee, and whether that connection fee will be directed
- 2 towards his improvements or whether it be directed
- 3 towards ours.
- 4 And for example, Prathersville is a very good
- 5 example. Our property owners that we -- that Tom
- 6 referenced are less fortunate. They cannot afford to
- 7 eliminate and connect. We have an opportunity with
- 8 the stimulus package that we've been working with
- 9 your staff on trying to figure out, how do we do it?
- 10 Yet we got seven plants sitting in the middle of this
- 11 matrix that if they do not participate we cannot
- 12 provide the service to the other area.
- 13 So the question becomes; how do you make that
- 14 leap and that's where this example really came,
- 15 Commissioner, is that we've been working through this
- 16 and you're going to hear in your enforcement section
- 17 about one of the plants that's in Prathersville and
- 18 that is in violation. And how do we address it,
- 19 jointly? How does the Department address it? Do
- 20 they reissue a permit or do they just turn around and
- 21 say no issue 'cause you can't remain in compliance?
- 22 Does the AG make a demand to -- for them to connect?
- 23 It's a chaotic scenario that doesn't given any
- 24 certainty right now and what we're trying to do is
- 25 get to a point where at least a point of contact is

- 1 narrowed down to -- really two spots, the Department
- 2 and whichever Tier 2 Authority.
- 3 I also want to indicate that this is applicable
- 4 inside the limits of the City of Columbia. There's
- 5 at least one plant inside the City of Columbia
- 6 limits. Surrounded completely by the City of
- 7 Columbia and is discharging into the same streams
- 8 that the City of Columbia is trying to clean up.
- 9 And so here we have, in fact, is that one a
- 10 303(d)?
- 11 MALE SPEAKER: No. Cow Branch isn't.
- 12 MR. DAVID SHORR: Okay. But -- but if -- if we were
- in that situation we would be coming to you sitting
- 14 in there saying we have a plan on a 303(d) stream
- 15 that we can't even do anything about. And we don't
- 16 have the legal authority to even talk to them about
- 17 it because we're not Tier 2.
- 18 So our goal and objective is just to -- to
- 19 funnel this all down so that we can make these
- 20 decisions at the lowest point possible. And the
- 21 example that you gave, I can tell you that the Board
- 22 has already discussed that example when we went
- 23 through the exercise, the plant all the way up near
- 24 the Randolph County border. There's probably no way
- 25 that we're going be involved in that plant unless of

- 1 course we see that there's the prospect for there to
- 2 be multiple users connected to that plant in the
- 3 immediate future.
- 4 I will tell you that one of the unique features
- 5 of Boone County Regional Sewer District is that, and
- 6 one thing Tom didn't mention was about the other map,
- 7 but we have also been solicited by other counties to
- 8 help them operate systems that are developing in
- 9 their areas surrounding Boone County.
- 10 So we're getting all these kind of situations
- 11 that are unique, political, locally based issues that
- 12 don't fit in the square hole. And so we're having to
- 13 have to work through these things. And this Tier 2
- 14 Authority appears to be what can help both the city
- 15 and the county to carry it out.
- I will tell you that the Commission, and your
- 17 question about the Boone County Commission, the
- 18 reason why when we structured -- there is -- we have
- 19 five, six --
- 20 MR. TOM RATERMANN: Five.
- 21 MR. DAVID SHORR: We only have five board members on
- 22 our Board, one is a Commissioner. And so that puts a
- 23 pretty heavy vote conscience on the Commission
- 24 and I will tell you that it is developed based upon
- 25 how protocol goes that when a Commissioner has a real

- 1 problem with what's going on with our policies and
- 2 practices we tend to be backed off and go to another
- 3 meeting to discuss the issue simply because we can't
- 4 -- we can't get the contact that the Commission can.
- 5 We also hold public periods which the Commission
- 6 directs people to come to our meeting to discuss
- 7 their issues in terms of mostly variance related
- 8 activities, just like the variance activities that
- 9 you have before you. They're not all perfect. And
- 10 it's the best way we can possibly get through it.
- 11 COMMISSIONER TUPPER: Tell me what has been done to
- 12 put the word out -- you know, saying you've only got
- 13 the one call doesn't mean anything if I know more
- 14 about the project than the average Boone County
- 15 resident.
- 16 MR. DAVID SHORR: The word out regarding
- 17 consolidation or Tier 2?
- 18 COMMISSIONER TUPPER: The whole proposal.
- 19 MR. DAVID SHORR: The proposal has been public at
- 20 every meeting that we have had. Every meeting, it
- 21 has appeared on the agenda that we've talked about
- 22 it. It is not -- we have talked about this for years
- 23 in Boone County. This is not a new subject. The
- 24 issue has been; how do we work with the Department to
- 25 get there? Rob, how -- ever -- I remember this when

- 1 I was at DNR being discussed which was 11 years ago.
- 2 So this -- this has been a very long --
- 3 COMMISSIONER TUPPER: I know that, but typically that
- 4 involves only the people that are active in doing
- 5 things. I'm talking about the person that lives in
- 6 the county and has no idea.
- 7 MR. DAVID SHORR: I would -- I would have to say to
- 8 you that most of the people who are constituents of
- 9 either of these instrumentalities have been advised
- 10 in some way, shape or form either through counsel,
- 11 Commission, agenda or Board agenda. I would say that
- 12 the folks, for example, if somebody were in the
- 13 absolute hinter land in northeast Boone County the
- 14 answer would probably be, no. The only place that
- 15 they'd have notice of it would be Commission agenda.
- 16 COMMISSIONER TUPPER: And you're telling them that in
- 17 four years their sewer bill is going to be \$65 bucks
- 18 a month?
- 19 MR. DAVID SHORR: Oh. Rates?
- 20 COMMISSIONER TUPPER: Yeah.
- 21 MR. DAVID SHORR: Oh. Rates are voted on by all the
- 22 people in the county. Okay? All the rate
- 23 discussions that we've done, every rate that we've
- 24 raised as a direct result of a change in regulation
- 25 that comes from either EPA or the Department of

- 1 Natural Resources has been addressed by our rate
- 2 actions. Our rate actions are all public. They're
- 3 all bonds. They must go to all the voters in Boone
- 4 County.
- 5 And we have a unique scenario in Boone County
- 6 where we have 6,000 customers whose fate are decided
- 7 by the other 140-some-thousand residents of Boone
- 8 County. So, for example, me, who lives in southwest
- 9 Boone County, my rate once the Board of Trustees says
- 10 we're going to the voters will be decided by all the
- 11 voters of Boone County.
- Now, that's not the same for the citizens of
- 13 Columbia. Citizens of Columbia only vote on their
- 14 bond issue. Okay? But the citizens of Columbia are
- 15 citizens of Boone County and they get the right to
- 16 vote on my sewer rate.
- 17 So let's see that's 100,000 to 6,000 odds if
- 18 they want me to expand my sewer system to have
- 19 improved water quality, they're probably going to
- 20 vote for it. The citizens -- I was on all the bond
- 21 issues. We have gone to the public on all of our
- 22 bond issues on rate increases.
- 23 So all of our rate increases are approved by
- 24 everybody. Okay? Does that answer your question on
- 25 rates?

- 1 COMMISSIONER TUPPER: Yeah.
- 2 MR. DAVID SHORR: Yeah.
- 3 All of our rates have been approved by vote.
- 4 COMMISSIONER TUPPER: There's another thing that can
- 5 figure rates though and that's on unbridled growth.
- 6 MR. DAVID SHORR: Unbridled growth?
- 7 COMMISSIONER TUPPER: Yeah. Expansion. Taken over
- 8 some of these other things can also trigger a need
- 9 for more money. That's a rate increase.
- 10 MR. DAVID SHORR: It's one of the reasons why we're
- 11 fortunate that we have county-wide zoning. And if
- 12 you're not -- if you want sewerage you're going to
- 13 have to go to one of the areas that sewers are
- 14 provided or else you're going to have demonstrate,
- 15 you're going to put in a plant that's going to be
- 16 capable of carrying it out for the long-term future.
- 17 So I hope that answers your question.
- 18 COMMISSIONER TUPPER: Well, I -- I agree with the
- 19 proposal. I don't have a problem with it. I think
- 20 that we're plowing new ground and there are some
- 21 dangers that we need to be very careful.
- 22 COMMISSIONER SHORNEY: David? David?
- 23 MR. DAVID SHORR: Yes.
- 24 COMMISSIONER SHORNEY: On the bond issues can you
- 25 tell us a little bit of the statistics; how many

- 1 people voted, what percentage was -- voted for it.
- 2 MR. DAVID SHORR: I can't remember the total number
- 3 of voters but the vote totals were both in excess of
- 4 65 percent. In fact, ours was -- what were we --
- 5 MR. TOM RATERMANN: We were about 69 percent. I
- 6 think the City of Columbia's was slightly over 70.
- 7 And the City of Columbia and the sewer district have
- 8 gone to the voters jointly in '97, 2003 and 2008. In
- 9 '97 the sewer district, it was asking for about 3.8
- 10 million and the City of Columbia was asking for about
- 11 18 million. And the percentage approvals were about
- 12 the same.
- 13 It's about 69 percent for sewer district, about
- 14 70 percent, a little over 70 for the City of
- 15 Columbia. The same thing in '03, the city was
- 16 seeking about 18 million, the sewer district was seeking about
- 3.8 million approval percentages were about the same.
- 18 And then in '08 the city was seeking about 60 million
- 19 --
- 20 MR. STEVE HUNT: Seventy-seven million.
- 21 MR. TOM RATERMANN: Seventy-seven million and the
- 22 sewer district was seeking 21 million and the
- 23 approval percentages were about the same. Sewer
- 24 district about 68 percent. The City of Columbia just
- over 70 percent.

