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Page 3 1 PROCEEDINGS 2 JUDGE JONES: Okay. My name is Kennard Jones, I am the regulatory law judge presiding over 3 4 this hearing. There is a Harold Stearley, who is the 5 Judge assigned to the matter and I am substituting for him tonight. To my left is Commissioner Jeff Davis, 6 7 Public Service Commission. Commissioner Davis, would 8 you like to make any statements? 9 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Sure. Good evening. 10 My name is Jeff Davis, I am one of the five Commissioners that could not appear tonight. I used 11 12 to live in this area. I used to live in St. Charles, outside of O'Fallon out off of Highway K. So, used to 13 live here for a few years, so I am familiar with the 14 area. I know this is a very passionate issue for many 15 16 of you, we appreciate that you came here tonight and we don't necessarily have all the answers but we are 17 18 looking for answers and we are looking for 19 suggestions. You know, we certainly want to do what we can to make sure that you have safe and adequate 20 21 service and rates that you could actually afford. So, anyway, I look forward to hearing from all of you and 22 we appreciate your time. We understand your time is 23 24 valuable and so, we appreciate you participating in 25 the process. Thank you.

1	Page 4 JUDGE JONES: Okay. And this is a matter of
2	Lincoln County Sewer and Water, LLC, for a certificate
3	of convenience and necessity authorizing the company
4	to own, operate, maintain, control and manage water
5	and sewer systems here in Lincoln County. Case Nos.
6	WA-20120018 and SA-20120019 and I believe those cases
7	have been consolidated. At this time we will have
8	entries of appearances beginning with Lincoln County
9	Sewer and Water.
10	MR. COOPER: Your Honor, Dean Cooper, P.O.
11	Box 456, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, appearing on
12	behalf of Lincoln County Sewer and Water, LLC.
13	JUDGE JONES: Thank you, Mr. Cooper. And
14	Staff of the Commission?
15	MR. COOPER: Your Honor, we also have Mr.
16	Burlison.
17	MR. BURLISON: Good evening, Your Honor.
18	James D. Burlison, McIlroy and Millan, 103A Community
19	Bank Plaza, Troy, Missouri 63379, appearing on behalf
20	of applicant.
21	JUDGE JONES: Thank you, sir. And from the
22	Staff of the Commission?
23	MS. LEWIS: Rachel Lewis, attorney for the
24	Staff of the Public Service Commission, Post Office
25	Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

Page 5 JUDGE JONES: From the Office of Public 1 2 Counsel? 3 MS. BAKER: Thank you. Christina Baker, 4 P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, appearing on behalf of the Office of Public Counsel 5 6 and the customers. 7 JUDGE JONES: Thank you. And I don't see 8 anyone but are there any other attorneys here that 9 would like to enter an appearance on behalf of the 10 parties in this case? (no response) All right. 11 Well, at this time we are going to take on the record statements from those of you who have signed up. 12 And 13 what I'll do is call your name as it appears on this 14 list that I have here, I will ask you to step up to the podium, raise your right hand, I will swear you in 15 16 and then you can go ahead and proceed with your statement. After your done with your statement I 17 18 would like you to remain just for a moment, in other 19 words, when you're finished just don't turn and run 20 away. Myself or Commissioner Davis may have a 21 question for you to clarify your statement. I will remind you that you are not at this time able to ask 22 23 questions of either of us. That is what the previous 24 session was for. Now, if you come up with questions during this portion, it might be best for you to wait 25

1	$$\operatorname{Page} 6$$ until after it is done and ask some of the staff that
2	may remain or contact the Public Service Commission or
3	the office of pubic counsel for your questions through
4	email or mail or telephone. Does anyone have well,
5	I guess I just said you can't ask any questions, does
6	anybody have any questions about the process here
7	tonight? Is there anyone that doesn't understand how
8	this is going to work? (no response) After I go
9	through those that have signed up, I will give anyone
10	else an opportunity to speak if you would like to, so
11	if you haven't signed up don't fret, you will have an
12	opportunity to speak. So let's get started. First
13	now when you come up to the mic, will you please spell
14	your name for the court reporter also. First we have
15	Jesse Green.
16	MR. GREEN: Good evening.
17	JUDGE JONES: Good evening.
18	MR. GREEN: My name is Jesse Green,
19	J-E-S-S-E, G-R-E-E-N. I reside at 261 Bennington
20	Drive, Lincoln Estates.
21	JUDGE JONES: Can you raise your right hand,
22	sir?
23	MR. GREEN: Yes, sir.
24	JUDGE JONES: Do you solemnly affirm that
25	the testimony you are about to give is the truth?

Page 7 1 MR. GREEN: Under God I do. 2 JUDGE JONES: Thank you. You may proceed. MR. GREEN: What I have here is a letter 3 4 that I prepared on the 22nd of August. This letter 5 was circulated within the Bennington side of the Bennington Estates side. I apologize to the people 6 7 here on the Benjamin side. I have had a back injury, a copy of this letter was delivered to a Benjamin 8 9 address. It with not disseminated, I won't go any 10 further there. With the following -- if I may read this? 11 12 JUDGE JONES: Sure you may. 13 MR. GREEN: Pubic Service Commission, State 14 of Missouri, this is dated August 22nd, 2001, this will be given to you. Request of the Lincoln County 15 Sewer and Water, LLC for certificate of convenience in 16 the necessity of authorization. Commission and Your 17 18 Honor, we the following residents/owners of property 19 within the Bennington Estates subdivision in Lincoln 20 County, Missouri, request that the Commission approve the request of the LLC for certificate of convenience 21 and necessity to authorize the LLC to own, operate, 22 23 maintain, control and manage the water and sewer 24 system within the Bennington Estates -- Bennington Estates subdivision. Mr. Dennis Kallash has 25

