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12	of 4 CSR 240-29.040(4)
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- 1 PROCEEDINGS
- 2 JUDGE DALE: We are here in the
- 3 Truman -- not Truman. We're here in the Governor's
- 4 Office Building on April 17th in the matter of the
- 5 Request of Southwestern Bell, L.P. d/b/a AT&T
- 6 Missouri for Waiver of Certain Requirements For
- 7 4 CSR 240-29.040(4), Case No. TE-2006-0053.
- 8 I am Colleen Dale, the regulatory law
- 9 judge presiding in this matter. At this time we will
- 10 take entries of appearance beginning with AT&T.
- 11 MR. BUB: Thank you, your Honor. Leo
- 12 Bub for AT&T Missouri. Our address is One AT&T
- 13 Center, St. Louis, Missouri 63101.
- JUDGE DALE: Staff?
- MR. KRUEGER: Keith R. Krueger for the
- 16 staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission. Our
- 17 address is P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri
- 18 65102.
- 19 MR. ENGLAND: Thank you, your Honor.
- 20 Let the record reflect the appearance of W. R.
- 21 England and Sondra B. Morgan on behalf of The Small
- 22 Telephone Company Group, a group of approximately 30
- 23 small local exchange companies as more particularly
- 24 described in our written entry of appearance. Our
- 25 address here in town is Brydon, Swearengen & England,

- 1 Post Office Box 456, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.
- JUDGE DALE: Thank you.
- MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, your Honor.
- 4 Craig Johnson here today on behalf of the Missouri
- 5 Independent Telephone Company Group, six companies.
- 6 My address is 1648 A East Elm, Jefferson City,
- 7 Missouri 65101.
- 8 MR. DORITY: Good morning, your Honor.
- 9 Appearing on behalf of CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC,
- 10 Larry W. Dority. Our address is Fischer & Dority,
- 11 PC, 101 Madison, Suite 400, Jefferson City, Missouri
- 12 65101.
- 13 JUDGE DALE: Thank you. As a
- 14 preliminary matter, let me just mention that I
- 15 understand there are pending motions concerning
- 16 striking portions of testimony. Those motions to
- 17 strike will be taken up as the witness is introduced.
- 18 Do the parties plan to make opening statements?
- MR. BUB: Yes, your Honor.
- MR. KRUEGER: I do.
- JUDGE DALE: Yes. Well, then, please
- 22 proceed in the order in which you have agreed to
- 23 proceed. Thank you.
- MR. BUB: Thank you, your Honor. Good
- 25 morning, and may it please the Commission. First

- 1 we'd like to thank the Commission for establishing
- 2 this case and giving us your time this morning. We
- 3 know that you have a lot on your plate, and we truly
- 4 appreciate this opportunity.
- 5 As you know, this case deals with
- 6 records for intercompany billing. It's one of the
- 7 most complex and computer-intensive areas in the
- 8 business. Just think of literally millions of
- 9 telephone calls that come through the network each
- 10 day, and not only does the network route those calls
- 11 to the appropriate place, but it also has to capture
- 12 information on those calls as they speed by the
- 13 network and then feed that information into large
- 14 computerized data processing systems to create a
- 15 usable billing record.
- Now, we're all used to seeing itemized
- 17 telephone calls on our own personal bills, but what
- 18 we're talking about in this case is bills that a
- 19 telephone company would send to a wireless carrier
- 20 for that wireless carrier's use of a landline
- 21 telephone network, specifically for terminating one
- of the cellular customer's cell phone calls on a
- 23 landline network. And this case focuses specifically
- 24 on the types of records that enables that billing.
- The issue here is, does Rule 29.040(4)

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1 require calling party number for wireless originating
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- 2 calls to be included in the billing record? Our view
- 3 and that of staff and Century is that it does not.
- 4 The Commission's intention not to
- 5 require a calling party number, which we call CPN for
- 6 short, in the billing record is certainly clear from
- 7 the plain language of the proposed rule itself.
- But here, a question's been raised as to
- 9 whether the Commission intended the rules to require
- 10 CPN just in the signaling that accompanies every call
- 11 through the network or both in the signaling and in
- 12 the intercompany billing record that comes to the
- 13 companies, you know, weeks later.
- 14 This confusion didn't come from the
- 15 proposed rule, which is where you need to look for to
- determine the Commission's intent. Rule 29.040(4)
- doesn't say anything about CPN, much less require it
- 18 to be included in a wireless intercompany billing
- 19 record.
- 20 And just for background, this is the
- 21 basis of our appeal on this part of the record, that
- 22 the statement requiring CPN that was in the order
- 23 adopting the rule went way beyond what was proposed
- 24 in the notice of proposed rulemaking.
- 25 But in contrast, when you look at the

- 1 proposed rule itself, you should note that the rule
- 2 does contain specific requirements about what's
- 3 supposed to be in these types of billing records. It
- 4 says that the first two digits of this record must be
- 5 11.
- 6 It says that the record must contain
- 7 what's called the carrier identification code, a CIC
- 8 code, CIC. And it also says what specific field that
- 9 CIC code needs to be in the record. These are in the
- 10 definition section for a category 11 record.
- 11 The rule also says that if there's not a
- 12 CIC, the record must contain an operating company
- 13 number or an OCN. And again, the record -- the rule
- 14 says what field that OCN has to be put in. But
- 15 again, it says nothing about CPN.
- The best evidence here of the
- 17 Commission's intent in 29.040(4) is what the
- 18 Commission itself said in its brief to the Cole
- 19 County Circuit Court in our appeal. And here's what
- 20 the Commission said, and I'm quoting from the brief:
- 21 "The Commission concedes that the single
- 22 sentence of which SBC Missouri complains is an
- 23 incorrect statement of what Rule 4 CSR 240-29.040(4)
- 24 requires. That is so because the Commission now
- 25 believes that neither the category 1101 XX record nor

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1 a Missouri-specific category 1101 XX record must
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- 2 include CPN for wireless-originated calls."
- 3 The Commission here needs to be
- 4 consistent. It can't say one thing to the Court and
- 5 then reach a different result here. And the
- 6 Commission should have no concern about staying
- 7 consistent with what it represented to the Court
- 8 because that's absolutely the right answer.
- 9 Not only is the Commission's position
- 10 before the Court supported by the language of the
- 11 proposed rule itself, it's also supported by industry
- 12 standards on these types of records which you'd note
- 13 that the Commission's rule also references. That's
- 14 also supported by how the manufacturers and carriers
- 15 across the country have actually applied those
- 16 standards and practices.
- 17 Here the evidence shows that Lucent,
- 18 which is the leading American manufacturer of
- 19 switches, didn't build its tandems to capture CPN on
- 20 wireless calls and that it could cost over a million
- 21 dollars for Lucent to develop a new feature to add
- 22 that capability to its switch.
- 23 As you probably know, Lucent was this --
- 24 the old Western Electric division that was spun off
- 25 from AT&T years and years ago. They manufactured

- 1 switches and they provided to carriers all across the
- 2 country. Now, they don't make them special for AT&T
- 3 Missouri. They're just sold in the regular course of
- 4 business to all carriers across the country, and they
- 5 didn't put this capability into their switch.
- The evidence also shows that most of the
- 7 other telephone companies across the country like
- 8 Bell South, Verizon and Century, they don't include
- 9 CPN in their wireless billing record either.
- 10 All of these facts, they corroborate our
- 11 interpretation of the industry standards that are
- 12 referenced in the Commission's rule. But more
- 13 importantly for the Commission, this evidence
- 14 supports its position, the Commission's position that
- 15 it took before the Cole County Circuit Court, and
- 16 that position is the CPN is not required on wireless
- 17 billing records.
- 18 Let's turn to those guidelines. With
- 19 respect to industry standards, you'll hear today
- 20 about the exchange message interface industry
- 21 guidelines that were created and are maintained by
- 22 the Ordering and Billing Forum. Now, you'll hear
- 23 parties talk about this as the OBF-EMI guidelines.
- 24 These are the guidelines that are referenced in the
- 25 Commission's definition of category 11 record.

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1 AT&T Missouri's witness, Chris Read, has
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- 2 demonstrated that our -- our records on wireless
- 3 traffic fully complies with these standards. But
- 4 more importantly for the issues here, he has
- 5 demonstrated the OBF-EMI guidelines do not require
- 6 CPN in the category 11 record for a wireless call,
- 7 which, again, supports the Commission's position
- 8 before the Court.
- 9 So if you have any questions at all
- 10 about these standards, I'd strongly encourage you to
- 11 ask Mr. Read about them. He truly is an expert on
- 12 the OBF-EMI guidelines. He's been an OBF member
- 13 personally since 1997, and he's personally
- 14 participated in the creation of the EMI guidelines
- 15 for wireless traffic and in their maintenance. And
- on a day-to-day basis, about half of his time is
- 17 dedicated to working at the OBF.
- 18 Now, Mr. England and Mr. Schoonmaker are
- 19 going to tell you that if you look at those OBF-EMI
- 20 record layout, in the description you'll see a field
- 21 called the "from" number field. And that is a
- 22 required field in the record, and we agree with that.
- They'll also tell you that the "from"
- 24 number field for a wireless call means the calling
- 25 party's number. Well, from a layman's perspective,

- 1 that might appear to be so, but it's not correct.
- 2 The guidelines are not to be read so strictly like
- 3 you would a statute.
- As Mr. Read testifies, the "from" number
- 5 field is a generic field, and that means that it's
- 6 capable of holding a number of different values of
- 7 which CPN is only one in certain circumstances.
- 8 As Mr. Read testified, in applying these
- 9 guidelines and, in fact, in creating them, you always
- 10 need to keep in mind the purpose for those records,
- 11 which is for the use in billing another carrier. Not
- 12 an end user, another carrier.
- For landline calls like a long distance
- 14 call, it would be appropriate to include CPN in a
- 15 category 11 record and ours does. But with a
- 16 wireless call, CPN is not appropriate for use in
- 17 billing wireless carriers.
- 18 And I think even the small companies
- 19 should readily admit that even if we gave CPN to them
- 20 in its record for wireless calls, they wouldn't use
- 21 it for intercompany billing. If they did, their
- 22 billing could be wrong possibly 30 percent of the
- 23 time, which would certainly be unacceptable.
- 24 As the Commission's own rule states, CPN
- 25 may not be used to jurisdictionalize wireless calls.

- 1 You'll see what the Small Companies and all companies
- 2 in Missouri have used is something called the
- 3 operating company number which you'll hear called the
- 4 OCN. This number, which we put in our record just
- 5 like everybody else, identifies the responsible
- 6 wireless carrier that you're to bill.
- 7 It's important to note that this is what
- 8 the Commission's rule actually does require to be
- 9 included in a category 11 billing record just like
- 10 the OBF-EMI guidelines do.
- 11 Well, you might be asking yourself, if
- 12 we don't put CPN in the wireless category 11 record
- in that "from" number field, what do we put there?
- 14 Mr. Read testified that we populate that field with
- 15 the BTN, which stands for the billing telephone
- 16 number. And that's simply the trunk group number
- 17 that we use to identify the wireless carrier that
- 18 purchased the specific trunk group that brought those
- 19 wireless calls into the LEC-to-LEC network.
- 20 In his rebuttal, Mr. Schoonmaker says
- 21 that this violates Commission Rule 29.040(6) which he
- 22 says specifically prohibits replacing the end user's
- 23 originating number with some other number in the
- 24 category 11 record.
- 25 Well, as we indicated in our brief that

- 1 we filed in this case, that's not actually what the
- 2 rule says. What it does is prohibit the substitution
- 3 of the responsible end user's originating telephone
- 4 number with another originating telephone number.
- 5 And the staff points out in that
- 6 rulemaking, the purpose of that language was to
- 7 prevent the fraudulent practice of making a long
- 8 distance call look like a local call in order to
- 9 avoid the application of access charges.
- 10 What would happen is some unscrupulous
- 11 carriers, as staff indicates, would substitute a
- 12 local telephone number instead of the telephone
- 13 number from another exchange or another state.
- 14 And then on the terminating end, that call would look
- 15 like a local call and it would be entitled to a lower
- 16 reciprocal compensation rate instead of the higher
- 17 access rate.
- Well, this rule has no application to
- 19 our putting BTN in the "from" number field in the
- 20 category 11 record. Let me tell you why. First,
- 21 we're not removing the responsible end user's
- 22 originating telephone number from the record and
- 23 substituting in BTN. That's because the originating
- 24 number never was in that record.
- 25 Second, BTN is not an originating

- 1 telephone number. Rather, it's a number that
- 2 identifies the trunk group over which that call came
- 3 into the LEC-to-LEC network. And it's not
- 4 jurisdictionally improper. Instead, it provides very
- 5 usable information that helps to correctly identify
- 6 the responsible wireless carrier.
- 7 Mr. Read explains that we do this
- 8 because industry practice has been to use what's
- 9 available in our switch recordings which you will
- 10 hear referred to as automatic message accounting or
- 11 AMA recordings.
- 12 With respect to AMA, or some people call
- 13 it AMA, what you need to know here is that for
- 14 different types of calls like a long distance call as
- 15 opposed to a wireless call, industry standards call
- 16 for different types of information to be included in
- 17 the AMA switch recording.
- The telecoding technology's generic
- 19 requirements for service provider AMA, that's another
- 20 history document, tells us to put that trunk number
- 21 in the originating number field of the AMA.
- Now, Mr. England and Mr. Schoonmaker
- 23 will dispute that this is what the telecoding generic
- 24 guidelines require. They'll point to another section
- of that document that calls for CPN to be put in

- 1 something called module 164 of the AMA.
- 2 Well, we've agreed that that language is
- 3 in the generic requirement, but really it's
- 4 irrelevant. Industry practice here, as you'll hear
- 5 our witnesses testify, is to take what's in the
- 6 originating number field of AMA and use that to
- 7 populate the category 11 record.
- 8 Certainly, if CPN was something that
- 9 carriers needed, all switch vendors would have
- 10 manufactured their tandem switches with that
- 11 capability. But as I indicated earlier, they didn't.
- 12 Lucent, which is a leading American
- 13 manufacturer of telephone company switches, just
- 14 didn't build that feature into their tandem switches,
- 15 which shows that companies don't need it, don't use
- 16 it.
- But to make sure there's no
- 18 understanding (sic), I want you to know that based on
- 19 our research of our own switches, because we have
- 20 another type of switch in our network called Nortel,
- 21 that switch does contain a feature that might be able
- 22 to capture CPN in our AMA recordings. But like most
- other carriers, we've never activated it, we never
- 24 test it. It's just not used.
- 25 But you should note that both the Lucent

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1 switch and the Nortel tandem switch, they were both
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- 2 built to record BTN in the originating number field
- 3 of AMA, and that's what we used to populate our
- 4 category 11 record, which is industry practice.
- Now, you might be asking yourself well,
- 6 is our category 11 record sufficient to bill wireless
- 7 carriers? Absolutely. The evidence will show that
- 8 the Small Companies are using it now to successfully
- 9 bill the wireless carriers. If you look at their
- 10 interconnection agreements with the wireless
- 11 carriers, they'll say that they agree to accept our
- 12 records as an accurate statement of the traffic
- 13 exchanged.
- 14 You'll also note that there have been
- 15 many complaints filed in the past about -- from the
- 16 Small Companies seeking compensation on wireless
- 17 traffic. But you need to note that in each one of
- 18 those cases, there was nothing in any of those cases
- 19 about the accuracy or the adequacy of the records
- 20 we've provided. In fact, the complainants themselves
- 21 used our own records to substantiate their claims.
- Now, you also need to know that those
- 23 claims have all been resolved so they're -- they
- 24 don't exist anymore. But the point to remember is to
- 25 support their claims against the wireless carriers in

- 1 those cases, they used our records.
- 2 But does this mean that we're not making
- 3 CPN available to the Small Companies? Absolutely
- 4 not. Even though CPN is not contained in the
- 5 wireless billing record, we do send CPN in real time
- 6 with each call over the parallel signaling network
- 7 that you'll hear referred to as the signaling
- 8 system 7 or SS7 for short.
- 9 And we're all, as consumers, probably
- 10 most familiar with that, because that's what makes
- 11 caller ID work, makes the number appear on your
- 12 caller ID display on the calls you receive.
- But what you need to know about CPN and
- 14 the signaling of CPN is that we think it's very
- 15 important and should be sent on all calls. We send
- 16 it on all of our calls. And when we receive it from
- 17 connected carriers, which really is most of the time,
- 18 we always pass it on. We absolutely do not strip
- 19 that information from a call.
- The Commission's rules, and specifically
- 21 Rule 29.040(1) and (2), they require to be -- they
- 22 require CPN to be transmitted on the call, and we
- 23 support those requirements.
- 24 The only suggestion we have for those
- 25 rules was a simple clarification to acknowledge that

- 1 if the transmitting carrier like us didn't receive
- 2 it in the first instance from the originating
- 3 carrier, then we wouldn't have anything to pass on
- 4 to the carriers behind us. That's the only concern
- 5 that we had with the rule. Otherwise, we support --
- 6 you know, we support it nationally, we support the
- 7 FCC.
- 8 But with respect to the CPN, if a small
- 9 company has a business need for it, you need to know
- 10 that we make it available for signaling. And the
- 11 evidence shows that when they need it, it's there for
- 12 them and they can use it in that form.
- They've used it for auditing, they've
- 14 used it to develop factors. And it wasn't in any
- 15 record that we sent. It came from the signaling.
- 16 And they're perfectly capable of using it in
- 17 signaling.
- 18 But sending CPN and signaling with the
- 19 call is entirely different than putting CPN in an
- 20 intercompany billing record which are exchanged many
- 21 weeks after a call is made. And that's clear to us
- 22 for the wire -- for wireless calls. The Commission
- 23 intended the proposed rule to require carriers to
- 24 provide CPN only in the signaling. It didn't require
- 25 CPN to be both in the signaling and in the record.

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1 And as I mentioned earlier, that's clear
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- 2 first, from the plain language of the proposed rule
- 3 itself.
- 4 Second, it's clear from what the
- 5 Commission itself represented to the Cole County
- 6 Circuit Court in its brief in our appeal there.
- 7 Third, it's supported fully by the
- 8 OBF-EMI guidelines. It's also supported by the top
- 9 40 generics for the AMA switch recordings and how
- 10 both the switch manufacturers and carriers across the
- 11 country have applied those standards.
- 12 The Commission's intent here is also
- 13 clear from what didn't happen during the rulemaking.
- 14 If the Commission intended to impose a new
- 15 requirement on the industry, and this is a big one,
- 16 it would have wanted to know the full impact of
- 17 imposing such a new requirement.
- 18 It would have wanted to know things
- 19 like, you know, what are the industry standards here?
- 20 Is CPN being provided by carriers now in Missouri?
- 21 Is it being provided by carriers across the country?
- 22 Do carriers here have the technical capability of
- 23 providing it in the billing record, and if not, what
- 24 would it cost to develop that type of technology?
- 25 What's the fiscal impact of this new

- 1 requirement and whether inclusion of CPN in the
- 2 wireless billing record is actually needed for the
- 3 terminating companies to be able to bill the wireless
- 4 carriers?
- 5 But the Commission didn't gather any
- 6 evidence on these issues which shows that it had no
- 7 intent to impose such a requirement, nor do parties
- 8 to a Commission rulemaking hold back relevant
- 9 evidence when a rule that could have a significant
- 10 economic impact on them is being considered.
- The parties here do not present such
- 12 evidence precisely because the rule as proposed
- 13 didn't indicate any intent to impose such a new
- 14 requirement.
- In closing, I'd just ask the Commission
- 16 to remain consistent with its position before the
- 17 Cole County Circuit Court: That CPN is not required
- 18 in the wireless billing records because that's
- 19 absolutely the right answer here. Thank you.
- 20 MR. DORITY: Your Honor, CenturyTel
- 21 Missouri waives opening statement this morning.
- 22 Thank you.
- JUDGE DALE: Thank you.
- 24 MR. KRUEGER: Good morning. May it
- 25 please the Commission. One of the advantages of not

- 1 being the first one to give the opening statement is
- 2 that maybe the first speaker has gotten rid of -- or
- 3 has introduced most of the acronyms and initialisms
- 4 and strange terms, and I appreciate Mr. Bub doing
- 5 that for me.
- The issue in this case is, does
- 7 Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-29.04(0)(4) require the
- 8 originating tandem carrier to include the calling
- 9 party number as part of the category 1101 XX record
- 10 that it provides for wireless-originated calls that
- 11 transit the LEC-to-LEC network and terminate to other
- 12 LECs?
- 13 It seems like that should be a simple
- 14 question. It seems like all we should have to do is
- 15 just look at the rule and see whether it requires the
- 16 originating tandem carrier to include the CPN in its
- 17 billing records for wireless-originated calls. But
- 18 it's not simple. In fact, it's a very complex issue.
- 19 The expert witnesses for the disputing
- 20 parties in this case look at the very same document;
- 21 namely, the format for the category 1101 XX billing
- 22 record, and they come to exactly opposite conclusions
- 23 about what data must be placed into that record.
- This is because they have to construe
- 25 multiple documents and multiple provisions within the

- 1 same document. One of the key documents is the EMI
- 2 document which governs the category 11 records. It
- 3 contains nearly 1500 pages of detailed information.
- 4 But it still does not explicitly say whether the
- 5 category 11 billing record for a wireless-originated
- 6 call must include the CPN.
- 7 The specific rule that the Commission is
- 8 asked to construe is Rule 4 CSR 240-29.04(0)(4). The
- 9 relevant part of that rule provides: "When
- 10 transiting traffic for any carrier other than an
- 11 incumbent local exchange carrier, originating tandem
- 12 carriers shall, for each compensable call, create and
- 13 make the following available upon request by
- 14 terminating carrier at no charge to the terminating
- 15 carrier: A category 1101 XX record or, if no carrier
- 16 identification code is available, a Missouri-specific
- 17 category 1101 XX record."
- This section 4 of the rule does not
- 19 specifically mention CPN. Sections (1) and (2) of
- 20 the rule do require that CPN be transmitted in the
- 21 SS7 signaling stream for a call, but there's no place
- 22 in this rule or in any other part of Chapter 29
- 23 that -- that specifically requires that CPN be
- 24 provided as part of the billing record for a
- 25 wireless-originated call.

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1 What is required, and the parties agree
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- 2 on this, is a category 1101 XX record or a
- 3 Missouri-specific category 1101 XX record. The
- 4 question then, and I think that all parties agree on
- 5 this as well, is whether a category 1101 XX record
- 6 must include the CPN.
- 7 The rules in Chapter 29 define a
- 8 category 1101 XX record as a mechanized individual
- 9 call detail record that is developed in compliance
- 10 with the Ordering and Billing Forums exchange message
- 11 interface industry guidelines.
- 12 The rules also say that a
- 13 Missouri-specific category 1101 XX record is
- 14 identical to the category 1101 XX record except that
- 15 it contains an originating company number or OCN in
- 16 positions 167 through 170 instead of a carrier
- 17 identification code in positions 46 through 49.
- 18 Unfortunately, neither of these
- 19 definitions concerning category 11 records mentions
- 20 CPN either. And neither definition tells whether the
- 21 CPN must be included in the category 1101 XX records
- 22 or not. The term "industry standard" will be
- 23 important in the resolution of this case.
- 24 Unfortunately, that term is not defined in Chapter 29
- 25 rules either.

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1 All parties do agree though, that the
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- 2 AMA recordings are an industry standard. And they
- 3 also agree that the EMI billing records are an
- 4 industry standard.
- 5 The evidence will show that something
- 6 called an AMA recording is created at the switch of
- 7 the originating tandem carrier or originating end
- 8 office. These recordings are created in accordance
- 9 with the requirements of a -- of a document developed
- 10 by Telcordia Technologies and known as GR 1504.
- 11 These AMA recordings amount to a data
- 12 field -- or a data bank of information concerning
- 13 each call that passes through the switch.
- 14 The next step, then, is the creation of
- 15 the EMI billing records which utilizes the data that
- 16 is in this data bank known as the AMA recording.
- 17 These billing records are governed by
- 18 the provisions of the EMI document. That's the
- 19 1500-page document that I mentioned earlier.
- 20 Category 1101 XX records are one species of an EMI
- 21 billing record.
- 22 As applicable to this case, the record
- 23 that's created is a category 1101 01 record. The
- 24 category 11 record that is then created is then sent
- 25 downstream and ultimately to the terminating end

- 1 office for use in billing.
- 2 Two expert witnesses in this case
- 3 attached copies of the format for the category 11
- 4 billing record. The documents they attached are
- 5 identical. The two experts looked at the identical
- 6 document and yet they reached opposite conclusions
- 7 about whether the CPN must be provided.
- 8 The disagreement is over what
- 9 information must be included in the category 11
- 10 record for wireless-originated calls. The specific
- 11 question is what must be included in bit positions 15
- 12 through 24 of this category 11 record, and this --
- 13 these bit positions, these ten bit positions, are
- 14 called the "from" number field.
- The Small Telephone Company Group and
- 16 the Missouri Independent Telephone Group say this
- 17 field must be populated by the CPN.
- 18 AT&T, on the other hand, says this must
- 19 be populated -- that it may be populated with a per
- 20 trunk billing number or BTN. AT&T claims that the
- 21 Telcordia document that I discussed a little earlier
- 22 requires -- requires the use of a per trunk billing
- 23 number here, whereas the STCG -- The Small Telephone
- 24 Company Group and Missouri Independent Telephone
- 25 Company Group insist that the EMI document requires

- 1 that the CPN be provided in this field.
- 2 This is the core of the dispute in this
- 3 case: What should go in the "from" number field, the
- 4 CPN which identifies the party that placed the call,
- 5 or the billing telephone number which identifies the
- 6 wireless carrier that placed the call on the
- 7 LEC-to-LEC network?
- 8 The stated purpose of Rule 29.040(4) is
- 9 to establish, "A proper means of identifying to
- 10 transiting and terminating carriers all carriers who
- 11 originate traffic that is transmitted over the
- 12 LEC-to-LEC network."
- 13 The evidence will show that requiring
- 14 the CPN to be included in the category 11 record
- 15 would not accomplish this purpose of identifying the
- 16 responsible carrier. The CPN pertains to the end
- 17 unit -- end user, it's the end user's number.
- 18 And the absence of CPN from the category
- 19 11 billing record does not prevent the terminating
- 20 carrier from knowing who the responsible carrier is
- 21 that placed the call on the network. This is not to
- 22 say that the per trunk billing number will provide
- 23 all of the information that's desired.
- 24 The evidence will show that it does not
- 25 provide any indication as to the proper jurisdiction

- 1 of the call, and it does not identify the carrier
- 2 upon whose network the call originated.
- 3 But the CPN does not provide a reliable
- 4 jurisdictional indicator for all wireless traffic
- 5 either. The evidence will show that the CPN has
- 6 never been a standard field in the category 11
- 7 billing records that are provided for
- 8 wireless-originated calls.
- 9 AT&T has never provided it in their
- 10 category 11 records for non-IXC calls, nor has
- 11 CenturyTel. And there's an open question about
- 12 whether -- how long Sprint has been providing it.
- 13 Requiring the CPN to be provided as part
- 14 of the category 11 billing record for non-IXC calls
- 15 would be a significant change from the present
- 16 practice. This change is not explicitly required by
- 17 the rule that we're addressing this morning, and the
- 18 evidence will show that it would do little to
- 19 accomplish the purpose of that rule.
- The staff will therefore urge the
- 21 Commission to find that Rule 29.040 does not require
- 22 the tandem -- the tandem carriers to include the CPN
- 23 as part of the billing record that they provide for
- 24 wireless-originated calls.
- 25 Bill Voight will be testifying on behalf

- 1 of the staff and will be pleased to answer any of
- 2 your questions. Thank you.
- JUDGE DALE: Thank you, Mr. Krueger.
- 4 MR. ENGLAND: Thank you, your Honor.
- 5 Good morning and may it please the Commission. My
- 6 name is Trip England. I represent The Small
- 7 Telephone Company Group and I, along with Craig
- 8 Johnson, representing the Missouri Independent
- 9 Telephone Company Group, have jointly sponsored
- 10 Mr. Schoonmaker as our witness in this case.
- 11 I won't restate the issue because it's
- 12 been accurately stated by both Mr. Bub and
- 13 Mr. Krueger, although I had it written down here in
- 14 my notes to say it one more time.
- 15 And I agree that there are a number of
- 16 issues on which we seem to have agreement. I think
- 17 all of the parties agree that tandem carriers like
- 18 AT&T -- and by the way, I apologize ahead of time if
- 19 I revert to calling AT&T SBC, Southwestern Bell or
- 20 something like that. Old habits die hard.
- 21 But I think we all agree that tandem
- 22 carriers like AT&T Missouri are required to create
- 23 industry standard 1101 records for traffic they
- 24 transit to other LECs. And I think that we will all
- 25 agree that industry standard records for various

1 types of traffic have been around for a number of

- 2 years.
- 3 For example, with the creation of the
- 4 exchange access compensation regime at the
- 5 divestiture of the former AT&T, carriers began
- 6 billing exchange access and needed records to do so.
- 7 Those records needed to tell you the
- 8 time of day, the duration of the call, the calling
- 9 party number or CPN as we've referred to it, the
- 10 called number in order to determine the jurisdiction
- of the call, and other relevant evidence in order to
- 12 properly bill the carriers for that exchange access.
- 13 So the industry standard 1101 records have been
- 14 around for quite some time.
- 15 Industry standard 1101 records are also
- 16 now being used to capture CLEC traffic which has
- 17 arrived on the scene with the advent of the
- 18 Telecommunications Act of 1996. And again, those
- 19 industry standard records capture call detail
- 20 information regarding traffic that CLECs delivered
- 21 to -- that CLECs delivered to SBC at its tandem, such
- 22 as the time of day, the duration of the call, the
- 23 calling party number, the called number, et cetera.
- 24 Of particular interest to these IXC
- 25 records, CLEC records that Bell creates at its tandem

- 1 is the fact that CPN has always been part of that
- 2 record.
- 3 And of particular interest with respect
- 4 to an IXC record, when that IXC comes to Southwestern
- 5 Bell's tandem, delivers traffic and part of that
- 6 traffic is actually wireless traffic -- in other
- 7 words, interexchange carriers transit or transport
- 8 wireless traffic, believe it or not -- when they do
- 9 so and they deliver all of that traffic to Bell and
- 10 part of that traffic is wireless-originated, Bell
- 11 captures the CPN on that traffic and puts it in the
- 12 1101 record and transmits that record to the
- 13 terminating carriers, The Small Telephone Companies
- 14 in this case.
- 15 Interestingly enough, when Bell creates
- 16 a record of CLEC traffic, and let's say that CLEC is
- 17 providing traffic on voiceover internet which we now
- 18 know is Mobile from the generic docket that we've
- 19 had, Bell captures the CPN of that CLEC traffic even
- 20 if it's voiceover internet -- to the extent that it's
- 21 transmitted to them of course -- they put it in their
- 22 industry standard record and they transit that
- 23 record -- or excuse me, that's a wrong word to use
- 24 for passing records -- they pass that record to the
- 25 terminating carrier, and that CLEC record has the