- 1 We go to the voters at the same time, as David
- 2 mentioned all Boone County residents, registered
- 3 voters vote on sewer district bond issues. So that
- 4 means the City of Columbia voter gets to vote on
- 5 sewer district customers' bond issues. And then the
- 6 City of Columbia voter actually sees two questions on
- 7 their ballot. The sewer district's ballot question
- 8 and the City of Columbia's ballot question.
- 9 MR. DAVID SHORR: We have a demonstrated effort. You
- 10 could ask, why would I want to be one of the people
- 11 who would want to raise rates 100 percent? My
- 12 neighbors are thrilled about it. I can tell you
- 13 that.
- But the fact is, is what we've done is we've
- 15 always gone with a coordinated approach. We've
- 16 already talked -- always talked about the area as a
- 17 system not a political subdivision. We explain the
- 18 political subdivisions with regard to who's paying,
- 19 but they understand that it's a coordinated effort.
- 20 And, I think, that's -- I think, that's one of
- 21 the things that the public in, at least, Boone County
- 22 is calling for. And I think we have delivered. And
- 23 I think our votes have demonstrated it when you're
- 24 asking for that kind of money.
- 25 If you were to ask me, is the well tapped out?

- 1 I tell you that that is probably getting there. I
- 2 don't think we'll see that kind of response the next
- 3 go around.
- 4 Steve, you want to quickly represent --
- 5 MR. STEVE HUNT: Thanks, David. I just -- I'll be
- 6 brief. I just have a couple items I'd like to
- 7 mention.
- 8 One of them is our -- is that the city has one
- 9 wastewater facility that serves the entire city metro
- 10 area as Tom and David mentioned. We are planning on
- 11 making about a \$60 million improvement to this
- 12 facility funded through the SRF Program.
- We are in final design of that process. We hope
- 14 to bid that project in September. Once this facility
- 15 is completed the wastewater facility for the City of
- 16 Columbia and Columbia metro area should be pretty
- 17 well set through the year 2025, 2030 depending on
- 18 growth and depending on what additional regulations
- 19 are coming down from EPA or from -- from DNR.
- 20 But -- but the point being is that the capacity
- 21 for serving the entire metro area will be there. The
- 22 city is committed to providing service area -- or
- 23 providing sewers for Columbia, for the -- for the
- 24 area in blue there on the left map as the city
- 25 continues to grow we are committed to provide sewer

- 1 and make the necessary improvements to our system.
- With these improvements in place, the \$60
- 3 million improvement project Columbia's sewer rates
- 4 will be around \$20 per month by the year 2013. We
- 5 were fortunate and we took advantage of a lot of EPA
- 6 construction grant monies that were available
- 7 throughout the '80s so our rates have been fairly
- 8 competitive.
- 9 But the point being is that -- that we are
- 10 willing and able to provide service. We've got a
- 11 long history of working with the sewer district. We
- 12 intend to -- to continue that in the future. And
- 13 from the city's perspective -- excuse me -- from the
- 14 city's perspective our goal in this process is to
- 15 continue to have one facility, one wastewater
- 16 facility in the city to keep these wastewater -- to
- 17 keep new wastewater facilities from being created to
- 18 see that existing wastewater facilities that are in
- 19 our service area are systematically removed when it's
- 20 feasible, when we have sewers available.
- 21 The city typically bears most of the cost to
- 22 connect these facilities to our system. The one
- 23 facility that's in -- that's within the city, right
- 24 now, it's a small lagoon. It's up on the north part
- 25 of town. We actually have a city sewer line that

- runs within feet of this lagoon. It would literally
- 2 take less than 10 feet of pipe to connect this
- 3 facility to our system.
- 4 So we're not talking about a big dollar
- 5 investment from these individuals that have private -
- 6 private facilities to connect to our system. It's
- 7 just a matter of getting it done and so that the
- 8 citizens can enjoy -- enjoy the benefits of having
- 9 streams in town that are -- that are protected.
- 10 It's our goal to have the highest water quality
- 11 in our streams as we can. And we see that this Tier
- 12 2 Authority will allow us to do that to keep these
- 13 facilities from discharging to the streams.
- 14 As David mentioned we're also pursuing the sewer
- 15 extension delegated authority. The city has a number
- 16 of professional engineers on staff, myself, being one
- of them, we've got a system in place; we currently
- 18 review all the sewer extensions that are to be built
- 19 in the city by private development and by -- by our
- 20 own construction projects. We currently re- --
- 21 review those in-house, then we send the plans down to
- 22 the state, down to DNR once they meet our
- 23 requirements and then the -- and then the state
- 24 reviews them as well.
- 25 So we feel like our internal program is

- 1 sufficient and it meets the -- meets the requirements
- 2 of the delegated program. We're seeking that -- that
- 3 authority as well.
- 4 I'd be happy to answer any questions you might
- 5 have of me.
- 6 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: What was your rate by 2013?
- 7 MR. STEVE HUNT: It's roughly 20, \$20 per month for
- 8 the -- that's for a residential user.
- 9 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Okay. It's that -- what is it
- 10 now, then?
- 11 MR. STEVE HUNT: Now, it's -- its \$15 a month.
- 12 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: So yours isn't going to go up as
- 13 much as the sewer district?
- 14 MR. STEVE HUNT: No, sir. The city, we have about
- 15 40,000 residential customers and an additional three
- 16 almost 4,000 industrial, commercial customers so our
- 17 -- our scale is a little bit bigger than the sewer
- 18 districts.
- 19 MR. DAVID SHORR: I just want to -- I want to answer
- one question that you should have asked. Okay?
- What we're asking for is on the green map over
- 22 here. In the blue is the City of Columbia that would
- 23 be their 2 Tier -- Tier 2 Authority zone and
- the green would be the counties. There are white
- 25 zones that appear on the map. Those white zones are

- 1 existing, incorporated cities within the boundary of
- 2 Boone County that have their own systems and have
- 3 their own independence and their own councils and
- 4 they are not included in the Tier 2 request because
- 5 they have their own option of what to do.
- 6 Now, the question that is out there would be,
- 7 well, what if they would want one of the Tier 2
- 8 Authorities to potentially work with them. The
- 9 answer is, is there is two examples already, one, is
- 10 Rocheport, which many of you know Boone County Sewer
- 11 District by contract operates the Rocheport facility
- 12 and -- and we provide the services for them. And
- 13 then there's also Hartsburg. We're under contract
- 14 and we operate their facility and it is not our rate
- 15 base, but we provide them the professional expertise
- 16 that they need in order to take care of their
- 17 business.
- 18 That would be a question for the Board of
- 19 Trustees whether they would wish to accept additional
- 20 activity and whether we would accept them as a
- 21 district customer versus a contractee. So that would
- 22 be the only other issue that I $\operatorname{--}$ I would see in the
- 23 matrix of -- of what I would want to ask if I were a
- 24 Commissioner, so --
- 25 Any other further questions?

- 1 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Would they -- do you think there
- 2 would be the -- if the black dot at the top of the
- 3 map desired to have the district operate their system
- 4 on a contractual basis for -- I mean, is that a
- 5 possible?
- 6 MR. DAVID SHORR: Commissioner, that's been brought
- 7 up.
- 8 The biggest problem that exists is they'd still
- 9 have to pay the capital costs. Hartsburg pays all
- 10 its capital costs. So when we -- when we go to
- 11 disinfection, you just approve Rocheport -- a loan
- 12 for Rocheport for disinfection. Rocheport makes that
- 13 decision. Rocheport decides its rate. All we do is
- 14 provide the professional operation capability. I
- 15 would think that would be a question for the Board
- 16 that if a customer wished us to be an operating
- 17 enterprise whether we would take that under contract
- 18 or not as a private entity. To date, we've never
- 19 done that.
- We've got an interesting scenario coming up in
- 21 north Col- -- or in north Boone County a proposed
- 22 racetrack that has been in Boone County and mostly
- 23 out of Boone County. It's now been annexed into
- 24 Clark and Randolph. What question will be posed to
- 25 us since we're the closest sewer authority to -- to

- 1 participate in any way? And we've already told the
- 2 Randolph County Commissioners we're there and
- 3 available for technical assistance but that would be
- 4 an inner-agency agreement that I don't even know if
- 5 we can do under law.
- 6 So I hope that answers your question.
- 7 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: If -- if you were able to bring -
- 8 you have any idea how many customers you would add
- 9 if you were able to bring a large percentage of these
- 10 individual entities in? I mean, would that help --
- 11 MR. DAVID SHORR: Defray costs and lower rates?
- 12 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: -- your rate to not be as --
- 13 MR. DAVID SHORR: I would actually probably take the
- 14 gut reaction that it might even be a little more
- 15 stress on the rate. A lot of these areas we would
- 16 not get one-to-one off of with regard to the capital
- 17 improvement expense. So it be -- have to be
- 18 amortized amongst the other customers.
- 19 Also, in our -- one other item for your interest
- 20 in all the agreements that we've done in what I call
- 21 the modern era with the city; one of the issues is as
- 22 the city grows it sometimes, like, an amoeba comes
- 23 around and starts coming around sewer district
- 24 property and area. And we've already made a
- 25 provision in our agreements for the city to be able

- 1 to reincorporate citizens of Columbia into their
- 2 system when they become citizens of Columbia. And
- 3 the whole function in those agreements is maintaining
- 4 our minimum rate base to pay off our bonded indebtedness.
- 5 So to answer your question, it fluctuates. And
- 6 -- and so we have to speculate how many customers
- 7 we're going to have and we use a minimum standard
- 8 versus maximum in order to make sure that we can
- 9 maintain the ability to pay down debt. We have to do
- 10 that because Columbia is growing. And we want it --
- 11 we want those citizens to receive service from their
- 12 community and not have this political unrest that
- 13 occurs when they're -- when they have this.
- 14 Does that answer your question?
- 15 (No response.)
- 16 MR. DAVID SHORR: Thank you. We appreciate it.
- 17 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Thank you.
- 18 MR. ROB MORRISON: Just a quick reminder, as I
- 19 mentioned, we intend to bring this back to you in
- 20 September. If you have any questions feel free to
- 21 contact me or -- and I can either pass your question
- 22 along or we can answer that at that time.
- 23 So with that any questions for me, right now,
- 24 that -- that are -- are -- are on your mind for the
- 25 Department?