Page 8 1 maintained our water and sewer system in an 2 outstanding and professional manner. Any issues have been addressed in a timely and satisfactory manner. 3 4 It is the understanding of the here-in signed 5 residents, that if the request from the LLC is approved, water meters will be installed in each 6 7 property without delay. The cost of installation will be the complete responsibility of the LLC. And I 8 9 might add that was previously Bennington Water and 10 Sewer. This will ensure that each property is billed for the individual water usage. Your approval on this 11 12 issue will be greatly appreciated by those of who the system serves. Respectfully, I have signed it first, 13 14 naturally and I believe there is a total of 23 signatures of people who own residences within 15 Bennington. We made an effort to get to every house 16 on the Bennington side. Like I said, I apologize to 17 18 those on the Benjamin side. I believe I have one more 19 here, if you excuse me. That is all I have. 20 JUDGE JONES: Okay. Any questions Commissioner Davis? 21 22 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So, you live in 23 Bennington and you support the application for the 24 LLC, for them to be a regulated utility? 25 Myself and those who have signed MR. GREEN:

1	Page9 this letter, there is approximately 23 signatures
2	here.
3	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. And you
4	understand they will be entitled to make a profit?
5	MR. GREEN: Most certainly.
6	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. And when they
7	invest money in meters, that they in all
8	likelihood, would be entitled to recover that
9	investment with a, you know, return?
10	MR. GREEN: That's negative. We have a
11	letter, I apologize for not bringing it, we got a
12	letter from Mr. Burlison recently, if this was
13	approved that water meters would be installed in
14	Bennington, at no cost to any individual owners. It
15	would be taken care by the Bennington Water and Sewer
16	system, which will now become the LLC.
17	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. So you have a
18	letter stating that they will
19	MR. GREEN: Will not charge.
20	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: will not charge,
21	will not charge for the meters or the installation?
22	MR. GREEN: That is correct. And they will
23	also repair any ground that is disturbed.
24	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay.
25	MR. GREEN: I have a letter to that affect,

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1	Page 10 I apologize I didn't bring it.
2	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay and that's fine.
3	If you would, would it be possible if Mr. Merciel,
4	if you could get with this gentlemen and get a copy.
5	I'm sure Mr. Merciel and Ms. Baker would both be
6	interested in getting a copy of that letter.
7	MR. GREEN: Sure.
8	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you, sir.
9	MR. GREEN: Thank you.
10	JUDGE JONES: Now before you hand this to
11	me, let me tell you this, it may be best for you to
12	turn it over to the Office of Public Counsel and let
13	that be put into the public comment section on our
14	website. Because the testimony you gave that is
15	the letter you just read, right?
16	MR. GREEN: Yes, sir.
17	JUDGE JONES: It's in the record now. So it
18	will be redundant for it to be marked as evidence.
19	MR. GREEN: All right, sir.
20	JUDGE JONES: You understand what I mean?
21	MR. GREEN: Yes, sir, I do.
22	MS. BAKER: I would suggest, if I might, it
23	goes in as an exhibit, if you don't mind.
24	JUDGE JONES: In addition to the testimony
25	that we just took that was read from the letter?

Page 11 MS. BAKER: Because there were signatures on 1 2 there. 3 JUDGE JONES: Okay. We will mark it as 4 Exhibit 1. 5 MR. GREEN: Should I give it to you? JUDGE JONES: Yes. 6 7 MR. GREEN: I believe that is both of them, 8 if you will just check it real quickly on the second 9 page here. Those are live signatures, there are no 10 photocopies. We just didn't get that far. JUDGE JONES: So the only difference between 11 these two letters are the signatures? 12 MR. GREEN: Yes, sir. There are different 13 14 signatures on this letter. What had happened, two of us were circulating the letter. 15 16 JUDGE JONES: Okay. I understand. MR. GREEN: And we had to make copies, it 17 18 was just to expedite it. 19 JUDGE JONES: The attorneys that are present, would any of you like to view this exhibit? 20 21 MR. GREEN: I got copies. JUDGE JONES: You mind passing those copies 22 23 out? 24 MR. GREEN: Sure. 25 JUDGE JONES: Is there any objection to -- I

1	Page 12 have marked the one letter with signatures on it as
2	Exhibit 1A and the second one with other signatures on
3	it as Exhibit 1B. Is there any objections to Exhibits
4	1A and 1B?
5	(Exhibit 1A and 1B were marked for
6	identification by the court reporter.)
7	MS. LEWIS: None from Staff, Your Honor.
8	MR. COOPER: None.
9	JUDGE JONES: Hearing no objections,
10	Exhibits 1A and 1B are admitted into the record.
11	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can anyone object or
12	just the attorneys, just wondering.
13	JUDGE JONES: No. Next we will here from
14	Mike Oakley, are you present? Can use raise your
15	right hand please? Do you solemnly affirm that the
16	testimony you are about to give is the truth?
17	MR. OAKLEY: I do.
18	JUDGE JONES: Thank you, sir. Can you
19	please state your name for the court reporter?
20	MR. OAKLEY: Mike Oakley, O-A-K-L-E-Y.
21	JUDGE JONES: You may proceed.
22	MR. OAKLEY: I don't know if I'm allowed to
23	comment about what was done earlier but I would just
24	ask that any list like that be looked at as far as
25	homeowners, not have multiple signatures from one

1 home.

2 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

3 JUDGE JONES: That's a good point. 4 MR. OAKLEY: My only concern -- I am not 5 concerned about having a meter in my home. I'm not even overly concerned with Dennis running it. 6 7 MS. BAKER: We can't hear you. 8 MR. OAKLEY: I am not overly concerned with 9 having a meter in my home, I am fine with that, I to pay for water I use. I feel like it would be 10 11 regulated better, if it is changed, I agree with that. My concerns are, since we have moved in we have been 12 told that the well is only adequate for household use, 13 my question is what is household use? To me, normal 14 household use also includes my ability to use water 15 outdoors, wash my car, water my yard when it's needed, 16 I expect that to be regulated to an extent during 17 18 heavy droughts, I expect that completely. But on a 19 normal basis I expect to be able to do these things 20 and pay for my water. From the numbers we have been 21 told by Dennis, what this well will provide, it will not provide water for us to water our yards ever. Not 22 23 temporarily during a drought, ever. I was not told 24 that when I bought my house but I have been told that since then and I don't think that is right. 25 If this