- 1 originating number or the CPN in it.
- 2 It is only the wireless traffic that is
- 3 delivered to Bell's tandem by a wireless carrier that
- 4 does not have the CPN. And Bell tells you, "Well,
- 5 we've never done that." Well, what they don't tell
- 6 you is that we didn't start creating, or excuse me,
- 7 SBC did not start creating those records until the
- 8 summer of 2004, less than two years ago.
- 9 It's not like this has been a
- 10 longstanding industry practice. In fact, it was an
- 11 aberration given longstanding industry practice to
- 12 include CPN in 1101 records.
- The Small Telephone Company Group and
- 14 the Missouri Independent Telephone Company Group did
- 15 not become aware of the fact that we weren't getting
- 16 true calling party number in wireless records like we
- 17 did with IXC records, like we did with CLEC records,
- 18 until the fall of 2004 when this Commission was
- 19 embarking upon its proposed order of rulemaking.
- 20 So again, Bell tells you, "Well, it was
- 21 never in the proposed rule." Admittedly, CPN is not
- 22 mentioned in the proposed rule as far as records are
- 23 concerned because it wasn't an issue until the very
- 24 end of the process. It wasn't discussed in the
- 25 workshops. The workshops had concluded by the fall

- 1 of 2004.
- We raised the issue with Southwestern
- 3 Bell, we raised the issue with staff in the fall of
- 4 2004, we raised the issue with the Commission at an
- 5 agenda meeting in October of 2004 when we began
- 6 receiving these records and realizing we weren't
- 7 getting true calling party number on wireless
- 8 traffic.
- 9 Mr. Johnson put it in his written
- 10 comments on the rule and testified to it in the
- 11 rulemaking. We raised it at the earliest possible
- 12 time. This is not longstanding industry practice as
- 13 Bell would have you believe. This is something that
- 14 has occurred in the very, very recent future and is
- 15 an aberration, as I said. All other records have
- 16 CPN.
- We agree that the industry standards are
- 18 established by Telcordia for switch records or what
- 19 the parties have referred to as automatic message
- 20 accounting or AMA. We agree that OBF or the Ordering
- 21 and Billing Forum establishes standards for the
- 22 billing records which have been discussed and
- 23 identified as exchange message interface or EMI.
- 24 And as both Mr. Bub and Mr. Krueger tell
- 25 you and I wholeheartedly agree, we distinctly

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1 agree -- disagree over what those documents say, and
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- 2 Mr. Schoonmaker will testify to that fact.
- 3 AT&T says that these documents create an
- 4 exception to the general rule for all other types of
- 5 traffic that we talked about, and that for wireless
- 6 traffic terminated to their tandem by a wireless
- 7 carrier, they don't need to capture CPN and they
- 8 don't need to include it in the EMI billing record.
- 9 Well, I challenge this Commission to
- 10 find in any of the OBF documentation that is attached
- 11 to the testimony of the AT&T witness -- witnesses,
- 12 any reference to this type of an exception.
- 13 Specifically, AT&T says that in lieu of
- 14 calling party number, AT&T may insert a billing
- 15 telephone number or BTN in these EMI records.
- 16 Again, I challenge you or anyone in this
- 17 room to find in the 100-plus pages of the OBF
- 18 documentation attached to AT&T's testimony, I believe
- 19 it's Mr. Read's, any mention or any reference of
- 20 billing telephone number, BTN, let alone an
- 21 acknowledgment a BTN may be inserted in an EMI 1101
- 22 billing record in lieu of the calling party number.
- On the contrary, Mr. Schoonmaker has
- 24 reviewed this documentation and points out, as I
- 25 believe Mr. Bub and Mr. Krueger have acknowledged,

- 1 that the EMI document requires a "from" number field
- 2 to be populated. This "from" number, according to
- 3 Mr. Voight, and we wholeheartedly agree, is exactly
- 4 the same as CPN. And it is a field that Mr. Bub has
- 5 agreed needs to be populated in the EMI 1101 record.
- 6 Again, there is no exception that we can
- 7 find in any of this documentation that says the
- 8 "from" number field which is to contain this
- 9 originating number can be substituted with a billing
- 10 telephone number.
- It is clear to us from the industry
- 12 standard documentation provided by AT&T's own
- 13 witnesses that there is no exception as they claim.
- 14 But let's say for the sake of argument that there is
- 15 some ambiguity, there's certainly some disagreement
- on this issue. What was the Commission's intent when
- 17 it promulgated the rule? Well, that intent was
- 18 crystal clear.
- 19 In the Commission's order of rulemaking
- 20 published, or at least issued on May 12th of '05, the
- 21 Commission said as follows, and it's quoted in
- 22 Mr. Voight's direct testimony, page 12, lines 7
- through 15.
- 24 The Commission said: "We find that SBC
- 25 has shown no credible evidence that the category

- 1 1101 XX billing records it creates for
- 2 wireless-originated calls traversing the LEC-to-LEC
- 3 network should be different from the category 1101 XX
- 4 billing records it creates for wireline and
- 5 wireless-originated calls traversing the
- 6 interexchange carrier network. We thus determine
- 7 that transiting carriers shall include the CPN as
- 8 part of the category 1101 XX records created for
- 9 wireless-originated traffic occurring over the
- 10 LEC-to-LEC network." Excuse me.
- 11 This Commission recognized at the time
- 12 it implemented these rules that CPN for
- 13 wireless-originated calls needed to be included in
- 14 the record that the tandem carrier was creating.
- 15 There is absolutely no question in my mind or should
- 16 there be in anyone's mind that that was the intent of
- 17 the Commission when it implemented the rules. And
- 18 you don't have to go any further than your own order
- 19 of rulemaking to -- to see that.
- 20 The Commission didn't stop there. It
- 21 also promulgated Rule 4 CSR 240-29.040(6) which
- 22 states: "The originating telephone number shall be
- 23 the telephone number of the end user responsible for
- 24 originating the telephone call. Under no
- 25 circumstances in Sections (1), (2), (3)" -- I

- 1 emphasize this one, "(4), and (5) above shall any
- 2 carrier substitute an originating telephone number
- 3 other than the telephone number of the end user
- 4 responsible for originating the telephone call."
- 5 Why I emphasized section (4) in this
- 6 particular rule is that section (4) is the rule that
- 7 is at issue here. So what the Commission is
- 8 basically saying that for purposes of CPN records, or
- 9 excuse me, for purposes of industry standard billing
- 10 records that the tandem carrier must create as a
- 11 result of section (4) of your rules, you can't
- 12 substitute a fictitious number for the originating
- 13 telephone number.
- 14 Again, it's so obvious, it's like the
- 15 nose on the -- on your face that the Commission
- 16 intended for CPN associated with wireless calls to be
- 17 included in the EMI records that the tandem carrier
- 18 must create and pass to third-party LECs where that
- 19 traffic is terminated.
- 20 It's unimaginable to me that anyone
- 21 could argue that the PSC rule as promulgated doesn't
- 22 require CPN to be included in these records and that
- 23 it is somehow permissible to substitute a fictitious
- 24 number, a billing telephone number, for the original
- 25 and the correct calling party number.

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1 A couple of other points I need to make
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- 2 here. AT&T argues that what it is doing is no
- 3 different than what CenturyTel and Sprint are doing.
- 4 Well, AT&T overstates its case in this regard and to
- 5 some degree misleads this Commission because it fails
- 6 to acknowledge until just recently, certainly not in
- 7 its testimony, that Sprint has made the necessary
- 8 changes to its systems to capture and pass CPN on the
- 9 wireless records -- on the wireless traffic that it
- 10 transits and the wireless records that it creates.
- 11 AT&T also tells this Commission that the
- 12 CPN on wireless calls is unreliable and can never be
- 13 used to determine the jurisdiction of wireless
- 14 calls -- never be used, this is the testimony of
- 15 Mr. Read -- to determine the jurisdiction of wireless
- 16 calls. Again, AT&T overstates its case and to some
- 17 degree misleads you.
- 18 Clearly, we acknowledge, because of the
- 19 mobility involved in wireless calling, the CPN of a
- 20 wireless call may not always accurately reflect the
- 21 true originating point because that end user customer
- 22 may be roaming outside his local calling area. But
- 23 not all wireless callers are roaming when they place
- 24 their calls.
- 25 AT&T also fails to note that wireless

- 1 CPN is the only information that we're currently
- 2 getting in the network that would help to identify
- 3 the jurisdiction of these calls.
- 4 This Commission has recognized that and
- 5 has used calling party number to establish inter-MPA
- 6 factors, jurisdictional factors, if you will, in a
- 7 recent complaint case involving a number of small
- 8 telephone companies against T-Mobile as well as in
- 9 contested arbitrations that recently occurred between
- 10 Missouri Small Telephone Companies and T-Mobile.
- But what's most telling here is AT&T's
- 12 comments to the FCC in support of its petition for a
- 13 declaratory ruling in a dispute it had with Global
- 14 Crossing. In that case the Commission -- or excuse
- 15 me, AT&T argued to the FCC that in the absence of
- 16 accurate and reliable information as to originating
- 17 caller location, SBC, now AT&T, could use the
- 18 telephone number of the wireless caller to ascertain
- 19 the jurisdiction of the call.
- 20 Specifically, AT&T told the FCC, and we
- 21 quote -- this is from Mr. Schoonmaker's rebuttal
- 22 testimony, page 13, lines 1 through 7, and of course,
- 23 a public document on file at the FCC: "Because long
- 24 distance carriers provide no other information to
- 25 local carriers as to the geographic location of

- 1 wireless subscribers who place or receive telephone
- 2 calls, it has been standard industry practice for
- 3 years to use calling and call party telephone numbers
- 4 to determine the jurisdiction of and thus appropriate
- 5 access charges for wireless-originated calls."
- 6 Think about it: In direct contradiction
- 7 to what AT&T is telling you in this case, they have
- 8 told the FCC that not only is CPN the only
- 9 information they have and therefore appropriate for
- 10 determining the jurisdiction of wireless calls,
- 11 they're also telling the FCC that it's been standard
- 12 industry practice for years.
- 13 I ask this Commission to keep this quote
- 14 in this case in mind when judging the credibility of
- 15 the AT&T testimony in this case and in light of
- 16 Mr. Bub's admonition to you for consistency. I would
- 17 ask that you hold AT&T to the same consistency that
- 18 they are asking you to adhere to when they tell the
- 19 FCC one thing and this Commission something entirely
- 20 different. Thank you.
- JUDGE DALE: Thank you, Mr. England.
- MR. JOHNSON: May it please the
- 23 Commission. Craig Johnson from the Missouri
- 24 Independent Telephone Company Group. I can't imagine
- 25 a topic that's more tiring to the Public Service

- 1 Commission than LEC-to-LEC networks and terminating
- 2 records.
- In genesis, this case goes back to the
- 4 end of the PCC plan when then-SBC was ordered to give
- 5 us industry standard 1101 records for all this
- 6 traffic. Of course, AT&T or SBC at the time, it also
- 7 persuaded the Commission in an earlier docket to
- 8 supply us with a CTUSR or a summary report, not a
- 9 call-detailed record at all for wireless traffic.
- 10 The reason I mention that is I don't
- 11 want to go back and detail all the pain that we had
- 12 in arguing about business relationships. I want to
- 13 just focus on records for a moment.
- 14 As Mr. England just told you, the only
- 15 1101 that we get today that does not have the CPN is
- 16 the wireless-originated call that the wireless
- 17 carrier delivers to the AT&T tandem. If the wireless
- 18 carrier delivers that to an interexchange carrier or
- 19 an IXC, we do get the CPN on that 1101.
- 20 And so I want to ask you to remember
- 21 what is the name of this rule that we're talking
- 22 about today? It kind of got lost in the mix. Was it
- 23 the Enhanced Record Exchange Rule? If at the time
- 24 this rule was promulgated, you didn't intend to give
- 25 CPN in the 1101 for the wireless-originated traffic

- 1 delivered to Bell's tandem and going to the small
- 2 terminating rural ILECs, there's nothing enhanced
- 3 that that rule accomplished.
- 4 And I want to go back to what
- 5 Mr. England was telling you about the time line. We
- 6 first started getting these supposedly 1101 records
- 7 that were going to be a substitute for the paper
- 8 records, the CTUSRs, in the early summer of 2004.
- 9 It takes a while for those records to be
- 10 processed to get them through the billing systems.
- 11 We first found out that this BTN had been substituted
- 12 for what we expected to be in the CPN field in the
- 13 fall of 2004, right when we were coming up on the
- 14 hearing for the record for this rule that we're here
- 15 on today.
- And it was clearly understood, in my
- 17 view, by everyone that we -- that this new record was
- 18 going to give us the CPN to fill the hole in the
- 19 Swiss cheese that we have been complaining about.
- The Commission understood that. That's
- 21 why its order of rulemaking said what Mr. England
- 22 quoted it as saying, is that CPN will be required in
- 23 the 1101. We all understood that. That was -- that
- 24 was the intent of the rule.
- The Commission's order adopting the rule

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1 went ahead and specifically said that. SBC took it
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- 2 to Cole County Circuit Court. They appealed that
- 3 rule on three grounds. One of the grounds was the
- 4 rule requires CPN in the 1101 record. They knew,
- 5 they interpreted it as requiring CPN in the record or
- 6 they wouldn't have filed that as part of their legal
- 7 grounds to take it to Cole County Circuit Court.
- 8 They filed this very proceeding that
- 9 we're here on today for an application for a waiver
- 10 from that requirement of the rule. If AT&T didn't
- 11 think the rule required CPN in the billing record,
- 12 why are we here? Are they asking you for a waiver
- 13 for a requirement that doesn't exist?
- 14 The real issue in this case, in my view,
- is whether or not AT&T can justify getting a variance
- 16 from that rule. And what has happened is that after
- 17 this case was filed, after the Commission's order
- 18 said CPN is required, staff filed a recommendation in
- 19 this case that said yes, CPN is required.
- 20 Then staff changed its mind and they
- 21 filed a brief, not their brief, but they said it was
- 22 the Commission's brief, that said the rule didn't
- 23 require that. That's the reason we're here today.
- 24 Somewhere between September or October
- 25 of 2005 and the time they filed that brief in Circuit

- 1 Court, staff changed its mind. That's the only
- 2 reason we're here today.
- 3 A couple other comments I want to
- 4 mention to you, and I think it has to do with what's
- 5 going on, what's really going on.
- 6 AT&T wants to talk about providing the
- 7 OCN -- and Mr. Krueger slipped. He said that meant
- 8 the originating carrier's number. It's not
- 9 originating, it's the operating carrier's number.
- 10 And AT&T will tell you that this BTN we
- 11 sometimes refer to as a fictitious number, that
- 12 refers to the billing trunk number. Whichever one of
- 13 those two things you use, I want you to understand
- 14 that that number represents the carrier that brought
- 15 the call to Bell's tandem.
- And as Mr. Krueger mentioned, and it's
- in Mr. Voight's testimony and it's in AT&T's
- 18 testimony, they seem to acknowledge what this
- 19 Commission did with the Enhanced Record Exchange
- 20 Rule, and that is that the Commission adopted an
- 21 originating carrier responsibility concept where the
- 22 originating carrier is supposed to pay compensation,
- 23 and this was done over the Small Companies'
- 24 objection.
- 25 But that's not what's going on here.

- 1 When AT&T gives us that OCN or the BTN, they're not
- 2 giving you -- giving us the bill. The carrier that
- 3 originated the call, they're telling us to bill the
- 4 carrier that delivered the call to AT&T.
- 5 So if Cingular delivers a call that was
- 6 originated by Alltel Wireless, Bell does not bill
- 7 Alltel, they bill Cingular. And the record they're
- 8 giving us is trying to tell us to bill Cingular
- 9 whether or not Cingular is the originator. In fact,
- 10 they're telling us not to bill the originator in that
- 11 situation.
- 12 And the reason I bring -- bring this up
- 13 is it gets to me to be -- it gets to the motive of
- 14 this case. It's about business relationships again.
- 15 Bell wants the business relationship that we wanted
- 16 and they're wanting us to take a different business
- 17 relationship.
- 18 They don't want us billing the transient
- 19 carrier, that is AT&T. They want to be able to bill
- 20 the transient carrier in that situation I gave you
- 21 with Cingular, and that, I think, is at the heart of
- 22 this issue about records and stuff, is that Bell
- 23 wants to obtain a relationship whereby it decides not
- 24 only who it bills, but it's deciding who we're going
- 25 to bill.

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1 And this billing -- this issue about the
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- 2 records that we're getting is a subset of that bigger
- 3 struggle. So when you get a chance to ask questions,
- 4 ask the AT&T witnesses whether the record they're
- 5 giving us is telling us to bill the originator in
- 6 every instance and why. Thank you.
- 7 JUDGE DALE: Thank you, Mr. Johnson. I
- 8 believe that concludes the opening statements. We
- 9 will be beginning with witnesses. In the meantime
- 10 let's take a -- we have a couple Commissioner
- 11 questions.
- 12 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Can I ask a
- 13 couple of questions?
- JUDGE DALE: Uh-huh.
- 15 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Thank you, Judge.
- 16 I just wanted to ask a couple of legal questions
- 17 before we -- before we let the attorneys off the
- 18 hook. First of all, I wanted to ask the parties, and
- 19 feel free to chime in, whoever wants to, and I'll
- 20 start with Mr. Bub since -- since AT&T is the -- the
- 21 applicant or the petitioner in this case. First of
- 22 all, I wanted to make sure that I am clear on what
- 23 relief is being requested here today.
- MR. BUB: Today, your Honor, we're
- 25 asking that this Commission find that there's no

- 1 requirement in the Rule 29.040(4) to include CPN in
- 2 the billing record that we're trying -- I think the
- 3 examination is what the Commission intended in
- 4 opposing that rule.
- 5 As I understand it, the actual waiver
- 6 request and the request for a variance of the rule is
- 7 set off to a separate proceeding. So now we're
- 8 focusing on whether -- whether the Commission in
- 9 implementing the rules -- or proposing the rule
- 10 intend to include CPN in the record.
- 11 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Okay. To
- 12 simplify for me, it seems what you are saying is that
- 13 AT&T is requesting that we interpret the rule that --
- 14 that we passed through an order of rulemaking
- whenever that occurred; is that correct?
- MR. BUB: I think it's more than
- 17 interpret. I think we're asking that they find that
- 18 when they proposed it, it was never a requirement.
- 19 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Well, that would
- 20 be an interpretation. I mean --
- 21 MR. BUB: There's shades of grey on the
- 22 word interpretation, so I'm not really sure how you
- 23 define it. But we're -- our position is that the
- 24 rule as proposed never required it, the Commission
- 25 never required it. So if you want to say that, you

- 1 know, that's -- we're asking for an interpretation,
- 2 then I would agree with that.
- 3 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Okay. Do any of
- 4 the parties have any comment on that for the
- 5 proceeding that is before us today? Anybody have any
- 6 response to that?
- 7 MR. JOHNSON: Well, Commissioner, I
- 8 would say that the reason we're here today is because
- 9 Bell has requested a waiver from certain requirements
- 10 of this rule, and when you look at the petition, they
- 11 wanted a waiver from the requirement to provide CPN.
- MR. BUB: Your Honor, we don't disagree
- 13 with that. We did ask for a waiver, we asked for a
- 14 variance. And, you know, all along when we were
- 15 working on a procedural schedule, we recommended that
- 16 the two issues be considered at the same time because
- 17 there's a lot of overlap between them, a lot of
- 18 overlap in the facts, a lot of overlap in -- in the
- 19 application of the different rules.
- 20 So, you know, it's our view that they
- 21 should take -- the Commission should take both
- 22 questions that we are presenting at the same time
- 23 because -- because of that overlap between the two.
- 24 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Please, if the
- 25 parties could just give me a second. I thought we

- 1 were doing a water rate case today and I'm -- no, I'm
- 2 just kidding. Hang on just a second.
- 3 Mr. Bub, can you answer this question?
- 4 Were your -- I don't have your petition here in front
- 5 of me. Did you -- did AT&T plead in the alternative?
- 6 Did it plead for a waiver unless we found that it
- 7 wasn't -- that -- I mean, how -- how was your
- 8 petition pled?
- 9 MR. BUB: Our petition -- I don't have
- 10 it in front of me and I'll have to look it up to give
- 11 you a specific answer.
- 12 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: You should know
- 13 yours by heart.
- 14 MR. BUB: I do and what we were focusing
- 15 on wasn't the rule. There's nothing, absolutely
- 16 nothing in the rule that says we have to do it. The
- 17 only reason, and it was out of an abundance of
- 18 caution that we did this, was because in the
- 19 Commission's order adopting the rule, there was one
- 20 stray sentence that said we had to put CPN in this
- 21 record. It wasn't in the rule, it was --
- 22 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: I never -- let's
- 23 focus on relief. I don't want to get into arguments
- 24 with the parties.
- MR. BUB: Well, you were asking for

- 1 relief, for that provision in the order.
- 2 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Is it in the
- 3 alternative? Are you wanting us to find that the CPN
- 4 is not required to be delivered as part of the 1101
- 5 record, and in the alternative, if we do that, you're
- 6 asking for a waiver of that? Is that a fair
- 7 description of what you-all have requested?
- 8 MR. BUB: Give me a minute to look. Can
- 9 I have a minute to look?
- 10 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Certainly,
- 11 certainly. Forgive me, everyone. Mr. England, did
- 12 you find it there?
- 13 MR. ENGLAND: Yeah. I hate like heck to
- 14 have to bail Mr. Bub out on this one, but your order,
- 15 opening case, et cetera in this particular docket
- 16 references Bell's pleading, which was titled -- and
- 17 I'm assuming you correctly quoted from its title --
- 18 Application for Rehearing and Alternative Request for
- 19 Temporary Variance or Waiver in Case No. TX-2000 --
- 20 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Okay. So it was
- 21 pled in the alternative that basically you -- AT&T
- 22 argues that the CPN is not required to be a part of
- 23 the Chapter 1101 record, and in the alternative, that
- 24 if we do find that, that you're asking for a waiver.
- And that's why we're here today and

- 1 we've got to decide the first part. Does everyone
- 2 agree with that assertion? Since I'm the only
- 3 Commissioner here, I'm taking the liberty to ask
- 4 these questions.
- 5 MR. ENGLAND: I think you're right.
- 6 Interestingly enough, the application for rehearing
- 7 was denied, so we assumed until recently, in light of
- 8 the Circuit Court brief, that we would be going to
- 9 the waiver issue.
- 10 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Okay. Okay.
- 11 Mr. Bub, AT&T provides 1101 records on other types of
- 12 calls aside from the wireless calls in this case,
- 13 correct?
- MR. BUB: Yes.
- 15 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: An example would
- 16 be a record from a CLEC provider?
- MR. BUB: Yes.
- 18 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: What would be
- 19 another example?
- 20 MR. BUB: A record from a wire -- from
- 21 a -- the long distance carrier from an IXC.
- 22 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Yeah. Yeah.
- MR. BUB: And Mr. England was
- 24 referencing those records, way back in history since
- 25 the beginning, did include CPN.

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1 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Don't -- don't
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- 2 get past my question.
- 3 MR. BUB: Right.
- 4 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: You're -- you're
- 5 moving faster than --
- 6 MR. BUB: IXC. IXC.
- 7 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: So IXC, CLEC,
- 8 would there be circumstances of other ILECs where
- 9 a -- where a call is being transported? Would that
- 10 be at issue? I mean, would that be another instance
- 11 where an 1101 record would be --
- MR. BUB: Here in Missouri for the ILEC
- 13 calls, what they'd give us are category 92 records.
- 14 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Okay. So --
- MR. BUB: And then they convert those
- 16 themselves and they themselves -- say, like for
- 17 example, Century would convert their 92 record to an
- 18 1101 format. And then they themselves would send it
- 19 to the Small Companies. That wouldn't come from us.
- 20 But you're right that there is -- there is another
- 21 instance where a category 11, that's a
- 22 Missouri-specific 11.
- 23 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Okay. Now, what
- 24 mandates that a -- that an 1101 record has to be sent
- 25 for a CLEC call? Is there any part of our rule,

- 1 statute, anywhere that mandates a category 11, or is
- 2 it Chapter 11 -- category 11 record be sent? Or is
- 3 that just a business relationship? Is it in another
- 4 agreement somewhere? And if you don't know, you
- 5 don't know. Is it in the OBF?
- 6 MR. BUB: Your Honor, I haven't studied
- 7 the CLEC calls. You know, we've focused on the
- 8 wireless here. I know our witnesses would be able to
- 9 answer that, but if you'll give me a minute, I'll --
- 10 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: I'm trying to
- 11 frame the issues up. Is this something that AT&T
- 12 does out of the goodness of its heart? I mean, I
- 13 assume that there's a mandate for it somewhere.
- 14 MR. BUB: I'll tell you even with this
- 15 wireless record, even before this rule came out we
- 16 did it. And I don't know if you want to say out of
- 17 the goodness of our heart, we told carriers, you
- 18 know, through this long process that goes back years,
- 19 like Mr. England referenced, we're gonna try and fill
- 20 the holes in the Swiss cheese and provide individual
- 21 detailed records where there weren't any.
- 22 So our provision of this category 11
- 23 record for wireless was to fulfill a commitment that
- 24 we made to the industry that we would bring these.
- 25 So we did that without being required by the rule to

- 1 do it.
- I know we do a CT -- a caller ID -- I'm
- 3 sorry, a category 11 record on the wireless, but I
- 4 don't know whether we started doing that before the
- 5 rule or after the rule. But that was part of our
- 6 commitment to the industry. I don't know.
- 7 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Okay. Well, I'm
- 8 not trying -- Mr. Bub, I'm not trying to put you on
- 9 the spot. I'll get to you in just a second. This
- 10 has just been going on -- there have been different
- 11 pieces of these cases that have come up in various
- 12 forms, and I want to make sure that I'm clear on what
- 13 we're deciding as part of this case.
- Now, there were various types of calls
- 15 where -- where the traffic was not being identified.
- 16 CLEC traffic would have been one, and I'd say this
- 17 would have been going back two or three years where
- 18 traffic was supposedly not being identified. CLEC
- 19 traffic would be one, wireless traffic would be
- 20 another.
- 21 MR. BUB: I would disagree with the
- 22 second part. CLEC traffic I would agree with, and
- 23 the history on that is under the initial
- 24 interconnection agreements the -- they were treated
- 25 like another LEC. Like for example, Century, like I

- 1 just told you earlier, creates that in the Missouri
- 2 category 11. On their originating traffic that they
- 3 send to the rest of us, they create the record.
- 4 CLECs, we treated them like another LEC,
- 5 they were supposed to create the record. A lot of
- 6 them didn't, so that's where the gap was. But the
- 7 wireless traffic, it was never unidentified.
- Now, I'm not gonna say there weren't a
- 9 couple of hiccups along the way or maybe an isolated
- 10 trunk group here or there and it wasn't recording,
- 11 but in all the cases that -- wireless traffic was
- 12 never unidentified.
- 13 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: In the instances
- 14 where AT&T started sending the record that has
- 15 occurred over the last three years, whether it be
- 16 CLEC or wireless, whatever type of traffic, where
- 17 category 11 record is being sent where it had not
- 18 previously been sent, what -- what is an instance of
- 19 that? Is that CLEC traffic?
- MR. BUB: CLEC traffic. There was a
- 21 hole.
- 22 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Okay.
- MR. BUB: And we filled the hole.
- 24 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: And is the CPN a
- 25 part of that category 11 record that is being sent on

- 1 that CLEC traffic?
- 2 MR. BUB: I believe so.
- 3 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: All right. Did
- 4 that traffic start -- the identification of that
- 5 traffic occur before or after the rule -- the order
- 6 of rulemaking?
- 7 MR. BUB: That's the part I don't know,
- 8 your Honor. I don't know the timing that they came
- 9 out with that record.
- 10 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Does anyone know
- 11 that? Mr. Johnson?
- MR. JOHNSON: Yes, Commissioner Clayton.
- 13 When the order that ended the PTC plan, we have been
- 14 fighting this issue and -- and that order directed
- 15 SBC to provide industry standard 1101s for this
- 16 traffic thereafter.
- 17 And that is the order that I see, I
- 18 think it was dated in 1999, April or May or June of
- 19 1999, that is the genesis of the order that directs
- 20 AT&T to provide industry standard 1101s for the
- 21 traffic that's terminating on the LEC-to-LEC network.
- 22 Prior to that time we didn't bill
- 23 terminating traffic, we just computed it up based
- 24 upon ratios which multiplied originating traffic
- 25 levels.

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1 MR. BUB: Your Honor, if I may, I
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- 2 vehemently disagree with the characterization of that
- 3 order. What that order and that whole case was about
- 4 was LEC-originated toll. And like I indicated
- 5 earlier, we were providing category 92 records. They
- 6 were wanting category 11 records for LEC-originated
- 7 toll.
- 8 The only application, the only
- 9 requirement in that order to provide a category 11
- 10 was on that LEC-originated toll, calls like from
- 11 Century through us to the small carriers or from us
- 12 to somebody else. It wasn't an across-the-board
- 13 order.
- 14 If you just back up, there's another
- 15 case that Mr. Johnson didn't tell you about, is the
- 16 case where the Commission, just about a year and a
- 17 half prior to that order, ordered us -- ordered all
- 18 carriers to provide something called the cellular
- 19 transiting usage summary report, the CTUSR that's
- 20 heard.
- 21 Awful curious if the Commission intended
- 22 in that order to countermand itself and order a new
- 23 type of record without even mentioning the CTUSR
- 24 which is itself --
- 25 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: What year would

- 1 that have been, Mr. Bub?
- 2 MR. BUB: The CTUSR?
- 3 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Uh-huh.
- 4 MR. BUB: It would have been -- it was
- 5 97524 so it was probably --
- 6 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: '97, '98. Okay.
- 7 MR. BUB: Yeah, but it was a year and a
- 8 half before they came out -- before the order
- 9 eliminated the PTC plan. So in that PTC plan order,
- 10 wireless was already being handled with the CTUSR.
- If they wanted to do something
- 12 different, that order would have talked about
- 13 wireless. It didn't. It talked about the category
- 14 92 records. It talked about the problem they had in
- 15 converting them. It didn't say anything about
- 16 wireless.
- 17 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Okay. Does
- 18 Mr. England or Mr. Krueger, do either of you have
- 19 anything to offer in regard to this exchange?
- MR. KRUEGER: (Shook head.)
- 21 MR. ENGLAND: I do, because I think your
- 22 original question was when did Southwestern Bell
- 23 start creating the 1101 records for CLEC traffic?
- 24 And that was prior to the order of rulemaking, and I
- 25 can't tell you whether it was two or three years ago.

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1 I can't recall.
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- 2 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: But it's been a
- 3 fairly recent change --
- 4 MR. ENGLAND: Correct.
- 5 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: -- and it has --
- 6 MR. ENGLAND: As a matter of fact,
- 7 they -- they did it twice, if you will. There was an
- 8 1101 record for facility-based CLECs, I believe. And
- 9 then there was an 1101 for UNE-P CLECs, one preceded
- 10 the other. It occurred in a two-step process.
- 11 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Well, as I
- 12 recall, with all the cases that have been before us
- 13 and as this rulemaking has progressed, there have
- 14 been discussions held either in agenda or on the
- 15 record regarding an evolution of the exchange of
- 16 these records.
- 17 And I appreciate you bringing up the
- 18 difference between UNE-P and the -- and the
- 19 difference between facilities-based and then the
- 20 wireless.
- 21 So on UNE-P, CLEC traffic and
- 22 facilities-based CLEC traffic, those -- that traffic
- 23 is being identified by a Missouri 1101 that includes
- 24 a CPN? I'm not entirely clear whether I'm using
- 25 these acronyms properly.