- 1 (No response.)
- 2 MR. ROB MORRISON: All right. Thank you.
- 3 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Okay. Any other comments on that
- 4 or --
- 5 If not, we're going to break for lunch and --
- 6 before we get into the next topic. So are you ready?
- 7 COMMISSIONER SHORNEY: Mr. Chair, I move the Clean
- 8 Water Commission go into closed session to discuss
- 9 legal, confidential or privileged matters under
- 10 Section 610.021(1), RSMo; personal actions -- personnel
- 11 actions under Section 610.021(3), RSMo; and personnel
- 12 records or applications under Section 610.021(13),
- 13 RSMo.
- 14 COMMISSIONER HUNTER: Second.
- 15 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Malinda, you want to take the
- 16 vote?
- 17 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Easley?
- 18 COMMISSIONER EASLEY: Yes.
- 19 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Shorney?
- 20 COMMISSIONER SHORNEY: Yes.
- 21 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Tupper?
- 22 COMMISSIONER TUPPER: Yes.
- 23 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Hunter?
- 24 COMMISSIONER HUNTER: Yes.
- 25 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Chair Hardecke?

- 1 CHAIR HARDECKE: Yes.
- 2 Thank you. We'll see you -- how long? At one
- 3 o'clock.
- 4 (Break in proceedings.)
- 5 MR. MOHAMMADI: You're on.
- 6 Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman, members of the
- 7 Commission we have four items for referral to the
- 8 office of Attorney General Office for you this
- 9 afternoon.
- 10 The first one is Frank Davis and Davis Rental,
- 11 L.L.C. also known as Upper Deck. Davis Rentals,
- 12 L.L.C. owns a tavern and restaurant known as the
- 13 Upper Deck located in Boone County. Wastewater from
- 14 the tavern and restaurant is treated by the
- 15 wastewater treatment facility consisting of a septic
- 16 tank and aeration unit. The facility operates
- 17 pursuant -- pursuant to Missouri State Operating
- 18 Permit, which expired by its own term on April 2007.
- 19 Since June 2002, the Department has conducted
- 20 several inspections of the facility serving the Upper
- 21 Deck. During this inspection and review of the
- 22 discharge monitoring report staff documented that the
- 23 effluent discharging from the facility has
- 24 chronically failed to comply with its effluent
- 25 limitation.

- 1 In addition, Department record indicates that
- 2 the Department has not received the annual sludge
- 3 reports for years from 2004 to 2008. For the past
- 4 several years Department staff has made numerous
- 5 attempts with Mr. Frank Davis to obtain voluntarily
- 6 compliance with Missouri Clean Water Law.
- 7 However, Mr. Davis has failed to correct the
- 8 violations. Therefore, staff recommends the matter
- 9 to be referred to the office of Attorney General
- 10 Office for appropriate legal action.
- 11 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Okay. Is there anyone here from
- 12 Davis Rentals?
- 13 COMMISSIONER EASLEY: Yes.
- 14 MR. FRANK DAVIS: Good afternoon, Commissioners. I'm
- 15 Frank Davis, Davis Rentals L.L.C.
- 16 On the permit when I -- I actually originally
- 17 opened the Upper Deck in 2001, 2002. I sold it in
- 18 2004 to another gentleman. I bought it back in late
- 19 2006. The operating permit in my mind was five
- 20 years. I forgot about it. Only -- not that it
- 21 didn't extend out five years for me that I had to do
- 22 it -- I have no defense except I forgot and had five
- 23 years in my head and that's it on that one.
- On the rest of it, most of it is about the
- 25 effluent and the sludge report. The effluent when I

- 1 got it back was -- the whole system was in disarray
- 2 from where I originally put it in. And it took me a
- 3 long time to get it back into actually operating
- 4 capacity to where it would actually take care of this
- 5 -- the building and the business.
- 6 From May 2008 to April 2009 there was only one
- 7 report on total suspended solids that was out of
- 8 compliance, which was 36 instead of 30 on that. So
- 9 there's almost a year now that it has been in
- 10 compliance.
- In May, this year, I got another report it was
- 12 at 41. And I'm like the sys- -- in my mind the
- 13 system has ran perfect for a year almost now, maybe a
- 14 little over a year. Now, all of a sudden it's going
- 15 out again. The next month in June I actually was
- 16 there when they took the sample. The guy sampling
- 17 it, he opened the bottle up, he drops it right down
- 18 in the water, picks it up, hoses the outside off and
- 19 props it up underneath the discharge pipe to take a
- 20 sample. So I called the office about it. They said
- 21 they know his habitats. He doesn't do stuff like
- 22 that. And I said I saw him do it.
- 23 So I'm fighting with them about whether he did
- 24 or not. And they went ahead and reran -- I thought
- 25 they were going to come and get another sample. They

- 1 didn't. They just reran the sample. Rerunning the
- 2 same sample came back at, I think, it was at 52 the
- 3 first time. They have an amended one and I have a
- 4 copy of here, too, that is now at 42. So those
- 5 10 differences in less than a week on the same sample
- 6 that was in their office.
- 7 I'm actually trying -- I'm actually talking to
- 8 other companies and get somebody else that's more
- 9 reliable, more dependable. Hopefully, they can make
- 10 sure that the samples are done right. If not, I'm
- 11 going to start taking the samples myself.
- 12 And I've been talking Tom Redding (sic) -- or
- 13 Ratermann, I am one of his black dots on that map
- 14 that you heard earlier. I've been talking to them
- 15 for -- they're saying 11 years, it's been over 12
- 16 years. And I've owned the convenience store up there.
- 17 There was a carwash, at one time, rental house; they
- 18 were all on one lagoon. The building where this is
- 19 at now I had it also. So I had several permits. I
- 20 tried and tried to get sewer. I could not get it. They
- 21 refused to let me hook on to the sewer when they let
- 22 others just 1,000 feet from me hook on. I was going
- 23 to pay 100 percent, myself, to put the pipe in and
- 24 everything.
- 25 They're talking now that they can't get

- 1 easements for the sewer. We're -- I'm trying to work
- 2 with Tom, now, to try to talk to some of the other
- 3 people. I'm not a government official. They'll
- 4 listen to me, I think, better. Maybe they can
- 5 understand my words better than they can there's.
- 6 And hopefully we can get sewer in that area and do
- 7 away with this permit.
- I do not want the permit, but I have to have it
- 9 right now. I've been trying for years. And that's
- 10 all we can do with it.
- 11 The sludge reports, I don't even remember
- 12 anybody saying anything about a sludge report. I've
- 13 never, to my knowledge, ever sent one in from back in
- 14 '02. Nobody has ever put anything on a non-compliant
- 15 until this year about a sludge report.
- They have also on here '04, '05 and '06. Late
- 17 '04 I sold the business. I didn't buy it back until
- 18 late '06, so there's some years in there that I
- 19 didn't even own the property at that time.
- 20 And I've just -- I'm really taking care of the
- 21 system, now. I've got it down. I've just got to get
- 22 somebody else that's going to do the testing right.
- 23 If --
- 24 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: You're hiring a company to do the testing?
- 25 MR. FRANK DAVIS: Hiring another company to do the

- 1 sampling and testing besides this one. The way
- 2 they're doing things is less than desirable. And I'm
- 3 -- I don't -- this is a waste of my time being here.
- 4 It's their fault this time on these last few. How
- 5 many before that, I don't know. I didn't check on
- 6 them. And every -- it was always the system.
- 7 Something wrong with the system, that's everybody's
- 8 excuse constantly.
- 9 So I'm not an engineer. I'm not a scientist. I
- 10 don't even know how to do these tests. I know how to
- 11 take a sample. And if that's what it takes that's
- 12 what I'm going to start doing myself.
- 13 (TAPE TWO, SIDE A CONCLUDED.)
- 14 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: -- Boone County Sewer District,
- 15 what kind of time table did they give you to get
- 16 hooked on there?
- 17 MR. FRANK DAVIS: There're saying they have to have these
- 18 easements by February to get the stimulus money,
- 19 which will be half of the grant money, which will
- 20 help everybody in the neighborhood by half on their
- 21 actual cost.
- 22 COMMISSIONER EASLEY: They obtained all the
- 23 easements?
- 24 MR. FRANK DAVIS: They have not -- they've got ten, I
- 25 think, out of 36. But I know a lot of the others

- 1 that are up there. I've been -- I've had a business
- 2 up there for over 18 years of some kind or another so
- 3 I know a lot of the people there. I'm going -- Tom
- 4 and I are going to get together next week. We're --
- 5 he's going to go through with all the lines of
- 6 where's city, where's county. He's going to give me
- 7 names and addresses of people I know. I'm going to
- 8 go around and try to get the easements myself if I
- 9 can.
- 10 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: So they will have to lay a sewer
- 11 line to your property; is that correct?
- 12 MR. FRANK DAVIS: They -- I don't know that they
- 13 would lay it through mine --
- 14 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: If they get the easements? I
- 15 mean, through the properties where you get the
- 16 easements --
- 17 MR. FRANK DAVIS: Yes.
- 18 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: -- to hook on to your property?
- 19 MR. FRANK DAVIS: Yes.
- 20 And my property, actually, is about 1,000 feet
- 21 from sewer. But I can't get hooked on. I've been
- 22 talking to the city --
- 23 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: And there's 36 properties in that
- 24 1,000 feet is that --
- 25 MR. FRANK DAVIS: And -- the rest the properties are