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Page 14 well will adequately supply water to all our residents 1 2 and we can water our yards at least without drought, than I am all for it. 3 4 JUDGE JONES: Any questions Commissioner 5 Davis? COMMISSIONER DAVIS: And sir, you live in 6 7 Bennington? 8 MR. OAKLEY: Yes, I do, 208 Bennington 9 Drive. 10 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. MR. OAKLEY: We have been told on numerous 11 occasions the well will not provide water for that, 12 under no circumstances. 13 14 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. So, you would 15 want us to look into the capacity? 16 MR. OAKLEY: Absolutely. 17 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. 18 MR. OAKLEY: We have been told there have 19 been problems in the past due to water supply with some people watering, we don't even have a lot full 20 21 yet. 22 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: That was going to be my 23 next question, you still have lots that are --24 MR. OAKLEY: There are empty lots. There is going to be an additional draw on the well than there 25

Page 15 is now and we have had problems already. 1 2 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Do you know who owns the lots? 3 4 MR. OAKLEY: A variety of people, there are 5 several people that own lots, a couple of homebuilders, Dennis owns a few himself. 6 7 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. Mr. Merciel, 8 when Staff makes a recommendation, can you address the 9 capacity issue? 10 MR. MERCIEL: Yes, sir, we will. 11 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you. All right. I don't have any further questions, is there anything 12 13 else you want to add? 14 MR. OAKLEY: I mean, there was a statement 15 that Dennis has provided things on a big basis, on a stand-up kind of guy, I have never gotten that. I 16 have been there for seven and a half years, he rules 17 by intimidation. You get letters from lawyers, he 18 19 doesn't come by and talk to you, he doesn't come by 20 and greet you, he comes out and threatens. I don't 21 like his style and I hope there is something that can be done about this. 22 23 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. What were the 24 nature of the letters, do you know? 25 MR. OAKLEY: Just due to the watering

1	Page 16 mostly. But he has got an attitude that he can change
2	rules at will, he has total control and he does.
3	There is nothing as a subdivision we can do about it
4	because he continues to own a couple of lots and we
5	don't like to be ruled.
6	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. Thank you.
7	JUDGE JONES: Okay. Next we have Tom
8	Krewson. Mr. Krewson, are you present? Can you raise
9	your right hand? Do you solemnly affirm that the
10	testimony you are about to the give is the truth?
11	MR. KREWSON: I do.
12	JUDGE JONES: Thank you, sir.
13	MR. KREWSON: My name is Tom Krewson,
14	K-R-E-W-S-O-N. I live at 185 Rockport Drive. I have
15	some evidence or exhibits or whatever you want to call
16	it, to provide, if I can bring those forward.
17	JUDGE JONES: Do you have copies?
18	MR. KREWSON: I do. To refrain from beating
19	the dead horse that we have been beating for the last
20	hour and half, I'll skip through the first two items.
21	We do have some concerns about the rates that we could
22	be charged. Currently, we pay about \$55 a month. We
23	understand that the Commission or whoever, will be
24	looking at the rates, whatever that is. I did provide
25	in that packet a list of some rates based upon the

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Page 17 average consumption of 4,800 gallons, which is the 1 2 average rate that was given to me by St. Charles County, Wright City, for water and sewer, \$41 3 4 approximately, Troy, 45. Foristell and Lake St. 5 Louis, about 58 bucks. So again, we have been talking about this the last hour and a half, I am not going to 6 7 talk about it any more. Our second area of concern and by the way I have got permission that I am 8 9 representing several homeowners within in Rockport. 10 Our second area concern is with meter installation. And for those of you who previously 11 12 expressed your concern, well, according to the conveyance and restrictions in the Rockport covenant, 13 Section 24.3, clearly states that homeowners are 14 responsible for the cost of meters. The majority, if 15 not all, the residents within Rockport already have 16 meter fits, covers and yokes, which were installed by 17 18 the homebuilder. Lincoln County Sewer and Water has 19 not disclosed the cost of installation for meters. As homeowners we feel as though we should have the right 20 21 to perform our own due diligence to ensure we are getting the best quality product with the best price. 22 23 A letter dated June 21st, 2009, which is in your 24 packet, from Dennis Kallash states that cost would be \$353. A letter dated this year from his attorney said 25

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1	the cost would up to \$400. Included in the packet is
2	a bid from Boehmer Brothers stating the cost of a 1
3	inch meter is approximately 124 after tax. Now I
4	wasn't able to provide a written bid to provide for
5	the Commission tonight but I was able to obtain a
6	verbal quote from both Murphy and Quinn Drilling (ph)
7	that a 1 inch meter installed, depending on the number
8	of houses and the meter, would be between \$200 and
9	\$250, which is significantly less expensive than the
10	two quotes that Mr. Kallash has previously provided.
11	Our third area of concern is in regards to
12	consumer pricing and information protection.
13	According to the application that Lincoln County Sewer
14	and Water has provided the Public Service Commission,
15	they have defined their place of business as 360 East
16	Cherry Street. 360 East Cherry Street just so happens
17	to be the Office of Fitch and Associates. So we have
18	two questions we would like to pose to Lincoln County
19	Sewer and Water to ensure that our information is
20	being protected. Number one, has Lincoln County Sewer
21	and Water defined and or admitted an information
22	security policy that safeguards personally
23	identifiable non-public information to prevent the
24	unauthorized access, disclosure, and release of such
25	information. And two, what is your action plan to
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1	respond to an information protection event. Just to
2	give you an example, not to make any accusations but
3	we are mailing physical checks to that location. We
4	want to make sure that our checking account
5	information, as well as our personal information, is
6	not being compromised, sold to third parties for
7	marketing or fraudulent activities.
8	Fourth area of concern is from the perspective of
9	business resiliency. On July 3rd of this year a
10	severe storm adversely impacted the water system
11	causing water to pour from the water tower for several
12	days. We would like to know what is Lincoln Sewer and
13	Water's business continuity plan to ensure there is
14	immediate response to emergency situations as required
15	by the rules of the Department of Economic
16	Development. How many licensed associates does
17	Lincoln County Sewer and Water employ and what will
18	the normal hours of operation be?
19	Last area of concern is with the transfer assets.
20	Covenants and Restriction, Section 1 of Rockport,
21	states that the owner/developer reserves the right to
22	sell the water system, however, there is no mention of
23	reserving the right to sell the sanitary system. The
24	covenants and restrictions state that the
25	owner/developer of shall dedicate the sanitary system