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1 MR. ENGLAND: I don't know if it's a
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- 2 Missouri 1101 or a regular 1101, if you will, but my
- 3 understanding is the CPN is being passed on those
- 4 records.
- 5 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: What's the
- 6 difference between a Missouri 1101 and a regular 1101
- 7 that we all know, we go home and we talk about it,
- 8 everyone knows what an 1101 is?
- 9 MR. ENGLAND: This is my -- my opinion
- 10 and it may be subject to disagreement. I believe
- 11 it's the way in which the carrier is identified.
- 12 Primary toll carriers and other carriers don't have a
- 13 CIC code, carrier identification code, and therefore
- 14 the Missouri -- as a result, the Missouri 1101 was
- 15 created to finesse that, the fact that that CIC code
- 16 was not available.
- 17 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Okay.
- 18 Mr. Krueger, you want in on this?
- 19 MR. KRUEGER: Yeah. The rule -- Rule
- 20 29.020 defines category 1101 XX records and it says
- 21 that Missouri-specific --
- 22 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Rule 29 what?
- 23 MR. KRUEGER: Rule 29.020(5) --
- 24 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: And what is this?
- 25 What is -- what rule? Is this our rule?

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1 MR. KRUEGER: Yes.
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- 2 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Two -- go ahead.
- 3 MR. KRUEGER: 29.020(5).
- 4 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Okay.
- 5 MR. KRUEGER: Talks about it defines
- 6 category 1101 XX records and it states that the
- 7 Missouri-specific 1101 XX is identical to a category
- 8 1101 XX except that it contains the originating
- 9 company number in positions 167 through 170 instead
- 10 of the CIC in positions 46 through 49. So the only
- 11 difference is the identification of the company.
- 12 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: The only
- 13 difference is the identification of the company?
- MR. KRUEGER: Yes.
- 15 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: All that means
- 16 is -- okay. So there's no reference -- no reference
- 17 to the CPN in that?
- MR. KRUEGER: No difference.
- 19 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Correct?
- MR. KRUEGER: No, there's not.
- 21 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Okay. Okay. All
- 22 right. Yes. Now, Mr. Krueger, I want to ask -- I
- 23 want to verify staff's position is that the CPN is
- 24 not required to be sent as part of the category 11
- 25 record; is that correct?

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1 MR. KRUEGER: For wireless-originated
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- 2 calls, correct.
- 3 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: For
- 4 wireless-originated calls. Okay. Now, there was
- 5 also a reference about staff having a change in its
- 6 position, and I wanted to be clear in the event that
- 7 other documents from other cases work their way into
- 8 this case since we -- it seems to happen all the
- 9 time. Is that a change in staff's position legally?
- 10 MR. KRUEGER: Yes, I think it is.
- 11 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Okay. When -- at
- 12 the time the rule was drafted, can you say what
- 13 staff's position was? Were you the attorney working
- 14 on the rule at that time?
- MR. KRUEGER: I was. At the time it was
- 16 drafted, the staff did not understand that CPN was
- 17 not provided; is that correct, Bill?
- 18 MR. VOIGHT: (Nodded head.)
- 19 MR. KRUEGER: The staff did not
- 20 understand that CPN was not provided and with -- with
- 21 these category 11 records. And so the staff didn't
- 22 understand that this represented a change from the
- 23 prior practice.
- 24 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Change from what
- 25 prior practice?

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1 MR. KRUEGER: The staff understood that
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- 2 the -- at the time that the rule was drafted, the
- 3 staff understood that the CPN was included in the
- 4 category 11 records.
- 5 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: And forgive me,
- 6 please be patient with me. At the time we did the
- 7 order of rulemaking, we did the final order of
- 8 rulemaking, it was staff's belief that the CPN was or
- 9 was not included within a category 11?
- 10 MR. KRUEGER: I'm not sure that -- that
- 11 we knew at that time. Your previous question was
- 12 about when the rule was drafted and the drafting of
- 13 the rule went on for a considerable period of time, a
- 14 couple years leading up to late 2004, and at that
- 15 time we understood that the CPN was included in the
- 16 category 11 records that were provided for -- for
- 17 these calls.
- 18 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: You thought they
- 19 were when?
- 20 MR. KRUEGER: At the time that the rule
- 21 was drafted. At the time --
- 22 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: But it was
- 23 drafted like six years ago. I mean, this process
- 24 started a long time ago, didn't it?
- 25 MR. KRUEGER: It was drafted over a long

- 1 period of time. The rule was -- the notice of
- 2 proposed rulemaking, I believe, was filed with the
- 3 Secretary of State or was published in the Missouri
- 4 Register on January 3rd of 2005. So the final
- 5 drafting of it occurred shortly before that.
- 6 At the time that the order of rulemaking
- 7 was issued and published in the Missouri Register,
- 8 which was several months later, I believe that was in
- 9 May of 2005. By that time we had begun to hear some
- 10 statements from Mr. Johnson that the -- that he filed
- 11 in his written comments on the notice of proposed
- 12 rulemaking and also in the comments that were made at
- 13 the hearing on the -- on the proposed rulemaking.
- 14 So the information about whether it was
- 15 provided or our knowledge of that was changing over a
- 16 period of time.
- 17 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Does -- in
- 18 staff's pleading of this case, if the Commission were
- 19 to find that the CPN was not to be required according
- 20 to this rule -- being included within the category 11
- 21 record, does staff take a position whether the
- 22 Commission should institute another rulemaking to
- 23 address the issue or not? Do they not take $\operatorname{--}$ do you
- 24 not take a position?
- 25 MR. KRUEGER: I don't know that we have

- 1 discussed that.
- 2 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Okay. AT&T has
- 3 the burden in this case. Is there -- on burden of
- 4 proof is there anything else that anyone would want
- 5 to add on what the Commission must look to purely by
- 6 a preponderance of the evidence? Would anyone
- 7 disagree with that?
- 8 (NO RESPONSE.)
- 9 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Okay. Thank you
- 10 all for your patience.
- JUDGE DALE: Before we --
- 12 MR. BUB: Your Honor, I do -- thinking
- 13 about your comments on the burden of proof, if you
- 14 don't mind. I'm sorry for the interruption. I think
- 15 everybody would have their own preponderance -- their
- 16 own burden in proving their own interpretation or
- 17 their own view of the rule.
- 18 So certainly, you know, our view is that
- 19 the rule was never intended. We would have the
- 20 burden there, but if somebody had a contrary, they
- 21 would have an opinion or an interpretation --
- 22 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Well, if we
- 23 deny -- let's say we denied your petition. Let's say
- 24 we deny this first part of the proceeding that --
- 25 that we just declined to adopt your position on this

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1 interpretation, what happens? What's the status quo?
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- 2 MR. BUB: We proceed to the waiver
- 3 request.
- 4 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: So then the
- 5 waiver request.
- 6 MR. BUB: And -- but you --
- 7 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: So you would
- 8 probably have a higher -- you would have a higher
- 9 court review for that certification, I'd assume.
- 10 MR. BUB: I agree. We would have an
- 11 opportunity to go to the Cole County Circuit Court
- 12 and appeal that ruling, and we would have the burden
- 13 there.
- 14 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Anyone disagree
- 15 with...
- 16 MR. ENGLAND: Your Honor, I don't
- 17 disagree with the second phase, if you will, of the
- 18 proceeding if we go to that. Clearly AT&T has the
- 19 burden of demonstrating that they're entitled to a
- 20 waiver.
- 21 I think even on the legal issue they
- 22 have the burden of proof in this case, particularly
- 23 since the Commission denied their application for
- 24 rehearing on this very issue nearly a year ago, I
- 25 guess July or so of '05.

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1 MR. BUB: If I may add, if you look at
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- 2 your order denying rehearing, it wasn't on a
- 3 substantive ground. It was on the basis that they
- 4 couldn't -- because of it was a rulemaking, they
- 5 couldn't give any effective relief.
- Now, our view is since they want to
- 7 impose that new requirement, then they would have had
- 8 to come up with a new rulemaking, and that's what --
- 9 they basically said we can't give any rehearing
- 10 because that would have required us to do a
- 11 rulemaking. So there was more of a technical rather
- 12 than a substantive review by the Commission.
- 13 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: This stuff is
- 14 gonna send me back to electricity. Thank you.
- JUDGE DALE: Anything else? I won't
- 16 start my sentence again until I get the nod. We are
- 17 going to break for ten minutes. I know we've only
- 18 got half an hour to lunch, but we're probably not
- 19 gonna break right at noon.
- 20 (A RECESS WAS TAKEN.)
- JUDGE DALE: So we will begin with
- 22 Mr. Read and if -- after he is introduced, we will
- 23 begin with a discussion of the striking of the parts
- 24 of the testimony. So if you'll come up here, please.
- 25 (WITNESS SWORN.)

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1 JUDGE DALE: Thank you. Please be
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- 2 seated. Mr. Bub?
- 3 MR. BUB: Your Honor, Mr. Read has
- 4 direct testimony and rebuttal testimony, and as you
- 5 know, both pieces have some proprietary material in
- 6 them. So if we wanted to take a minute to go off the
- 7 record and get those marked, can we do that.
- JUDGE DALE: That would be fine.
- 9 (A DISCUSSION WAS HELD OFF THE RECORD.)
- 10 (EXHIBIT NOS. 1 NP, 1 P, 2 NP AND 2 P WERE
- 11 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION BY THE COURT REPORTER.)
- 12 JUDGE DALE: Thank you. We're back on
- 13 the record. Mr. England, if at this time you will
- 14 renew your motion?
- MR. ENGLAND: Well, thank you, your
- 16 Honor. I, like you, don't have -- seem to have mine
- in front of me, but I would like to renew my motion
- 18 to strike certain portions of the direct testimony of
- 19 AT&T witness Read as contained in my written motion.
- 20 I have additional objections with respect to his
- 21 rebuttal testimony.
- JUDGE DALE: Go ahead and make such --
- 23 such objections as specifically as you can recall
- 24 going through it, and I will give Mr. Bub an
- 25 opportunity to respond.

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1 MR. ENGLAND: Starting with direct or
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- 2 the rebuttal?
- JUDGE DALE: With -- let's go through
- 4 direct first.
- 5 MR. BUB: Okay. Do you want me to
- 6 respond line by line or -- I can if you want me to.
- JUDGE DALE: Let's -- let's go through
- 8 and see how it works most smoothly.
- 9 MR. ENGLAND: In the direct testimony
- 10 the first objection is page 3, lines 10 through 33.
- JUDGE DALE: And the reason for your
- 12 objection as I recall from your motion is that it
- 13 pertains to the costs of compliance with the rule
- 14 which we agreed would be retained for the second
- 15 phase of the proceeding; is that correct?
- 16 MR. ENGLAND: Well, Mr. Bub might
- 17 disagree whether we agreed because it was sort of a
- 18 contested issue whether we were gonna have two phases
- 19 or one. I think it's inconsistent with what the
- 20 Commission ultimately ordered, and that is that we
- 21 were going to deal with what the rule required and
- 22 leave the substantive issue of whether or not Bell
- 23 was entitled to a waiver based on cost, inability and
- 24 what have you to the second phase.
- So yes, the gist of my motion is that

- 1 it's more -- this information or this testimony is
- 2 more pertinent -- more pertinent or more relevant to
- 3 the second phase, should we have that.
- 4 JUDGE DALE: Thank you. Mr. Bub?
- 5 MR. BUB: Thank you, your Honor. One of
- 6 the things we need to keep in mind here is what the
- 7 standard for relevance is. And if you look at the
- 8 Commission's order, they point back to a series of
- 9 court cases.
- 10 And in those court cases they say, and
- 11 the Commission's quoted, "The test for relevancy is
- 12 whether an offered fact tends to prove or disprove a
- 13 fact in issue or corroborate other relevant
- 14 evidence."
- 15 And when the Commission has looked at
- 16 that standard, they allow things in -- into the
- 17 record unless wholly irrelevant. So if you look at
- 18 that standard, you know, it's not a way high standard
- 19 that has to be conclusive or it has to demonstrate
- 20 something by a preponderance. It just has to tend to
- 21 prove not to be wholly irrelevant. Because what
- 22 we're talking about is keeping evidence from the
- 23 Commission from, you know, being able to see it.
- Once the Commission gets it, you know,
- 25 their job as a trier of fact is to weigh what type of

- 1 weight to give a particular piece of evidence. So
- 2 what we're talking about here is a very low
- 3 threshold, and then once it comes in, the Commission
- 4 is free to give it, you know, whatever weight it
- 5 deems appropriate.
- 6 So with that, you know, let's -- let's
- 7 look at this testimony that's meant to be -- that's
- 8 asked to be stricken.
- 9 First piece, you know, you have to ask
- 10 does this corroborate any other evidence in the --
- 11 that's relevant and that's been offered. Well, as
- 12 you've heard in the opening statements, one of the
- 13 biggest things that we're all debating here, we all
- 14 have our opinions, we all have our witnesses, is on
- 15 the industry standards.
- You know, what does the Telcordia
- document say, what does the EMI-OBF document say?
- 18 Those are all industry standards. Our testimony here
- 19 with respect to our instability to lose a switch to
- 20 record CPN and the wireless record and the cost that
- 21 Lucent accorded us to develop this new feature, that
- 22 all corroborates our interpretation of the GR
- 23 standards and of the Telcordia standards and the
- 24 OBF --
- 25 JUDGE DALE: Let me interrupt and ask.

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1 Is there anyplace in this testimony that -- well, the
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- 2 very proceeding at line 5, "The Lucent switch's
- 3 technical inability is already established." So the
- 4 second bullet point which begins at line 11 relates
- 5 solely, it appears, to the cost to AT&T.
- 6 MR. BUB: That second piece, the cost,
- 7 that's the bid -- that's the quote, if you have it,
- 8 that Lucent gave us, that one letter that says --
- JUDGE DALE: Uh-huh.
- 10 MR. BUB: -- this is what it's gonna
- 11 cost to build this new feature. That corroborates
- 12 the fact that they didn't put it in the -- their
- 13 switch to begin with. So it corroborates -- it
- 14 corroborates that piece that you just read. It also
- 15 corroborates our interpretation. It may be
- 16 redundant, but that's not a way to get that stricken
- 17 from evidence.
- 18 It's relevant because it tends to prove
- 19 that Lucent didn't put it in there. You know, we
- 20 would just stand up and say Lucent -- our Lucent
- 21 switch can't do it. Well, why do we have to prove
- 22 that? Well, we have a letter here that shows from
- 23 Lucent that if we want that capability, we get to
- 24 pick how to build it. So that shows that it's not
- 25 there.

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JUDGE DALE: All right. With respect to
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- 2 these motions -- or this motion, in my opinion, lines
- 3 10 through 18 are not relevant to this phase of the
- 4 proceeding because they go to the burden that will be
- 5 placed on AT&T.
- 6 The second set, beginning lines 21
- 7 through 34 are relevant in that they attempt to
- 8 address the Commission's attempt to -- or intent, not
- 9 attempt, excuse me. So lines 10 through 18 will be
- 10 stricken. Mr. England?
- 11 MR. ENGLAND: The next portion of the
- 12 testimony was page 6, lines 6 through 16. In
- 13 addition to relevancy, we also object on the grounds
- 14 of speculation.
- JUDGE DALE: I will interpret this
- 16 question to mean had AT&T suspected that the proposed
- 17 rule required the provision and allow it to be
- 18 contained.
- 19 MR. ENGLAND: The next was page 22, line
- 20 10, beginning with the words, "It is beyond" through
- 21 the remainder of that answer on line 15. Again,
- 22 relevancy.
- MR. BUB: Your Honor --
- JUDGE DALE: I have different line
- 25 numbers.

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1 MR. ENGLAND: I noticed that when you
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- 2 were --
- JUDGE DALE: Yes.
- 4 MR. ENGLAND: We may be off only --
- 5 well, we may be off more than one. Earlier you were
- 6 off one from where I was referencing.
- JUDGE DALE: Yes. Oh, okay.
- 8 MR. ENGLAND: So my line 10 on page 22
- 9 begins with the word "Standards" --
- JUDGE DALE: Okay.
- 11 MR. ENGLAND: -- semicolon, and then it
- 12 is the phrase beginning, "It is beyond the technical
- 13 capability of AT&T Missouri's network", et cetera,
- 14 that I object.
- JUDGE DALE: Throughout the end of the
- 16 answer or through...
- 17 MR. ENGLAND: Through line 15 which is
- 18 the end of the answer in my copy of the testimony.
- 19 The answer concludes with the phrase, "Would produce
- 20 little, if any, benefit to AT&T Missouri or any other
- 21 carrier -- carriers."
- JUDGE DALE: Yes, Mr. Bub?
- MR. BUB: Okay. Just a few types of --
- 24 pieces of evidence that are going in. The first
- 25 where it says, "It is the beyond the technical

- 1 capability of the AT&T Missouri's network", that
- 2 clearly fits into the category of the other material
- 3 that you allowed in and we can't do it.
- 4 The second would require us to pay
- 5 Lucent the one million or more to develop it and
- 6 burdens and changes to our internal processing system
- 7 to generate this record. That falls into the second.
- 8 But as you recall in one of the arguments that, you
- 9 know, I expressed in the opening statement, was that,
- 10 you know, the fact that this type of evidence wasn't
- 11 produced to the Commission, wasn't gathered by the
- 12 Commission, shows that there was no intent to include
- 13 that new requirement in -- in the rule.
- 14 JUDGE DALE: I will allow striking from
- 15 "It is beyond" through "intercompany billing records"
- 16 so that the sentence will read, "It is contrary to
- 17 industry standards and would produce little, if any,
- 18 benefit to AT&T Missouri or other carriers." And all
- 19 of those changes are, at least in my copy, contained
- 20 within lines 10 through 14 on page 22.
- 21 MR. ENGLAND: The next is page 23,
- 22 lines 7 beginning with the question, "Does AT&T have
- 23 the technical capability," et cetera through line 23
- 24 which is the end of the page, at least in my version.
- 25 And then I guess just to complete the

- 1 objection, because the testimony carries over to the
- 2 next page, page 25 -- excuse me, page 24, lines 1
- 3 through 22.
- 4 And we also noted that lines 16 through
- 5 22 on that page is, we believe, impermissible as pure
- 6 speculation.
- 7 And then page 25 in its entirety,
- 8 lines 1 through 23; page 26 in its entirety, lines 1
- 9 through 24; page 27 in its entirety, lines 1 through
- 10 43; page 28 in its entirety, lines 1 through 45; page
- 11 29, 1 through 35, concluding with right before the
- 12 section entitled "Summary" on my page 29.
- MR. BUB: Thank you, your Honor.
- 14 Looking at this, it seems to me that this material
- 15 that's sought to be a strike falls into three
- 16 categories. The first category I would put in on
- 17 page 23, lines 7 through 16, and that would fall in
- 18 the category with --
- JUDGE DALE: I'm sorry, which page?
- 20 MR. BUB: 23.
- JUDGE DALE: Okay.
- MR. BUB: Lines 7 through 16. And that
- 23 falls in the category, you know, what our switches
- 24 can't do, what our systems can't do.
- 25 Second bucket would be lines -- same

- 1 page 23, lines 18 to the end, going on to the next
- 2 page down to 9, that would be in the second bucket.
- 3 And that would be more what will we need to do, the
- 4 impact on us of adding it in. That first bucket is
- 5 what you would allow in, the second is what you'd
- 6 exclude.
- 7 And let me finish out this second bucket
- 8 before going to the third category. It would pick up
- 9 again on 25. That would be all of that on 25, all on
- 10 26, all 27, and all of 28 down to line 35 on 29.
- 11 That's all information that we provide
- 12 that -- what we would have to do to get CPN, you
- 13 know, captured by our network and then processed in a
- 14 billing record, the category 11 EMI record. So that
- 15 would be the second bucket.
- And the third bucket would be on page 24
- 17 talking about us providing, you know, these records
- 18 to CLECs. And it's the tentative testimony that, you
- 19 know, the objection there was that it was speculative.
- 20 and our position here is, one, it's not speculative
- 21 because it's based on Mr. Read's personal involvement
- 22 at the OBF with other carriers including CLECs.
- 23 And, you know, this is another reason
- 24 showing, you know, our interpretation of the OBF-EMI
- 25 standards requiring us to provide a record. And the

- 1 key here is that we would need it to be provided
- 2 consistently. Not just here, but in other spots or
- 3 other areas of the country because CLECs are more
- 4 national in scope.
- 5 When you think of like an MCI or a
- 6 McLeod, you know, they interact with us not only here
- 7 in Missouri in exchange records, but other states as
- 8 well. And then they have their systems designed to
- 9 interact with ours to make a change here. They don't
- 10 want to handle things differently in different spots.
- 11 Mr. Read's point was that, you know,
- 12 they may use that BTN number that we give them and if
- 13 they do for some reporting purposes or whatever their
- 14 internal purposes is, if it's not here, that could
- 15 impose costs on them.
- But the point is that it needs to be
- 17 consistent from, you know, as expressed by the CLECs,
- 18 and Mr. Read's testifying to that from his personal
- 19 knowledge of actually interacting with them at the
- 20 OBF. So that's our third bucket.
- 21 MR. ENGLAND: Your Honor, Mr. Read's
- 22 personal knowledge notwithstanding, he has
- 23 demonstrated absolutely no foundation or basis to
- 24 testify on behalf of CLECs. This is pure
- 25 speculation. It's not even hearsay. It's not even

1 what they tell them. It's just what he thinks may or

- 2 may not impact their operations.
- JUDGE DALE: You were reading my mind.
- 4 But I'm going to allow him to be questioned on this
- 5 to determine whether or not sufficient foundation can
- 6 be determined and whether or not you can, on your
- 7 cross, discredit him in his knowledge on this, and
- 8 we'll not rule on this at this point.
- 9 MR. ENGLAND: You've put me in a very
- 10 difficult position because what I'm gonna have to ask
- 11 him is what CLECs have told him which he is then
- 12 going to tell me, and now I've got a hearsay problem.
- 13 I mean, whether it's speculation or hearsay, it's
- 14 inadmissible.
- MR. BUB: Your Honor, I don't think
- 16 we're looking at specific statements of specific
- 17 CLECs. And what he's testifying here is that the
- 18 interaction of the OBF as a group which he's -- as a
- 19 member of, you know, one of their goals is to make
- 20 things consistent for all carriers. CLECs are one
- 21 group. They've participated and they've had input
- 22 into the OBF process, and that's what he's testifying
- 23 to.
- JUDGE DALE: Well, I have to say that
- 25 unfortunately, the question is so inartfully worded

- 1 as to not ask for that information. I understand
- 2 your interpretation, but I'm going to allow the
- 3 question and answer that begins on page 24, line 16
- 4 through 23 to be stricken as either speculative or
- 5 hearsay, and then it can be if it's -- if it's
- 6 relevant in a waiver of proceedings considering the
- 7 consistency, et cetera, perhaps the structure can be
- 8 changed in such a way to make it comport with
- 9 evidentiary standards.
- Beginning on page 23, lines 18 through
- 11 23 through the end of the question on page 24,
- 12 line 3, the question on lines 5 through 9, page 23
- 13 will be stricken.
- 14 MR. BUB: I'm sorry, your Honor, I'm not
- 15 following you.
- JUDGE DALE: Begins with line 18 on
- 17 page 23 and goes all the way through line 9 on
- 18 page 24. It's two questions and answers.
- MR. BUB: Okay. I'm with you now.
- 20 Sorry.
- 21 JUDGE DALE: All of page 25, 26, 27, 28
- 22 and through lines 35 on 29 will be stricken.
- 23 MR. BUB: So then all that stays in is
- 24 23, lines 7 through 16, that first bucket that I
- 25 described?

- 1 JUDGE DALE: Yes.
- 2 MR. BUB: Okay.
- 3 MR. ENGLAND: One final portion of the
- 4 testimony which is, I believe, in the summary,
- 5 page -- excuse me, page 30, lines 11 through 17.
- 6 Again, this is, I believe, consistent with testimony
- 7 you previously struck regarding the cost as
- 8 irrelevant.
- 9 MR. BUB: Your Honor, I would agree with
- 10 that up until the subpoint 3. You know, subpoint 3
- 11 was allowed to stay in earlier.
- JUDGE DALE: Yes. So starting on line
- 13 11, after the word "would" through the close of "(3)"
- 14 so that the line -- so that the paragraph now reads,
- 15 "Adding a CPM requirement to Rule 29.040(4)
- 16 would produce little, if any, benefit." And that's
- 17 on page 30.
- Does that conclude all the objections to
- 19 the direct testimony?
- 20 MR. ENGLAND: As far as direct testimony
- 21 is concerned, that's correct.
- JUDGE DALE: Thank you. Proceed to the
- 23 rebuttal.
- MR. ENGLAND: Rebuttal. And I'll try to
- 25 take this in chronological fashion, although my notes

- 1 aren't quite that organized.
- 2 Page 3, lines 21 to the end, carrying
- 3 over to page 4, line 2. Here, Mr. Read talks about
- 4 his firsthand experience and discussions with other
- 5 members of the OBF meeting. My objection would be
- 6 hearsay and/or best evidence rule. I believe the OBF
- 7 documents and the specific notes contained in those
- 8 documents are the best evidence, not his oral
- 9 description of those.
- JUDGE DALE: Mr. Bub?
- MR. BUB: Your Honor, there's no
- 12 testimony there as to what anybody said. He's
- 13 testifying as a member of the OBF. He's testifying
- 14 as to his opinion of what the OBF document means.
- 15 He participated personally in the
- 16 development of that document as a member of the
- 17 standard-setting body, and he's certainly qualified
- 18 to give an opinion on it. He's not testifying to
- 19 what one person or the other said, he's testifying as
- 20 to what his understanding of the intent of those
- 21 standards are.
- 22 And I think you'll find in his testimony
- 23 or in discussing it with him, the -- what happens is
- 24 the OBF, a lot of times as we've shown, is reduced to
- 25 writing, is reduced to meeting notes. But to the

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1 interaction of the group, you know, doesn't always
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- 2 make it into a -- meeting notes or into a particular
- 3 standard.
- But I think he'll testify, you know,
- 5 that body meets on an ongoing basis, and from that he
- 6 was certainly able to reach his interpretation, his
- 7 conclusion of what the intent of the documents are.
- 8 MR. ENGLAND: With all due respect,
- 9 reading that first sentence, it does not indicate to
- 10 me or appear to me that he's talking about his
- 11 intent, but rather the committee's collective intent.
- 12 As I said earlier, what they intended or
- 13 what they didn't should be obvious from the written
- 14 document, not from his testimony. There are
- 15 literally hundreds of carriers who rely on these
- 16 documents for billing purposes that do not
- 17 participate in these meetings, and they have to rely
- 18 on the written notes and the documentation --
- 19 copious, rather, documentation that Mr. Read has
- 20 attached to his testimony. And I'm just saying
- 21 that's the best evidence, not his self-serving
- 22 statements of what he and his colleagues intended.
- 23 MR. BUB: Your Honor, if it would help,
- 24 you know, make it more clear, you know, we don't have
- 25 any objection to, you know, by interlineating that,

1 you know, phrase that it's his understanding of the

- 2 intent.
- JUDGE DALE: I will allow the line 23,
- 4 "Make it clear that my understanding of the intent
- 5 was never to populate this field with CPN." The
- 6 following sentence beginning on line 23, page 3
- 7 through its conclusion on line 2 is stricken.
- 8 MR. ENGLAND: The next is page 4
- 9 beginning at line 19, continuing through the bottom
- of that page over to the top of page 5, line 2.
- 11 Similarly, I don't believe that this is the best
- 12 evidence. The best evidence is the document --
- 13 written documentation produced by the OBF.
- 14 And secondly, while I find the question
- 15 objectionable, he never really answers it. So it's
- 16 not responsive either, but if it was responsive, I'd
- 17 object to it as not the best evidence.
- 18 MR. BUB: Your Honor, he's simply giving
- 19 his interpretation for the "from" number field,
- 20 meaning, you know, again, he's not quoting anybody
- 21 from the OBF. He's giving his understanding of what
- 22 that field means. And he's an expert in his area, he
- 23 deals with these records, the creation of the
- 24 standards and the maintenance of the standards, and
- 25 he's giving his interpretation of what that "from"

- 1 number field means.
- 2 You know, the "from" number field is
- 3 something that is documented in the OBF guidelines
- 4 and that's what we're talking about. We're talking
- 5 about how do you interpret that phrase that's in the
- 6 field, it's in the field description. He's giving
- 7 his interpretation. And I don't see any hearsay
- 8 here, I don't see any best evidence problem.
- 9 Certainly, Mr. England has a contrary
- 10 interpretation, but that's what we're arguing about
- 11 here is how it should be interpreted. This is his
- 12 interpretation. I feel it reflects how it's actually
- 13 used, what's done. So he's...
- JUDGE DALE: I will allow it to be
- 15 included, although I do object to the form of the
- 16 question. But I guess it's too late for me now. But
- 17 I will allow it in that it discusses the generic
- 18 nature of the "from" field, the further examples of
- 19 the nine paragraphs in the "from" number definition.
- 20 MR. ENGLAND: At the very least, your
- 21 Honor, is it my understanding that this is Mr. Read's
- 22 understanding of the "from" number field, not the
- 23 OBF's understanding or intent of the "from" number
- 24 field?
- JUDGE DALE: Are you willing to so

- 1 clarify, Mr. Bub?
- 2 MR. BUB: Your Honor, certainly it's his
- 3 opinion of it, but I think in weighing that opinion
- 4 you need to recognize that he is a member, that he is
- 5 experienced in handling these records, not only
- 6 from -- in creating and maintaining the standards,
- 7 but also seeing, you know, watching, seeing what
- 8 other carriers do. So, you know, certainly it is his
- 9 understanding, but I think the weight needs to be --
- 10 you know, his credentials need to be taken into
- 11 account.
- 12 JUDGE DALE: It will be taken as
- 13 understanding what he intended as a member and an
- 14 expert in this area.
- MR. ENGLAND: Next is page 7, lines 14
- 16 beginning with the question, "Have other carriers
- 17 interpreted these OBF standards," et cetera through
- 18 the end of the answer on line 21 of that page.
- 19 Again, it's hearsay and/or not the best evidence.
- JUDGE DALE: Have you included Bell
- 21 South and Verizon category 1101 records that so
- 22 indicate?
- MR. BUB: I'm sorry, your Honor? Have
- 24 we attached those types of records?
- JUDGE DALE: Yes.