- 1 past me to the north.
- 2 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Oh.
- 3 MR. FRANK DAVIS: And I'm -- they would all have to
- 4 come -- this line would have to come across me or on
- 5 the other side of the road, down that side.
- 6 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: But they won't build it until
- 7 they get the whole thing?
- 8 MR. FRANK DAVIS: Until they get the easements and
- 9 they can't -- well, they can't get the stimulus money
- 10 until they get the easements in place. And that has
- 11 to be done by February.
- 12 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Right. But I'm saying they won't
- 13 build the line to you unless they can build the whole
- 14 thing is that the problem?
- 15 MR. FRANK DAVIS: Well, this is --
- 16 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: No. Beyond -- you said the line
- 17 would go on beyond you?
- 18 MR. FRANK DAVIS: It would be -- yeah. It would go
- 19 past me to the north.
- 20 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Part of the easements that they
- 21 don't have are beyond you?
- 22 MR. FRANK DAVIS: Right.
- 23 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Can you get -- I guess, my
- 24 question is, if you're only 1,000 feet how many
- 25 easements are between you and them to get to your

- 1 property? Or how many of those do they have?
- 2 MR. FRANK DAVIS: Two at the most depending on which
- 3 direction they went. I'm right at a state right-of-
- 4 way and a county right-of-way. And they just put in
- 5 a new roundabout and everything. So they've already
- 6 got easements through a lot of that for --
- 7 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: So have you talked to him about
- 8 getting the line in, as far as you, outside of -- you
- 9 know, to just expedite the process for you?
- 10 MR. FRANK DAVIS: That's what he's going to talk to
- 11 me about next week. I guess I am in -- the city has
- 12 expanded their line for sewer out into the county.
- 13 He's telling me today that I am in the city part so I
- 14 would actually have to deal with the city and him to
- 15 try to get just mine hooked on if nothing else. And
- 16 at least now we're getting some dialog, so --
- 17 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Now, have you talked to Kevin
- 18 about this situation or the possibility of getting
- 19 hooked on?
- 20 MR. FRANK DAVIS: I haven't talked to anybody about
- 21 it. I just found out today about the stimulus money
- 22 and not getting the easements.
- 23 He even told me they had a meeting at another
- 24 building, which is not very far from me, a couple of
- 25 blocks, and property owners to show up for signing

- 1 easements and all this. Out of 36 there was 10 that
- 2 showed up.
- 3 I didn't even know anything about the meeting
- 4 because of me being in the city part of the county.
- 5 And it doesn't make sense to me, right now, he's
- 6 going to show me all the maps and everything and
- 7 explain to me where it's all going, so -- we're their
- 8 plans are going with it.
- 9 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: All right.
- 10 MR. FRANK DAVIS: And I do agree with their second
- 11 authority. I forget what it's called.
- 12 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Level 2 Authority.
- 13 MR. FRANK DAVIS: Yes.
- 14 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Continuing Authority.
- 15 MR. FRANK DAVIS: And make them hook on. It's --
- 16 especially the Prathersville area. There are lagoons
- 17 up there that are running into other people's
- 18 backyards up by their houses. And we've called the
- 19 health department. We've actually -- I've actually
- 20 talked to Macon, the office of DNR in Macon and they
- 21 said it's out of their hands. It's personal
- 22 property. There's no permit on it or anything. And
- 23 it's -- it's a place that's really in need of sewer.
- 24 It's in need of some help.
- 25 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Do you have any comments in

- 1 regards to his?
- 2 MR. KEVIN MOHAMMADI: I do.
- 3 I agree with Mr. Davis that connection --
- 4 connection to the Boone County is the ultimate
- 5 solution to this and I'm glad to hear that he's
- 6 willing to work with Boone County Regional Sewer
- 7 District. And that's what we are -- we hope to have
- 8 in place.
- 9 The purpose of referral is that the system that
- 10 Mr. Davis has its very high maintenance, intense,
- 11 requires lots of maintenance in order to keep it
- 12 going and running, staying in compliance. And that's
- one of the problems we had with him that whether it
- 14 was somebody else who owned the property or Mr. Davis
- 15 operated it; they didn't stay on top of this thing
- 16 for some legitimate reason I assume.
- 17 What we would like to have in place is if this
- 18 matter is referred to the Attorney General Office, we
- 19 have his settlement agreement with Mr. Davis that Mr.
- 20 Davis agrees to connect to the Boone County Regional
- 21 Sewer District or work with Boone County Regional
- 22 Sewer District to comply with the requirement in
- 23 order to get the connection with adjoining
- 24 neighborhood improvement sewer district or finding some --
- 25 signing some sort of contractual agreement.

- 1 And meantime from right now till the time sewer
- 2 becomes available and his property is connected to
- 3 the Boone County Regional Sewer District he agrees to
- 4 operate and maintain that it meets requirement of the
- 5 law and complies with this Commission regulation.
- And at the same time we will have some sort of a
- 7 stipulated penalty if the facility doesn't -- is not
- 8 being operated and maintained or Mr. Davis fails to
- 9 connect when sewer becomes available, there is a
- 10 stipulated penalty that way that settlement agreement
- 11 is enforceable itself in force. That's what we
- 12 envision.
- 13 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: You understand that?
- 14 MR. FRANK DAVIS: I didn't understand all of it, but
- 15 I got -- I've got the gist of it.
- 16 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Well, what he's saying is, if we
- 17 refer to the Attorney General then the settlement
- 18 agreement would agree -- you would agree to connect
- 19 to Boone County Sewer District as soon as it becomes
- 20 available and until that time you agree to maintain
- 21 yours in proper working order, is that --
- 22 MR. KEVIN MOHAMMADI: That's correct.
- 23 MR. FRANK DAVIS: That's what I'm trying to do right
- 24 now.
- 25 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: So if we refer it to the Attorney

- 1 General that would be a vehicle for you to use to
- 2 help get connected to the sewer district; is that a
- 3 fair statement, Kevin?
- 4 MR. KEVIN MOHAMMADI: Yes.
- 5 MR. FRANK DAVIS: That would help me get hooked up to
- 6 the sewer?
- 7 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Sure.
- 8 It would -- it would be -- well, can you explain
- 9 it better?
- 10 MR. KEVIN MOHAMMADI: Basically, what we would have
- 11 Mr. Davis, in place is a settlement agreement between
- 12 the state and you. The state -- with the Missouri
- 13 Department of Natural Resources and Attorney General
- 14 Office that you agree to work with Boone County
- 15 Regional Sewer District whether signing a contract
- 16 with them to join neighborhood improvement sewer
- 17 district, whatever the requirement is or get the
- 18 easement. And when sewer becomes available you will
- 19 connect to the -- to their system. Meanwhile,
- 20 between now and the time that that becomes reality
- 21 you agree to operate and maintain your treatment
- 22 facility that you comply with Missouri Clean Water
- 23 Law and you wont' exceed your limit and so forth.
- 24 There will be a stipulated penalty in order for that
- 25 settlement agreement to have teeth in it and to be

- 1 enforceable. There is a stipulated penalty if you
- 2 don't meet any provision of the settlement agreement
- 3 you have to pay a penalty.
- 4 COMMISSIONER EASLEY: Kevin, would he also have to
- 5 apply for and obtain a permit, an operating permit?
- 6 MR. KEVIN MOHAMMADI: That's something that we have
- 7 to look into in light of the fact that Boone County
- 8 Regional Sewer District is coming before this
- 9 Commission, wants to become Level 2 Continuing
- 10 Authority. That's something that we will probably
- 11 will put that application on hold for time being till
- 12 this Commission sort out which way they want to go on
- 13 that issue.
- 14 COMMISSIONER TUPPER: We're talking about Boone
- 15 County but what I'm ready here he's actually going to
- 16 be connected to the city.
- 17 MR. KEVIN MOHAMMADI: City provides the treatment,
- 18 but Boone County provides the conveyance of
- 19 collection system.
- 20 COMMISSIONER TUPPER: It says to the City of
- 21 Columbia's collection system.
- 22 MR. KEVIN MOHAMMADI: I don't know exactly how the
- 23 layout is going to be. Part of the collection system
- 24 probably, Commissioner Tupper, belongs to the City of
- 25 Columbia but, I think, that Boone County Regional

- 1 Sewer District is planning to come up with the money
- 2 to form neighborhood improvement sewer district to
- 3 build this line that connects to the City of Columbia
- 4 collection system.
- 5 COMMISSIONER TUPPER: Okay.
- 6 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Your property is not in the City
- 7 of Columbia, right?
- 8 MR. FRANK DAVIS: No.
- 9 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: So that's why he would be a --
- 10 MR. FRANK DAVIS: Boone County --
- 11 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: -- customer of the sewer
- 12 district.
- 13 MR. FRANK DAVIS: -- Sewer District customer.
- 14 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: The waste would be hooked to
- 15 Columbia's system?
- 16 MR. FRANK DAVIS: Right.
- 17 It would be, like, those agreements that Tom was
- 18 talking about between then and the city that I would
- 19 hook on with them, be their customer but they would
- 20 have an agreement with the city --
- 21 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Right.
- 22 MR. FRANK DAVIS: -- for my sewage.
- 23 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Right.
- Okay. So if we refer you to the Attorney
- 25 General then you'll work that agreement out such as

- 1 Kevin has -- has outlined and then that'll give you a
- 2 way to move forward until you get hooked on to the
- 3 sewer district?
- 4 MR. FRANK DAVIS: And I've actually told the city I
- 5 would even sign an annexation agreement and would not
- 6 fight it.
- 7 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Okay.
- 8 MR. FRANK DAVIS: So I've already told them that two
- 9 months ago.
- 10 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Okay. Ready for the motion.
- 11 COMMISSIONER EASLEY: Okay. I move that the Missouri
- 12 Clean Water Commission request the Missouri Attorney
- 13 General to institute a civil action against Mr. Frank
- 14 Davis and Davis Rentals, L.L.C. on behalf of the
- 15 Missouri Clean Water Commission and the Missouri
- 16 Department of Natural Resources requiring Mr. Frank
- 17 Davis and Davis Rentals L.L.C. to comply with the
- 18 Missouri Clean Water Law; pay a civil penalty for
- 19 past violations; and any relief deemed appropriate by
- 20 the Attorney General's Office.
- 21 COMMISSIONER TUPPER: Second.
- 22 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Malinda, will you take the vote?
- 23 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Tupper?
- 24 COMMISSIONER TUPPER: Yes.
- 25 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Hunter?