1	Page 20 to the homeowners' association. Furthermore, Section
2	27h1 states that a portion of our annual assessment
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3	goes towards the well lot and house maintenance,
4	houses in which Lincoln Sewer and Water would control.
5	Numerous requests have been made to Dennis Kallash for
6	copies of the HOH finance reports and those requests
7	have gone unfilled, even though he is required to do
8	so by the Missouri revised statute, Section 355846.
9	We are concerned that the money we are using is not
10	appropriately being used for those assets. That is
11	all I have.
12	JUDGE JONES: Have you any questions,
13	Commissioner Davis?
14	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: All right. Could you
15	briefly kind of summarize your points again, make sure
16	I got them all.
17	MR. KREWSON: So we have concerns with the
18	water, sewer rate, we want it to be fair. Meter
19	installation, we have been given two quotes by Mr.
20	Kallash, \$353 and \$400. We performed our own due
21	diligence, we found that, we obtained our own bids and
22	the price of a meter
23	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay, I got that.
24	Okay. Meter installation cost, okay. What was next?
25	MR. KREWSON: Consumer privacy and
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1	information protection.
2	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Got it.
3	MR. KREWSON: You want me to elaborate on
4	that?
5	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: No, I got that.
6	MR. KREWSON: And the last piece is business
7	continuity or business resiliency. And then the last
8	piece
9	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Major basically, how
10	you handle a major event.
11	MR. KREWSON: Correct. Like for example,
12	let's say that the owner is on a safari trip to Africa
13	and he only has one key to the water tower
14	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Right.
15	MR. KREWSON: What happens if he is out of
16	pocket, who can be able to respond?
17	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Got it.
18	MR. KREWSON: And then the last piece and I
19	can read it to you again or I can just give you the
20	sheet?
21	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: The whole issue about
22	the sewer.
23	MR. KREWSON: Right. So in the bylaws of
24	Rockport, it states that we shall dedicate the
25	sanitary system to the homeowners' association. It

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1	does not state that he reserves the right to sell it.
2	Section 27h1 states that a portion of our annual
3	assessment goes toward well lot and house maintenance,
4	those would be the assets that Lincoln County Sewer
5	and Water would control.
6	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. All right. I am
7	going to go back to the rate question first.
8	MR. KREWSON: Sure.
9	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: And I don't know we
10	have not gotten into the whole rate making thing but
11	you understand that when you look at the City of Troy,
12	even Public Water District No. 2, as well as Lake St.
13	Louis, it is very possible that those Wright City,
14	those cities may have economies of scale that your
15	subdivision doesn't have.
16	MR. KREWSON: I am aware of that term, yes.
17	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: And so when you're
18	trying to provide water service to, you know, a 150
19	customers, if you want a full-time employee, you know,
20	when you figure out what that person's salary and
21	benefits are, it can get expensive real quick. Plus
22	when you figure out we have to test the water parts
23	per million and I just want to make sure you're aware
24	of that.
25	MR. KREWSON: I understand and again, I

1	Page 23 don't want to discuss the same thing we have been
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2	talking about for the last hour and a half.
3	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Right.
4	MR. KREWSON: According to their
5	application, they want to raise the flat rate from \$55
6	to \$85 a month. They also state that they proposed to
7	do a base charge combined with a volumetric rate that
8	they failed to indicate, if it was on their
9	application.
10	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Got you.
11	MR. KREWSON: So I am again, just expressing
12	that, you know.
13	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: All right. Moving on,
14	you have a meter already there at your house?
15	MR. KREWSON: I have a meter pick, yoke and
16	a cap.
17	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So you have got
18	everything but the meter?
19	MR. KREWSON: Correct.
20	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. The privacy
21	point I got. I mean, it is it is my understanding
22	that they will have to make sufficient, that the Staff
23	will make as part of their recommendation, that they
24	will look about the whole business plan and look at
25	not only are they a sophisticated operator but how do

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1	they handle major events, operation, things of that
2	nature. They will have to prove that they are
3	qualified to operate the system, so. Sir, I don't
4	have any more questions but thank you, this is very
5	informative.
6	MR. KREWSON: Thank you very much.
7	MS. LEWIS: Your Honor, I have some
8	clarifying questions for the record.
9	JUDGE JONES: Go right ahead.
10	MS. LEWIS: You have indicated that the
11	address was the same office, I think you said Fitch
12	and Associates?
13	MR. KREWSON: 360 East Cherry Street, which
14	is the office of Fitch and Associates.
15	MS. LEWIS: What is Fitch and Associates?
16	MR. KREWSON: That would be another company
17	that Dennis Kallash owns.
18	MS. LEWIS: Thank you.
19	JUDGE JONES: Any other questions in
20	response to Staff's questions? Okay, seeing none, you
21	may be seated. Thank you, sir.
22	MS. BAKER: Your Honor, did you want to mark
23	the exhibit?
24	JUDGE JONES: It has been marked as Exhibit
25	2, are there any objections to it to being admitted to

Page 25 1 the record? 2 (Exhibit 2 was marked for identification by 3 the court reporter.) 4 MS. LEWIS: No. JUDGE JONES: Exhibit 2 will be admitted to 5 the record. Thank you, Ms. Baker. I see a hand up, I 6 7 suppose that means you want to give testimony. 8 MR. GREEN: Your Honor, if I could, I would 9 like to approach. I obtained copies of the letter 10 that you requested about the meters. 11 JUDGE JONES: Sure, come right up. 12 MR. GREEN: The installation. 13 JUDGE JONES: Yeah, you can come up. 14 MR. GREEN: All right. Thank you. I believe one is here. 15 JUDGE JONES: I will take one. Do you just 16 have the two? 17 18 MR. GREEN: Yes, sir. 19 JUDGE JONES: I am going to put this one on the record. 20 21 MR. GREEN: That's fine. JUDGE JONES: I'm going to mark this as 22 Exhibit 1C. I will give you all a moment to look it 23 24 over. Have all of the parties had an opportunity to look at Exhibit 1C? 25