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1 MR. BUB: What you'll see is that
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- 2 generic that we have attached is a format that all
- 3 use, and what he's saying here --
- 4 MR. JOHNSON: Objection, your Honor.
- 5 You said yes, no, I don't know or maybe.
- JUDGE DALE: Let me ask my question
- 7 again. Have you attached to the testimony examples
- 8 in which Bell South and Verizon have populated the
- 9 "from" number field with something aside from the
- 10 CPN?
- 11 MR. BUB: We haven't attached a Bell
- 12 South or a Verizon record. What we have attached is
- 13 a format that all the carriers commonly use. And
- 14 what he's talking about here is his observation of
- 15 their records, not hearsay, that they use the same or
- 16 similar -- that they interpreted that field like we
- 17 did based on what he saw them use in their records.
- 18 The second part consulting with Bell
- 19 South regarding what Bell South was producing. Well,
- 20 we produced our record, and our view, our
- 21 interpretation, and this -- and to make sure it was
- 22 right, we went to Bell South and asked, you know,
- 23 what do you hear, how do you do yours. And we got
- 24 that information and that's part of the basis for
- 25 ours to make sure that our interpretation was

1 consistent with the entry, and that's what we're

- 2 talking about.
- JUDGE DALE: Is there an e-mail from
- 4 them or...
- 5 MR. BUB: No.
- 6 MR. ENGLAND: Your Honor, there was
- 7 other testimony in Mr. Read's rebuttal that said Bell
- 8 South and Verizon do not do it this way, and I have
- 9 not moved to strike that. This witness can testify
- 10 to his knowledge that they don't do it. I don't
- 11 think he can testify as to how those carriers
- 12 interpreted OBF.
- 13 As I said, he has to obtain that from
- 14 them and that's hearsay. And it's not necessarily
- 15 the best evidence as those carriers also participate
- 16 in the OBF, and that interpretation or understanding
- 17 should be clear from the written document.
- MR. BUB: Your Honor, he's certainly
- 19 capable of observing other carrier's records and
- 20 rendering an opinion. If you want, we can modify
- 21 this based on your observation of other carrier's
- 22 records. How do you see these carriers, you know,
- 23 what's your opinion on how --
- JUDGE DALE: If -- if he can testify
- 25 firsthand based on his personal knowledge of whether

- 1 or not he has seen records that do or do not comport
- 2 with what he has asserted, then I will allow that.
- 3 But as the question and answer are framed presently,
- 4 no.
- 5 But -- so it's stricken, but I will
- 6 allow you the opportunity to ask him this in the
- 7 nature of direct before you release him for cross.
- 8 Mr. England?
- 9 MR. ENGLAND: Your Honor, just without
- 10 belaboring it, I believe as I said, and I think it's
- in his direct testimony, page 20, line 6 through 7,
- 12 he has already testified that neither of these two
- 13 entities pass CPN in their billing records. So I
- 14 mean, that -- that evidence, if you will, is already
- 15 in the record. It's not been subject to a motion to
- 16 strike or stricken.
- MR. BUB: We're okay to move on, your
- 18 Honor.
- 19 JUDGE DALE: Thank you.
- MR. ENGLAND: I'm sorry?
- MR. BUB: We're okay to move on.
- 22 MR. ENGLAND: Okay. Finally page 8 --
- 23 we're back in rebuttal testimony, I'm sorry, lines 1
- 24 through 19, carrying over -- which is one full
- 25 question and answer in my testimony and beginning of

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1 page 9, lines 1 through 10 which is a second full
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- 2 question and answer. Again, hearsay, not best
- 3 evidence and relevance in this particular regard, or
- 4 irrelevance.
- 5 JUDGE DALE: The sentence that begins
- 6 "And"?
- 7 MR. BUB: I'm sorry, your Honor, did I
- 8 get a chance?
- 9 JUDGE DALE: Oh. Do you really want it?
- 10 MR. BUB: Yes, your Honor.
- JUDGE DALE: Oh, all right.
- MR. BUB: This question is asking
- 13 specifically for a fact: Have there been any
- 14 complaints. He's not asking for what did so and so
- 15 say. He's not asking for hearsay. He's a member of
- 16 the OBF.
- 17 The fact of whether or not the complaint
- 18 in this area has been brought is a fact, and he's
- 19 certainly able to testify to that from his personal
- 20 knowledge and participation at the OBF.
- 21 He's also saying the only complaints
- 22 concern the inadequacy of use. He's not saying, you
- 23 know, what people said. He's just characterizing
- 24 what the discussions were, and on that point he does
- 25 provide documentation. It's that 2692 which is

- 1 attached. So what he's doing here is describing
- 2 his -- that particular issue.
- JUDGE DALE: Okay. On line 10, the
- 4 sentence beginning with "and," concluding with
- 5 "calls" will be stricken in that it makes a
- 6 conclusion that I don't believe can necessarily be
- 7 made. The document, as you know, which is attached,
- 8 speaks for itself.
- 9 MR. BUB: Okay.
- 10 JUDGE DALE: On line 16 the sentence
- 11 right after "and" beginning with "The," concluding on
- 12 line 19 through "calls" will be also stricken.
- MR. BUB: I missed that, your Honor.
- 14 JUDGE DALE: The very last sentence.
- MR. BUB: Are we on page 8 still?
- JUDGE DALE: Yes. 16 through 19, "The
- 17 consensus of the full billing committee shows..."
- 18 MR. BUB: Uh-huh. So you have stricken
- 19 line 10 beginning with the word "and" basically all
- 20 the way through the end of the page?
- JUDGE DALE: Oh, my, no. No, no. I'm
- 22 sorry.
- MR. BUB: Okay.
- JUDGE DALE: Line 10, that sentence
- 25 beginning with "and" and ending with -- oh, oh, my

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1 goodness, "originated calls" appears twice. The next
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- on line 11, see where it says "originating calls"?
- 3 MR. BUB: Uh-huh.
- 4 JUDGE DALE: That sentence is stricken.
- 5 MR. BUB: Okay. So the next sentence
- 6 beginning "there."
- JUDGE DALE: Yes, remains.
- 8 MR. BUB: Okay.
- 9 JUDGE DALE: And then "The" through the
- 10 end -- or that last sentence.
- 11 MR. BUB: Okay. I got it. I'm sorry.
- 12 JUDGE DALE: That's okay. I didn't
- 13 realize that "originated calls" was also at the end
- 14 of the whole thing.
- MR. BUB: Okay.
- JUDGE DALE: Mr. England, you said
- 17 "finally."
- 18 MR. ENGLAND: Well, I also -- and maybe
- 19 it was assumed in your answer, I just didn't quite
- 20 get it. Page 9, lines 1 through 10.
- JUDGE DALE: Oh.
- MR. BUB: Your Honor, these companies
- 23 are listed actually on document 2349 that we've
- 24 attached. I think it was attached to his direct
- 25 testimony, and that's where that information came

- 1 from.
- 2 MR. ENGLAND: And if that's the case,
- 3 then the documentation speaks for itself.
- 4 JUDGE DALE: Will you be willing to
- 5 change the wording agreeing to this to "concerning"?
- 6 MR. BUB: Yes.
- 7 JUDGE DALE: Now it's really finally?
- 8 MR. ENGLAND: That was it.
- 9 JUDGE DALE: All right. And just in a
- 10 crazy dream that this will all be briefed, let's go
- 11 ahead and examine the witness and see how quickly it
- 12 can be done.
- MR. BUB: You've sworn him; is that
- 14 correct, your Honor?
- JUDGE DALE: Yes.
- 16 CHRIS READ, testified as follows:
- 17 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. BUB:
- 18 Q. Mr. Read, could you please state your
- 19 full name for the record?
- 20 A. Chris Read.
- 21 Q. Thank you. Are you the same Chris Read
- 22 that filed direct testimony that's been prefiled in
- 23 this case marked as Exhibit 1 NP and 2 P -- I'm
- 24 sorry, 1 NP and 1 P?
- 25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. And that would be your direct testimony.
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- 2 And then you also caused to be filed rebuttal
- 3 testimony that's been marked as 2 NP and 2 P?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Okay. Are there any corrections that
- 6 you need to make to either piece of testimony?
- 7 A. There is one in my direct testimony on
- 8 page -- I believe that's page 17 on line 22.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. I put the wrong page number after -- on
- 11 line 22. It should be page 29 instead of page 27.
- 12 Q. Okay. Thank you. Any other corrections
- 13 you need to make?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. With that correction and the deletions
- 16 from your testimony that were just made as a result
- 17 of the motion to strike, if I were to ask you today
- 18 the same questions contained in Exhibits 1 NP, 1 P,
- 19 2 NP and 2 P, would your answers be the same today?
- 20 A. Yes, they would.
- 21 Q. Are those answers true and correct to
- 22 the best of your knowledge?
- 23 A. Yes.
- MR. BUB: With that, your Honor, I'd
- 25 like to move for the admission of 1 NP and 1 P, 2 NP

- 1 and 2 P.
- JUDGE DALE: Are there any objections?
- 3 MR. ENGLAND: It's my understanding that
- 4 you have granted, in part but not in all, my motion
- 5 to strike portions of the direct and rebuttal
- 6 testimony, and I believe the offer is exclusive of
- 7 those pieces that have been struck?
- JUDGE DALE: Yes. And there was a
- 9 retained --
- 10 MR. BUB: There was one piece where
- 11 Mr. England pointed out that he didn't move -- or he
- 12 didn't move to strike some evidence in the direct
- 13 testimony, and since it's there we don't need it here.
- JUDGE DALE: Okay.
- MR. BUB: So if that's the reservation
- 16 you're concerned about --
- 17 MR. ENGLAND: I just want your offer of
- 18 the exhibits.
- 19 MR. BUB: Without the material that's
- 20 been struck.
- 21 MR. ENGLAND: Okay. And then I'd just
- 22 like the record to reflect my motion, and I don't
- 23 need to argue it any more for those portions that
- 24 weren't struck. Thank you.
- JUDGE DALE: Okay. Proceed.

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1 MR. BUB: We can tender for
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- 2 cross-examination, your Honor.
- JUDGE DALE: You were going to see if
- 4 you could reconstruct that question or have you given
- 5 up on that?
- 6 MR. BUB: That was the one I was talking
- 7 about --
- 8 JUDGE DALE: Oh.
- 9 MR. BUB: -- where we pointed out it was
- 10 already in our direct testimony --
- JUDGE DALE: Oh, all right. Okay.
- MR. BUB: -- and not objected to, so
- 13 rather than, you know, argue --
- JUDGE DALE: I see.
- MR. BUB: -- about being duplicitous,
- 16 we're willing to move on. It's already in evidence.
- 17 JUDGE DALE: Okay. All right. Thank
- 18 you.
- MR. BUB: We've made our point and these
- 20 have all been admitted?
- JUDGE DALE: Yes.
- 22 (EXHIBIT NOS. 1 NP, 1 P, 2 NP AND 2 P WERE
- 23 RECEIVED INTO EVIDENCE AND MADE A PART OF THE RECORD.)
- MR. BUB: Thank you.
- JUDGE DALE: If everyone is willing to

- 1 use their microphones with assiduity, you need not
- 2 cross from the podium.
- 3 MR. DORITY: Your Honor, I have no
- 4 questions for Mr. Read. Thank you.
- JUDGE DALE: Oh, wow. Who's next?
- 6 Staff?
- 7 MR. KRUEGER: Thank you, your Honor.
- 8 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. KRUEGER:
- 9 Q. Good afternoon, Mr. Read.
- 10 A. Good afternoon.
- 11 Q. Is the "from" number a required field in
- 12 the category 1101 records?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Does AT&T populate the "from" number
- 15 field in the category 1101 XX billing records that it
- 16 sends?
- 17 A. Yes, it does.
- 18 Q. You state that the billing telephone
- 19 number or BTN is placed in the category 1101 XX
- 20 records, correct?
- 21 A. For wireless-originated traffic, that's
- 22 true.
- Q. And where does this appear?
- A. In the positions 15 to 24 in the 1101 XX
- 25 record.

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1 Q. And that's what's known as the "from"
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- 2 number field?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. What is the BTN?
- 5 A. Billing telephone number. It's the
- 6 number that represents the purchaser of the trunk
- 7 group.
- 8 Q. All right. Is -- how is that number
- 9 assigned?
- 10 A. That number I -- I really don't know. I
- 11 know that it identifies that trunk group. I don't
- 12 know if it is determined by the owner of that trunk
- 13 group or if it's assigned by the owner of the trunk
- 14 group. I -- I mean, the company that was purchased
- 15 from.
- 16 Q. Does the BTN assist in identifying the
- 17 responsible party to pay for a wireless-originated
- 18 call if you already have the OCN or the CIC?
- 19 A. You would have the OCN in this case, so
- 20 it would not help identify the originating carrier,
- 21 no.
- 22 Q. What information does it provide that's
- 23 not already available since you have the OCN?
- 24 A. What it -- what it provides is some
- 25 number that identifies that trunk group where all the

- 1 traffic that came across that trunk group would all
- 2 be assigned to that same -- that same number. I
- don't mean that to sound like double-talk, but there
- 4 is -- there is an opportunity to do some tracking and
- 5 trending from that number for any traffic that came
- 6 across that number.
- 7 Q. Is this a benefit to the terminating
- 8 carriers or to AT&T?
- 9 A. For whoever would be looking at tracking
- 10 and trending any traffic that came to them, whether
- 11 it was a terminating company -- it could be AT&T, it
- 12 could be anyone else.
- 13 Q. You refer in your testimony, I think in
- 14 more than one place, to the originating wireless
- 15 carrier. Do you recall using that term?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. To whom do you refer when you use that
- 18 phrase "originating wireless carrier"?
- 19 A. Well, the -- depends on where it's being
- 20 used, of course. But the originating wireless
- 21 carrier would be whoever had the customer that held
- 22 that handset. Or it could be -- and I'm not sure
- 23 where you're referring to my testimony -- but it is,
- 24 when I say "originating wireless carrier," it should
- 25 be referring to the company that held the handset.

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1 Q. The place that I was -- one place that I
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- 2 was thinking about was page 7 of your direct
- 3 testimony, line 20 through 23. In the answer to that
- 4 question you refer to the originating wireless
- 5 carrier.
- 6 A. Yes, and in that instance it's talking
- 7 about the originating wireless carrier that has
- 8 purchased the trunk group to which the terminating
- 9 company would bill.
- 10 Q. So it's the company that purchased the
- 11 trunk group rather than the company that the end user
- 12 is a customer of?
- 13 A. Could be, yes. Could be one and the
- 14 same, but we don't know that.
- 15 Q. But what it specifically intended to
- 16 identify is the company that interconnects with AT&T;
- 17 is that correct?
- 18 A. Yes, that's the intent of supplying that
- 19 number, is to give the proper number of the company
- 20 that is the one to bill.
- 21 Q. So would that be the carrier responsible
- 22 for paying intercarrier compensation charges?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. In all cases?
- 25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Is CPN captured in IXC category 1101 AMA
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- 2 recordings?
- 3 A. To my knowledge, yes.
- 4 Q. At page 9 of your direct testimony, you
- 5 quote from Commission Rule 29.020(5)(A), that's, I
- 6 believe, on lines 20 through 23 of page 9.
- 7 The rule states, "This type of call
- 8 record, " meaning the Missouri-specific category 1101
- 9 XX record, "This type of call record is identical to
- 10 a category 1101 XX record except that it contains an
- 11 originating company -- originating operating company
- 12 number OCN in positions 167 through 170 instead of a
- 13 CIC in positions 46 through 49." Do you see that?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Is that an accurate statement in your
- 16 view?
- 17 A. It is accurate. It's probably -- the
- 18 rule, when it was -- was made, at the time it was
- 19 made, yes, it's accurate. And it's still accurate
- 20 that the OCN is populated in the category 11 record.
- MR. KRUEGER: That's all the questions I
- 22 have, your Honor.
- JUDGE DALE: Thank you. Mr. England?
- 24 MR. ENGLAND: Thank you, your Honor.
- 25 Since I don't know the meaning of the word that I

- 1 can't pronounce --
- JUDGE DALE: Assiduously?
- 3 MR. ENGLAND: Is that the word? I
- 4 thought it was acuity. I'm gonna use the podium if I
- 5 may.
- JUDGE DALE: You'll have fun with that.
- 7 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. ENGLAND:
- Q. I was about to say good morning,
- 9 Mr. Read, but I see now we're into the afternoon, so
- 10 good afternoon.
- 11 A. Good afternoon.
- 12 Q. You indicated in response to a question
- 13 from Mr. Krueger -- excuse me a second, that the
- 14 category 1101 record for interexchange traffic
- includes the CPN, did you not?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Would you also agree with me that to the
- 18 extent the interexchange carrier delivers
- 19 wireless-originated traffic to the AT&T tandem, that
- 20 that 1101 record will also capture and contain the
- 21 CPN of the wireless call?
- 22 A. Well, it's not accurate that it's
- 23 delivered to the tandem. It's delivered to a trunk
- 24 group and it's delivered to a Feature Group D trunk
- 25 group, and in that case, yes, anything delivered to

- 1 that trunk group will have CPN.
- Q. Okay. So just to be clear, if the IXC
- 3 traffic that comes over that trunk group contains
- 4 wireless-originated traffic as well as
- 5 landline-originated traffic and to the extent CPN is
- 6 sent through the system with those calls, AT&T will
- 7 capture that for both wireless and wireline and
- 8 include it in the 1101 record?
- 9 A. That's my understanding. Mr. Constable
- 10 is really a network witness, but that is -- that is
- 11 my understanding as long as it comes across that
- 12 trunk group.
- 13 Q. I want to ask sort of the same series of
- 14 questions with respect to CLEC records. Again, it's
- 15 my understanding you create an 1101 industry standard
- 16 record for CLEC traffic that's -- and I apologize for
- 17 being inartful, I say delivered to the tandem, you
- 18 say delivered to a trunk at the tandem; is that
- 19 right?
- 20 A. Well, and it's good to make that
- 21 distinction, but yes. Yes, we do receive CLEC
- 22 traffic.
- Q. Okay. And you also include CPN in the
- 24 1101 industry standard record for CLEC traffic,
- 25 correct?

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1 A. Well, the industry standard record that
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- 2 is delivered from a wireline CLEC customer, that,
- 3 yes, I know that we do that.
- 4 JUDGE DALE: Excuse me.
- 5 MR. ENGLAND: Certainly.
- 6 JUDGE DALE: I would like to remind
- 7 everybody of my five alternative answers to yes/no
- 8 questions, since I'm not getting any objections.
- 9 MR. ENGLAND: So reminded, your Honor.
- 10 BY MR. ENGLAND:
- 11 Q. Mr. Read, what other types of traffic
- 12 other than IXC, CLEC and wireless that you know of
- 13 comes to the AT&T tandem and for which you create
- 14 1101 records?
- 15 A. To my knowledge, that's it. There may
- 16 be other carriers, but to my knowledge, that
- 17 encompasses what we do.
- 18 Q. Is it fair to say, then, that it is the
- 19 wireless -- it is only the wireless-originated
- 20 traffic that is brought to your tandem by a wireless
- 21 carrier where the 1101 record does not include CPN
- 22 information?
- 23 A. Yes, that's true.
- Q. At page 4 of your direct testimony, I
- 25 believe, it begins at the very bottom of that page on

- 1 line 34 and carries over to page 5 through line 5.
- 2 I'm going to summarize, but I believe you testified
- 3 that AT&T began notifying carriers in approximately
- 4 March of 2004 that it was going to start providing
- 5 individual detail category 1101 XX records on
- 6 wireless-originated traffic, correct?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And you, in fact, provide three copies
- 9 of the correspondence that you sent beginning in
- 10 March of '04 through the summer and early fall, I
- 11 believe, of that year?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. That's schedules 2, 3 and 4 to your
- 14 testimony?
- 15 A. Right.
- Q. Would you agree with me that at no place
- 17 in any of those three pieces of correspondence was
- 18 stated that the "from" number field in the 1101
- 19 record would be populated with a BTN or billing
- 20 telephone number?
- 21 A. That's true.
- 22 Q. So I think you agree with me that
- 23 inserting a billing telephone number in the "from"
- 24 number field is unique to the wireless category 1101
- 25 record, correct, as opposed to the IXC and CLEC

- 1 record?
- 2 A. As opposed to the IXC and CLEC record,
- 3 ves.
- 4 Q. Okay. Yet for whatever reason, AT&T
- 5 chose not to highlight that change in its
- 6 correspondence to the terminating carriers in the
- 7 spring, summer and fall of '04, correct?
- 8 A. That's a poor characterization, but if I
- 9 have to say yes or no, I guess I'd say correct.
- 10 JUDGE DALE: Well, you could say maybe
- 11 or sometimes and I don't know.
- 12 THE WITNESS: I do know, I just don't
- 13 know if I can elaborate. If I have the freedom, I'd
- 14 like to tell you why it's there.
- JUDGE DALE: Mr. Bub's job is to ask you
- 16 to elaborate on that.
- 17 THE WITNESS: Okay. All right.
- 18 BY MR. ENGLAND:
- 19 Q. At direct, page 10, lines 5 through 6,
- 20 you say CPN -- I'm sorry, I'm moving rather fast for
- 21 you. On direct, page 10, 5 through 6.
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. You say CPN has never been included in
- 24 industry standard category 1101 XX EMI billing
- 25 records for wireless-originated traffic. Do you see

- 1 that?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. But as I understand, you do include CPN
- 4 in industry standard 1101 EMI billing records for
- 5 wireless-originated traffic that is delivered via an
- 6 IXC trunk, correct?
- 7 A. No. You're mischaracterizing the
- 8 situation by your question.
- 9 Q. All I'm trying to understand is this
- 10 rather definitive statement on page 10 that CPN has
- 11 never been included in the industry standard record
- 12 for wireless-originated traffic, yet as you testified
- 13 earlier, wireless-originated traffic terminating to
- 14 you over an IXC trunk, CPN is included in the
- 15 industry standard record?
- 16 A. All that traffic is characterized that
- 17 comes across a Feature Group D trunk as Feature Group
- 18 D traffic.
- 19 Q. I understand. But it's still
- 20 wireless-originated, is it not, sir?
- 21 A. Not considered that, no. Is it?
- Q. Well, in your comments to the FCC you
- 23 refer to it as wireless-originated traffic, do you
- 24 not, sir?
- MR. BUB: Your Honor, I need to object.

- 1 If Mr. England is wanting to point to something in
- 2 that particular document, he can show him and then he
- 3 can cross-examine him on it.
- 4 MR. ENGLAND: Your Honor, unfortunately,
- 5 I only have one copy of the SBC's petition for
- 6 declaratory ruling which is referenced in
- 7 Mr. Schoonmaker's testimony.
- JUDGE DALE: Mr. Schoonmaker seems to
- 9 have a copy that he could hand to the witness.
- 10 MR. ENGLAND: Thank you.
- JUDGE DALE: And I can do without.
- 12 I'm -- I'm fine.
- 13 MR. ENGLAND: And if I may, I'd like to
- 14 give the witness a copy of it, and I can give the
- other copy I have, for the time being, to Mr. Bub so
- 16 he can make sure that I've got an accurate copy here.
- 17 I've also taken the liberty of highlighting several
- 18 portions.
- JUDGE DALE: Can you tell me where it is
- in Mr. Schoonmaker's testimony?
- 21 MR. ENGLAND: The quote in
- 22 Mr. Schoonmaker's testimony is page 13, at the top of
- 23 the page, and that's just one quote from a
- 24 12-plus-page question. The case number is cited in
- 25 the footnote at the bottom of his testimony.

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1 JUDGE DALE: Thank you.
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- 2 MR. BUB: Your Honor, I've got a
- 3 question, more of an initial clarification. Is that
- 4 the same document of Mr. England that was attached to
- 5 his testimony, or is this a new document?
- 6 MR. ENGLAND: No. This is a different
- 7 document, it's not new. It's been on file since --
- 8 MR. BUB: Different document, so it's
- 9 not attached?
- MR. ENGLAND: No, it's not.
- 11 MR. BUB: Can we have some time to look
- 12 at it?
- MR. ENGLAND: Absolutely. And my
- 14 question is that the witness was arguing with --
- 15 well, that's my characterization, pardon me -- was
- 16 disputing the fact that he -- that this traffic was
- 17 wireless-originated, and I believe throughout this
- 18 document that SBC authored and filed with the FCC,
- 19 you will see that they referred to this traffic as
- 20 wireless-originated traffic.
- JUDGE DALE: Mr. Read, have you had
- 22 sufficient time?
- 23 THE WITNESS: Yes, that's fine.
- 24 BY MR. ENGLAND:
- Q. Mr. Read, would you agree with me that

- 1 while you may not characterize IXC traffic as
- 2 containing wireless-originated traffic, that the
- 3 company you work for does in its pleading before the
- 4 FCC?
- 5 A. Could you point to a particular place
- 6 that you're referring to in this document?
- 7 Q. Certainly. The first would be page
- 8 Roman Numeral four, small Roman Numeral four.
- 9 A. Okay.
- 10 Q. Top of the page, first full sentence
- 11 begins, "Because long distance carriers provide no
- 12 other information to local carriers as to the
- 13 geographic location of wireless subscribers who place
- 14 or receive telephone calls, it has been standard
- 15 industry practice for years to use calling and called
- 16 party telephone numbers to determine the jurisdiction
- 17 of and thus the appropriate access charges for" --
- 18 and here's my emphasis -- "wireless-originated
- 19 calls."
- 20 A. Yes, I see that.
- 21 Q. Page Roman Numeral six, vi.
- 22 A. Okay.
- 23 Q. Roughly middle of the typed page, "Second,
- 24 the use of telephone numbers is consistent with and
- wholly supported by not only the language of SWBT's

- 1 tariffs, but also longstanding and predominant industry
- 2 practice -- supported by Commission policy and
- 3 precedent -- of using telephone numbers to determine
- 4 the applicable intercarrier compensation rates
- 5 for" -- again, my emphasis -- "wireless-originated
- 6 calls."
- 7 A. Okay.
- 8 Q. There are several others, but my point
- 9 is that at least the company you work for recognizes
- 10 that IXCs deliver in the traffic that comes over
- 11 their trunk wireless-originated calls, correct?
- 12 A. I -- I -- yes, I see that here.
- 13 Q. And we also have established that for
- 14 those wireless-originated calls coming over an IXC
- 15 trunk AT&T, formally SBC, captures and -- captures
- 16 CPN and populates it in the "from" number field in
- 17 the 1101 record, correct?
- 18 A. Apparently we do. I -- I don't...
- 19 Q. Would you agree with me that the
- 20 wireless 1101 records that we're talking about and
- 21 that you were talking about here, I think at page 10,
- 22 lines 5 through 6, deal with wireless traffic
- 23 delivered to the tandem by a wireless carrier?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. And that the records that you created,

- 1 the 1101 records that you created for that traffic
- 2 were first created by AT&T in approximately the
- 3 summer of 2004?
- 4 A. I don't know the start time, but
- 5 according to the accessible letters, I would say
- 6 that's accurate.
- 7 Q. On, again, direct, page 17 --
- 8 A. Direct, page 17. Okay.
- 9 Q. -- you reference documentation from the
- 10 OBF and attach comments or documentation as schedules
- 11 8 P and 9 P for two issues considered by the OBF; is
- 12 that right?
- 13 A. Yes, I do.
- 14 Q. And you state at lines 20 and 21, again
- 15 on page 17 of your direct testimony, that at no place
- 16 in the OBF documentation is it even suggested that
- 17 wireless-originated CPN is needed for wireless
- 18 identification; do you see that?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Would you agree with me that at no place
- 21 in these two documents referenced by schedules 8 and
- 22 9 is there any reference to billing telephone number
- 23 or BTN?
- 24 A. Right.
- 25 Q. And would you also agree with me that

- 1 there is no statement in either of these issue
- 2 statements, schedules 8 and 9 attached to your
- 3 testimony, that acknowledge or state that BTN will be
- 4 used to populate the "from" number field in the 1101
- 5 EXX-EMI billing record?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Thanks. Your direct testimony on
- 8 page 18, the question and answer on lines 6 through 9
- 9 when read together, you testify that CPN is, quote,
- 10 my quote, never, end quote -- excuse me, your
- 11 quote -- never a reliable source for determination of
- 12 proper jurisdiction of wireless originating traffic.
- 13 Do you see that?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Apparently, we've learned with respect
- 16 to your company's petition before the FCC, that it
- 17 is, in fact, a reliable source when you lack other
- 18 information for purposes of determining proper
- 19 jurisdiction, correct?
- 20 A. No.
- Q. Okay. You dispute the statements
- 22 contained in your company's petition with the FCC?
- 23 A. If you're asking me as a witness do I
- 24 believe that it's proper -- that it allows proper
- 25 jurisdiction, I'd say no.

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1 Q. Okay. And that would be inconsistent
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- 2 with your company's statement to the FCC?
- 3 MR. BUB: Your Honor, I object. I think
- 4 we're talking about two different types of traffic.
- 5 What Mr. Read's testifying to is wireless traffic
- 6 that comes directly to us over a specific tandem
- 7 trunk group that's recorded as a wireless call. What
- 8 Mr. England is trying to confuse is other traffic
- 9 that comes through an interexchange carrier that's
- 10 reported differently.
- 11 So I think he's trying to confuse two
- 12 things when, in fact, they're different. And that's
- 13 why Mr. -- what the answer is, if he wants to be
- 14 specific, you know, we can go forward that way. But
- 15 I think Mr. England's question is confusing the two
- 16 things. That's an unfair question.
- JUDGE DALE: Whether -- whether he's
- 18 confusing them, you can reconstruct on redirect. At
- 19 this point Mr. Read has testified his opinion as an
- 20 expert which is why we have him here.
- 21 BY MR. ENGLAND:
- 22 Q. Mr. Read, what is the difference between
- 23 a wireless-originated call that's delivered via an
- 24 IXC trunk versus a wireless-originated call delivered
- 25 via a wireless trunk insofar as the calling party is

1 concerned, the calling party number and the location

- 2 of that calling party?
- A. As far as jurisdiction, there is none.
- 4 Q. And the calling party number would be
- 5 the same, correct?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. The location of the individual making
- 8 that wireless-originated call is gonna be the same?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 O. Correct?
- 11 A. Uh-huh.
- 12 Q. The only difference is that that call is
- 13 delivered to you via an IXC trunk versus a wireless
- 14 trunk as I understand?
- 15 A. Yes, that's my understanding too.
- 16 Q. Okay. And yet when it's delivered via
- 17 an IXC trunk, as I understand your company's petition
- 18 with the FCC, your company believes that it's
- 19 appropriate to use wireless CPN to jurisdictionalize
- 20 that call between interstate and intrastate, correct?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. But you're telling this
- 23 Commission that it's never appropriate to use that
- 24 wireless CPN when it's delivered over a wireless
- 25 trunk for purposes of determining jurisdiction to

- 1 that call?
- 2 A. When is it a reliable source is the
- 3 question, and never is the answer.
- 4 Q. What other information is there in the
- 5 network, Mr. Read, to determine the jurisdiction of
- 6 wireless-originated calls?
- 7 A. I'd -- I'd have to defer to
- 8 Mr. Constable on any network information.
- 9 MR. ENGLAND: Did you take my pen?
- 10 Excuse me, your Honor. Let me write a note.
- MR. BUB: Your Honor, let the record
- 12 reflect another unfounded accusation.
- JUDGE DALE: That you stole his pen?
- MR. BUB: Yes.
- JUDGE DALE: Would you wish to retract?
- MR. ENGLAND: Well, first of all, it
- 17 wasn't Mr. Bub I was accusing.
- MR. BUB: Still unfounded, your Honor.
- JUDGE DALE: Well, in that case, undue
- 20 paranoia noted.
- MR. ENGLAND: Thank you.
- 22 BY MR. ENGLAND:
- 23 Q. I understand that you've dished this off
- 24 to Mr. Constable, but at least from your perspective,
- 25 you know of no other information in the network that

- 1 would allow you to determine the jurisdiction of
- 2 wireless-originated calls; would that be a fair
- 3 statement?
- A. In the network, yes, that's true.
- 5 Q. Or in the billing records, correct?
- 6 A. That's true.
- 7 Q. If a wireless customer is placing a call
- 8 with his wireless phone but not roaming, his CPN
- 9 would be a correct indicator of the location of the
- origination of that call, would it not?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Thank you, sir. Do you have any idea
- 13 what percentage of wireless calls that are delivered
- 14 to you -- I say delivered to you, that come through
- 15 the SBC or AT&T tandem are roaming as opposed to
- 16 nonroaming?
- 17 A. We have no way to know.
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 JUDGE DALE: Excuse me. I have a
- 20 clarifying question. When you mean roaming, do you
- 21 mean calling anywhere away from home?
- MR. ENGLAND: Away from their local
- 23 exchange area where the originator of the call is
- 24 roaming beyond the boundaries of its local exchange,
- 25 if you will.