- 1 COMMISSIONER HUNTER: Yes.
- 2 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Easley?
- 3 COMMISSIONER EASLEY: Yes.
- 4 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Shorney?
- 5 COMMISSIONER SHORNEY: Yes.
- 6 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Chair -- Chair Hardecke?
- 7 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Yes.
- 8 Thank you.
- 9 MR. FRANK DAVIS: Thank you.
- 10 MR. KEVIN MOHAMMADI: The second matter is Mr. Tom
- 11 and Ms. Shelly James, Holiday -- Holiday Lakes Resort
- 12 Subdivision Club, Inc. Mr. Thomas and Ms. Shelly
- 13 James own a seasonal recreational vehicle park known
- 14 as Holiday Lakes Resort located in Lafayette County.
- 15 In addition, approximately 334 individual people
- 16 own separate lots for their recreational vehicles.
- 17 The wastewater treatment facility that serves the
- 18 resort is a single cell wastewater treatment lagoon that is
- 19 operating without a Missouri State Operating Permit.
- 20 Since October 2007 the Department of Natural
- 21 Resources has conducted several inspections of the
- 22 facility serving the resort. During these
- 23 inspections staff have documented that facility was
- 24 constructed without a construction permit and that
- 25 James' are operating a water contaminant sewer without

- 1 a valid operating permit.
- 2 Staff also -- staff has also observed that the
- 3 service connection to one resident had been
- 4 disconnected from the collection system and raw
- 5 sewage was flowing out of the gravity pipe. Staff
- 6 further observed wastewater leaking from the
- 7 unpermitted holding tanks and water contaminant in
- 8 the tributaries.
- 9 Furthermore, there does not appear to be a valid
- 10 continuing authority for the wastewater treatment and collection
- 11 system. For the past several years Department staff has attempted
- 12 to obtain voluntary compliance. However, the owners
- 13 have refused to comply.
- 14 In addition discharging untreated wastewater
- 15 from the facility to waters of the state poses an
- 16 immediate threat to the environment, human health, and
- 17 the users of such waters. Therefore, staff
- 18 recommends the matter to be referred to the office of
- 19 Attorney General Office for appropriate legal action.
- 20 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Okay. Is there anyone here from
- 21 Holiday Lakes?
- 22 (No response.)
- 23 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Do we have a motion?
- 24 COMMISSIONER TUPPER: Mr. Chairman, I move the
- 25 Missouri Clean Water Commission request the Missouri

- 1 Attorney General to institute a civil action against
- 2 Mr. Thomas and Ms. Shelly James, Holiday Lakes Resort
- 3 Subdivision Club, Inc., and all property owners in
- 4 the Holiday Lakes Resort on behalf of the Missouri
- 5 Clean Water Commission and the Missouri Department of
- 6 Natural Resources, requiring Mr. Thomas and Ms.
- 7 Shelly James, Holiday Lakes Resort Subdivision Club,
- 8 Inc., and all property owners in the Holiday Lakes
- 9 Resort to comply with the Missouri Clean Water Law;
- 10 pay a civil penalty for past violations; and any
- 11 relief deemed appropriate by the Attorney General's
- 12 Office.
- 13 COMMISSIONER SHORNEY: Second.
- 14 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Malinda, take the vote, please.
- 15 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Hunter?
- 16 COMMISSIONER HUNTER: Yes.
- 17 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Easley?
- 18 COMMISSIONER EASLEY: Yes.
- 19 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Shorney?
- 20 COMMISSIONER SHORNEY: Yes.
- 21 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Tupper?
- 22 COMMISSIONER TUPPER: Yes.
- 23 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Chair Hardecke?
- 24 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Yes.
- 25 MR. KEVIN MOHAMMADI: Next matter is Garth Coleman

- 1 Builders, Inc. and Mr. Garth Coleman, Kinkade
- 2 Crossings, Plat 1, 2, and 3. Garth Coleman Builders
- 3 Inc. owns and is developing 31 acres of property in
- 4 Boone County platted for 39 residential lots. This
- 5 development is known as Kinkade Crossings, Plat 1, 2,
- 6 and 3.
- 7 On May 2008, Department staff conducted a
- 8 complaint investigation and observed that best
- 9 management practices were not adequate to control the
- 10 transfer of silt offsite. During subsequent
- 11 complaint investigation on September 2008 and January
- 12 2009 staff observed -- observed deep erosion gullies,
- 13 unprotected storm water inlets, silt fences
- 14 overtopping with sediment and heavy sediment deposit
- 15 in tributary to Rocky Fork and in the streets.
- Since May 2008, the Department has issued three
- 17 notices of violation to Mr. Garth Coleman in an
- 18 attempt to bring the site into compliance. On March
- 19 2009 the Department sent a certified letter to Mr.
- 20 Coleman offering to resolve the past violations
- 21 through an out-of-court settlement agreement.
- 22 On April 2009, Mr. Coleman contacted Department
- 23 staff by phone and discussed the process to resolve
- 24 this matter. During this conversation staff
- 25 requested the response to the Department offer and

- 1 Mr. Coleman stated that he would submit response by
- 2 April 17th, 2009.
- 3 On April 23rd, 2009, the Department sent a second
- 4 certified letter to Mr. Coleman as a final attempt to
- 5 resolve this matter out-of-court. On May 20- -- May
- 6 1st, 2009, Mr. Coleman contacted staff by phone and
- 7 indicated he would submit a response.
- 8 To date, the Department has not received a
- 9 response to its offer. Therefore, staff recommends
- 10 the matter to be referred to the Office of Attorney
- 11 General for appropriate legal action.
- 12 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Is there anyone here from Garth
- 13 Coleman Builders?
- 14 (No response.)
- 15 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: I guess will entertain a motion.
- 16 COMMISSIONER SHORNEY: Mr. Chair, I move that the
- 17 Missouri Clean Water Commission request the Missouri
- 18 Attorney General to institute appropriate legal
- 19 action against Mr. Garth Coleman and Garth Coleman
- 20 Builders, Inc., in a court of competent jurisdiction
- 21 on behalf of the Missouri Clean Water Commission and
- 22 the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to
- 23 require compliance with the Clean -- Missouri Clean
- 24 Water Law and its implementing regulations, payment
- 25 of civil penalties for past violations and any relief

- 1 deemed appropriate by the Attorney General's Office.
- 2 COMMISSIONER HUNTER: Second.
- 3 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Malinda, do you want to take the
- 4 vote?
- 5 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Hunter?
- 6 COMMISSIONER HUNTER: Yes.
- 7 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Easley?
- 8 COMMISSIONER EASLEY: Yes.
- 9 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Shorney?
- 10 COMMISSIONER SHORNEY: Yes.
- 11 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Tupper?
- 12 COMMISSIONER TUPPER: Yes.
- 13 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Chair Hardecke?
- 14 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Yes.
- 15 MR. KEVIN MOHAMMADI: The last item is Mathis Homes,
- 16 Inc. Mathis Homes Inc. developed property in
- 17 Jefferson County known as Castle Heights. Castle
- 18 Heights is a -- is platted for 171 residential lots
- 19 and consists of approximately 76 acres being
- 20 disturbed.
- 21 Arnold Cook Road L.L.C. owns the legal title for
- 22 the property and financed the project for Mathis
- 23 Homes. The Department of Natural Resources issued
- 24 Missouri State Operating Permit to Mathis Homes on
- 25 April 5th, 2006, which expired by its own terms on

- 1 March 8th, 2007.
- 2 On July 2007, the Department reissued Missouri
- 3 State Operating Permit to Mathis Homes authorizing a
- 4 discharge of a storm water to Rock Creek pursuant to
- 5 requirement and conditions contained in the operating
- 6 permit.
- 7 On May 2007, September 6th, 2007, and April 2008,
- 8 Department staff conducted investigation of the
- 9 development and observed that best management
- 10 practices were not adequate to control the transfer
- 11 of silt offsite. Staff also observed erosion
- 12 gullies, sediment fences not being maintained and
- 13 sediment deposits in tributary to Rock Creek.
- 14 Since June 2007, Department has issued one
- 15 letter of warning and two notices of violation to Mr.
- 16 Craig Mathis, President of Mathis Homes in an attempt
- 17 to bring the site into compliance.
- 18 In July 2008, Mathis Homes left the project and
- 19 Arnold Cook took over the responsibility of
- 20 maintaining the BMPs onsite. A recent inspection
- 21 conducted by the Department on April 2009 documented
- 22 that Arnold Cook has brought Castle Heights into
- 23 compliance with the Clean Water Law.
- On March 6th, 2009, Department sent a certified
- 25 letter to Mathis offering to resolve the past

- 1 violations through an out-of-court settlement
- 2 agreement. The Department did not receive a response
- 3 and sent another letter to Mr. Mathis on April 3rd,
- 4 2009. On April 22nd, 2009, Mr. Mathis contacted
- 5 Department staff by phone and informed staff that he
- 6 did not own any of the property. He did not develop
- 7 the property or buy and sell lots. And he has not
- 8 been on the site for over a year.
- 9 Mr. Mathis further stated that he is not
- 10 responsible for the violation and Mathis Homes will
- 11 not pay a civil penalty. On May 11th, 2009,
- 12 Department staff met with Mr. John Huzeker managing
- 13 member of Arnold Cook and Mr. Josh Cox, engineer.
- 14 During these conversations Mr. Huzeker informed staff
- 15 that Mr. Mathis was platting, purchasing and selling
- 16 lots for the development and Arnold Cook financed the
- 17 project for Mathis Homes until Mathis Homes abandoned
- 18 the project.
- 19 To date, the Department has not received a
- 20 response from Mr. Mathis. Therefore, staff
- 21 recommends the matter to be referred to the Office of
- 22 Attorney General for appropriate legal action.
- 23 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Is there anyone here from Mathis
- 24 Homes?
- 25 (No response.)