Page 26 (Exhibit 1C was marked for identification by 1 2 the court reporter.) 3 MS. LEWIS: Yes, sir. 4 JUDGE JONES: Are there any objections to its admission into the record? 5 MR. COOPER: No. 6 7 MS. LEWIS: No. JUDGE JONES: Exhibit 1C is admitted into 8 9 the record. Okay. We have completed the list here, 10 is there anyone else who would like to come up and 11 make a statement and testify? 12 MS. MAAS: Good evening. 13 JUDGE JONES: Good evening. Raise your 14 right hand please. Do you solemnly affirm that the testimony you are about to give is the truth? 15 16 MS. MAAS: Yes. 17 JUDGE JONES: Thank you. Could you please state your name and spell it for the court reporter? 18 19 MS. MAAS: Sure. It is Jennifer Maas, 20 J-E-N-N-I-F-E-R, M-A-A-S. 21 JUDGE JONES: You may proceed. MS. MAAS: I live at 153 Rockport Drive and 22 I just want to bring up a couple of points that have 23 24 not been mentioned for Rockport. We mentioned in the question and answer session the quality of the water. 25

Page 27 1 I actually have scars on my fingers from the quality of water. We have had to install a water filter and 2 softener within our system, in order to bring us clean 3 4 water, in order for my hands to heal. I have got 5 scars from the damage that the water has done to me. Our pipes our completely eroded and probably within 6 7 the next couple of years we will have to replace the 8 pipes in our house. We have issues with brown water, 9 we have issues with crystallization within the pipes. 10 Just for an example, our toilets, we have to clean 11 every other day just because of the brown that forms within our water. With our water filter in our system 12 and our softener, it has been a lot better. 13 We have 14 been able to manage, me and my husband and our kids have been able to drink the water. We don't have to 15 buy bottle water any more. Other things, within 16 Rockport we are divided into two sections. The first 17 18 section is where the majority of us do live. Those 19 lots are not owned by Dennis Kallash, they're owned by Larry Evans (ph). There is a hundred lots in there, 20 approximately maybe 50 of them actually have homes on 21 them, the other lots are Dennis Kallash's stage two. 22 23 There are a few builders that own lots in there. With 24 our group, within Rockport, we did receive a letter stating our install will be \$400 and it will be due in 25

1	Page 28 August. I did submit a letter to the Commission, Jim
2	received a copy of the letter that I had sent in and I
3	just wanted to bring that up that it would be pretty
4	impactful for a lot of us because there is no way we
5	could come up with \$400 in less than two weeks. I did
6	try to call the lawyer's office when we received the
7	letter and I never received a copy, return phone call,
8	the lawyer was on vacation but the secretary was
9	overwhelmed by calls all that day. And then finally,
10	the gentlemen just mentioned there was storm damage on
11	July 3rd, the section that I am sitting in that has
12	quite a few Rockport residents in there, we did not
13	know that occurred. We were never informed, didn't
14	know it occurred, did know there was some change in
15	our pressure but we have change in the pressure
16	depending on if it rains a lot or not, so that was
17	never told to us.
18	JUDGE JONES: Commissioner Davis, questions?
19	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. So, your problem
20	is primarily it's one of water quality?
21	MS. MAAS: Water quality and having to come
22	up with the money.
23	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: The \$400?
24	MS. MAAS: Yes.
25	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: And what is your

1	Page 29 understanding of what the payment would be now?
2	MS. MAAS: According to the letter that was
3	sent, we were required to pay approximately \$400 in
4	August. It was sent to us in the end of July, so it
5	gave us probably about two weeks into August, when we
6	received the letter.
7	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. And Mr. Merciel
8	has copy of that letter?
9	MS. MAAS: Yes.
10	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Ma'am, I don't have any
11	other questions at this time. We will take a look at
12	the water quality issue as well.
13	MS. MAAS: Thank you.
14	JUDGE JONES: Any questions from the
15	parties?
16	MS. LEWIS: I have a clarifying question,
17	Your Honor. You mentioned that you had an issue with
18	the quality of water, how often does that occur, you
19	said the brown water, how often does that occur?
20	MS. MAAS: Every time I turn on the sink.
21	We had to install a water softener probably about two
22	to three months ago. We have been in the house since
23	2007, every time we use the hot water filter or the
24	hot water heater is full of brown goo, every time you
25	turn on the bathtub to fill up for our children, it is

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1	brown, you have to let it run for at least five
2	minutes to let it clear out. Our toilets went brown
3	within probably two days of just brown water. Our
4	clothes smell, we did the washer and move it directly
5	from washer to dryer and they still smell, the odor
6	has to be the water.
7	MS. LEWIS: Okay. Thank you.
8	JUDGE JONES: Any questions from any of the
9	other parties? See none, you may be excused. Thank
10	you Ms. Maas. Is there anyone else that would like to
11	testify? I saw this hand to my left first. Can you
12	raise your right hand? Do you solemnly affirm that
13	the testimony you are about to give is the truth?
14	MR.JONES: Yes.
15	JUDGE JONES: Can you please state and spell
16	your name for the court reporter, please?
17	MR.JONES: My name is Bruce, B-R-U-C-E,
18	Jones, J-O-N-E-S.
19	JUDGE JONES: You may proceed, Mr. Jones.
20	MR.JONES: I live at 124 Bennington Court
21	and just as the gentlemen mentioned earlier, one of my
22	concerns is in our covenants it appears that there
23	might be an issue with the sewage treatment plant and
24	who is the owner. I just want to make sure that if we
25	are paying I have been in there since 2006 and we

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1	Page31 have been paying \$55 a month for the use of water and
2	sewer, if Dennis Kallash owns both, I want to make
3	sure that if at some point in time down the road if he
4	decides to sell the water system, that the sewage
5	treatment does not get stuck with the homeowners. And
6	according to the conveyance, the way I read it, the
7	homeowner association is who owns the sewage treatment
8	plant.
9	JUDGE JONES: Well, it sounds like you have
10	a question more than a statement.
11	MR.JONES: I guess I want to go on record
12	and make sure that is looked into.
13	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay.
14	JUDGE JONES: Were you here prior to the on
15	the record portion?
16	MR.JONES: Yes.
17	JUDGE JONES: Did you address that issue?
18	MR.JONES: I asked the question about the
19	ownership and it wasn't answered as far as who
20	actually owns it now.
21	JUDGE JONES: So you weren't able to get an
22	answer to your question?
23	MR.JONES: No.
24	JUDGE JONES: Commissioner Davis, do you
25	have any anything?