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1 JUDGE DALE: Its wireline local
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- 2 exchange?
- 3 MR. ENGLAND: Correct.
- 4 JUDGE DALE: Okay. Thank you.
- 5 BY MR. ENGLAND:
- 6 Q. At page 20, lines 11 through 12, you
- 7 state that you understand from recent workshops in
- 8 Missouri that Sprint Missouri and CenturyTel also
- 9 currently create the same type of billing record as
- 10 AT&T. Do you see that?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And what is that understanding based
- 13 upon, Mr. Read?
- 14 A. Well, the discussions that we had during
- 15 those workshops.
- Q. Were you on those --
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. -- conference calls?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Okay. Then you also heard Sprint
- 21 Missouri tell the group that it was taking the
- 22 necessary steps to change their billing records so as
- 23 to be able to include wireless CPN as well as the
- 24 OCN, correct?
- 25 A. Yes. I don't know the date. I don't

- 1 have knowledge of when they're doing that.
- Q. Okay. Why didn't you feel it was
- 3 important to let the Commission know that Sprint
- 4 Missouri was taking affirmative steps to change their
- 5 billing records, sir, since you were aware of that or
- 6 that was your understanding as well?
- 7 A. The point that we were making was that
- 8 at the time the rule was written, the interpretation
- 9 was clear -- or the other companies in Missouri also
- 10 did not follow the same practice.
- 11 Q. But you now know that Sprint at least is
- 12 making the changes, correct?
- 13 A. That's what I've heard, yes.
- Q. And then on page 20, lines 6 through 7,
- 15 you note that Bell South and Verizon provide the same
- 16 information as AT&T in their wireless records. Do
- 17 you see that?
- 18 A. I'm sorry, what page again?
- 19 Q. I believe the same page. It's just up
- 20 above it, line 6 and 7.
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. What about Qwest?
- 23 A. I don't know what Qwest is doing. I
- 24 haven't seen any record in the -- in the OBF
- 25 documents where they've taken a position. I know

- 1 that Verizon and Bell South have.
- Q. Does Qwest regularly attend OBF
- 3 meetings?
- 4 A. Yes, they do, and they've not opposed
- 5 this discussion which meant they -- well, I'll let
- 6 you interpret that. I won't.
- JUDGE DALE: Mr. England, if I may
- 8 interrupt, we're right at one o'clock. How much more
- 9 do you have?
- 10 MR. ENGLAND: I've got -- I've just
- 11 really got two pages of handwritten notes. Some of
- 12 the questions, I believe, were asked by Mr. Krueger,
- 13 at least one or two, so ten or 15 minutes, perhaps.
- JUDGE DALE: Ten? Okay.
- MR. ENGLAND: I get your drift.
- JUDGE DALE: Thank you. On the other
- 17 hand, if it's gonna be more than that, we can break
- 18 for lunch and you can come back. I don't want to
- 19 shorten your time inordinately, but --
- 20 MR. JOHNSON: Are you gonna restrict my
- 21 time too, Judge?
- JUDGE DALE: Yes.
- MR. JOHNSON: Good luck.
- 24 BY MR. ENGLAND:
- 25 Q. So you have not discussed what -- the

- 1 type of records that they create for
- 2 wireless-originated traffic?
- A. I've not seen where they -- if they were
- 4 in the meetings, I've not seen where they took a
- 5 position.
- 6 Q. That's not my question. You have not
- 7 discussed with them what types of records they
- 8 create, what types of information they pass?
- 9 A. When you say "discussed," that's what we
- 10 do at OBF, is discuss, so all of our meetings are
- 11 discussions, and during those discussions I've not
- 12 seen them take a position on what they do. So I
- 13 couldn't attest to what they do.
- 14 Q. Okay. I want to ask some questions
- 15 about this billing telephone number, BTN, if I may?
- 16 A. Okay.
- 17 Q. And I believe you've testified in
- 18 response to Mr. Krueger that that was the number of
- 19 the financially responsible carrier; is that right?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Okay. And it's a ten-digit number that
- 22 sort of looks like a telephone number. It's got an
- 23 NPA, an NXS and then four digits that follow that?
- 24 A. It's in the proper format. That's what
- 25 you're describing, yes.

- 1 Q. And I think Mr. Krueger asked how was it
- 2 assigned and you said you didn't know?
- 3 A. I couldn't tell you from firsthand
- 4 knowledge, no.
- 5 Q. Do you know if it changes from tandem to
- 6 tandem or company to company? And when I say that,
- 7 if a wireless carrier has an interconnection with
- 8 your tandem in St. Louis, that same wireless carrier
- 9 has an interconnection with your tandem in Kansas
- 10 City, do they receive the same BTN, billing telephone
- 11 number, or a different one?
- 12 A. It would be related to that trunk group
- 13 that they purchased.
- 14 Q. I'm not sure I got an answer to my
- 15 question.
- 16 A. Okay.
- 17 Q. Would it be the same or different?
- 18 A. I'm sorry. The trunk group is attached
- 19 to that tandem, so if there are different tandems,
- 20 there would be different BTNs.
- 21 Q. Okay. And maybe you answered this or
- 22 maybe I'm -- well, I am inferring, but I want you to
- 23 confirm this for me. If that wireless carrier then
- 24 also connects to the tandem of say, CenturyTel, they
- 25 would, in all likelihood, attach a different BTN to

- that wireless carrier, right?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Okay. And how are downstream carriers
- 4 like The Small Telephone Companies that we represent
- 5 supposed to know who the BTN is assigned to in those
- 6 situations?
- 7 A. The OCN and the record identifies the
- 8 company that will match that BTN.
- 9 Q. It's really the OCN that we need in
- 10 order to bill a financially responsible carrier,
- 11 right?
- 12 A. Absolutely.
- Q. And it's already in the record?
- 14 A. Yes, it is.
- Okay. Why do we need a BTN, then, if we
- 16 have an OCN?
- 17 A. It identifies the company as -- well, as
- 18 the OCN does, but if you wanted to track and trend
- 19 what traffic is coming through that particular trunk
- 20 group, then it gives you some information to be able
- 21 to do that versus a CPN.
- 22 Q. But if the only reason we need a -- if
- 23 the only thing we need to know is which carrier to
- 24 bill, the OCN tells you that, correct?
- 25 A. The OCN gives you that, yes.

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1 Q. Okay. And it's your testimony that the
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- 2 BTN will give us some ability to track and trend
- 3 traffic, and I'm gonna take a leap of faith, which is
- 4 more important than giving us the CPN, which would
- 5 tell us in some instances where that traffic is
- 6 coming from; is that right?
- 7 A. It's my testimony that the BTN gives you
- 8 a more appropriate number than a CPN. Because CPN is
- 9 unreliable in all cases, you don't know when that
- 10 person is roaming. BTN -- it is my testimony that
- 11 BTN gives you the industry standard applicable number
- 12 because it is the number that is associated with the
- 13 interconnected company.
- Q. But it doesn't --
- 15 A. CPN may not.
- 16 Q. -- but it does -- BTN doesn't tell us
- 17 the jurisdiction of the call, does it?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. CPN may tell us the jurisdiction of the
- 20 call?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. Even when that mobile subscriber is not
- 23 roaming?
- A. Can you tell when they're not roaming?
- Q. That's not my question, sir.

- 1 A. I'm answering it.
- 2 Q. My assumption is a hypothetical. When
- 3 that customer is not roaming, that CPN is an accurate
- 4 indicator of where that call originated, is it not?
- 5 A. No, it's not accurate.
- Q. And again, you're inconsistent with your
- 7 own company's pleading with the FCC on that, right?
- 8 A. No. Not to my knowledge.
- 9 Q. By the way, what's the definition for
- 10 BTN in the OBF documentation?
- 11 A. I'm not sure that BTN is listed in the
- 12 OBF documentation.
- 13 Q. Well, let me show you a page from the
- 14 ATIS document and ask you to take a look at it and
- 15 see if that isn't an accurate description of a
- 16 definition page. And on that definition page, the BTN.
- MR. ENGLAND: Your Honor, excuse me.
- 18 May I have an exhibit marked?
- JUDGE DALE: Yes, please.
- 20 MR. ENGLAND: I believe it's proprietary
- 21 unless -- okay. So I apologize.
- JUDGE DALE: Okay.
- MR. BUB: What number are you assigning,
- 24 your Honor?
- JUDGE DALE: This would be 3 P.

- 1 MR. BUB: 3?
- JUDGE DALE: Yes. And what is it?
- 3 MR. ENGLAND: It is a page from the ATIS
- 4 document that purports to define BTN.
- 5 (EXHIBIT NO. 3 P WAS MARKED FOR
- 6 IDENTIFICATION BY THE COURT REPORTER.)
- 7 BY MR. ENGLAND:
- 8 Q. Have you had a chance to look at that?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Does that refresh your memory that the
- 11 ATIS documentation does, in fact, define BTN?
- 12 A. It does define a BTN.
- 13 Q. Okay. Are you aware of any other
- 14 definition than that contained in Exhibit 3 P?
- 15 A. I can't say that this definition is the
- 16 BTN we're talking about.
- 17 Q. That's not my question. Are you aware
- 18 of any other definition of BTN in the ATIS document?
- 19 A. In the ATIS document, no.
- Q. Okay. And because it's proprietary, I'm
- 21 not going to have the witness read. I'm trying to
- 22 get around reading any of this into the record so we
- 23 have to go in-camera.
- 24 Would you agree with me, Mr. Read, that
- 25 the definition, at least as it appears on Exhibit 3 P,

1 when it talks about BTN, makes no reference whatsoever

- 2 to wireless calls, does it, sir?
- 3 A. No, it doesn't.
- 4 MR. ENGLAND: Okay. Your Honor, I'm
- 5 going to withhold offering this because I'm going
- 6 to need to lay a foundation with Mr. Schoonmaker.
- 7 JUDGE DALE: That will be fine. Why
- 8 don't we break for lunch.
- 9 MR. ENGLAND: Yes, I am about done, I
- 10 think.
- JUDGE DALE: Okay.
- 12 MR. ENGLAND: I think I am. Thank you.
- 13 Thank you, Mr. Read.
- 14 JUDGE DALE: We will then break for
- 15 lunch until 2:10 and resume with Mr. Johnson, I
- 16 think, is next up.
- 17 (THE NOON RECESS WAS TAKEN.)
- JUDGE DALE: Mr. Johnson, you may begin
- 19 your questioning.
- MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, your Honor.
- 21 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. JOHNSON:
- 22 Q. Good afternoon, Mr. Read.
- 23 A. Good afternoon.
- Q. Did you participate in discussions
- 25 between AT&T and staff in July and August of 2005

- 1 regarding the Telcordia documents?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Okay. As I understood, the purpose of
- 4 those discussions was to discuss the documents and
- 5 what they provided?
- 6 A. Right.
- 7 Q. Okay. And is it correct that the
- 8 Telcordia GR-1504-CORE document is the document that
- 9 you guys discussed?
- 10 A. I wouldn't have been the one discussing
- 11 that document, but I believe it was mentioned, yes.
- 12 Q. Okay. Is the 1504 document, is that the
- 13 industry standard that has been suggested to the
- 14 Commission that controls in this case?
- 15 A. I don't -- I really couldn't answer
- 16 that.
- 17 Q. Are you familiar with it?
- 18 A. Yes, but Mr. Constable talks about that.
- 19 I know that those are the requirements for switch
- 20 recordings, but he's really our network witness.
- 21 Q. So when you defer something to
- 22 Mr. Constable because he's a network witness, am I
- 23 correct in ascertaining that he knows more about the
- 24 network and you know more about the records?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Okay. Would you agree with me that the
- 2 records piece of the Telcordia 1504-CORE requirement
- 3 is a standard that can be superseded or improved upon
- 4 by the Missouri Commission?
- 5 A. I guess anything could be superseded by
- 6 the Commission. I don't know.
- 7 Q. Do you know whether or not the document
- 8 itself anticipates that there may be local conditions
- 9 and State Commissions may -- may impose requirements
- 10 that are additional to or different than the
- 11 Telcordia document?
- 12 A. Now, are you talking about the GR
- 13 document?
- 14 Q. Yes, sir.
- 15 A. I couldn't --
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. I couldn't speak to the GR document.
- 18 Q. Okay. Mr. Read, I want to turn to
- 19 page 9 of your direct testimony. I believe that's
- 20 Exhibit No. 1.
- 21 A. Okay.
- 22 Q. And on lines 15 through 23, it appears
- 23 to me that you're quoting an excerpt from the
- 24 Commission's Enhanced Record Exchange Rule?
- 25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Okay. Is that an exact quotation from
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- 2 the rule?
- A. Yes, to my understanding it is.
- 4 Q. Go down to the last sentence of that
- 5 quotation, if you're with me.
- 6 MR. JOHNSON: I think it starts on
- 7 line 20 in my copy, Judge Dale.
- JUDGE DALE: I'm still lost on what
- 9 page.
- MR. JOHNSON: Page 9.
- JUDGE DALE: I have 15 on mine, but...
- 12 BY MR. JOHNSON:
- Q. Well, are you with me, Mr. Read?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Let me see if I can -- let me read the
- 16 last sentence for everybody and maybe I can orient
- 17 everyone. "This type of call record is identical to
- 18 the category 1101 XX record"; do you see that?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Okay. Later on in that sentence it
- 21 talks about the OCEN (sic) in positions 167 through
- 22 170 --
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. -- instead of a CIC --
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. -- in positions 46 through 49?
- 2 A. Right.
- 3 Q. And this is a -- this is a topic that
- 4 you would be knowledgeable about, what position
- 5 numbers, different parameters exist in?
- 6 A. Right.
- 7 Q. And again, I'm talking about the record
- 8 that AT&T is providing today.
- 9 A. Okay.
- 10 Q. The OCN, do you put that in positions
- 11 167 through 170?
- 12 A. Yes, I believe we did.
- 13 Q. And is it correct that OCN stands for
- 14 operating company number?
- 15 A. Yes, it does.
- 16 Q. And so in those three positions of the
- 17 field, you would assign the OCN of the wireless
- 18 carrier that's responsible for ordering the trunk to
- 19 your tandem?
- 20 A. Yes, the company that purchased that --
- 21 that trunk group, yes.
- 22 Q. Now, do you agree with me that in some
- 23 situations a wireless carrier may lease its capacity
- 24 to another wireless -- to another wireless carrier?
- 25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. As I understand it, that does happen and
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- 2 AT&T is aware of that?
- 3 A. I'm sure that it happens, yes.
- 4 Q. In that situation, I'll just use a
- 5 hypothetical, where Cingular may have a lot of fiber
- 6 throughout the state and they will have Alltel
- 7 Wireless place some of its traffic on the Cingular
- 8 network, then it goes to the AT&T tandem in Kansas
- 9 City?
- 10 A. Okay.
- 11 Q. Then the record -- in that case where
- 12 it's all an Alltel wireless-originated call
- 13 transported by Cingular to AT&T and then terminated
- 14 to a rural ILEC, in the records you're currently
- 15 providing you would give the OCN of Cingular?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And that tells the rural ILEC that it is
- 18 supposed to bill Cingular --
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. -- for that call?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Can you tell me why you don't put in the
- 23 OCN of the wireless carrier that actually originated
- 24 the call?
- 25 A. The purpose of the -- you have to look

- 1 at the purpose of the record, and the purpose of the
- 2 record is to bill interconnection services. If you
- 3 look at, then -- it's in my testimony, but if you
- 4 look at the second use of the 1101 record, it states
- 5 that it is to be used for interconnection services.
- 6 So the BTN that's being provided is the BTN of -- and
- 7 the OCN is related to the company that is providing
- 8 the interconnection services.
- 9 Q. If you go back to page 9 of your
- 10 testimony in that excerpt from the Enhanced Record
- 11 Exchange Rule --
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. -- that sentence I was reading, it says,
- 14 "This type of a call record is identical to the
- 15 category 1101 record, except that it contains" -- and
- 16 I want to focus on the next three words --
- 17 "originating operating company." In the situation I
- 18 just described, would you agree with me that Alltel
- 19 Wireless also has an operating company number?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Would you agree with me that that
- 22 excerpt from the Missouri rule seems to indicate that
- 23 the 1101 is supposed to identify the originating
- 24 operating company as opposed to the delivering one?
- 25 A. No. It -- and that's where you have to

- 1 understand the way the standard is being applied.
- 2 The intent of the record is to identify the company
- 3 to bill. The company to bill is the company that has
- 4 contracted for interconnection services. If the --
- 5 if Alltel in your case were provided and were billed,
- 6 they would be the incorrect company to bill.
- 7 Q. So you're saying that AT&T, as an
- 8 incumbent local exchange company, bills for
- 9 interconnection services?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And the wireless -- the carrier that
- 12 interconnects with AT&T is who AT&T bills regardless
- of what carrier originated the call?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. When that traffic is passed down to a
- 16 rural local exchange company, who interconnects with
- 17 that rural local exchange company?
- 18 A. I'm sorry. I didn't quite get that.
- 19 If --
- 20 Q. If the -- if you take the call at the
- 21 Kansas City -- at the McGee tandem and you hand it
- 22 off to Mid-Missouri Telephone Company at Pilot Grove
- 23 where AT&T interconnects with Mid-Missouri Telephone
- 24 Company, who is Mid-Missouri Telephone Company's
- 25 interconnecting carrier?

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1 A. The -- and I don't want to be confused
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- 2 by -- by where the call went, but you -- you bill --
- 3 the terminating companies downstream bill the company
- 4 that interconnected with the PSTN, the public switch
- 5 telephone network.
- 6 Q. The public telephone switch network,
- 7 what do you mean?
- 8 A. If a wireless company is delivering,
- 9 they're not the public switch telephone network.
- 10 They are not the traditional switched network that
- 11 we've known for many years. They are a different
- 12 network. They are interconnecting with the PSTN.
- 13 That first point of switching is that trunk group
- 14 that they have purchased at the tandem if it's our
- 15 tandem or someone else's tandem. That is the point
- 16 that downstream carriers bill.
- 17 Q. So when you say public switch telephone
- 18 network, you don't mean that it's publicly-owned?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. You mean that it's AT&T's network and
- 21 you devote it to a public use?
- 22 A. It's a generic term that's used
- 23 throughout the -- you know, it doesn't matter who.
- 24 Public switch telephone network is just a generic
- 25 term used in the industry. It could be AT&T, it

- 1 could be anyone else that owns the tandem.
- Q. Well, if Cingular connects with AT&T in
- 3 Dallas, you don't allow them to take that traffic --
- 4 you don't take that traffic all the way to Missouri,
- 5 do you?
- 6 A. If they interconnected into Dallas, then
- 7 the billing would be back to that number that -- and
- 8 Dallas.
- 9 Q. Do you require them to separately
- 10 interconnect in order to terminate traffic in
- 11 Missouri?
- 12 A. I really couldn't talk about -- that's
- 13 really the network, but I believe that -- well, I
- 14 need to defer to Mr. Constable on that.
- 15 Q. Okay. In that situation I described,
- 16 Mid-Missouri Telephone Company owns its own network,
- 17 does it not?
- 18 A. I believe they do, yes.
- 19 Q. And would you agree with me in that
- 20 situation that Cingular does not interconnect with
- 21 Mid-Missouri Telephone Company's network?
- 22 A. They -- in that scenario, no.
- 23 Q. In that scenario I mentioned, AT&T does
- 24 not bill Cingular who transited the Alltel call to
- 25 AT&T; is that correct?

- 1 A. The terminating companies downstream
- 2 that are part of that call stream are billing back to
- 3 that interconnected company.
- 4 Q. But AT&T does not bill a carrier that
- 5 transits the call -- you bill the carrier that
- 6 transits the call to you?
- 7 A. I'm not sure.
- 8 MR. BUB: Your Honor, I think I need to
- 9 object to the form of the question. I think he's
- 10 testified that we bill the one that's connected.
- 11 He's asking -- he's introducing a new term,
- 12 "transiting."
- I don't think Mr. Read talked about
- 14 transiting. I think he talked about connected
- 15 carrier. If he wants to ask about the connected
- 16 carrier, I think we'll be talking about the same
- 17 thing. So it's the form of the question that I have
- 18 a problem with.
- 19 BY MR. JOHNSON:
- 20 Q. Let me see if I can go at it this way,
- 21 Mr. Read.
- 22 A. Okay.
- 23 Q. I'll withdraw the question.
- JUDGE DALE: Thank you.
- 25 BY MR. JOHNSON:

- 1 Q. When Cingular connects with you, you
- 2 bill Cingular for traffic it originates, correct?
- 3 A. We bill them for interconnection
- 4 services, yes.
- 5 Q. And if they bring to you traffic that
- 6 someone else originated, you still bill Cingular,
- 7 correct?
- 8 A. Yes. Yes, we do.
- 9 Q. And if someone else originated a call
- 10 that Cingular transported to you but Cingular did not
- 11 originate, you would be billing them for transiting
- 12 that call to you, correct?
- 13 A. I wouldn't call it transiting. They
- 14 have an interconnection agreement with us. That's
- 15 who is billed.
- 16 Q. Would you also agree with me that the
- 17 records that you're currently giving Mid-Missouri
- 18 Telephone Company tells them to bill the carrier that
- 19 brought it to you as opposed to the carrier that
- 20 interconnected with Mid-Missouri Telephone Company?
- 21 A. No. In that scenario the company is
- 22 interconnected to our tandem, not to Mid-Missouri.
- 23 You're -- Mid-Missouri is subtending our tandem.
- 24 They're downstream from us.
- 25 Q. In those situations you bill the carrier

- 1 that connects to you?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And in both situations you're telling
- 4 Mid-Missouri to bill somebody other than the carrier
- 5 that connects to Mid-Missouri?
- 6 A. In that scenario and as in our scenario,
- 7 you bill the company that interconnected.
- 8 Q. But you would agree with me that in the
- 9 situation for the Alltel call, you are not billing
- 10 the originating carrier. AT&T is billing Cingular?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And do you believe that that's a
- 13 violation of the sentence that I just read you that
- 14 requires 1101 to contain the originating OCN --
- originating operating company number?
- 16 A. No. Because I feel like the use of that
- 17 phrase is talking about the company that originated
- 18 it on the PSTN network which is the interconnecting
- 19 company.
- 20 Q. So I want to carry the analogy back to
- 21 some of the other types of traffic that we discussed
- 22 earlier today. If a McGee tandem, Sprint, the
- 23 Missouri ILEC, delivers a call to AT&T that's going
- 24 to Mid-Missouri Telephone Company --
- 25 A. Okay.

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1 Q. -- would that situation be any
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- 2 different?
- A. Yes, because that would be LEC-to-LEC
- 4 traffic. Sprint wireless or Sprint local?
- 5 Q. Sprint local.
- 6 A. Sprint local would be a LEC-to-LEC
- 7 traffic. So, yes it would be totally different.
- 8 Q. But their Sprint-to-LEC interconnected
- 9 with you and put their traffic on the public switch
- 10 network at your tandem, did they not?
- 11 A. Yes, they did.
- 12 Q. But you'd still treat them differently?
- 13 A. You would because the use of the
- 14 records -- the need for the records are different in
- 15 that scenario versus the previous one that you
- 16 described.
- 17 The need to -- in the
- 18 wireline-to-wireline connection, then you have
- 19 different -- different information that's delivered
- 20 in the recordings.
- 21 Q. Did anyone ever explain to you that it
- 22 was the intent of the Enhanced Record Exchange Rule
- 23 to be an originating-responsibility rule and as the
- 24 carrier that originated the traffic that was
- 25 obligated to pay --

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1 MR. BUB: Your Honor, I'll have to
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- 2 object. We're going way beyond the records. I think
- 3 we're trying to retry the business issue again. I
- 4 think we're going way beyond the scope of his
- 5 testimony and way beyond the scope of the case.
- JUDGE DALE: To which part of his
- 7 testimony does relate -- to which part of this
- 8 testimony does it relate?
- 9 MR. JOHNSON: He's stating that he's
- 10 giving us an originating operating company number,
- 11 and I don't think he is.
- JUDGE DALE: I think we've already
- 13 covered that ground.
- 14 BY MR. JOHNSON:
- 15 Q. Mr. Read, the billing telephone number,
- 16 does that ever identify a carrier other than the OCN
- 17 that you give us?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. It's always the same carrier?
- 20 A. It is the company that interconnected,
- 21 yes.
- 22 Q. In other places in your testimony you've
- 23 also indicated -- and tell me if I'm wrong. I'm
- 24 trying to summarize this --
- 25 A. Sure.

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1 Q. -- that that carrier, the OCN number
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- 2 that you give to us in the record, that identifies
- 3 the financially responsible carrier?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Okay. And when it comes to a company
- 6 like Mid-Missouri Telephone Company, what document or
- 7 what -- where in their authorization to bill does it
- 8 specify what carrier is gonna be responsible to pay
- 9 for a certain call?
- 10 A. I don't know that I could point to a
- 11 document that they have.
- 12 Q. Okay. Well, with Cingular would you
- 13 agree with me that it's usually an approved
- 14 interconnection agreement?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Okay. Would -- under your definition of
- 17 the financially responsible OCN, if Mid-Missouri
- 18 negotiated an interconnection agreement with Cingular
- 19 that said Cingular, deliver the traffic at McGee
- 20 where you say the public switch telephone network
- 21 begins, but then make SBC or AT&T financially
- 22 responsible for that call, would that be permissible?
- 23 A. No.
- Q. Why not? If the Commission approved it,
- 25 why wouldn't it be permissible?

- 1 A. I guess I missed that part of the
- 2 question. I'm sorry.
- Q. Okay.
- 4 A. If the Commission approved?
- 5 Q. Yes, sir.
- 6 A. I guess whatever the Commission approves
- 7 is permissible. It doesn't mean it's standard or
- 8 industry practice.
- 9 Q. Well, I understand.
- 10 A. Okay.
- 11 Q. But AT&T is an ILEC in Missouri; is that
- 12 correct?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Mid-Missouri Telephone Company is an
- 15 ILEC in Missouri?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Are you aware of any difference in legal
- 18 rights they have to negotiate interconnection
- 19 agreements?
- MR. BUB: Your Honor, this goes way
- 21 beyond the scope of records. I need to object again.
- 22 If you can point to something in the testimony this
- 23 morning that talks about an interconnection agreement
- 24 with Mid-Missouri or other telephone companies, it
- 25 goes way beyond the scope.

1 JUDGE DALE: Moreover, calling for legal

- 2 testimony on the part of this witness.
- 3 BY MR. JOHNSON:
- 4 Q. Did you ever discuss with the upstream
- 5 wireless carriers whether they would be required to
- 6 pass their OCN through Cingular so that you would
- 7 have it and bill the originating wireless carrier?
- 8 A. No, we don't have a relationship with
- 9 them. That would be Cingular's business
- 10 relationship.
- 11 Q. In that situation where the Alltel call
- is transited by Cingular to AT&T, would you agree
- 13 with me that the OCN that you provide does not
- 14 identify the originating carrier?
- MR. BUB: Your Honor, I need to object.
- 16 By what definition? How does he define originating
- 17 carrier?
- 18 JUDGE DALE: I think he has already
- 19 clarified that when he's talking about originating
- 20 carrier, he means the carrier of the end user placing
- 21 the call; is that correct?
- MR. JOHNSON: Yes.
- MR. BUB: Okay. As opposed to how the
- 24 rule defines originating carrier.
- 25 MR. JOHNSON: Where does the rule define

- 1 originating carrier?
- JUDGE DALE: You know, in any event --
- 3 MR. BUB: Okay.
- 4 JUDGE DALE: -- he's using originating
- 5 carrier in the plain English sense of the word.
- 6 MR. BUB: Okay. As long as we
- 7 understand that.
- 8 THE WITNESS: Can you ask your question
- 9 again? I'm sorry.
- 10 MR. JOHNSON: I'm going to have the
- 11 reporter read it back, please.
- 12 (THE REPORTER READ BACK THE PREVIOUS
- 13 QUESTION.)
- 14 THE WITNESS: By that definition, that's
- 15 true, it does not identify Alltel, it identifies the
- 16 interconnected company.
- 17 BY MR. JOHNSON:
- 18 Q. In that situation, if the CPN were
- 19 passed in the billing record, would you agree that
- 20 that would help us identify the originating carrier?
- 21 A. Yes, it would.
- 22 MR. JOHNSON: I think that's all I have.
- 23 Thank you.
- JUDGE DALE: Thank you. We're gonna --
- you will not be excused from Commissioner questions,

1 but let's go ahead and redirect based on the cross so

- 2 far.
- 3 REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. BUB:
- Q. Mr. Read, let's maybe go in the reverse
- 5 order. Some of the questions that Mr. Johnson just
- 6 asked you about a call that would go from Sprint
- 7 local through AT&T Missouri's tandem to Mid-Missouri
- 8 Telephone Company; do you remember that example?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Okay. And you indicated that that was
- 11 different than the wireless calls that we were
- 12 talking about here --
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. -- do you recall that? Okay. Is Sprint
- 15 local part of the PSTN?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Okay. Would PSTN be another name for
- 18 LEC-to-LEC network?
- 19 A. Yes. The LEC-to-LEC network is part of
- 20 the PSTN.
- 21 Q. Okay. Let's talk about the example he
- 22 gave you before about a customer of Alltel Wireless
- 23 making a cell phone call that Cingular agrees to
- 24 handle. Cingular drops it off to AT&T Missouri's
- 25 tandem, then it terminates onto Mid-Missouri

1 Telephone Company in Pilot Grove; do you remember

- 2 that example?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Okay. In that situation you indicated
- 5 that the billing record that AT&T Missouri gives to
- 6 Mid-Missouri contains an OCN of whom?
- 7 A. Of the interconnected company with us.
- 8 Q. And that would be Cingular?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Okay. Why would we not provide the OCN
- 11 of Alltel?
- 12 A. The business relationship that Cingular
- 13 has in that case would require them to do some
- 14 settlement with the companies that are behind them
- 15 that are the originating companies. If the -- if --
- 16 and I don't remember who the terminating company was,
- 17 Mid-America?
- 18 Q. Mid-Missouri.
- 19 A. Mid-Missouri. If Mid-Missouri also
- 20 billed that originating company, then that
- 21 originating company is gonna get double-billed.
- 22 Q. Let's shift gears now and go to some of
- 23 the questions Mr. England asked you before lunch.
- 24 A. Okay.
- 25 Q. There was a document that he showed you.