- 1 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: A motion?
- 2 COMMISSIONER HUNTER: Mr. Chairman, I move that the
- 3 Missouri Clean Water Commission request the Missouri
- 4 Attorney General to institute appropriate legal
- 5 action against Mr. Craig Mathis and Mathis Homes,
- 6 Inc., in a court of competent jurisdiction on behalf
- 7 of the Missouri Clean Water Commission and the
- 8 Missouri Department of Natural Resources to require
- 9 payment of civil penalties for past violations and
- 10 any relief deemed appropriate by the Attorney
- 11 General's Office.
- 12 COMMISSIONER TUPPER: Second.
- 13 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Malinda, do you want to take the
- 14 vote?
- 15 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Easley?
- 16 COMMISSIONER EASLEY: Yes.
- 17 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Shorney?
- 18 COMMISSIONER SHORNEY: Yes.
- 19 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Tupper?
- 20 COMMISSIONER TUPPER: Yes.
- 21 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Hunter?
- 22 COMMISSIONER HUNTER: Yes.
- 23 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Chair Hardecke?
- 24 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Yes.
- 25 MR. KEVIN HOHAMMADI: Thank you.

- 1 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Okay. Moving right along to Tab
- 2 No. 14.
- 3 MR. ROB MORRISON: Good afternoon Commission, again.
- 4 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Hello.
- 5 MR. ROB MORRISON: It's me again.
- 6 I stand before you today in a little bit of
- 7 morning. I lost my Permits and Engineering Section
- 8 Chief. Many of you knew Refaat. He had been a long
- 9 time Department employee. He took a job with a
- 10 consultant there in Jefferson City and he is no
- 11 longer with the Department. So we are in search of a
- 12 section chief for the Permits and Engineering
- 13 Section.
- 14 So anyway, that so, you've got me temporarily.
- 15 So I'll be brief as I have been when I have done
- 16 these in the past. The first page of this on 403 is
- 17 a synopsis of the various types of permits that the
- 18 Department uses or issues rather.
- 19 The comments that I'll make is that you see
- 20 these public notice permits requiring that they have
- 21 been -- been remaining fairly constant. Those are
- 22 our site specifics. We're able to process those at a
- 23 pretty good rate, keeping them in pretty good shape.
- 24 The only thing I'll say is that they are a little bit
- 25 cyclic in their nature, so -- you know, we have our

- 1 good times and our busy times so, --
- With that, the general permits, as you can see,
- 3 the trend has been down. With the down take in the
- 4 economy that is also a concern -- or it's -- that's
- 5 starting to show with our lack of issuance of land
- 6 disturbance permits. The -- the meaning there is
- 7 that we do lose revenue whenever we have a loss of
- 8 land disturbance permits. So if you see that bottom
- 9 line there, the totals -- you can go -- we were at --
- 10 at a back -- or I'll say an aging list of 592 in
- 11 October of last year and now we're down to 339. And
- 12 these are our permits that don't require public
- 13 notice. So these would be like our land disturbance
- 14 and other types of general permits.
- So, with that, if you'll direct your attention
- 16 to 405; 405 is the graph. If you have any questions
- 17 at any time feel free to stop me and I know you will.
- 18 405 is the general graph. It is a graph of our --
- 19 our permits, I believe, these are just site specific
- 20 permits that we run. It's our backlog total. It's
- 21 what EPA determines a backlog. The solid diamonds
- 22 are sort of -- it's the goal that EPA wants us to
- 23 shoot for. And as you can see our numbers have
- 24 trended below that line for a number of reasons.
- Obviously, the down take in the economy. We

- 1 don't have the general permits to work on. We can work
- 2 on the site specifics and, also, we -- we have been
- 3 processing -- we no longer are able to just have new
- 4 permit applications have to come in through the
- 5 Antideg process so that probably has slowed those
- 6 down somewhat in terms of -- of those projects.
- 7 I'll not spend much time on the water quality
- 8 certifications. As you notice over on Page 409 is
- 9 our water quality review assistance summary. And you
- 10 can see the totals there on the summaries of the
- 11 categories. You can see we're beginning -- we do
- 12 have quite a number. Our list is growing. We
- 13 continue to receive them. That doesn't mean that all
- 14 these projects will be built, but they're at least
- 15 going through the Antideg process. So when you see
- 16 that, we're starting to see a few of them coming in
- 17 for public notice in terms of being issued in their
- 18 draft operating permits. So you'll begin to that.
- 19 We'll see what happens with those as we move forward.
- 20 So that process has been a good process. It's been
- 21 a very complicated process getting started, but John
- 22 and his staff have done a good job of managing the
- 23 issues and getting the process in place. And as you
- 24 can see we have a pretty good workload that we're
- 25 still working on, but we are managing to stay current

- 1 on those -- on those projects.
- 2 Any questions on the antideg reviews at this point?
- 3 (No response.)
- 4 Lastly, the CAFO and Ag-Chem permits. If you
- 5 look at that -- or the -- those permits, we have all
- 6 those permits under review. We don't have -- I don't
- 7 believe there are any -- and Darrick, on review?
- 8 MR. DARRICK STEEN: Yeah. There are a couple of
- 9 them.
- 10 MR. ROB MORRISON: This list was obviously put
- 11 together back on June 9th, so there's been -- a few of
- 12 them have been processed from here. But generally
- 13 everything is under review. We have nothing sitting.
- 14 That is particularly noteworthy. It's kind of a
- 15 unique thing. When I first came here we had several
- 16 that were -- were -- you know, we took a while to get
- 17 through the process, but now we've worked all those
- 18 down. And Darrick and his staff are doing a fine job
- 19 keeping that -- keeping that going as well.
- Okay. And then the last page is just the
- 21 summary of the MOGs and MORs. I'll direct your
- 22 attention over to -- over to the last page there on
- 23 416. The R22A and that one and, I believe, all those
- 24 the R203, R22A and the R80H have all been issued now
- 25 since the inception of this report, so I don't

- 1 believe we have any permits that are -- any of the
- 2 general permits that are expired at this point.
- 3 So, with that, if there are any questions.
- 4 (No response.)
- 5 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Thank you.
- 6 MR. ROB MORRISON: Thanks.
- 7 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: **Fifteen.** Once again for Joe.
- 8 MR. JOE BOLAND: Good afternoon. I just have a few
- 9 items to update you on with the Financial Assistance
- 10 Center.
- 11 First, being our \$50 million bond sale. A
- 12 quick update on that is to date we have received 251
- 13 applications for a total of \$103 million in projects.
- 14 And the important number to note is we have awarded
- 15 about twenty-two and a half million dollars of that
- 16 \$50 million. So we're well on our way.
- 17 Again, the timeline runs out on that November of
- 18 2010. So we're moving along quite well. And the
- 19 other interesting note about this is outside of SRF
- 20 loans we've pushed out about 76 of these
- 21 grants and loans. So between our rural water, rural
- 22 sewer and small borrower loans that's quite a bit of
- 23 activity for the small amount of staff that's working
- 24 on this. So I just wanted to note that for you.
- 25 Any questions on our bond sale?

- 1 (No response.)
- 2 MR. JOE BOLAND: If not, one more -- I know I
- 3 mentioned early the 2010 Intended Use Plan. We will
- 4 be coming back in September for the formal adoption
- 5 of that once we settle out who's going stimulus and
- 6 who is going regular SRF. So that's all being --
- 7 falling out right now.
- 8 Other than that, what I wanted to spend the most
- 9 time on, and it won't be very long, is the
- 10 termination of these quarantee investment contracts
- 11 with the Citigroup, which is the last item there.
- 12 As -- as you know, our leverage program
- 13 provides the low interest loan subsidy through a
- 14 reserve model where we put our capital --
- 15 capitalization grant funds and our repayment funds
- 16 into accounts that earn interest for -- on behalf of
- 17 our loan recipients. And that's done through a
- 18 series of investment agreements and one of those was
- 19 with Citi.
- 20 In fact, six of our deals from 2004 on were
- 21 with Citigroup. And, in fact, the paramount was \$325
- 22 million as mentioned in the briefing there. And the
- 23 write-up, kind of goes through in more detail when
- 24 Citigroup downgraded and the events that took place
- 25 after that, but just a quick summary.

- Once Citi was downgraded the Department and the
- 2 Authority have a certain amount of time to negotiate
- 3 with them for them to either put up additional
- 4 collateral to get beyond their downgrade. They can
- 5 also assign these agreements to another -- another
- 6 investment provider or we can negotiate another
- 7 mutual fix, so to speak.
- 8 Well, none of those solutions were available
- 9 this time. And we -- Citigroup was -- was amenable
- 10 to terminate these -- these agreements as well. And
- 11 the market conditions were right. So we worked with
- 12 our financial advisor and terminated all the
- 13 agreements, reinvested all those proceeds in agencies
- 14 and treasuries and state and local government
- 15 securities. And we are able to provide the same
- 16 amount of subsidy to our recipients without posting
- 17 additional money out of our own repayment account.
- 18 So that was an important thing. It did, I
- 19 shouldn't say cost, but we did have to put up \$26
- 20 million of our recycled money to fund up the reserve
- 21 accounts. And I -- this gets very complicated once
- 22 we start talking about the reserve accounts and --
- 23 but some of these deals were relatively new. Some of
- 24 the recipients were still under construction.
- 25 They had not depleted their construction

- 1 accounts completely which means their reserve accounts, were not
- 2 fully funded. So some of the assumptions made in
- 3 reinvesting were based on a fully funded reserve
- 4 model. So what we did was pony up additional
- 5 repayment money to fund up those reserves completely
- 6 so the providers -- or whoever ends up getting these
- 7 -- these contracts are actually bid to fulfill the
- 8 security allegations.
- 9 They knew how much money to deal with. So that
- 10 \$26 million we put up, we will be getting back here
- in the next two years as those construction accounts
- 12 are fully depleted. So it's -- it's just kind of
- 13 timing issue. But we will get that money back right
- 14 away. So it did cost us any additional money at this
- 15 time.
- And that's the good news. So, again, it's --
- 17 it was a big issue. It took a lot of
- 18 effort on the -- on the -- from our finance team's
- 19 point of view. And EIERA hardly -- the Authority,
- 20 spent a lot of time and effort on this as well so --
- 21 But it was -- we did remove ourselves from a
- 22 lot of liability there in case Citi did go in a bad
- 23 direction as far as market upgrades or downgrades.
- 24 So we are happy to resolve that whole issue. And
- 25 that was about half of what our reserve accounts