1	Page 32 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I guess I think I would
2	just want to hear from the PSC Staff and from the
3	Office of Public Counsel as to, you know, we are not a
4	court of equity, we can't decide ownership of
5	something, so.
6	MR.JONES: I just want to make sure that it
7	is something that is addressed.
8	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I guess there is the
9	question should we approve an application if there is
10	a dispute of ownership over the sewer system?
11	MR.JONES: Well, that is part of it. If the
12	homeowners have been paying into a water and sewer
13	system, assuming that that takes care of both of it,
14	part of that fee is going to maintain the sewer system
15	and if all of sudden now he is taking over the water
16	system and not the sewer system because the
17	homeowners' association still owns it, technically we
18	have been paying in money, we have been paying money
19	into a sewer system, that the money is no longer there
20	because it goes with the water company. I just want
21	to make sure that everything is taken into
22	consideration.
23	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Got it. Thank you,
24	sir.
25	JUDGE JONES: Thank you. And I saw another

1	Page 33 hand on my right side, someone else want to testify?
2	Did they change their mind? Could you raise your
3	right hand please? Do you solemnly affirm that the
4	testimony you are about to give is the truth?
5	MR. DANIELS: Yes.
6	JUDGE JONES: Thank you. Could you please
7	state and spell your name for the court reporter?
8	MR. DANIELS: My name is Nathan Daniels,
9	N-A-T-H-A-N, D-A-N-I-E-L-S.
10	JUDGE JONES: Thank you.
11	MR. DANIELS: I just wanted to state and
12	I live at 283 Bennington Drive and my main concern
13	here is not how much water I can use, I got two little
14	kids at home I want to make sure it is there for them
15	to use. I think a regulation, if the water is going
16	to be regulated, I think this would be beneficial to
17	all of us. I just want to let you know that I think
18	it is going to be good because I want to make sure
19	when they need a bath or they got to go to the
20	bathroom, they can do it.
21	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Has that been a problem
22	in the past?
23	MR. DANIELS: No.
24	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. So you have
25	always been able your household has always been

Page 34 1 able to get water? 2 MR. DANIELS: Yes. 3 JUDGE JONES: Okay. 4 MR. DANIELS: That is why I hope with the 5 rate, people are talking about what they can and can't do, I am not worried about what -- you know, I just 6 7 want to make sure the necessities are taken care of 8 before we worry about the other things we can do. 9 That is why I am hoping with -- if this is going to be 10 regulated, which apparently now, no problem, I just 11 hope it just continues to be not an issue. 12 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. 13 JUDGE JONES: Thank you, sir. Is there 14 anyone else that would like to testify? Yes, ma'am. Do you solemnly affirm that the testimony you are 15 16 about to give is the truth? 17 MS. ARNDT: I do. 18 JUDGE JONES: Thank you. Could you please 19 spell your name for the court reporter? MS. ARNDT: Lisa Arndt, L-I-S-A, A-R-N-D-T, 20 21 59 Benjamin Drive, Bennington. I just want to address Jesse Green's statement during his letter submission. 22 I was the one that received the letter from him for 23 24 the Benjamin Drive side and approximately 24 hours after it had already been written and distributed to 25

Page 35 1 the other side. Jesse is somewhat of a spokesperson 2 for that side. My husband Mike Arndt and I, along with Brian Bain are the ones for the other side. 3 Ι 4 reviewed the letter, passed it on to Brian and we both 5 came to an agreement that we felt the content of that 6 letter needed a slight revision, not all of the 7 information we felt was truthful. I presented that to Jesse and he said the letter would remain as is and I 8 9 made a decision on behalf of the people that we 10 represented at that point, that that letter would not be distributed any further. We did not feel it was 11 12 proven to support the information in it. I just wanted to get that clarified. I also want to mention 13 14 the condition of our system as well. I don't think it happens as near as often as it does in Rockport but we 15 do have to contact, on a periodic basis, to have a 16 system flush due to odor or brownness occurring more 17 18 rapidly than it should, usually numerous times, it's 19 not set up on a routine schedule. Also as far as the 20 rate review, I appreciate that being detailed out 21 through discussion and I think that is great, I think it will be very prudently done. I just assume in the 22 23 complaint, charges, document of the nonprofit issues 24 that came across towards going to a public company, someone mentioned in there and there is also review 25

1	Page36 along with determining what an acceptable rate is, if			
2	we have already over paid somewhat as far as another			
3	increase coming. Then other gentlemen mentioned the			
4	quality of water is a concern. I think there should			
5	always be clearly distributed water test reports and			
6	not everybody is a water test expert, to give a little			
7	detail summary and explanation of what the report is			
8	actually saying. And highlighting immediate concerns			
9	like a high fluoride that might, you know, be			
10	detrimental to a younger child. And that is it.			
11	JUDGE JONES: Any questions, Commissioner			
12	Davis?			
13	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: You said earlier you			
14	were concerned about the statements and the petition			
15	that were being circulated.			
16	MS. ARNDT: Yes, uh-huh.			
17	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Was your concern that			
18	the meters were going to be installed?			
19	MS. ARNDT: No, I should clarify that. My			
20	concern is the two sentences about the outstanding			
21	professionalism of Mr. Dennis Kallash. The two			
22	sentences above that paragraph I had stricken from the			
23	note.			
24	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay.			
25	MS. ARNDT: We just state we are in approval			
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1	of the water meters and if that's what they want to			
2	say, state the facts and move on.			
3	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. So let me ask			
4	you this, is it your impression that those meters are			
5	going to be installed for free?			
6	MS. ARNDT: Yes, at no charge to us. That			
7	is exactly what the letter said that was issued to us			
8	in August.			
9	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: No charge ever?			
10	MS. ARNDT: No charge for the installation.			
11	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: No charge			
12	MS. ARNDT: I would have to reread the			
13	letter myself.			
14	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: No charge for the			
15	installation, what about the meter itself?			
16	MS. ARNDT: I would have to reread what the			
17	letter said.			
18	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. I don't have any			
19	more questions.			
20	MS. ARNDT: Okay.			
21	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: But we are going to			
22	inquire of counsel here in a minute and we are going			
23	to see if we can get some answers here.			
24	JUDGE JONES: Is there anyone else I see			
25	a hand here in the back, Mr. Green?			