- 1 I don't know if you still have it or not, but it was
- 2 3 P. Do you still have that?
- A. Yes. I didn't mark it as that, but is
- 4 it the one that's titled BSA at the top?
- 5 Q. Yes, it is.
- 6 A. Okay.
- 7 Q. What he was highlighting in this
- 8 document was the reference to the BTN billing
- 9 telephone number.
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Do you see that?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Is this the same as what AT&T Missouri
- 14 refers to as the billing telephone number in the
- 15 category 11 record that it provides to terminating
- 16 carriers for wireless traffic?
- 17 A. No, it's not.
- 18 Q. Okay. Is this BTN that's in 3 P
- 19 something that goes into a category 11 record?
- 20 A. No, it's not.
- 21 Q. Is it the BTN that's in AT&T Missouri's
- 22 category 11 records for wireless traffic, is that
- 23 actually a telephone number at all?
- 24 A. In the -- in the --
- 25 Q. In the records?

- 1 A. In our records?
- 2 Q. Yes.
- 3 A. It's not a dialable number.
- 4 Q. Okay. What does it refer to?
- 5 A. It refers to the interconnected company.
- Q. And what does it identify?
- 7 A. It identifies any traffic that came
- 8 through that trunk group.
- 9 Q. Okay. Is it specific to the trunk
- 10 group?
- 11 A. It's specific to that trunk group, yes.
- 12 Q. During your discussions with
- 13 Mr. England, you had a long discussion in which he
- 14 compared a wireless-originated call that comes to a
- 15 LEC, the LEC network directly from a wireless
- 16 carrier --
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. -- as one. Then he compared that to a
- 19 wireless call that went through an interexchange
- 20 carrier and then terminates to the LEC network. Did
- 21 you recall those two examples and his comparisons?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And he was highlighting that they
- 24 were both "wireless-originated," but that AT&T here
- 25 wants them treated differently. And your point that

1 you were making was that they were two different

- 2 types of calls.
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Can you tell us why the different
- 5 treatment?
- 6 A. The companies that have interconnected
- 7 with us are the key points. So the calls are
- 8 terminating into our -- to that trunk group where it
- 9 meets the interconnection point which is that -- for
- 10 a wireless call it would be -- it would look like
- 11 wireless and it would be coming over the wireless
- 12 trunk group. If it were coming in the other case, it
- 13 would come to us over Feature Group D trunk, and that
- 14 is a IXC call.
- 15 Q. Uh-huh. Both calls that he was
- 16 comparing, they both started at cell phones, right?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. What was the difference from your
- 19 perspective?
- 20 A. Well, our perspective is that we know
- 21 that when it comes in over a wireless trunk group, we
- 22 know that it's wireless traffic.
- 23 Q. And?
- 24 A. And we get a different recording and the
- 25 network recognizes it as being different. So the

- 1 records that are -- the recordings that are captured
- 2 and passed on to billing have certain information
- 3 that's applicable to billing a wireless call.
- In the other case where you have an IXC
- 5 that's come in, it's coming through a Feature Group D
- 6 trunk, different recordings are made, different
- 7 information is captured from in those recordings that
- 8 are passed to billing to get translated into the EMI.
- 9 Q. In your opinion would it be probably
- 10 more clear for purposes here to view these calls from
- 11 the terminating end rather than the originating end?
- 12 A. Absolutely, because that's -- the
- 13 terminating point where it comes to us and those
- 14 different trunk groups create two totally different
- 15 scenarios.
- 16 Q. Okay. When the call comes in, even
- 17 though it may have been originating on a cell phone,
- 18 when it comes through the network over a trunk group
- 19 into our tandem, what kind of trunk group does it
- 20 come over?
- 21 A. When it comes to our tandem it comes --
- 22 O. From an IXC?
- 23 A. -- from an IXC? It comes over a Feature
- 24 Group D trunk.
- 25 Q. Okay. Feature Group D trunks use the

- 1 wireless carriers?
- 2 A. No.
- Q. What type of AMA recording is made on
- 4 that call that comes -- that may have been dialed on
- 5 a cell phone but comes into our network from an IXC,
- 6 what type of AMA record is made there?
- 7 A. That's really more Mr. Constable's area,
- 8 but there are different call codes. That's about as
- 9 much as I can say for the different types of traffic.
- 10 Q. Is it different than one that would be
- 11 made if that call came directly from a wireless
- 12 carrier?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Okay. What type of EMI billing records
- 15 would be made on that call that was dialed maybe on a
- 16 cell phone but came into our network from an IXC,
- 17 what type of EMI record would there be?
- 18 A. It would be an 1101.
- 19 Q. Okay. 1101 is also the type of record
- 20 that's used for a wireless call, is it not?
- 21 A. Yes, it is.
- 22 Q. Are those two the same? Are there
- 23 differences between the two records?
- 24 A. There's two different uses for the
- 25 records there, so different information is required

- 1 for the billing. And so the use of that record is
- 2 really the important thing to note. Different
- 3 information is necessary to bill wireless carriers
- 4 than wireline carriers.
- 5 Q. Mr. Read, on these calls that come in,
- 6 we've been focusing on calls that terminate to other
- 7 companies that are behind us. These same calls also
- 8 terminate into -- at AT&T Missouri's own customers,
- 9 do they not?
- 10 A. Yes, they do.
- 11 Q. Okay. What type of information does
- 12 AT&T Missouri use to bill wireless carriers when the
- 13 calls come to terminate to its own customers?
- 14 A. It's the same information that's being
- 15 provided to the downstream companies.
- 16 Q. Finally, I'd like to focus on
- 17 Mr. England's questions concerning the accessible
- 18 letters that AT&T Missouri sent out when it made the
- 19 change from the CTUSR to individual category 11
- 20 records for this wireless traffic.
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. He was talking to you about those
- 23 letters not including or not advising, I suppose, the
- 24 terminating carriers that we would be putting the BTN
- 25 in that "from" number field, and I think his words

- 1 were "We chose not to highlight this." Can you tell
- 2 me what the big change that that letter was meant to
- 3 convey?
- 4 A. Well, the thing at issue there was
- 5 moving from a report that had been provided before,
- 6 which is the CTUSR, which was very limited
- 7 information, and it's -- it's in my testimony, in my
- 8 direct testimony, schedule 5, where it's just a
- 9 summary information.
- 10 Q. Tell us what was on that report.
- 11 A. This report listed the terminating
- 12 company which would be anyone that was behind us, and
- 13 it listed the exchange and the terminating minutes.
- 14 Q. Did it tell you how many -- when the
- 15 calls were made?
- 16 A. No, it has -- it has really no call
- 17 detail information at all. And so the big change in
- 18 the accessible letters was noting the expanse of
- 19 that -- that type of information to a greater detail
- 20 by providing the detail records.
- 21 Q. What type -- how much more detail do the
- 22 1101 ones contain compared to the CTUSR that they
- 23 replaced?
- 24 A. They give you much more information in
- 25 identifying the traffic, identifying duration of

- 1 calls, time of day when things were called, type of
- 2 access, all kinds of indicators that are provided. A
- 3 lot more information, and it's really all these
- 4 records are.
- 5 Some of this information is used for
- 6 billing, some of this information is just used for
- 7 different parts of their business, so it's an
- 8 information record that's provided.
- 9 Q. And one of those is provided on each and
- 10 every wireless call that's terminated; is that
- 11 correct?
- 12 A. That's right.
- MR. BUB: Thank you. We don't have any
- 14 further questions, your Honor. Thank you.
- JUDGE DALE: Thank you. You may step
- 16 down for now. But Commissioner Clayton has questions
- 17 for you, and at that time I will recall you.
- THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 19 JUDGE DALE: Hopefully not in the middle
- 20 of somebody else, but we'll discuss travel plans and
- 21 things of that nature later today.
- 22 So without further adieu, you may call
- 23 your next witness.
- MR. BUB: Thank you, your Honor. We'd
- 25 like to call Jason Constable.

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1 (WITNESS SWORN.)
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- 2 MR. BUB: Your Honor, his testimony is
- 3 also subject to a motion to strike. Do you want me
- 4 to do the foundation questions, or do you want me to
- 5 do the same exercise we did with Mr. Read's
- 6 testimony?
- 7 JUDGE DALE: Let's go ahead and go
- 8 through the same exciting exercise.
- 9 MR. BUB: And then we'll have the
- 10 testimony marked and all that.
- JUDGE DALE: Oh, but we should
- 12 probably -- oh, never mind.
- 13 MR. ENGLAND: Did you want to mark it
- 14 first or just --
- MR. BUB: Oh.
- JUDGE DALE: Well, is there -- it's just
- 17 HC or there's a --
- 18 MR. BUB: We just have one piece of
- 19 testimony and there are three flavors.
- JUDGE DALE: Okay.
- 21 MR. BUB: There's the HC, the
- 22 proprietary and the nonproprietary. But it's all
- one piece of testimony, I believe. Mr. England's
- 24 motion is directed to text and also to one attachment
- 25 maybe.

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1 MR. ENGLAND: Yes, schedule 3 HC. The
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- 2 rest is all text.
- JUDGE DALE: Okay.
- 4 MR. BUB: So, you know, if you want to
- 5 have the exhibit marked, we can do that or we can
- 6 wait.
- 7 JUDGE DALE: Well, I will just go ahead.
- 8 We can refer to them as that, but then we'll have
- 9 them marked as they're...
- MR. BUB: Okay.
- JUDGE DALE: So over to you,
- 12 Mr. England.
- 13 MR. ENGLAND: Thank you. I think most
- 14 of the bases for objection are the same as we had to
- 15 Mr. Read's testimony, primarily relevance, and I will
- 16 begin with the first reference which was page 1,
- 17 lines 22 and 23, beginning --
- 18 MR. BUB: I'm sorry, Trip, I didn't
- 19 understand. What did you say?
- 20 MR. ENGLAND: Sure. Page 1, lines 22
- 21 and 23. Did I say that correctly?
- MR. BUB: 22 and 23 is what I have also.
- 23 MR. ENGLAND: It's the sentence
- 24 beginning, "In posing a requirement to include
- 25 CPN..." it carries over to the top of the next page

- 1 to the first five lines. If I understand prior
- 2 rulings, the point that, "It is inconsistent with
- 3 industry guidelines" there on page 23 will be kept,
- 4 but the second point regarding cost will be struck.
- 5 MR. BUB: I would agree with the cost.
- 6 The only part that I'd probably disagree with would
- 7 be the inherent limitations because I think you did
- 8 allow us the testimony that said that our switch
- 9 couldn't do it.
- 10 JUDGE DALE: So "costly for AT&T
- 11 Missouri to implement" will be struck.
- MR. BUB: Yeah. Then we're kind of left
- 13 with a hanging phrase.
- JUDGE DALE: "Because of inherent
- 15 limitations."
- MR. BUB: Yeah.
- 17 MR. ENGLAND: I would think that
- 18 modifies "costly."
- MR. BUB: Uh-huh.
- JUDGE DALE: Oh.
- 21 MR. BUB: There's testimony later in
- 22 here that our switch can't do it --
- JUDGE DALE: Okay.
- 24 MR. BUB: -- so if we, you know, leave
- 25 that, then we can --

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1 JUDGE DALE: Then we can just strike the
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- 2 whole sentence.
- 3 MR. BUB: Yeah.
- 4 JUDGE DALE: Okay.
- 5 MR. ENGLAND: I'm sorry, you've lost me
- 6 now.
- JUDGE DALE: We've stricken the
- 8 entire -- well, not the entire sentence but from --
- 9 MR. ENGLAND: "And costly"?
- 10 JUDGE DALE: Yes. So the sentence ends
- 11 at "guidelines." And then --
- MR. BUB: I'm sorry.
- JUDGE DALE: -- the first line on page 2
- 14 is stricken.
- MR. BUB: Yes.
- JUDGE DALE: And we begin again with
- 17 "imposing."
- MR. BUB: And then I would see that
- 19 all -- the rest is consistent with what was left in
- 20 the other's testimony.
- 21 MR. ENGLAND: While I don't necessarily
- 22 agree, I think he's -- I think Leo is right, that
- 23 it's consistent with what you've done so far.
- JUDGE DALE: Then we have consensus.
- MR. ENGLAND: On consistency.

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1 JUDGE DALE: On consistency.
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- 2 MR. ENGLAND: The next is page 3,
- 3 line 4, starting with the sentence, "I also explain"
- 4 through the end of that sentence on line 7, and then
- 5 lines -- well, maybe we better take that one at a
- 6 time. There's another portion on that same page.
- 7 MR. BUB: Yeah, we probably could put
- 8 this together. The second bullet is "beyond the
- 9 current technical capability to Missouri's network."
- 10 I think that -- I'm sorry, on line 18 and 19 is the
- 11 same discussion as what you've just read, Trip, on 4,
- 12 5, 6 and 7, which would be in the bucket that we keep.
- 13 The next bullet about what it would
- 14 cost, what we would have to pay Lucent, that was in
- 15 the group that you struck before. So I guess I would
- see as staying would be the 4, 5, 6 and 7, 18, 19 and
- 17 then 20 through 25 would go. I see that as
- 18 consistent with what you did before with Mr. Read's
- 19 testimony.
- JUDGE DALE: And that is what I'm going
- 21 to do.
- MR. BUB: Okay.
- JUDGE DALE: So lines 20 through 25 on
- 24 page 3 are stricken.
- 25 MR. ENGLAND: Page 6, lines 21 beginning

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1 with the phrase after the semicolon, "Is beyond the
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- 2 technical capability," continuing through the rest of
- 3 that page and to the top of page 7 to include lines 1
- 4 and 2.
- 5 JUDGE DALE: I'm sorry, could you tell
- 6 me where you are again?
- 7 MR. ENGLAND: Sure. Page 6 --
- JUDGE DALE: Okay.
- 9 MR. ENGLAND: -- line 21 --
- JUDGE DALE: Okay.
- 11 MR. ENGLAND: -- beginning with, "Is
- 12 beyond the technical capability" --
- JUDGE DALE: Okay.
- 14 MR. ENGLAND: -- continuing through the
- 15 end of that page and to the first two lines or to
- 16 include the first two lines of page 7.
- 17 MR. BUB: What I see is having -- or I
- 18 guess where the dividing line is consistent with what
- 19 we did before, that first part, "Is beyond the
- 20 technical capability of AT&T Missouri's network"
- 21 would stay.
- 22 The rest of that page through line 23
- 23 would go because that talks about what we would have
- 24 to pay Lucent. And then the burdensome information
- 25 processing and some changes we'd have to make. And

- 1 then the -- the strike would end halfway down on
- 2 line 2 ending with "records and would produce little,
- 3 if any, benefit," that stays.
- 4 JUDGE DALE: Yes. So that means that
- 5 from the second semicolon on line 21 of page 6
- 6 through the semicolon on line 2 of page 7 will be
- 7 stricken.
- 8 MR. ENGLAND: The next is page -- I was
- 9 gonna say I agree it's consistent.
- 10 MR. BUB: I don't like it either, Trip,
- 11 but for different reasons.
- 12 JUDGE DALE: Oh, this is perfect then.
- MR. ENGLAND: We've struck a balance,
- 14 haven't we? Page 11, lines 9 through 14.
- MR. BUB: Your Honor, I think this would
- 16 go in the category of stays as it tells us what we
- 17 can and what we can't do. What we're talking about
- 18 here is a different switch that we have, a Nortel
- 19 tandem, that we think there's a feature there, but
- 20 he's saying that we haven't tested it to make sure it
- 21 works and make sure it doesn't interfere with other
- 22 things.
- 23 He also talks about we don't have
- 24 processing in place, and he doesn't talk about what
- 25 we'd have to do to put that processing in place or

- 1 what -- or how much it would cost. So I think this
- 2 would fit more in the category of what we can't do
- 3 rather than a burden on us to make a change.
- 4 JUDGE DALE: I think this fits in your
- 5 category of irrelevant information that barely meets
- 6 the very low threshold.
- 7 MR. BUB: Okay.
- JUDGE DALE: Moving on.
- 9 MR. ENGLAND: Page 12, lines 1
- 10 through -- well, the entire page, lines 1 through 22.
- 11 And I think this clearly gets to the cost issue that
- 12 you've previously struck.
- 13 JUDGE DALE: Certainly question 1 and
- 14 its answer.
- MR. BUB: Your Honor, we would agree
- 16 that this would be consistent with your prior
- 17 rulings.
- 18 JUDGE DALE: So the question that begins
- 19 on line 16 and its answer will be struck as well. So
- 20 that's the entirety of page 12.
- 21 MR. ENGLAND: Page 14, lines 14 through
- 22 20, continuing onto the next page for the entire
- 23 page, page 15. I'm not sure -- while this has
- 24 nothing to do with cost, I'm not sure what AT&T's
- 25 objections to subsections (1) and (2) of the rule

- 1 have to do with whether or not subsection (4)
- 2 requires CPN and billing record. I think they're
- 3 just sort of reiterating the position they had stated
- 4 previously.
- 5 MR. BUB: Trip, if I may make an
- 6 interjection and explain it. The reason we have that
- 7 Q and A in here was in the Commission's order
- 8 adopting the rule, there was a discussion about us
- 9 opposing and I think it was a misunderstanding on the
- 10 Commission's part of us opposing signaling CPN. And
- 11 we were trying to clarify here that we did not oppose
- 12 Commission's Rule 29.04(1) and (2). All we did was
- 13 propose a modification but we didn't oppose the
- 14 requirement to have signaling on every call.
- And it's relevant here because we're
- 16 talking about, you know, in our view is that the only
- 17 requirement of the rules is to provide signaling --
- 18 I'm sorry, is to provide CPN in the signaling, not
- 19 CPN and both signaling in the record. And here we're
- 20 trying clarify that it's understood that we didn't
- 21 oppose CPN signaling.
- JUDGE DALE: Once again, I'll let this
- 23 in. I'm not sure it's relevant, but --
- MR. BUB: We're just trying to correct a
- 25 misunderstanding to make sure.

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1 MR. ENGLAND: The Q and A beginning on
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- 2 line 5 of page 15 and ending at the bottom of the
- 3 page, line 20, to me appears to be clearly irrelevant
- 4 as to what may or may not happen as far as
- 5 intercarrier compensation before the FCC.
- 6 MR. BUB: Your Honor, from our
- 7 perspective this is one of the things that would have
- 8 come out had the Commission indicated a clear intent
- 9 in its proposed rule to require CPN. This is the
- 10 type of information that we would have provided.
- 11 This would have been the type of information that the
- 12 Commission would have inquired about the fact that it
- 13 didn't come out, either the Commission's inquiry or
- 14 us coming forward with it to show that there's no
- 15 intent to impose this new requirement in the records.
- The point is that there's a lot of
- 17 things going on at the FCC that could moot out any
- 18 requirement for these types of records or a
- 19 requirement that -- to have CPN in that. For
- 20 example, if the Commission -- if the FCC said billing
- 21 keep for everything, there wouldn't be any need for
- 22 records.
- 23 If they said, well, we're just gonna
- 24 have one unified rate for all traffic, you know, a
- 25 minute to minute, you can only charge half a cent or

- 1 a minute for it, there would be no reason to have to
- 2 jurisdictionalize anything. We wouldn't have to have
- 3 all this information about CPN.
- 4 We just wanted to make sure that the
- 5 Commission -- that this is the type of evidence that
- 6 would have come out had it been clear in the proposed
- 7 rule that a requirement was being proposed to add
- 8 CPN. We would have said, you know, wait a minute,
- 9 there's so much going on, this could moot the whole
- 10 thing. That's the reason we had it in there.
- 11 JUDGE DALE: Okay. My ruling will be
- 12 while I do not want to -- I do not want to eliminate
- 13 discussion of what is happening on the federal level
- 14 that may relate to records exchanged, I believe that
- 15 the -- that this particular discussion concerning
- 16 intercarrier compensation, which I expect to be
- 17 reformed sometime in the 3050 time frame, is
- 18 irrelevant and is stricken. So lines 5 through 20.
- 19 And that was page 15.
- 20 MR. ENGLAND: Yes. And then finally on
- 21 16, my original motion to strike was lines 6
- 22 beginning with the phrase, "And costly for AT&T"
- 23 through the end of that paragraph. I understand that
- 24 part of that is probably susceptible to a strike, but
- 25 the rest you have previously ruled will be

- 1 admissible.
- JUDGE DALE: And for that reason I'm
- 3 just gonna leave the vague phrase "costly" in that,
- 4 so that the sentence continues to read with some
- 5 clarity.
- 6 MR. ENGLAND: Okay.
- JUDGE DALE: We understand that every --
- 8 every change has some cost.
- 9 MR. ENGLAND: And then finally we
- 10 proposed or, rather, moved to strike schedule 3 HC
- 11 which was the Lucent bid or quote.
- 12 JUDGE DALE: Is this the letter of
- 13 September 29th, 2005?
- MR. BUB: I believe so.
- JUDGE DALE: Okay. It is stricken in
- 16 its entirety.
- MR. BUB: Your Honor, if we're ready we
- 18 can go off the record and have the exhibits marked.
- 19 JUDGE DALE: That would be great.
- 20 (EXHIBIT NOS. 4 NP, 4 P AND 4 HC WERE
- 21 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION BY THE COURT REPORTER.)
- JUDGE DALE: Okay, Mr. Bub, you may
- 23 proceed.
- MR. BUB: Thank you, your Honor.
- 25 JASON CONSTABLE, testified as follows:

- 1 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. BUB:
- 2 Q. Mr. Constable, could you please state
- 3 your full name for the record?
- 4 A. Jason Emeril Constable.
- 5 Q. Are you the same Jason Constable that's
- 6 prefiled direct that's been marked 4 NP, 4 P and 4 HC?
- 7 A. Yes, I am.
- 8 Q. Are there any corrections you need to make?
- 9 A. Yes, I have two.
- 10 Q. Okay. Can you tell us what those are?
- 11 A. Yes. On page 7 the sentence starting on
- 12 line 14 should read, "Those standards also do not
- 13 require the inclusion of CPN and the originating
- 14 number field of the AMA recordings for
- 15 wireless-originated calls." So the phrase
- 16 "originating number field of the" was left out.
- 17 Q. Okay. Do you have another one?
- 18 A. Yes. On page 9 starting on line 15, the
- 19 sentence that starts, "For example, on calls
- 20 terminating to," the words "terminating to" should be
- 21 replaced with the words "originating from."
- 22 And then also the last word on line 15
- 23 where it says "from," that should be replaced with
- 24 the word "to." So it should then read, "For example,
- 25 on calls originating from the LEC network to an IXC."

- 1 Q. Any other corrections?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. Okay. With those corrections and the
- 4 deletions from your testimony that have been made as
- 5 a result of the rulings on the motion to strike, if
- 6 I were to ask you the same questions contained in
- 7 Exhibits 4 NP, 4 P and 4 HC, would your answers be the
- 8 same today?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 O. Are those answers true and correct?
- 11 A. Yes.
- MR. BUB: Thank you. Your Honor, with
- 13 that, we'd like to offer into evidence Exhibits 4 NP,
- 14 4 P and 4 HC.
- JUDGE DALE: Thank you. Are there any
- 16 objections?
- 17 (NO RESPONSE.)
- JUDGE DALE: Then Exhibits 4 NP, 4 P and
- 19 4 HC are accepted into evidence.
- 20 (EXHIBIT NOS. 4 NP, 4 P AND 4 HC WERE
- 21 RECEIVED INTO EVIDENCE AND MADE A PART OF THE RECORD.)
- MR. BUB: Thank you. And with that we'd
- 23 like to offer Mr. Constable for cross-examination by
- 24 the other parties.
- JUDGE DALE: Thank you, Mr. Bub.

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1 MR. DORITY: No questions, your Honor.
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- JUDGE DALE: Thank you. Staff?
- MR. KRUEGER: Thank you, your Honor.
- 4 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. KRUEGER:
- 5 Q. Good afternoon, Mr. Constable.
- 6 A. Good afternoon.
- 7 Q. I'd like to call your attention to
- 8 page 10 of your testimony, lines 6 through 15.
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 O. You state there that Telcordia GR-1504
- 11 states that, "In place of CPN for wireless-originated
- 12 calls, the originating number fields in structure
- 13 code 0625 shall contain the per trunk group billing
- 14 number of the WSP," correct?
- 15 A. That is correct.
- 16 Q. Is that actually in place of, or does
- 17 that -- does the Telcordia document say that that's
- in place of the CPN?
- 19 A. It does not say "in place of."
- 20 Q. Is it possibly it could be in addition
- 21 to?
- 22 A. Well, it couldn't be in addition to
- 23 because --
- Q. Why -- I'm sorry, go ahead.
- 25 A. -- it couldn't be in addition to because

- 1 there's not enough room in the field for both
- 2 parameters.
- 3 Q. Next I'd like to call your attention to
- 4 page 13, line 17 through 19. You state there that,
- 5 "Delivering CPN in the call signaling stream and
- 6 including CPN in the EMI records are two completely
- 7 different functions which are performed by entirely
- 8 different telephone company equipment and systems and
- 9 are governed by two completely different sets of
- 10 industry practices."
- 11 Without getting into too much detail,
- 12 could you explain why it is not possible to include
- 13 the CPN in the EMI records?
- 14 A. Yes. The Lucent tandems do not record
- 15 CPN on calls that come from a wireless provider -- or
- 16 actually, from any call that comes over a wireless
- 17 trunk group. So because it's never in the AMA
- 18 recordings, you don't have it to place it in the EMI
- 19 records.
- Q. How is it that you're able to include
- 21 that in the signaling stream?
- 22 A. In the signaling stream when we get the
- 23 call, we pass it in what's known as the IAM message,
- 24 the initial address message. So when a carrier wants
- 25 to send us a call, they'll send us the IAM message

- 1 and that lets us know that they have a call that they
- 2 want to present to us. And that does have the
- 3 calling party number in it.
- 4 And so that -- we can present that for
- 5 use in caller ID, and we will also pass that to any
- 6 terminating carrier that -- that we send the call to.
- 7 But there's no -- the capability is to record that
- 8 CPN in the billing record that the switch generates,
- 9 and that is what's lacking.
- 10 Q. Did you participate in Commission Case
- 11 No. TT-2004-0542?
- 12 A. I don't recall the number, but I bet
- 13 that I did.
- 14 Q. Let me read the style of the case. In
- 15 the Matter of Southwestern Bell Telephone, d/b/a SBC
- 16 Missouri's Proposed Revision to Its PSC No. 36 Access
- 17 Service Tariff.
- 18 A. Yes, I did.
- 19 Q. Okay. Are you familiar with the briefs
- 20 and depositions in that case?
- 21 A. Yes, I am.
- Q. Mr. Read stated in his direct testimony
- 23 that CPN has never been a standard field in the
- 24 category 1101 XX record for wireless-originated
- 25 calls. Do you recall his statement to that effect?

- 1 A. I recall his statement.
- 2 Q. Do you agree with that statement?
- 3 A. Yes, I do.
- 4 Q. Is that consistent with the positions
- 5 stated in the briefs and depositions in Case
- 6 No. TT-2004-0452 (sic)?
- 7 A. Yes, it is.
- 8 Q. Now, are you aware that in that same
- 9 case that I just mentioned, TT-2004-0542, it was
- 10 reported that up to 24 percent of the total IXC
- 11 traffic that AT&T delivered to SBC Missouri was due
- 12 to cellular roaming?
- 13 A. I recall that there was some
- 14 discussions. I don't recall the exact percentage,
- 15 but yes.
- 16 Q. That sounds approximately right to you
- 17 at least?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Do you know what wireless factors have
- 20 been agreed upon by AT&T in its role as an IXC and
- 21 SBC in its role as a local exchange carrier
- 22 responsible for billing and terminating such calls?
- 23 A. Yes, we've agreed to some factors in
- 24 certain situations.
- 25 Q. And how -- how are those factors

- 1 determined?
- 2 A. I don't know how they were determined.
- 3 MR. KRUEGER: That's all the questions I
- 4 have.
- 5 JUDGE DALE: Thank you. Mr. England?
- 6 MR. ENGLAND: Thank you, your Honor.
- 7 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. ENGLAND:
- 8 Q. Good afternoon, Mr. Constable.
- 9 A. Good afternoon.
- 10 Q. Following up on a question from
- 11 Mr. Krueger just a minute ago, you stated that you
- 12 agreed with Mr. Read that wireless-originated -- or
- 13 the CPN for wireless-originated traffic is never
- 14 captured; is that right?
- 15 A. I don't believe that that was what I
- 16 agreed to.
- 17 Q. Okay. Would it be more accurate to say
- 18 that wireless-originated traffic delivered to the
- 19 AT&T tandem by a wireless carrier is not captured by
- 20 your equipment?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. But if it's wireless-originated
- 23 traffic delivered by an IXC, the CPN would be
- 24 captured?
- 25 A. Sometimes.

- 1 Q. Okay. And I'm at a bit of a
- 2 disadvantage. I wasn't a party to the case that
- 3 Mr. Krueger was referring to, but what factors were
- 4 you-all talking about?
- 5 A. I believe that the factors we were
- 6 talking about is when AT&T -- and again, at that time
- 7 we were separate entities.
- 8 Q. Okay.
- 9 A. When they were a long distance company
- 10 primarily and they sent us IXC traffic, we would bill
- 11 them based upon call detail records to the extent
- 12 that we had them, but if they sent us unidentified
- 13 traffic without those call detail records, for that
- 14 percentage of the traffic, we would rely on a factor
- 15 that they provided for us to determine what
- 16 percentage of that unidentified traffic was
- 17 interstate or intrastate.
- 18 Q. Okay. And some of the traffic that was
- 19 identified included wireless-originated traffic,
- 20 right?
- 21 A. Some of the identified traffic?
- 22 O. Yes.
- 23 A. Probably.
- Q. And some of the unidentified traffic, I
- 25 assume, probably included wireless traffic as well,

- 1 wireless-originated?
- 2 A. It's possible.
- 3 Q. Okay. That gets me to the question that
- 4 I'd asked Mr. Read earlier and he kindly deferred to
- 5 you. What other information is currently available
- 6 in the network to determine the jurisdiction of
- 7 wireless-originated calls?
- 8 A. That would depend on which network
- 9 you're referring to.
- 10 Q. Well, and that's a good -- good answer.
- 11 I was awfully broad. At least currently the
- 12 information that you were getting through the network
- on the calls that terminate to your -- or not
- 14 necessarily terminate, but are delivered to your
- 15 tandem over these trunk roots that then go on for
- 16 termination to my client's customers -- yeah,
- 17 customers, what -- what information is currently
- 18 being passed through that network that either AT&T or
- 19 my clients could use to determine the jurisdiction of
- 20 wireless-originated calls?
- 21 A. I'll try to answer your question, and I
- 22 apologize if I don't get it correctly. But, you
- 23 know, a company could theoretically use any
- 24 parameter. You know, I guess it's all dependent on
- 25 how accurate each of the parameters would be.