- 1 were, \$325 million. That's a pretty good chunk of
- 2 change. So we're happy to have that problem solved.
- 3 Are there any questions on that?
- 4 (No response.)
- 5 MR. JOE BOLAND: That's was a very quick summary on
- 6 what's been going on.
- 7 COMMISSIONER HUNTER: Do we have anybody else besides
- 8 Citi that we should be worrying about?
- 9 MR. JOE BOLAND: Yes. We do.
- 10 I think several meetings back I provided a brief
- 11 table or a summary on -- some of the others were AIG.
- 12 We still have some agreements with them. We
- 13 terminated several agreements with AIG last year.
- 14 But we still have some small -- small ones out there.
- 15 MBIA is another one; we've been keeping an eye on.
- 16 And those two are really of most concern. But
- 17 they're not -- they weren't acute problems like Citi
- 18 was right now. Because the issue with Citi was once
- 19 they were downgraded the Authority only has a certain
- 20 amount of time to address that downgrade.
- 21 And as I said they can either post additional
- 22 collateral. They can assign it to another provider
- 23 or some other negotiation. Well, none of those were
- 24 available so if the Authority did not take any action
- 25 within that time period and that deadline passed, we

- 1 had absolutely no recourse on any further downgrades
- 2 in the future of Citi. So if they would have been
- 3 downgraded or even facing bankruptcy we could not
- 4 have terminated those agreements unless they were
- 5 willing to do so.
- 6 So it was kind of a window of opportunity that
- 7 everybody agreed to move forward and -- you know, get
- 8 rid of these liabilities as we kind of saw them, so -
- 9 –
- 10 But the risk was we wanted to make sure we could
- 11 replace that return we were getting from Citi because
- 12 it was guaranteed out 20 years at various interest
- 13 rates. And that's -- that's what took quite a bit of
- 14 time in figuring out which securities and that kind
- of thing we -- we could replace that with, so --
- 16 Does that answer your question?
- 17 COMMISSIONER HUNTER: Yes.
- 18 MR. JOE BOLAND: Anything else?
- 19 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Any questions?
- 20 (No response.)
- 21 MR. JOE BOLAND: Thank you.
- 22 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Phil, you have some comments.
- 23 MR. PHIL WALSACK: I have one -- excuse me -- Phil
- 24 Walsack, Missouri Public Utility Alliance. I had one
- 25 question for Ed -- for Joe -- sorry about that -- and

- 1 then one comment.
- 2 I'm looking on Page 419 of your packet. I'm
- 3 having trouble with the column on the table that
- 4 says: Amount Possible. I'm sure there's a little
- 5 typo in there that's making things difficult for me
- 6 to understand and I was wondering if Joe would be so
- 7 kind just to point out what that column is all about
- 8 on Page 419; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, like the seventh
- 9 column over.
- 10 MR. JOE BOLAND: Yeah.
- 11 That's kind of secret code we use in
- 12 our group for basically projects that aren't -- how
- 13 do I say this? When we receive applications they're
- 14 either eligible or they're not eligible. If they are
- 15 not eligible they kind of get kicked out of the --
- 16 out of the possible funding category.
- 17 The difference between possible and probable has
- 18 more to do with timing of their application whether
- 19 they met certain readiness and possible just means
- 20 they're sitting there on a waiting list. So there
- 21 are possible projects we can fund, but to move to
- 22 probable means your -- your timing had to be better,
- 23 that you were in line before.
- 24 So is that -- does that help?
- 25 (No response.)

- 1 MR. JOE BOLAND: Possible just means you're on --
- 2 you're on a waiting list. You're an eligible
- 3 application.
- 4 MR. PHIL WALSACK: Apparently, I need another staff
- 5 briefing on that one 'cause I'm not quite following
- 6 you. We can figure it out later.
- 7 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Another comment?
- 8 MR. PHIL WALSACK: And I do have one comment after
- 9 that, which is we wanted to thank Joe and his staff
- 10 for -- you know, moving on this project.
- 11 This is a very difficult program to administer.
- 12 A full-blown SRF Program from scratch with all new
- 13 rules according to the federal government on a very,
- 14 very, tight time frame. We appreciate Joe and his
- 15 staffs' work on this. We appreciate Joe and his
- 16 staffs' work on allowing other funding sources to be
- 17 used as the match funds other than the State
- 18 Revolving Loan Fund if the community so chooses.
- 19 That has given Missouri municipals an
- 20 opportunity to co-fund their projects with other
- 21 means and make more options available and we commend
- 22 Joe -- and his staff for their hard work on this --
- 23 on this particular ARRA Program.
- Thank you. That concludes my comments.
- 25 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Okay. Thank you.

- 1 Okay. Next we have update from Earl.
- 2 MR. EARL PABST: Good afternoon, Commissioners. Just
- 3 -- just a couple quick things, one, is maybe a
- 4 follow-up from Joe.
- 5 We have talked about maybe having a separate
- 6 briefing for the Commission to spend a little bit
- 7 more time talking about the issues that Joe deals
- 8 with in the Financial Assistance Center. In the
- 9 past, we've had, like, on one of our away Commission
- 10 the night before we got the Commission together so we
- 11 can spend some time talking particularly about some
- 12 issues.
- 13 And if that would be helpful for the Commission,
- 14 Joe and I've talked about that and would be happy to
- 15 do that.
- 16 COMMISSIONER HUNTER: To correct things.
- 17 (Laughter.)
- 18 MR. EARL PABST: It would give us a little bit more
- 19 time to -- to spend on some of these issues 'cause we
- 20 have such a short window of opportunity on some of
- 21 these issues to present to the Commission. To talk a
- 22 little bit more in depth on the -- on the whole
- 23 Financial Assistance Center and the loan program,
- 24 something the Commission could think about and let us
- 25 know if you'd like to do that.

- 1 Really the -- the only other issue that I wanted
- 2 just talk briefly about is our water fees. I
- 3 mentioned at our May meeting that there was a bill to
- 4 extend our water fees for one year. That Bill
- 5 passed. So now instead of December of this year we
- 6 have December of next year to get a Water Fee Bill
- 7 passed. And -- and that is very critical for us.
- 8 We have such a short window of opportunity, we
- 9 have to have a Bill probably this fall at least some
- 10 draft language. And -- and just to be able to work
- 11 with our stakeholders, which we haven't started, yet,
- 12 that process. We hope by September we have started
- 13 that process.
- Part of a little bit of the delay is two years
- 15 ago when we were working through the Interim
- 16 Committee even though the Interim Committee report
- 17 was never signed and finalized the proposal was 50
- 18 percent would be funded out of general revenue and 50
- 19 percent out of a fee increase to support the overall
- 20 program needs. And there's -- with the change in
- 21 administration, the change in the economy that's
- 22 probably not as -- as viable as it was two years ago
- as a proposal.
- 24 So, right now, we're working with our -- the
- 25 Governor's Office and Department administration for

- 1 some upfront direction on if whether we can
- 2 proceed with looking at general revenue to supp- --
- 3 help support the program or whether we need to
- 4 go for a full increase or how we want to
- 5 proceed.
- 6 We do expect to start having discussions with
- 7 stakeholders, many of the same stakeholders that we
- 8 worked with on the Interim Committee here in the next
- 9 few weeks and we should have more to report to the
- 10 Commission by September. I'll try to send out
- 11 updates because there's a lot that needs to happen
- 12 between now and our September meeting and so I'll try
- 13 and send out maybe e-mail updates to the Commission
- 14 to keep you-all in the loop.
- 15 But it's critical that we -- not only that we have a
- 16 Fee Bill by next session, but that we have a Fee Bill
- 17 that has some fee increase in it. I -- that -- the
- 18 fund now it will be insolvent in another year or so.
- 19 If we only have a Fee Bill that keeps the fees as is
- 20 we're going to be going through a process to look at
- 21 reducing some of the functions the Program now
- 22 performs. And so we need to keep that in mind as
- 23 well.
- 24 So just keep you updated on where we are
- 25 with the fees and I'll send you e-mail updates. And

- 1 then we'll have more of an update, again, at our
- 2 September meeting.
- 3 And the only other thing I had is again to thank the
- 4 Commission for all the work you-all do. We certainly
- 5 appreciate it. There's a lot of issues that you-all
- 6 deal with. And I know on behalf of Mark Templeton as
- 7 well he appreciates all the work that the Commission
- 8 does.
- 9 Any other questions that I can answer?
- 10 (No response.)
- 11 MR. EARL PABST: Thank you.
- 12 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Thank you, Earl.
- Okay. Robert, you have a public comment.
- 14 (Conversation regarding public comments held off
- 15 record.)
- 16 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Phil, why don't you go ahead
- 17 while we're waiting on Robert.
- 18 MR. PHIL WALSACK: What a pleasure to get Robert
- 19 bumped. Thank you.
- 20 (Laughter.)
- 21 MR. PHIL WALSACK: Again, my name's Phil Walsack from
- 22 Missouri Public Utility Alliance.
- 23 Earl is exactly right. The September meeting
- 24 will be a watershed meeting, for some of the issues
- 25 that we're dealing with, with wet weather for