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1	MR. GREEN: I was wondering if I could
2	respond to Ms. Arndt.
3	JUDGE JONES: Sure, come up and speak at the
4	podium. I will remind you that you remain under oath.
5	MR. GREEN: Yes, sir. The Mr. Commissioner,
б	and Your Honor, the reason I would not change the
7	wording within the letter is because many people had
8	already signed the letter and I felt it would be very
9	inappropriate to alter the letter when it had already
10	been signed by other people. That was my reasoning.
11	JUDGE JONES: Okay. Thank you. Is there
12	anyone else that would like to testify?
13	MR. OAKLEY: I just have some notes from
14	when I spoke earlier.
15	JUDGE JONES: Come up to the podium.
16	MR. OAKLEY: I was able to get a copy. I am
17	Mike Oakley. I have a letter that was given to us by
18	Dennis, that lists just so everyone understands why
19	watering yards in Bennington cannot be permitted,
20	enclosed is the following information, the well was
21	designed to only supply drinking water and household
22	water.
23	JUDGE JONES: Okay, sure, you want to submit
24	that into evidence?
25	MR. OAKLEY: I have a letter that I filed

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1	with the Attorney General shortly after that complaint			
2	and another letter that a neighbor did the same.			
3	JUDGE JONES: So you have three exhibits?			
4	MR. OAKLEY: Yes. This is where he speaks			
5	about the usage, talks about coming on our land and			
6	turning off our water.			
7	JUDGE JONES: Is this all one exhibit?			
8	MR. OAKLEY: That's a complaint, yes, that			
9	is one.			
10	JUDGE JONES: Is this the only copy you			
11	have?			
12	MR. OAKLEY: Yes, I have one of my own. I			
13	had the the policeman was able to make a copy and I			
14	didn't want to ask him to make too many.			
15	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Any questions?			
16	JUDGE JONES: That's fine. Just a minute			
17	here. Okay, so these are two consumer complaints that			
18	you had?			
19	MR. OAKLEY: Yes, separate ones.			
20	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I don't have any more			
21	questions, sir. I think we are going to have to go			
22	back and digest this.			
23	MR. OAKLEY: Okay.			
24	JUDGE JONES: Mr. Oakley, could you could			
25	you pass that over to counsel here?			

Page 40 MR. OAKLEY: Sure. 1 2 JUDGE JONES: Then the rest of you can pass it to each other. Thank you. 3 4 MS. LEWIS: Are those marked as 3A, B and C? 5 JUDGE JONES: Yes, they are marked as Exhibits 3A, 3B, and 3C. You don't have to stand 6 7 there, they will pass it to each other. 8 (Exhibit 3A, 3B and 3C were marked for 9 identification by the court reporter.) 10 MR. OAKLEY: Oh, okay. 11 JUDGE JONES: Yes, thank you. Parties have had an opportunity to look at Exhibits 3A, 3B and 3C, 12 are there any objections to their admission into the 13 14 record? 15 MS. LEWIS: No. 16 JUDGE JONES: Hearing no's, Exhibit's 3A, 3B, and 3C are admitted into the record. Is there 17 18 anyone else who would like to -- we have a hand here. 19 Can you raise your right hand? Do you solemnly affirm that the testimony you are about to give is the truth? 20 MR. SNIDER: I do. 21 22 JUDGE JONES: Thank you. Will you please 23 state and spell your name for the court reporter? 24 MR. SNIDER: My name is Duke Snider, D-U-K-E S-N-I-D-E-R. I live at 188 Rockport Drive. I would 25

1	Page41 like to state for the record that I do agree with Tom	
2	Krewson's statements and I can actually confirm a	
3	previous statement of one person had mentioned	
4	there was a yellowing of toilets and water fixtures.	
5	I do experience that yellowing occurs about every	
6	three days on my toilets and water fixtures and they	
7	have to be cleaned constantly. I was just wondering	
8	and wanted it documented, is there any suggestions or	
9	anything we can do to stop that? I think it is	
10	actually gotten worse. I have owned the home for	
11	about three years and I would say the first or second	
12	year it got worse.	
13	JUDGE JONES: If you're asking me, I have	
14	got no idea. I guess you can't use the same water to	
15	clean.	
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	MR. SNIDER: Yeah, maybe that's the problem.	
17	JUDGE JONES: But that is a question, in all	
18	seriousness, if you want to stick around afterwards	
19	and talk to experts about that, you may be able to get	
20	some answers to that. Is that all you have?	
21	MR. SNIDER: Yes.	
22	JUDGE JONES: Commissioner Davis?	
23	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I don't have any	
24	further questions.	
25	JUDGE JONES: Thank you, Mr. Snider. You	

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1	may be seated. Is there anyone else that would like			
2	to testify? Okay, no hands, Commissioner Davis, I			
3	believe you want to address some issues.			
4	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: All right. Mr. Cooper,			
5	who is the person, I am looking at this letter here			
6	from James Burlison?			
7	MR. COOPER: Mr. Burlison entered his			
8	appearance earlier.			
9	JUDGE JONES: Yeah, okay. So Mr. Burlison,			
10	can I inquire of you?			
11	MR. BURLISON: Yes.			
12	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: This is a letter from			
13	you dated July 22nd, 2011, do you have a copy of it?			
14	MR. BURLISON: I believe that I do.			
15	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay.			
16	MS. LEWIS: Sorry, we have a copy.			
17	MR. BURLISON: Thank you. Yes, sir.			
18	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. I am going to			
19	skip down to paragraph three, it states that this			
20	is a facsimile of a letter to Mr. Terry J. and			
21	Jacqueline Hawkins dated July 22nd, 2011; is that			
22	correct?			
23	MR. BURLISON: Yes, it is.			
24	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: And did you prepare			
25	such letters as this?			