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1 So I mean, we pass CPN in the signaling
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- 2 stream, so it's theoretically possible that they
- 3 could use that. Now, how accurate that would be is
- 4 open to interpretation.
- 5 Q. Other than CPN, for example, BTN as
- 6 we've discussed it here today, that wouldn't give us
- 7 jurisdiction, would it?
- 8 A. It's -- you know, and I'm not the
- 9 billing expert, but, you know, as I understand it and
- 10 what I believe that we think to be true is that
- 11 there's really no good indicator that identifies a
- 12 call -- or identifies the jurisdiction of wireless
- 13 traffic. There's really nothing good.
- 14 Q. Would you agree with me that CPN, at
- 15 least to some degree, will give you some indication
- 16 of the jurisdiction of the traffic?
- 17 A. I don't know that you'd get me to agree
- 18 to that.
- 19 Q. Okay. Even if the wireless caller is
- 20 not roaming, you wouldn't agree with me?
- 21 A. If he's not roaming, it would. But the
- 22 problem is you never know when they're roaming.
- MR. ENGLAND: Okay. Thank you, sir.
- 24 No other questions.
- JUDGE DALE: Thank you.

- 1 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. JOHNSON:
- 2 Q. Thank you, Mr. Constable. Do you --
- 3 does AT&T have factors in their interconnection
- 4 agreements of wireless carriers?
- 5 A. Do we -- I'm sorry, do we have factors?
- 6 Q. Yeah, distinguish local or intra-INT
- 7 traffic from access or intra-NTA traffic?
- 8 A. That's outside my area of expertise, but
- 9 as I understand it, that is the practice.
- 10 Q. Is it possible -- I want to go back to
- 11 my Alltel Wireless to Cingular to AT&T to
- 12 Mid-Missouri example. If Mid-Missouri has
- 13 interconnection connection agreements with Cingular
- 14 and Alltel, and the factor, the inter-NTA factor is
- different between those two agreements, when AT&T
- 16 just gives us one OCN that identifies all that
- 17 traffic as being Cingular's traffic, does that create
- 18 a potential for arbitrage?
- 19 A. I'm sorry, that's outside the scope of
- 20 my testimony.
- 21 Q. Wouldn't it make sense to you that if
- 22 Alltel Wireless can get that traffic to us cheaper by
- 23 sending it to Cingular because it's gonna look like a
- 24 Cingular call than an Alltel Wireless call, that they
- 25 might do that?

1 A. I didn't catch the question. Could you

- 2 repeat it?
- 3 Q. If Alltel Wireless doesn't want to pay
- 4 any more terminating compensation than they have to
- 5 and they know that the factor that Mid-Missouri has
- 6 with Cingular is 5 percent, but the factor that
- 7 Alltel has with Mid-Missouri is 10 percent, wouldn't
- 8 there be a financial incentive for them to ship that
- 9 traffic to Cingular?
- 10 A. There might be, but that might be
- 11 outweighed by the fines and penalties if they were
- 12 caught. That's outside the realm of my testimony.
- 13 Q. The -- in your direct testimony,
- 14 Exhibit 4, the GR-1504-CORE, that's a Telcordia
- document that's attached to schedule 2 P?
- 16 A. I believe so. If it's a Telcordia
- 17 document. What it was attached to I don't recall.
- 18 Q. Do you have your -- your direct
- 19 testimony with you?
- 20 A. Yes, but I don't have that attachment.
- 21 It was big and I didn't want to carry it around.
- JUDGE DALE: Which part are you
- 23 discussing?
- MR. JOHNSON: Well, first, Judge, I was
- 25 gonna try to figure out if we had to exclude anybody

- 1 else. I was gonna ask him some questions about the
- 2 Telcordia Technology's proprietary documents --
- 3 generic requirements for wireless service provider,
- 4 automatic message accounting. I think that's
- 5 GR-1504-CORE issued May 4, 2003.
- JUDGE DALE: Page 1162?
- 7 MR. JOHNSON: It starts -- I'm sorry,
- 8 your Honor. I'm not sure I understood your question.
- 9 JUDGE DALE: I'm looking at the page
- 10 number at the bottom of the page.
- MR. JOHNSON: Mine begins with page 162,
- 12 Constable schedule 2 P. Are we on the same page?
- JUDGE DALE: I'm just further along than
- 14 you are.
- MR. JOHNSON: Just wishful thinking.
- 16 BY MR. JOHNSON:
- 17 Q. As I understand it -- and Leo, you may
- 18 want to help me out. This is a proprietary document
- 19 to Telcordia?
- MR. BUB: Yes, it is.
- 21 BY MR. JOHNSON:
- 22 Q. So no one -- if I want to ask him some
- 23 questions about it, we need to exclude everybody
- 24 who's not an attorney or who signed the nondisclosure
- 25 agreement?

MR. BUB: Everybody in the room is okay.

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I think Mr. Martinez has signed the agreement, and
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    Mr. Onre (phonetic spelling) is with us, so everybody
    here is fine.
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                 JUDGE DALE: Okay. But hold on. I need
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    to find my in-camera button. Okay.
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                  (REPORTER'S NOTE: At this point, an
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1 JUDGE DALE: Thank you. I have
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- 2 no questions. However, Commissioner Clayton may have
- 3 questions, so when he returns, you may be re-called.
- 4 THE WITNESS: Certainly. Thank you.
- 5 JUDGE DALE: Do you want to do a
- 6 redirect before that or -- we did that last time,
- 7 didn't we?
- 8 MR. BUB: We did. We could do it either
- 9 way, your Honor.
- 10 JUDGE DALE: I would like to break right
- 11 about now. It's about halfway until five o'clock and
- 12 I want to adjourn promptly at five, and then we'll
- 13 resume in the morning. Although we're way behind
- 14 schedule.
- So let's go ahead and adjourn, come back
- 16 at 3:30 and redirect and find out if Commissioner
- 17 Clayton is back by then, because it would be my hope
- 18 that we could dismiss as many witnesses as we finish
- 19 with today so the people don't have to continue to
- 20 stay here who are not required to do so.
- Okay. Off the record.
- 22 (A RECESS WAS TAKEN.)
- 23 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: May I go ahead?
- JUDGE DALE: Yes, go ahead.
- 25 QUESTIONS BY COMMISSIONER CLAYTON:

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1 Q. Mr. Constable, I have been unavoidably
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- 2 detained this afternoon. Because I always ask
- 3 questions of witnesses and ask them the wrong
- 4 nature --
- 5 A. Sure.
- 6 Q. -- of their testimony, could you
- 7 summarize your testimony here for me today and what
- 8 you're here to talk about?
- 9 A. Sure. I'm the network witness so --
- 10 Q. What does that mean, what is a network
- 11 witness?
- 12 A. Talk about the fact that the Lucent
- 13 tandems cannot record CPN, just wireless-originated
- 14 traffic. We can't record it in the billing systems
- 15 to pass down, but what we do is we can pass it to
- 16 terminating carriers in the signaling stream and we,
- 17 in fact, do that.
- Now, what does the signaling stream
- 19 mean? That means we pass it on a real time basis as
- 20 the call happens so that you get the caller ID, you
- 21 get all the benefits of --
- 22 Q. When you say "you," what do you mean you
- 23 get it? You mean me being the customer, or are you
- 24 talking about the ILEC -- the small ILEC, or the
- 25 terminating carrier, I guess, would be --

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1 A. It would be both the terminating carrier
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- 2 is what I was referring to, but the customer also
- 3 gets it as well.
- 4 Q. Okay. And exactly what data is
- 5 received? Are they numbers, codes?
- 6 A. Well, for the terminating carrier,
- 7 they're gonna get what we -- everything that we
- 8 received in the signaling stream. So if we received
- 9 it from a wireless company, we're gonna pass
- 10 everything to them in the signaling stream.
- 11 Q. What happens if you didn't receive it
- 12 from the wireless company?
- 13 A. If we didn't receive it, then we can't
- 14 pass it, obviously. And we --
- 15 Q. But you pass the call even if they don't
- 16 send any information?
- 17 A. Right. Right.
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 A. Because we don't want to populate
- 20 something just out of the air. It's better that they
- 21 don't get anything than for us to get -- get a call
- 22 that doesn't have CPN. And for us just to put a CPN
- 23 in there, then that's kind of misleading. So if we
- 24 don't get it, then we don't pass it.
- 25 Q. Okay. What information do you get for

- 1 your billing purposes, for your company's billing
- 2 purposes? If you don't get a CPN, what data or what
- 3 information do you get for -- for -- or would you
- 4 have a billing arrangement with that company?
- 5 A. We basically get the same records that
- 6 we provide to the ILECs, and what I understand we do
- 7 is we bill off of factors that the wireless service
- 8 provides us with.
- 9 Q. By "factors," what is that?
- 10 A. Right. Well, they'll tell us that, you
- 11 know, 40 percent of our traffic is inter-NTA. Okay.
- 12 So that means we're gonna bill this rate as opposed
- 13 to the intra-NTA, that's the local rate for it.
- 14 Q. Okay. And then you pass that factor on
- 15 to the terminating carrier?
- 16 A. Well, I don't -- I don't think we pass
- 17 it on. I think that they negotiate the factor with
- 18 the wireless carrier directly.
- 19 Q. You just said that you pass on --
- 20 whatever information you get, you pass it along to
- 21 the terminating carrier.
- 22 A. Right. Yeah, and --
- 23 Q. Do you pass this information here along
- 24 to the terminating carrier?
- 25 A. No, not the factors. The one I was

- 1 speaking of is on a real time per-call basis. On a
- 2 per-call basis we don't have that factor information
- 3 set in the signaling stream to set the call up.
- 4 Q. Over what time period do you establish
- 5 that if it's not real time?
- 6 A. It depends on the agreement that we have
- 7 with the wireless provider, but they modify it maybe
- 8 on a monthly basis or on a -- on a preagreed-to
- 9 basis.
- 10 Q. Now, can you tell me what the difference
- 11 is between the wireless calls that go through your
- 12 network versus say CLEC telephone calls -- a
- 13 telephone call coming through your system --
- 14 A. Sure.
- 15 Q. -- in terms of record exchange?
- 16 A. Right. I'd be happy to do that. We
- 17 bill based upon -- it all starts with the trunk
- 18 group. We assign an AMA record to each trunk group
- 19 so if a long distance carrier for their trunk
- 20 groups -- we assign like a call code 119 and that
- 21 generates an access record. We're always gonna build
- 22 an access record for it. That call has CPN in it.
- For a CLEC trunk group, most of their
- 24 calls are gonna be local in nature. So those calls,
- 25 we generate like a call code 720 for a local

- 1 interconnection billing record. And those calls will
- 2 also have CPN in them.
- For wireless, we put in a call code 66
- 4 for a wireless-originated record, and those calls
- 5 don't have the CPN in it. And it's important to
- 6 note -- I mean, that's not the way we set up our
- 7 network. We look at Telcordia. They say, well,
- 8 these are the call codes that you assign for certain
- 9 types of traffic for these trunk groups, and that's
- 10 what we put in. And then the switch, it generates
- 11 the billing record.
- 12 Q. You know, it's very impressive the way
- 13 you recite all those numbers --
- 14 A. I'm sorry.
- 15 Q. -- from those records. It's very
- 16 impressive. It doesn't help me at all.
- 17 A. I'm sorry.
- 18 Q. But it's very impressive. So the nature
- 19 of the call comparing CLEC phone call versus a
- 20 wireless is -- it's significantly different is what
- 21 you're testifying?
- 22 A. Right. They are different.
- 23 Q. Now, what would it take physically or
- 24 technologically to have the CPN be included in
- 25 wireless calls? What would have to happen? Is it

- 1 something in your network there's a problem, or is
- 2 there a problem in the wireless network?
- A. It's a two-step process. One, we have
- 4 to go to Lucent and we have to buy the feature from
- 5 them. They don't have it developed yet so they say
- 6 it would take a million bucks and take two years to
- 7 do, 18 months or so. So that's the first step.
- 8 And then once that's in place, then we
- 9 have to generate -- or we have to modify the billing
- 10 records -- or the billing systems to put that in
- 11 the --
- 12 Q. Okay. So you're saying it's not
- 13 technologically possible --
- 14 A. Right.
- 15 Q. -- with the system that you have; is
- 16 that correct?
- 17 A. Right.
- 18 Q. Now, that has nothing to do with whether
- 19 or not the rule requires sending --
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Okay. I
- 22 don't think I have any other questions for this
- 23 witness.
- JUDGE DALE: If we can go ahead with
- 25 re-calling Mr. Read and having him come up and have

- 1 Commissioner questions. And then we'll go through
- 2 all the redirect and recross based on those questions
- 3 from the bench. And I'll remind you, Mr. Read, that
- 4 you're still under oath.
- 5 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- JUDGE DALE: Thank you.
- 7 CHRIS REED, testified as follows:
- 8 QUESTIONS BY COMMISSIONER CLAYTON:
- 9 Q. Mr. Read, forgive me. Are you employed
- 10 by AT&T?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And what is your position with AT&T?
- 13 A. I'm a senior business manager in the
- 14 AT&T services IT organization.
- 15 Q. And where are you based?
- 16 A. I am in Dallas, Texas.
- Q. Where is your office in Dallas?
- 18 A. Let's see. What's the building called
- 19 now? Two AT&T Plaza.
- Q. Where within Dallas, what city?
- 21 A. Oh, I'm sorry, downtown.
- 22 O. Downtown Dallas?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you live in Dallas?
- 25 A. I'm sorry?

- 1 Q. Do you live in Dallas?
- 2 A. No, no one lives in Dallas. We live
- 3 outside of Dallas.
- 4 Q. Which one? Where do you live?
- 5 A. Rockwell.
- 6 Q. Rockwell?
- 7 A. Northeast -- northeast of Dallas.
- 8 Q. Northeast. What, by Mesquite?
- 9 A. Out that direction. About another 15
- 10 miles.
- 11 Q. Okay. The only questions that I have
- 12 for you, Mr. Read, were regarding the position that
- 13 you have with regard to the transfer of these records
- 14 versus the position of AT&T in this FCC case that was
- 15 referenced earlier. Are you -- do you recall that
- 16 exchange that you had with --
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. -- Mr. England?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Are you familiar with the case, the FCC
- 21 case that he was referring to?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. And what case is that?
- 24 A. I couldn't cite the name of it. I just
- 25 know that it was an FCC filing. I don't have

- 1 complete knowledge of that case.
- 2 Q. So you just have partial knowledge?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Do you have any knowledge of that case?
- 5 A. Little.
- 6 Q. Little knowledge. Do you know what the
- 7 issue was in that -- in the FCC case?
- 8 A. I don't know really.
- 9 Q. Okay. So then it's conceivably possible
- 10 considering that you don't know what that other case
- 11 is about, that AT&T could be taking a position one
- 12 way before the Missouri Commission and could be
- 13 taking a completely opposite position before the FCC
- on a very similar or same issue?
- 15 A. Well, what I'm trying to -- and I don't
- 16 mean to avoid your question so if I am, just stop me.
- 17 But I -- you will, I'm sure, but I just -- what
- 18 I'm -- my testimony is trying to portray is what is
- 19 industry standards, what is the -- the appropriate
- 20 population of these records, what is needed in this
- 21 now -- I'm convinced that -- that there is a
- 22 completely different need in that FCC filing,
- 23 different type of traffic.
- Q. What do you mean a different need?
- 25 A. Well, if -- I don't know the full

- 1 background of that case, but if we are saying -- if
- 2 we as a company are saying that CPN is required, then
- 3 we're -- we would have some -- a different type of
- 4 traffic in mind. There must be a need -- because we
- 5 know you can't jurisdictionalize wireless traffic.
- 6 There is no realistic way to do it.
- 7 So it must be in combination with IXC
- 8 traffic, some wireline traffic, I guess is what I'm
- 9 saying. So without a full, you know, description of
- 10 that issue to study, it's hard to compare it to my
- 11 testimony and say it's out of balance. I don't
- 12 believe that it would be.
- 13 Q. Then what -- what factors would have to
- 14 make a difference, would have to make it different
- 15 whether CPN is necessary or not necessary? What
- 16 factors would justify taking one position before the
- 17 Missouri Commission versus taking the opposite
- 18 position before the FCC? What factors would justify
- 19 that?
- 20 A. Well, I would have to say that if -- if
- 21 it was an apples for apples comparison, then there
- 22 would be nothing that would justify that and I would
- 23 be wrong. But I do not believe that it's an apples
- 24 for apples comparison of different --
- 25 Q. Okay. Why? Why do you say it's not an

- 1 apples to apples?
- 2 A. I guess my knowledge of what is in the
- 3 records, what's -- what the capability of our network
- 4 would be, why would we take a position that we're not
- 5 capable of doing. It would make no sense for us to
- 6 take a position on something --
- 7 Q. Do you dispute -- do you dispute the
- 8 assertion that's been made by the attorneys here
- 9 today that -- that AT&T's taken an opposite position
- 10 before the FCC?
- 11 A. I would take exception to the fact
- 12 that --
- 13 Q. Or do you know? I mean, I need to know
- 14 what you're basing your answer on too because you
- 15 start off saying well, I have limited knowledge, I
- 16 have some knowledge, I have not some knowledge.
- 17 MR. BUB: You know your Honor, I don't
- 18 know -- not to be rude, but you may want to direct
- 19 your questions on this to Mr. Constable. He knows
- 20 that case. Mr. Read knows what we do, knows what the
- 21 industry standards are and we put him forward for
- 22 that. Mr. Constable has more knowledge about that
- 23 case, so you may get further with Mr. Constable if
- 24 you want to know about --
- 25 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Did I pick the

- 1 wrong witness to ask the wrong questions again?
- 2 MR. BUB: Mr. England started -- you
- 3 were --
- 4 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: He always starts
- 5 it.
- 6 BY COMMISSIONER CLAYTON:
- 7 Q. Do you know or do you not know? I mean,
- 8 if you don't know the answer to make the comparison,
- 9 that's perfectly fine. I just was trying to complete
- 10 my thought.
- 11 A. I don't know enough about that case to
- 12 determine -- to positively say that I'm contradicting
- 13 that position. I do know my testimony --
- 14 Q. I never said that you were contradicting
- 15 a position.
- 16 A. Oh, okay.
- 17 Q. My question is, is AT&T saying one thing
- 18 before the FCC and something that's completely
- 19 different before this Commission is my question, not
- 20 what you are testifying in terms of contradicting --
- 21 A. Okay.
- 22 Q. -- any law or statute, rule, whatever.
- 23 That's not what I'm saying.
- 24 A. Okay.
- Q. But I don't think you're familiar with

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1 the FCC case, and I just don't see how you can --
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- 2 A. Right.
- 3 Q. -- answer the question, correct?
- 4 A. Okay. I think that's correct.
- 5 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Okay. That's all
- 6 $\,$ I was gonna ask him about, and I'm sorry that I --
- 7 Judge, I don't have a problem with him answering back
- 8 there.
- 9 JUDGE DALE: I was just gonna have him
- 10 move up here to one of these tables.
- 11 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Whichever. It
- 12 doesn't make any difference to me. Whatever is
- 13 easiest for him.
- JUDGE DALE: And that way you can go
- 15 back and forth.
- 16 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Oh, I can't
- 17 handle both of them at the same time.
- MR. CONSTABLE: Okay. And I'm not
- 19 familiar with every aspect of it, but I can tell you
- 20 what the difference --
- 21 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Now, wait a
- $22\,$ minute now. Mr. Bub set you up to be the expert on
- 23 this stuff. I was gonna let Mr. Read go, but now I
- 24 may have to keep him up here.
- MR. CONSTABLE: Well, I can tell you

- 1 what the difference is. And the difference is that,
- 2 and the FCC --
- 3 JASON CONSTABLE, testified as follows:
- 4 QUESTIONS BY COMMISSIONER CLAYTON:
- 5 Q. First of all, first of all, let me start
- 6 off with this: Is it accurate to state that AT&T is
- 7 saying that the CPN does not work for jurisdictional
- 8 recognition purposes or whatever the right phrasing
- 9 of the statement is? The position taken here is
- 10 different than what AT&T is advocating before the
- 11 FCC?
- 12 A. No, I don't think they're different.
- 13 Q. Okay. Then go ahead and tell me why you
- 14 think they're different and what factors make it the
- 15 same --
- 16 A. What I was talking about earlier is that
- 17 we set up billing based upon the trunk group. So if
- 18 we have a wireless trunk group, we can't record the
- 19 CPN on that, okay?
- Now, if we have an IXC trunk group, and
- 21 this is what the FCC case was about, we had a call --
- 22 a trunk group set up for an IXC that's set up to
- 23 bill a terminating access AMA record and wireless
- 24 traffic is coming through that.
- 25 On those types of calls, we do generate

- 1 CPN and the IXC buys that out of the tariff. They
- 2 buy that Feature Group D trunk out of the tariff and
- 3 in the tariff it says that you have to pass CPN and
- 4 when we get the CPN we're gonna use that to determine
- 5 the jurisdiction.
- Q. And then that's what the FCC case is?
- 7 A. Right.
- 8 Q. What is that case, do you know how it's
- 9 entitled or how it's captioned?
- 10 A. The -- Global Crossing, it was a -- we
- 11 had a petition against Global Crossing and I believe
- 12 they weren't sending the CPN.
- 13 Q. Is Global Crossing even in existence
- 14 anymore?
- 15 A. I think so.
- 16 Q. Still there under a different name? All
- 17 right.
- 18 A. So the tariff allows them -- you know,
- 19 the tariff says okay, we're gonna use the CPN, and
- 20 when a wireless carrier, when they -- when they use
- 21 the IXC's network to send that traffic, well, then
- 22 they know the IXC's tariff is gonna be built upon
- 23 CPN. So it's kind of a prearranged agreement between
- 24 all the parties.
- 25 Q. So it's an agreement -- are you --

- 1 that's based upon an agreement among the parties?
- 2 A. Right, a tariff, right.
- 3 Q. And it's entirely Feature Group D, it's
- 4 not a --
- 5 A. Right.
- 6 Q. Does it relate to CLECs and wireless or
- 7 just wireless?
- 8 A. I believe the dispute was just the
- 9 wireless but it would be applicable to local traffic,
- 10 any traffic that you send over that trunk group.
- 11 Q. What is the decision that needs to be
- 12 made by the FCC in that case? Who is asking for
- 13 what?
- 14 A. I believe that the issue was that they
- 15 weren't passing CPN over those Feature Group D trunks
- 16 as the tariff required. And regardless of whether
- 17 you can capture it or not, you should always pass CPN
- 18 because otherwise the end users won't get caller ID.
- 19 Q. So Global Crossing is not passing the
- 20 CPN?
- 21 A. Right.
- 22 Q. And that's -- and AT&T's filing is that
- 23 well, they have to because -- because it's in their
- 24 agreement or it's in the tariff; is that correct?
- 25 A. Right, right.

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1 Q. Now, if it's in our rule, how would this
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- 2 case be any different? I mean, if somebody's
- 3 mandating it, why -- why is there a difference
- 4 assuming that the rule does require that, of course?
- 5 A. Yeah. Well, and again, this case is
- 6 talking about passing it in the signaling stream on a
- 7 real time basis.
- 8 Q. Okay.
- 9 A. Not as opposed to including it in the
- 10 billing record which utilizes different processes.
- 11 Q. Why is that significant?
- 12 A. Well, that was just talking about what
- 13 the difference was. It's significant because on a
- 14 real time basis we want to pass the CPN. We want the
- 15 caller ID information to pop up. And we can do that,
- 16 that's a technical ability.
- 17 Q. Perhaps I'm confused. Now, I mean, in
- 18 terms of timing, in terms of -- in terms of whether
- 19 it's real time or whether it comes once a month or
- 20 something like that in a billing package --
- 21 A. Right.
- 22 Q. -- does it make a difference to the
- 23 parties in this case and maybe the parties will bring
- 24 this up in questioning later on. I'm not sure if the
- 25 timing is that much of an issue, is it? It's just

- 1 whether or not the CPN's gonna be supplied or not.
- 2 A. I leave it up to them because we do
- 3 supply on a real time basis and I don't think that
- 4 that's in dispute.
- 5 Q. Who does? AT&T supplies the CPN on
- 6 wireless calls?
- 7 A. On a real time basis. As the call
- 8 happens we give it.
- 9 MR. BUB: Your Honor, may I interject a
- 10 clarification? It seems that there's some confusion
- 11 about these calls that come into our network from a
- 12 wireless carrier and calls that come into our network
- 13 from an interexchange carrier. We've been talking
- 14 about both as wireless-originated.
- What these gentlemen are talking about
- 16 are actually from the terminating end and maybe we've
- 17 all just been mislabeling those calls. What -- the
- 18 record we're talking about here is for a call that's
- 19 actually wireless-terminated, a call that the
- 20 wireless carrier brings to us over a trunk group
- 21 that's dedicated to the wireless carriers. So that
- 22 comes into the LEC-to-LEC network as
- 23 wireless-terminated.
- 24 Calls that are involved in that Global
- 25 Crossing issue, from our perspective, like you

- 1 indicated there were Feature Group D calls, they're
- 2 IXC-terminated. And what they're trying -- these
- 3 gentlemen are trying to explain is that the rules are
- 4 different from both.
- 5 So maybe if we use the -- maybe a
- 6 different label because both those calls started with
- 7 a, you know, cell phone. For example, you know,
- 8 California somebody called Jefferson City with their
- 9 cell phone, it's handed to maybe Global Crossing,
- 10 Global Crossing hauls it over its long distance
- 11 network just like it would -- the landline long
- 12 distance phone call comes into Missouri and we would
- 13 see that just like any other landline telephone
- 14 company, as an IXC-terminated call.
- So rather than -- actually, I think the
- 16 terminology we're using, wireless-originated is
- 17 getting us a little confused. If we could maybe talk
- 18 about these calls as a wireless-terminated call
- 19 versus an IXC-terminated call, it maybe will clarify
- 20 our discussion a little bit.
- 21 MR. ENGLAND: Your Honor, since I'm the
- 22 one that started this, and with all due respect, now
- 23 that Mr. Bub has decided to testify, I'd like to
- 24 offer a comment as well.
- 25 MR. BUB: Sir?

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1 MR. ENGLAND: Southwestern Bell --
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- 2 excuse me, now AT&T, is telling you in this case and
- 3 it's in Mr. Read's testimony and I cross-examined him
- 4 on it, that CPN can never -- those were his words,
- 5 never -- be used to determine the jurisdiction of
- 6 wireless-originated calls.
- 7 If you'll go to the simple quote from
- 8 their FCC petition that is in Mr. Schoonmaker's
- 9 testimony and it's at page Roman Numeral four of
- 10 that, they are telling the FCC because long distance
- 11 carriers provide no other information to local
- 12 carriers as to the geographic location of wireless
- 13 subscribers who place or receive telephone calls, it
- 14 has been standard industry practice for years to use
- 15 calling and called party numbers to determine the
- 16 jurisdiction of and thus appropriate access charges
- 17 for wireless-originated calls.
- 18 Whether the wireless subscriber starts
- 19 the telephone call, goes to the wireless carrier,
- 20 goes to an IXC and then is terminated to Southwestern
- 21 Bell, or whether the wireless subscriber initiates
- 22 the call and that call goes to his wireless carrier
- 23 who then directly connects with Bell, there's no
- 24 difference. It's a wireless-originated call.
- 25 Before the FCC they're saying we need

- 1 CPN or we need to use CPN. That's a longstanding
- 2 industry practice to use that to jurisdictionalize
- 3 the call. They're telling you we don't need it. The
- 4 Small Companies in Missouri don't need it. It's of
- 5 limited or no value to us. It can never be used to
- 6 determine jurisdiction. That's the inherent conflict
- 7 between the positions they're taking.
- 8 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: This is what
- 9 threw me off, Mr. Constable, and feel free unless the
- 10 judge objects or one of the parties object, feel
- 11 free, either of you or any of you, to chime in.
- 12 Talking about the timing of the record
- 13 coming through is where you threw me off, whether it
- 14 be real time or whether it comes through in some sort
- of, I guess, the category 11 records come in what, on
- 16 a -- a different basis? How often do you receive --
- 17 those are, what, hard copy records?
- MR. ENGLAND: Actually, they're
- 19 transmitted electronically, I believe in most --
- 20 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: And how often?
- 21 MR. ENGLAND: I think monthly, after the
- 22 fact.
- 23 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Monthly. So --
- 24 but Mr. Constable, did you not say that you're
- 25 sending -- right now you are sending wireless CPN on

- 1 real time --
- 2 MR. CONSTABLE: Right.
- 3 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: -- right now to
- 4 their clients; is that correct?
- 5 MR. CONSTABLE: That's true regardless
- 6 of how we get the call. If it goes through an IXC or
- 7 directly, we send it --
- 8 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Now, how is that
- 9 different -- if you receive the record, what's the
- 10 difference between the real time receipt of that
- 11 information and receiving the category 11 record? I
- 12 guess that's what threw me off in my questioning of
- 13 Mr. Constable. So --
- 14 MR. ENGLAND: I'd rather have my witness
- 15 answer. That's a substantive question I'd like to
- 16 have him answer.
- 17 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Okay. Okay.
- 18 MR. READ: Your Honor, can we touch on
- 19 that?
- 20 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Sure. Please, go
- 21 ahead. It's a free-for-all. Go for it.
- MR. READ: There's really two different
- 23 things that you're introducing there, and I'm sure
- 24 you recognize that too. But there's the category 11
- 25 record, which is one thing we're talking about, and

- 1 then there's the signaling that Mr. Constable is
- 2 talking about that is done real time.
- 3 So when that call is being placed, it's
- 4 going through the network all the way to the -- the
- 5 terminating company and signaled all the way through
- 6 as the call is being made.
- Now, on a wireless-originated call, we
- 8 don't have the capability -- and this is in
- 9 Mr. Constable's testimony -- we don't have the
- 10 ability to capture that type of recording in an AMA
- 11 record.
- 12 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: What is AMA?
- MR. READ: Automatic message accounting,
- 14 I believe, is the term. And that's the network
- 15 recording that is then -- and this part is in my
- 16 testimony, but you have the AMA that is translated
- into an EMI category 11 record for billing.
- 18 And that's -- that's the other side that
- 19 takes longer to receive those records. And the
- 20 dispute is -- I don't think there's a dispute that
- 21 the signaling -- they receive -- the end companies do
- 22 receive CPN in the signaling, but they don't get CPN
- 23 on a wireless-originated call in the EMI record, the
- 24 other record, the billing record.
- 25 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: He's gonna fall

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1 out of his seat unless we call on him. Go ahead.
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- 2 MR. JOHNSON: Do I look that desperate?
- 3 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Yes.
- 4 MR. JOHNSON: Real time means that when
- 5 the call is in place the -- when we talk about real
- 6 time, we're talking about while a call is being made.
- 7 The SS7 system passes CPN along with a
- 8 lot of other information from the originating caller
- 9 all the way through the network.
- 10 When we talk about automated message
- 11 accounting, we're talking about an accounting system
- 12 that's designed to collect that information, store it
- 13 and then AT&T puts it on a website and we go retrieve
- 14 it on a monthly basis and that's from which we --
- 15 that's the billing record side of the house.
- So what -- the problem here is that
- 17 their systems are not programmed to take that real
- 18 time information and put it into the billing system.
- 19 That's what we're talking, and I think that's -- the
- 20 source of some confusion is not understanding the
- 21 distinction between the two different functions.
- 22 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: So would you
- 23 agree that the crux of this case, or the whole nature
- 24 of this record, is who pays to dismantle or compile
- 25 those real time records, whether it be AT&T or

- 1 whether it be your clients?
- 2 MR. JOHNSON: That's not the whole crux,
- 3 but it's part of it.
- 4 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: So whether we --
- 5 did we mandate it in the first place and then should
- 6 we waive it based on it causing too much of a burden
- 7 on you-all or...
- 8 MR. READ: Right.
- 9 MR. BUB: Your Honor, in there it's a
- 10 question of whether it's even needed. The testimony
- 11 earlier was that you can't use CPN to bill a wireless
- 12 call because of roaming, and I don't think --
- 13 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: I would say that
- 14 is in dispute probably, Mr. Bub. Okay. You reining
- 15 me in?
- JUDGE DALE: No, not really.
- 17 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: All right. Well,
- 18 since -- since we're kind of going in the round here,
- 19 I'm gonna -- do either of the two fact witnesses or
- 20 Mr. Bub, since he was testifying, do you-all have
- 21 anything else? Because I don't think I have any
- 22 other questions at this time.
- MR. READ: No.
- MR. CONSTABLE: No.
- 25 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Okay. Okay.