- 1 wastewater permittees. I have a stack of handouts.
- 2 I'd be happy to give to you that's preamble to some
- 3 of our discussions.
- 4 Some of the discussions were given to you at
- 5 last meeting, which was in May. And one of my
- 6 colleagues asked for some more information based on
- 7 Median Household Income comparing it to the census of
- 8 2000. I have that information already packaged and
- 9 ready for you for your consumption between now and
- 10 the September meeting.
- 11 I'm going to hand this to Malinda in just a
- 12 second.
- 13 And then my one comment, the other public
- 14 comment that I had. I was wondering if Earl would be
- 15 willing to talk about the Governor's latest statement
- 16 that we're going to have some state employee cuts and
- 17 what kind of cuts are the Department looking at in
- 18 terms of trying to get back our -- our budget into
- 19 the black.
- 20 MR. EARL PABST: I think it's probably to early, a
- 21 little bit to early for me to tell you anything more,
- 22 Phil. We know that we have some Department cuts.
- 23 How that's going to affect our particular Program,
- 24 it's undetermined yet.
- 25 Within the Division of Environmental Quality

- 1 most of the cuts, let me back up, are going to be general
- 2 revenue related. That's water fee supported. And
- 3 the (inaudible) cuts there in terms of looking at
- 4 budget reductions.
- 5 Having said that within our division all of the
- 6 general revenue and we don't have a whole lot, but
- 7 the general revenue that we do have is in the Water
- 8 Protection Program.
- 9 Last year we got a \$1.2 million GR supplement to help
- 10 our solvency issue that we knew we had with the water
- 11 fees. And so essentially that, that \$1.2 million
- 12 which has already went through a reduction could see
- 13 further reductions. We haven't got word, yet, from
- 14 the Governor's Office what that could look like.
- 15 It could be as much as 20 or 30 percent reserve
- 16 (inaudible) for instance. So we know in the next
- 17 probably two to three weeks we're going to -- we'll
- 18 know more, but right now that's -- that's really all
- 19 I know. The scenario that we were informed by the
- 20 Governor's Office to look at was a 10, 15, and 20
- 21 percent reduction out of the general revenue. But
- 22 we still owe our Department management by the end of
- 23 this week kind of some scenarios how we would -- how
- 24 we would implement that. And we haven't quite -- we
- 25 haven't got there yet.

- 1 That's as much as I know on that.
- 2 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Is Robert ready?
- 3 MR. ROBERT BRUNDAGE: Ready.
- 4 As Earl mentioned, I think, he mentioned this at
- 5 the Water Permit Fee Bill. This session passed that
- 6 extended the sunset just one year so -- which it
- 7 means this coming legislative session starting in
- 8 January the legislatures --
- 9 (TAPE TWO, SIDE B CONCLUDED.)
- 10 MR. ROBERT BRUNDAGE: -- that there was litigation
- 11 with the Missouri Soybean Association and one of my
- 12 clients, Missouri Agribusiness Association and a
- 13 couple other parties regarding a dispute on the
- 14 303(d) List.
- 15 And the -- there was a court ruling that said
- 16 that the 303(d) List did not have to -- was not a
- 17 rule, did not have to go through a rulemaking. Well,
- 18 shortly -- the next legislative session some people
- 19 in industry, I was not involved, got a Bill passed
- 20 that said the 303(d) List had to go through a
- 21 rulemaking.
- 22 And you, all know what a pain the rulemaking
- 23 process is and how it really is not a good fit for the
- 24 303(d) List because through the whole rulemaking the
- 25 process if you consider the list- -- listing

- 1 methodology and revising that about every two years
- 2 and then going through a rulemaking theirs is no --
- 3 there is no way you can do a rule on the 303(d) List
- 4 on the two year schedule that we're -- that the state
- 5 of Missouri and every state's required to do under
- 6 EPA regulations.
- 7 So, therefore, I put together language that --
- 8 that deleted the provision at a state statute that
- 9 the 303(d) List had to go through a rulemaking.
- 10 Instead I wrote up a process that had public
- 11 participation but it streamlined the process where it
- 12 was short enough that the Clean Water Commission
- 13 could meet the two -- the two year deadline to get
- 14 the 303(d) List adopted every two years.
- 15 So I thought it was a fair process, at the time,
- 16 the Department of Natural Resources was -- was very
- 17 supportive of it because they didn't want to have to
- 18 go through the rulemaking process. So anyway that
- 19 was going to sunset this year.
- 20 I and several other organization went to the DNR
- 21 and said we would like to have the -- this Bill
- 22 continue, move this -- you know, either eliminate the
- 23 sunset or extend the sunset on it early in the
- 24 session for reasons I don't fully understand or
- 25 appreciate the Department of Natural Resources was

- 1 not supportive and did not want to adopt this Bill,
- 2 but later on in this session there was a change of
- 3 heart. And I appreciate that.
- 4 The Department of Natural Resources supported
- 5 it. And now that Bill, the sunset was moved from
- 6 this year to next year to match up with the Water Fee
- 7 Bill. So the reason I'm bringing this up to you is I
- 8 would like you to consider, not necessarily today,
- 9 but consider over the next coming months and I'm
- 10 soliciting your support to extend the sunset or
- 11 eliminate the sunset on this statute, which I think
- 12 is 644.036.5, I believe that describes this 303(d)
- 13 process.
- 14 And if the Department staff or any stakeholders
- 15 have any ways to improve the process I am -- I am
- 16 more than willing to discuss that, but I'm here today
- 17 to try promote that Bill for next year. And over the
- 18 next several months, I'd like you to consider it and
- 19 would welcome your endorsement of that Bill to -- to
- 20 keep this process in place because I think it's been
- 21 a good process. It's been very open and you can't
- 22 say that stakeholders really didn't have a shot of
- 23 knowing what the data was and having public -- having
- 24 an opportunity to comment on the whole 303(d) List
- 25 process. So that's one thing.

- 1 The other thing that I'd like the Clean Water
- 2 Commission to consider in the regards to new
- 3 legislation here in the state of Missouri is a permit
- 4 shield provision. In the Federal Clean Water Act
- 5 there is a provision that says: If you comply with
- 6 your permit and for some reason there is a violation
- 7 of Water Quality Standards or some other issue you
- 8 are not going to be held liable because you complied
- 9 with your permit. So the permit shields you from any
- 10 liability if you comply with the permit.
- 11 To me it's just a matter of fairness. You apply
- 12 for the permit, the Department gives you what they
- 13 think is an appropriate permit and it is your duty to comply
- 14 with that permit. And if you comply with that duty
- 15 you should not be held liable. And the Cong- -- the
- 16 United States Congress saw that it was a matter of
- 17 fairness that they include it in the Federal Clean
- 18 Water Act.
- 19 For some reason there is no definitive provision
- 20 in the Missouri Clean Water Law, that I can point to,
- 21 that provides the equivalent of a permit shield. And
- 22 I would submit to you that it is an issue the Clean
- 23 Water Commission ought to endorse to include in the
- 24 Clean Water Law, this next year, when the Clean Water
- 25 Law is going to be opened up to include a permit fee

- 1 provision and hopefully a 303(d) List renewal of that
- 2 Bill.
- 3 And I want you to, please, consider a permit
- 4 shield provision. So I wanted to bring that to your
- 5 attention. And as we proceed towards January, I'll
- 6 be glad to visit with you more about it. And I think
- 7 the Department knows that I've talked about this in
- 8 the past and I would like them to consider it. They
- 9 have been -- I hope this is a fair characterization;
- 10 they have been cool to the idea. And, again, from a
- 11 matter of fairness, I don't understand why but I'd be
- 12 willing -- more than willing to talk about it and
- 13 work through any issues and would like to see that
- 14 included in legislation this next year and would even
- 15 be glad, if the Department of Natural Resources would
- 16 voluntarily include such a provision in the Water
- 17 Permit Fee Bill.
- 18 That's what I was here to say today.
- 19 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Thank you, Robert.
- 20 MR. EARL PABST: Mr. Chairman, could I just --
- 21 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Yes.
- 22 MR. EARL PABST: It is the -- the intent of the
- 23 Department and the Program as we go through the
- 24 stakeholder process to include the two issues that -- that
- 25 Robert mentioned. We'll have many of the same

- 1 stakeholders present as we did before including
- 2 Robert, who's part of the process a couple years ago.
- 3 And our intent is to discuss those two issues as we
- 4 go through the stakeholder process on the water fees
- 5 as well.
- 6 That's just to clarify.
- 7 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Thank you.
- 8 Okay. Go over this and then we're done, right?
- 9 (No response.)
- 10 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Okay. Our next meeting of this
- 11 Commission will be in September in Springfield and
- 12 then November in Jeff City or Columbia area.
- 13 MR. EARL PABST: Actually it will be in Columbia.
- 14 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: It'll be in Columbia. Okay.
- So if there isn't anything else, why we
- 16 entertain a motion to adjourn.
- 17 COMMISSIONER EASLEY: I move we adjourn.
- 18 COMMISSIONER SHORNEY: Second.
- 19 COMMISSIONER TUPPER: Well, for a rookie Chairman,
- 20 you did pretty good.
- 21 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Before we go we need to decide on
- 22 location for the January meeting. Do you have
- 23 preference?
- 24 COMMISSIONER HUNTER: Honolulu.
- 25 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Is that in Missouri?

- 1 It's been a little while since we've been to St.
- 2 Louis area.
- 3 COMMISSIONER EASLEY: Yeah. That's a good time to go
- 4 to St. Louis.
- 5 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Okay. St. Louis. Okay.
- Now, we got a motion, second, vote?
- 7 COMMISSIONER TUPPER: Weather might be a factor
- 8 there.
- 9 COMMISSIONER HUNTER: Bill Easley made the motion.
- 10 COMMISSIONER SHORNEY: Second.
- 11 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Frank?
- 12 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Easley?
- 13 COMMISSIONER EASLEY: Yes.
- 14 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Shorney?
- 15 COMMISSIONER SHORNEY: Yes.
- 16 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Tupper?
- 17 COMMISSIONER TUPPER: Yes.
- 18 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Commissioner Hunter?
- 19 COMMISSIONER HUNTER: Yes.
- 20 MS. MALINDA OVERHOFF: Chair Hardecke?
- 21 CHAIRMAN HARDECKE: Yes.
- 22 Thank you.
- 23 COMMISSIONER TUPPER: My daddy always said don't go
- 24 north in January.
- 25 (TAPE THREE, SIDE A CONCLUDED.)

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