- 1 Thank you all for your patience.
- 2 MR. ENGLAND: Whoa, whoa. Don't we get
- 3 an opportunity for recross based on questions from
- 4 the bench?
- 5 JUDGE DALE: I was just gonna say that.
- 6 MR. ENGLAND: Thank you.
- JUDGE DALE: Mr. -- well, we haven't
- 8 done either one of you, so why don't you and Mr. Read
- 9 come back here and we'll do recross based on
- 10 questions from the bench and then redirect. And I'm
- 11 sorry, but I can't remember. Did we already do some
- 12 limited redirect of him?
- MR. BUB: I did. I'm finished, your
- 14 Honor.
- JUDGE DALE: Okay. So the only redirect
- 16 you'll have, then, will be redirect based on cross of
- 17 questions from the bench? Okay. I'm clear.
- MR. DORITY: No questions, Judge.
- MR. KRUEGER: No questions.
- 20 MR. ENGLAND: None of Mr. Read, thank
- 21 you.
- MR. JOHNSON: Just one.
- MR. READ: Okay.
- 24 CHRIS READ, testified as follows:
- 25 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. JOHNSON:

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1 Q. Isn't it correct that in the Global
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- 2 Crossings' FCC case, that AT&T was telling the FCC
- 3 we want to be able to, and our tariffs allow us, to
- 4 use CPN to determine or distinguish between
- 5 interstate and an intrastate call?
- 6 Wasn't that the thrust of their pleading
- 7 or do you know?
- 8 A. I don't want to portray myself as an
- 9 expert on that case. I think we've established that
- 10 fact.
- 11 Q. Okay.
- 12 A. But I think Mr. Constable can probably
- 13 speak to that.
- MR. JOHNSON: Withdraw.
- MR. REED: Okay.
- JUDGE DALE: Mr. Bub?
- 17 MR. BUB: I think we're finished.
- JUDGE DALE: Cool. You are finished,
- 19 you're excused. Thank you very much.
- MR. READ: Thank you.
- JUDGE DALE: Okay. Recross based on
- 22 questions from the bench?
- MR. DORITY: No questions.
- MR. KRUEGER: No questions.
- MR. ENGLAND: I have a couple, please.

- 1 JASON CONSTABLE, testified as follows:
- 2 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. ENGLAND:
- 3 Q. Mr. Constable, in response to some
- 4 questions from Commissioner Clayton, you indicated
- 5 that CPN is passed in real time?
- 6 A. That is correct.
- 7 Q. Would you agree with me that although
- 8 CPN is passed in real time, information regarding the
- 9 financially responsible carrier, like the OCN, is not
- 10 passed in real time?
- 11 A. No, I don't think that that's true.
- 12 Q. Tell me how we know who to bill from the
- 13 information we get in the caller ID signal, if you
- 14 will, or the SS7 signal?
- 15 A. Well, there's more passed in real time
- 16 than just the -- just the caller ID and just the CPN.
- 17 Of course, you have the CPN and if it's wireline, you
- 18 know, that could be used, but you also -- there's
- 19 lots of other information contained in the SS7
- 20 signaling stream such as, you know, the originating
- 21 company number, the originating point code, the link
- 22 that the call traversed, the time that it was called,
- 23 you know, all that type of information.
- Q. So we've exhaustively -- I think
- 25 Mr. Johnson exhaustively examined the fact that

- 1 the -- simply because you have the originating
- 2 carrier, isn't necessarily the carrier that's
- 3 financially responsible, right? Remember his example
- 4 with Alltel handing off wireless traffic to Cingular
- 5 who then terminates it through the Southwestern Bell
- 6 tandem?
- 7 A. Yeah, I don't know what -- what was
- 8 determined in that, but my recollection is that the
- 9 rule says that, you know, the carrier that passes the
- 10 call to us, that's the responsible party to bill.
- 11 Q. Your testimony is that you can get
- 12 responsible -- financially responsible carrier
- 13 information through the SS7 signal; is that right?
- 14 A. No. I'm telling you what you can get
- 15 and I would leave it up to the parties to determine
- 16 if it's financially responsible to bill off of or
- 17 not. I'm not the billing expert.
- 18 Q. Well, let me refresh your memory, if I
- 19 can. Do you have a copy of Mr. Schoonmaker's
- 20 rebuttal testimony in front of you?
- 21 A. Yes, I do.
- 22 Q. And would you look at FCC comments that
- 23 your company filed, notice of ex parte and Commission
- 24 FCC case --
- 25 A. Could you give me a page number first?

- 1 Q. Yes. It's schedule RCS 6.
- 2 A. Oh, I don't have any of the schedules,
- 3 just the...
- 4 MR. ENGLAND: May I approach the
- 5 witness?
- JUDGE DALE: You may approach.
- 7 BY MR. ENGLAND:
- 8 Q. Yes, Mr. Schoonmaker's rebuttal is --
- 9 what did I say, schedule 6, RCS 6?
- 10 A. Yes, I think that's what you said.
- 11 Q. By the way, have you seen these comments
- 12 before?
- 13 A. Probably. I read a lot of the comments
- 14 that we file with the FCC.
- 15 Q. Okay.
- 16 A. I don't see what page.
- 17 Q. Well, I'm gonna get you there.
- 18 A. Okay.
- 19 MS. MORGAN: It's at the very end, it's
- 20 a schedule.
- 21 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 22 BY MR. ENGLAND:
- Q. Let me, if I may?
- 24 A. Please. I don't see it.
- 25 Q. This is it.

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1 A. Okay. Now, this is different than the
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- 2 FCC order that we were talking about though.
- 3 Q. Correct, correct.
- 4 A. Okay. Okay.
- 5 Q. This was filed in the FCC's intercarrier
- 6 compensation docket?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. The one you tried to testify about, if
- 9 you recall, but was struck?
- 10 A. Oh, yes, okay.
- 11 Q. Yeah, so you ought to be familiar with
- 12 it, right?
- 13 A. Yes, I am.
- 14 Q. Good. Turn to page 6, please. And just
- 15 to be sure, let me walk over there and look over your
- 16 shoulder to make sure it's the right spot. Great.
- 17 Would you read the last -- I'm not gonna call it a
- 18 bullet point because the bullet point, it's more of a
- 19 dash.
- 20 A. Okay.
- 21 Q. The very last sentence of the page.
- 22 A. "The responsible carrier cannot be
- 23 identified from the SS7 signaling information that is
- 24 contained in AMA recordings."
- Q. Okay. Would you agree with that?

- 1 Because it seems to be inconsistent with an answer
- 2 you gave me earlier.
- 3 A. Yeah, I think that what -- I don't think
- 4 that they're in conflict, and if you'll allow me the
- 5 leeway to explain, I'll tell you why.
- If you read, you know, the bullet that
- 7 this is -- that this is over, it's talking about
- 8 traffic we get from an IXC. And then what the
- 9 sub-bullets are explaining is that we can't tell who
- 10 was behind the IXC, whether it's a wireless provider,
- 11 local LECs, all those folks, we can't tell from the
- 12 signaling information who was behind the IXC, and
- 13 that's why we bill the IXC.
- 14 Q. I think that statement is pretty --
- 15 pretty clear from its -- on its face, don't you? It
- 16 says, "The responsible carrier cannot" -- and it's
- 17 your emphasis -- "cannot be identified from the SS7
- 18 signaling information that is contained in the AMA
- 19 recordings."
- 20 A. Well, it's a sub-bullet of the larger
- 21 bullet, so you have to take them all in tow.
- 22 Q. Do you agree with that statement or not;
- 23 yes or no?
- 24 A. I agree with what I said is that --
- 25 Q. Yes or no, sir?

1 A. I don't think that that's true. I mean,

- 2 I think that you can --
- 3 Q. Okay. So in other words, your company
- 4 in its pleading before the FCC, has said one thing,
- 5 you're saying something else here. One of you is
- 6 right and one of you is wrong, correct?
- 7 A. No, because I believe that you've taken
- 8 it out of context and that explains the discrepancy.
- 9 Q. So your testimony is you do not agree
- 10 with that statement contained in your company's
- 11 ex parte with the FCC? Again, simply yes or no. Or
- 12 do you agree or disagree?
- 13 A. No. Again, if you look at the whole
- 14 context of it, then I certainly agree.
- 15 Q. You testified or responded to
- 16 Commissioner Clayton -- told him about how your
- 17 Lucent switches couldn't -- couldn't capture the
- 18 traffic; do you recall that?
- 19 A. Well, they can't capture the CPN.
- 20 Q. Correct, I'm sorry. As I understand,
- 21 those Lucent switches are responsible for
- 22 approximately half the traffic in Missouri that
- 23 terminates through your tandems?
- 24 A. That is correct.
- 25 Q. The other half comes through Nortel

- 1 switches?
- 2 A. That is correct.
- 3 Q. And Nortel switches do have the feature
- 4 to capture this CPN information, correct?
- 5 A. We believe so, but we haven't tested it.
- 6 Q. Okay. When were the Lucent switches
- 7 that are in Missouri and that can't do this, when
- 8 were they installed?
- 9 A. I don't know, a long time ago.
- 10 Q. Do you know if Lucent switches being
- 11 manufactured and installed today have that
- 12 capability?
- 13 A. No, they do not.
- 14 Q. How do you know that, sir?
- 15 A. Because the response we got back from
- 16 Lucent is that the effort would require new
- 17 development efforts.
- 18 Q. For the switches that are currently in
- 19 Southwestern Bell's 13-state jurisdiction -- or SBC's
- 20 13-state service area, right?
- 21 A. Well, I'd refer back to it, but you
- 22 struck it. But it says the new development effort.
- Q. Well, I attempted to strike it, but
- 24 you -- you also indicated in a response to
- 25 Mr. Clayton that you managed to slip in that it was

- 1 gonna cost you a million bucks to upgrade those
- 2 Lucent switches, right?
- 3 A. Yes, I did testify to that prior to
- 4 being stricken.
- 5 Q. Right. And did you confirm whether or
- 6 not Mr. Schoonmaker was correct in his testimony that
- 7 that represented three one-thousandth of 1 percent of
- 8 AT&T's/SBC's 2000 --
- 9 MR. BUB: Your Honor, I object.
- 10 JUDGE DALE: Sustained.
- MR. ENGLAND: Well, now, I think we've
- 12 been prejudiced by this information, your Honor, and
- 13 I think we need to put it in perspective.
- JUDGE DALE: I disagree.
- MR. ENGLAND: Well, then I'd make an
- 16 offer of proof with respect to Mr. Schoonmaker's
- 17 testimony and we'll do that with his prepared
- 18 rebuttal.
- 19 JUDGE DALE: That will be fine.
- 20 MR. ENGLAND: Okay. Thank you, sir.
- 21 No other questions.
- 22 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Can I ask one
- 23 question before we go to the next -- is that all
- 24 right? Very quickly.
- 25 QUESTIONS BY COMMISSIONER CLAYTON:

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1 Q. Mr. Constable, you're a network man?
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- 2 A. Correct.
- 3 Q. You're based in Dallas as well?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. You are, okay. And do you cover several
- 6 states or just Missouri or --
- 7 A. Thirteen states.
- 8 Q. Thirteen states, okay. Now that AT&T or
- 9 now that AT&T is the old SBC which is also the old
- 10 AT&T, is now the new AT&T, is there a need to have
- 11 these two different transport groups, both Feature
- 12 Group C and Feature Group D? Is there any reason to
- 13 continue having a Feature Group C? And if we got rid
- 14 of Feature Group C, would that resolve all these
- 15 issues?
- 16 A. There's a need as long as we're gonna
- 17 continue to bill these separate rates. One of the
- 18 things that we've -- we're kind of embracing -- and
- 19 this goes back to this phantom traffic proposal, is
- 20 that we make a lot of money off access charges, but
- 21 it's headache money.
- I mean, there's always disputes and
- 23 there's always bickering. We'd like to go to a
- 24 billing key solution where there's just one trunk
- 25 group and you send it to me and I send it to you and

- 1 we don't bill anybody anything. But --
- 2 Q. I wasn't aware that you-all were
- 3 interested in that.
- 4 A. We're very interested in that.
- 5 Q. Is that right?
- A. But part of the problem, you know, is
- 7 that, you know, of course, the small carriers also
- 8 make a lot of money on it and they don't really want
- 9 to give a lot of that money up.
- 10 So one of the current proposals that
- 11 we're working with is the neighborhood proposal and
- 12 we're going to a billing key, but we're still having
- 13 to maintain the separate trunk groups and provide the
- 14 EMI records for the carriers --
- 15 Q. So is that a yes or no that we should
- 16 get rid of Feature Group C?
- 17 A. Well, we'd like to, but --
- 18 Q. Yes or no, is it possible?
- 19 A. It's not possible today.
- 20 Q. Not possible, okay. Thank you.
- JUDGE DALE: Mr. England, having heard
- 22 all that and seeing Mr. Schoonmaker banging his head
- 23 against the table, I feel compelled to allow you
- 24 either to respond at this point or to reserve it for
- 25 questions when Mr. Schoonmaker comes up.

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1 MR. ENGLAND: Thank you very much. I'll
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- 2 opt for the latter. I'll take door No. 2.
- JUDGE DALE: All right. All right.
- 4 Well, just remind me of this when -- to say remember
- 5 that whole Feature Group discussion. Mr. Johnson?
- 6 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. JOHNSON:
- 7 Q. Mr. Constable, I'm gonna try to ask you
- 8 a question about Commissioner Clayton's last question
- 9 with you. When you were talking about getting rid of
- 10 Feature Group C and going to Feature Group D, whether
- 11 that was advisable, that was in the context of doing
- 12 away with intercompany compensation?
- 13 A. Right, and it wasn't necessarily doing
- 14 away with one Feature Group as opposed to the other,
- 15 it was just one having one trunk group. Right.
- 16 Q. Is it correct that the business
- 17 relationship that AT&T uses for the Feature Group D
- 18 traffic is the one where the delivering interexchange
- 19 carrier pays all the compensation to AT&T regardless
- 20 of who originated the traffic?
- 21 A. Yeah, I think that your statement is
- 22 correct. I had to think, yeah.
- 23 Q. And that's also the relationship that
- 24 you're -- that same relationship is the one you're
- 25 proposing that be used for the Feature Group C

- 1 traffic that's coming in the wireless carrier's
- 2 trunks; is that right?
- 3 A. I don't know that I understand your
- 4 question.
- 5 Q. You bill the carrier that brings that
- 6 call to your tandem regardless of who originated the
- 7 call?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 Q. So it's not originating responsibility
- 10 as far as you're concerned, it's delivering
- 11 responsibility?
- 12 A. Well, but it depends on how you define
- 13 originating. Like even in this rule, it says that if
- 14 you have a trunk group to, you know, to the tandem
- 15 and you lease that capability from someone else,
- 16 well, you're still the originating carrier. And so
- 17 you can't use the words "originating carrier" like it
- 18 makes sense to use it, I guess.
- 19 Q. Well, I hate to make sense at this
- 20 point.
- 21 A. Right. Right.
- 22 Q. But the record that you're currently
- 23 giving us that does not have the CPN in it, that
- 24 also -- that tells us to bill the carrier that
- 25 delivered it to your tandem?

- 1 A. Correct.
- 2 Q. Not necessarily the carrier that
- 3 originated the call?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. And of course, the carrier you're
- 6 telling us to bill is not the carrier that delivered
- 7 it to us; you delivered it to us, correct?
- 8 A. Well, yeah, we provided the transiting
- 9 function.
- 10 Q. So this Feature Group C and Feature
- 11 Group D business relationship is taking us a long way
- 12 back, but one other question I have is, in the -- I
- 13 think we've -- I'm gonna go back to the FCC Global
- 14 Crossing thing, the lawsuit.
- The trafficking question there was
- 16 coming in on Global Crossing's trunk, correct?
- 17 A. Right.
- 18 Q. That made it IXC traffic, correct?
- 19 A. Right.
- 20 Q. And some of that traffic happened to be
- 21 wireless traffic, correct?
- 22 A. Right.
- 23 Q. But because it was on the IXC trunk,
- 24 your network was passing the CPN, correct?
- 25 A. Right.

- 1 Q. And so your billing system, not your
- 2 real time system, had the CPN in your terminating
- 3 record, correct?
- 4 A. Both did.
- 5 Q. And what you were telling the FCC was,
- 6 is we want to use that CPN in order to
- 7 differentiate an orig-- interstate call from an
- 8 intrastate call?
- 9 A. I don't know if it was that we wanted to
- 10 more than it was that the tariff that the IXC bought
- 11 the trunk from us required us to. That was the
- 12 tariff practice.
- Q. So your tariff and your position
- 14 supports the notion that you can use CPN to
- 15 jurisdictionalize an interstate from an intrastate
- 16 call, correct?
- 17 A. That you can use CPN -- yeah, we do that
- 18 on IXC traffic.
- MR. JOHNSON: Thank you.
- JUDGE DALE: Mr. Bub?
- 21 MR. BUB: Just a couple, your Honor.
- 22 REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. BUB:
- Q. To follow up on Mr. Johnson's questions,
- 24 that tariff that you're discussing, that tariff
- 25 applies to IXC traffic, does it not, to Feature Group

- 1 D access?
- 2 A. Right.
- 3 Q. Our tariff looks at it from the
- 4 terminating end; is that correct?
- 5 A. Looks at it from the terminating end,
- 6 yes.
- 7 Q. And it creates a terminating access
- 8 record; is that right?
- 9 A. That is correct.
- 10 O. It doesn't differentiate at all between
- 11 the wireless or the IXC, it's just, from that
- 12 tariff's perspective, just an access call?
- 13 A. Right.
- 14 Q. The calls we're talking about today came
- 15 in over -- what type of trunks did they come in over?
- 16 A. Come over what I'll call wireless
- 17 interconnection trunks.
- 18 Q. And what type of recordings do we make
- 19 on those?
- 20 A. We make recordings for what they call
- 21 type 2A wireless, and I know that probably doesn't
- 22 mean anything, but a type 2 wireless is a wireless
- 23 provider that has their own switching functionalities
- 24 and connects on a trunk-type basis, and the A means
- 25 that it's tandemed to another provider behind us. So

- 1 those are the type of calls.
- 2 Q. Are there -- the Telcordia-provided
- 3 standards, the generics that we've been talking
- 4 about --
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 Q. -- are the standards different for those
- 7 two different types of calls?
- 8 A. Yes, they are.
- 9 Q. What do they provide?
- 10 A. Well, you know, I guess noteworthy to
- 11 what we're discussing here, on a wireless call --
- 12 Q. Wireless-terminated?
- 13 A. -- wireless-terminated over a wireless
- 14 interconnection trunk group, it says to use the
- 15 billing number of the trunk group of the wireless
- 16 service provider and put that in the originating
- 17 number field of the AMA record.
- 18 For an interexchange call transmitted
- 19 over a Feature Group D trunk, it says first we look
- 20 to see if there's a charge number. If there is, we
- 21 put that in the originating number field. If there's
- 22 not a charge number, then we look for the CPN and we
- 23 put that in the originating number field of the AMA
- 24 records.
- 25 Q. And what are those records used to bill

- 1 for?
- 2 A. Well, that would be more like what Chris
- 3 was talking about, but generally they're used for
- 4 intercarrier compensation billing.
- 5 Q. Okay. Mr. Johnson also asked you some
- 6 questions about the OCN and which OCN -- he had an
- 7 example of a call that would originate on a cell
- 8 phone from Alltel Wireless.
- 9 A. Uh-huh.
- 10 O. Alltel Wireless would have a deal with
- 11 Cingular, in his example, to actually terminate that
- 12 call to the landline network and what OCN is giving
- 13 to the terminating carrier with our billing record.
- 14 Whose OCN, the originating Alltel Wireless or the
- 15 terminating company --
- 16 A. The person that terminates the call to
- 17 us is the OCN that's in the billing record.
- 18 Q. Okay. To your knowledge is there any
- 19 agreement between the first carrier, Alltel and
- 20 Cingular, about who has to pay for that?
- 21 A. Right. They would have to have an
- 22 agreement amongst themselves for Cingular to take
- 23 Alltel's traffic. And of course, Cingular's gonna
- 24 charge Alltel for that function and that agreement is
- 25 between the two of them.

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1 Q. Okay. So in that agreement Cingular
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- 2 actually takes responsibility for that?
- 3 A. Right. They take the responsibility and
- 4 they're compensated for that.
- 5 Q. If in the billing record we were to
- 6 provide the OCN of Alltel Wireless on that call and
- 7 Small Companies would bill Alltel Wireless, would
- 8 that billing be correct or incorrect?
- 9 A. Well, yeah, I'm not the billing guy, but
- 10 from a layperson -- you know, look at it, it seems
- 11 like Alltel would get double-billed. They would get
- 12 billed by Cingular who they paid to transport the
- 13 call, then again by the terminating provider.
- 14 MR. BUB: Those are all the questions we
- 15 have, your Honor. Thank you.
- JUDGE DALE: Thank you. You may step
- down and you're excused.
- 18 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- JUDGE DALE: Our next witness is
- 20 Mr. Martinez. And before we begin with Mr. Martinez,
- 21 what's the consensus on whether or not we can finish
- 22 him in the next 35 minutes?
- 23 MR. KRUEGER: I think we can. I believe
- 24 that --
- 25 JUDGE DALE: Seeing lots of nodding.

- 1 Excellent. Let's go for it.
- 2 MR. DORITY: Thank you, Judge.
- 3 CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, would call Arthur
- 4 Martinez to the stand.
- 5 (Witness sworn.)
- JUDGE DALE: Thank you.
- 7 ARTHUR MARTINEZ, testified as follows:
- 8 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. DORITY:
- 9 Q. Thank you. Could you please state your
- 10 name and business address for the record, please?
- 11 A. Arthur T. Martinez, 220 Madison Street,
- 12 Jefferson City, Missouri 65101.
- MR. DORITY: Your Honor, should I go
- 14 ahead and have this marked?
- JUDGE DALE: Yes, please.
- MR. DORITY: I believe it's Exhibit 5 is
- 17 where we are?
- JUDGE DALE: Yes. Yes.
- 19 (EXHIBIT NO. 5 WAS MARKED FOR
- 20 IDENTIFICATION BY THE COURT REPORTER.)
- 21 BY MR. DORITY:
- 22 Q. Mr. Martinez, did you cause to be filed
- 23 in this matter prefiled rebuttal testimony which has
- 24 now been marked for identification as Exhibit 5?
- 25 A. Yes, I did.

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1 Q. Do you have any changes or corrections
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- 2 to that prefiled testimony?
- 3 A. No, I do not.
- 4 Q. And if I were to ask you the same
- 5 questions today, would your answers be the same?
- A. Yes, they would.
- 7 Q. And are those answers true and correct
- 8 to the best of your knowledge, information and
- 9 belief?
- 10 A. Yes, they are.
- MR. DORITY: Your Honor, I offer
- 12 Exhibit 5 into evidence and tender Mr. Martinez for
- 13 cross-examination.
- 14 JUDGE DALE: Are there any objections?
- 15 (NO RESPONSE.)
- JUDGE DALE: Then Exhibit No. 5,
- 17 Mr. Martinez's testimony, is accepted into evidence.
- 18 (EXHIBIT NO. 5 WAS RECEIVED INTO
- 19 EVIDENCE AND MADE A PART OF THE RECORD.)
- JUDGE DALE: We begin cross with AT&T.
- 21 MR. BUB: We don't have any questions,
- 22 your Honor. Thank you.
- JUDGE DALE: Thank you. Staff?
- MR. KRUEGER: Thank you, your Honor.
- 25 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. KRUEGER:

- 1 Q. Good afternoon, Mr. Martinez.
- 2 A. Good afternoon.
- 3 Q. In your testimony at page 3, lines 13 to
- 4 23, especially lines 20 to 23, are you talking there
- 5 about only wireless-originated traffic?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. So when you say that CenturyTel follows
- 8 the same practice as AT&T by placing the BTN in the
- 9 calling number field, that only -- only pertains to
- 10 wireless-originated traffic?
- 11 A. That's correct.
- 12 Q. Is the practice different, then, for
- 13 other types of traffic?
- 14 A. I'm not sure I follow your question.
- 15 Q. I'll withdraw it. Did you read the
- 16 rebuttal testimony of Mr. Schoonmaker?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. I'd like to call your attention to
- 19 page 15 --
- 20 A. I don't have a copy.
- 21 Q. Okay. I'll read the applicable portion
- 22 to you. Beginning at line 13 there's a question and
- 23 answer. The question is at the top of page 7 of his
- 24 testimony, Mr. Voight discusses how the fictitious
- 25 number that AT&T Missouri places in the "from" number

- 1 field can be used to identify the originating
- 2 wireless carrier.
- 3 "Is it necessary to have this fictitious
- 4 number in the 'from' number field to identify that
- 5 carrier?"
- And the answer he gives is, "No. Both
- 7 the EMI documentation and the SBC accessible letters
- 8 identify the originating carrier -- identify that the
- 9 originating carrier can be identified by the
- 10 originating OCN number in positions 167 to 170 in the
- 11 category 1101 XX records. There is no need to have a
- 12 fictitious number in the 'from' number field in order
- 13 to identify the responsible carrier."
- Do you agree with that statement?
- 15 A. I'm sorry, but I'd have to see a draft
- of the testimony or a copy of the testimony.
- MR. KRUEGER: May I approach?
- JUDGE DALE: (Nodded head.)
- 19 BY MR. KRUEGER:
- 20 Q. It's the question and answer at the
- 21 bottom of page 15 beginning on line 13, and you can
- 22 ignore my underscoring there.
- 23 A. Okay. So it's just this?
- Q. Correct.
- 25 A. Is this the complete answer?

- 1 Q. Yes.
- 2 A. Can you restate your question?
- 3 Q. My question is: Do you agree with the
- 4 answer he gave? And specifically he says, "There is
- 5 no need to have a fictitious number in the 'from'
- 6 number field in order to identify the responsible
- 7 carrier." Do you agree with that?
- 8 A. Do I agree with Mr. Schoonmaker or
- 9 Mr. Voight?
- 10 Q. Mr. Schoonmaker -- this is
- 11 Mr. Schoonmaker's --
- 12 A. But he's referencing Mr. Voight's --
- 13 Q. Okay. I'll ask you to address just the
- 14 last sentence of his answer then. "There is no
- 15 need" -- he said, "There is no need to have a
- 16 fictitious number in the 'from' number field in order
- 17 to identify the responsible carrier." Do you agree
- 18 with that?
- 19 A. I don't know.
- 20 Q. Okay. Has CenturyTel considered
- 21 providing the CPN as part of the billing record for
- 22 wireless-originated calls?
- A. Have we considered it?
- Q. That's my question.
- 25 A. I don't know.

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1 Q. You are not -- CenturyTel is not at the
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- 2 present time providing CPN as part of the billing
- 3 number for wireless-originated calls, correct?
- 4 A. No, we are not.
- 5 Q. Okay. What type of switches does
- 6 CenturyTel use?
- 7 A. We use Nortel and Lucent.
- 8 Q. Do you know if it would be an expensive
- 9 process for CenturyTel to make this change?
- 10 A. I do not at this time.
- 11 Q. Do you know why CenturyTel has not yet
- 12 made the change?
- MR. ENGLAND: Objection, relevance.
- JUDGE DALE: If you're going to talk
- 15 anything about -- well, I'm gonna just sustain it.
- MR. KRUEGER: That's all the questions I
- 17 have.
- JUDGE DALE: Thank you. Mr. England?
- 19 MR. ENGLAND: Thank you.
- 20 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. ENGLAND:
- Q. Mr. Martinez, I didn't have any
- 22 questions until I heard the questions that
- 23 Mr. Krueger asked. What is the difference in your
- 24 mind between a BTN as we've discussed it here today
- 25 and an OCN?

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1 A. I think they both get at the same -- in
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- 2 other words, both identify the carrier but using
- 3 different codes to do it.
- 4 Q. Maybe -- maybe I'll state it a different
- 5 way. What -- what does the BTN provide to the
- 6 terminating carrier that the OCN doesn't provide, if
- 7 you will?
- 8 A. Well, it would provide a parameter
- 9 whereby the trunk group could, and the carrier
- 10 associated with that particular trunk group, could be
- 11 identified, where the OCN may not identify a
- 12 particular trunk group.
- 13 Q. And why would that be of value to a
- 14 terminating carrier who doesn't have a direct
- 15 connection with the wireless carrier?
- 16 A. I don't know.
- 17 Q. So would you agree with me that the BTN,
- 18 at least from the terminating carrier's perspective,
- 19 doesn't provide any more usable or valuable
- 20 information than the OCN?
- 21 A. I have no reason to disagree or agree
- 22 with you.
- MR. ENGLAND: Okay. Thank you, sir.
- 24 No other questions.
- MR. JOHNSON: No questions.

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JUDGE DALE: Any questions?
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- 2 OUESTIONS BY COMMISSIONER CLAYTON:
- 3 Q. Mr. Martinez, are you-all ever gonna
- 4 combine Spectra and CenturyTel of Missouri or are you
- 5 gonna leave them as two companies?
- 6 A. We are going to leave them as two
- 7 companies.
- 8 Q. You're gonna leave them as two
- 9 companies? And does this problem affect either of
- 10 them differently, or does this whole issue affect
- 11 either of those companies differently?
- 12 A. I believe.
- 13 Q. -- it wasn't a trick question.
- 14 A. No. No. Well, my only hesitation is I
- 15 believe the tandem switches are owned -- are part of
- 16 the CenturyTel of Missouri network, not Spectra.
- 17 Q. So you get those two companies combined
- 18 and maybe that problem goes away, right? No?
- 19 A. I don't know that that problem goes
- 20 away.
- 21 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Okay. Thank you.
- JUDGE DALE: Is there any recross based
- 23 on questions from the bench?
- 24 (NO RESPONSE.)
- JUDGE DALE: Is there any redirect?

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               MR. DORITY: I don't believe so. Thank
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                 JUDGE DALE: Presuming that neither
    Mr. Voight nor Mr. Schoonmaker can be fully examined
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    in the next 25 minutes, we will adjourn for the day
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    and resume here at nine o'clock. Is there something
    I'm missing? I'm just getting -- there's just so
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    much delight at finishing early. Then we will stand
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    adjourned. Thank you.
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