Page 43 1 MR. BURLISON: I did. 2 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. And so is that a signature and is this an accurate representation of 3 4 the letter? 5 MR. BURLISON: It is an accurate representation of the letter that went to Terry J. and 6 7 Jacqueline Hawkins. 8 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. All right. 9 Paragraph three says Bennington Water Incorporated 10 will be responsible for the installation of the meters and for the restoration of the ground. There will be 11 no cost associated with the installation of the meters 12 13 to you, as Bennington Water Incorporated will be 14 responsible, the intention is for all meters to be installed by the end of August, weather permitted. 15 Now, it is my impression, that some of these people 16 here in the audience, may be thinking that that means 17 18 the meters are going to be installed completely free 19 of charge and they're never going to have to pay anything for it, that is not really correct, is it? 20 MR. BURLISON: Well, Commissioner, the 21 premise for this paragraph was subsequent to a meeting 22 23 that Mr. Kallash and I had with the Public Service 24 Commission where there was a discussion as to whether or not meters need to be installed prior to the rate 25

Page 44 1 making process --2 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Correct. MR. BURLISON: -- and the certification 3 4 process. And it was indicated to Staff, that there 5 was money that was sitting in an account for Bennington Water, which could be utilized for the 6 7 installation of the meters. 8 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. 9 MR. BURLISON: And that was the basis for 10 the statement that the moneys that were held by 11 Bennington Water, which was income to the system over 12 the years --13 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. MR. BURLISON: -- would be utilized for the 14 installation of those meters. There was no further 15 discussion or probably thought put into whether or not 16 that would be included into the rate making 17 18 mechanisms. 19 Commissioner, I will tell you that I practice law here in Troy, Lincoln County, Pike County, Missouri, 20 21 Mr. Kallash has retained Mr. Copper to work as counsel for Lincoln County Sewer and Water and my activities 22 23 on behalf of Mr. Kallash was before we -- before Mr. 24 Kallash retained Mr. Cooper and his firm. But again, this was a discussion that was held -- this letter 25

Page 45 came as a result of a discussion with Commission 1 2 Staff. COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. So Mr. Burlison, 3 4 how much money approximately, is sitting out there in 5 this account? MR. BURLISON: I don't have that figure, I б 7 know that if --8 JUDGE JONES: Okay. Everybody please quiet 9 down. 10 MR. BURLISON: I know that it was sufficient 11 for purposes of installing meters. 12 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. So, Mr. Cooper, have you had any discussions with your client about 13 14 whether or not these meters would be included in the 15 company's rate base? MR. COOPER: Certainly I believe it's 16 possible that they can be ultimately included in the 17 18 rate base. Now, I would also say that my experience 19 is, what I believe should be included in the rate base, is not always what ultimately ends up in the 20 21 rate base after the process works its way through. 22 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. And so, for the lay people out there that may not understand what 23 24 putting these meters into rates would mean, I am going to give you a hypothetical question, Mr. Cooper, can 25

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1	you tell me if this is a good analogy. For instance,
2	let's say that the cost of the equipment itself and
3	installing the equipment is \$10,000 and then, you, on
4	behalf of Bennington would come to the PSC and say
5	here are our invoices, you know, we have invested
6	\$10,000 in this plan, we would like to earn a 10
7	percent return on that investment and it would be
8	appreciated out over 30 years or whenever the expected
9	life of the meters is; is that a fair is that a
10	fair analogy?
11	MR. COOPER: That is a fair analogy of how
12	utility investment works in the rate making process.
13	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. All right. So,
14	then if someone out there would have gotten this
15	letter and were to be thinking that, you know, these
16	meters weren't going to cost them anything, that may
17	or may not be correct depending on the outcome of what
18	happens in the PSC; is that a fair statement?
19	MR. COOPER: I think it's a fair statement
20	but there could be an indirect cost, not an out-front
21	cost but similar to any other investment and utility
22	plan, it might find its way into our rate making
23	process.
24	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. I don't have any
25	further questions of Mr. Cooper. Judge, do you want

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Page 47 to see if anyone else has any more comments, one more 1 2 time? That is why we are all here. JUDGE JONES: Well, I see two people with 3 4 comments, the guy on the end and I got a feeling if 5 you want to ask a question, you are going to have to 6 hold it but if you have a statement, you are more than 7 welcome to come up. 8 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Come on down. 9 MR. HAWKINS: You were just --10 JUDGE JONES: Before you start talking, can 11 you raise your right hand? Do you solemnly affirm 12 that the testimony you are about to give is the truth? 13 MR. HAWKINS: Yes, sir. 14 JUDGE JONES: And can you please state your 15 name and spell it for the court reporter, please? 16 MR. HAWKINS: Terry Hawkins, T-E-R-R-Y, 17 H-A-W-K-I-N-S. 18 JUDGE JONES: Thank you, sir. You may 19 proceed. 20 MR. HAWKINS: Thank you. I am the one this 21 particular letter is discussing, was sent to and I just want to comment that the paragraphs you are 22 23 referring to, the paragraph where Bennington Water 24 will be responsible for the installation of these meters and the restoration of the ground, there will 25

1	Page 48 be no cost associated with the installation of the		
2	meters to you, as Bennington Water, Inc. will be		
3	responsible. Now, I am just a lay person but I		
4	understand it to mean, it's not going to cost me		
5	anything, now or ever. That is the way I read the		
6	letter. So, I mean, hypothetical on how it might be		
7	perceived. So I'm just telling you how I perceived		
8	the letter.		
9	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: All right.		
10	JUDGE JONES: Thank you, sir.		
11	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Mr. Hawkins, can I ask		
12	do you understand why I was trying to ask him those		
13	questions and to flesh that out?		
14	MR. HAWKINS: Yes, I do. The other thing		
15	that came to mind, brought up a hypothetical about how		
16	much they cost and let's just say it was \$10,000, if		
17	that money is sitting in a fund, it's money that was		
18	put into the fund by the residents.		
19	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Right.		
20	MR. HAWKINS: So, it's not, I mean, is that		
21	technically his investment, I know that's a question		
22	but it's kind of		
23	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: When it was a		
24	not-for-profit. Thank you.		
25	JUDGE JONES: Thank you. Okay, Mr. Green,		
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Page 49 well, Mr. Green, I am going to come back to you. 1 2 There is a gentlemen here in the front that hasn't 3 testified. You may step forward. 4 MR. BAIN: My name is Brian Bain, B-R-I-A-N, 5 B-A-I-N. I was called --6 JUDGE JONES: Can you raise your right hand, 7 sir? 8 MR. BAIN: Oh, I'm sorry. 9 JUDGE JONES: Do you solemnly affirm that 10 the testimony you are about to give is the truth? 11 MR. BAIN: I do. 12 JUDGE JONES: Thank you. You may proceed. MR. BAIN: I was called one evening and 13 14 asked if I had problem with everything that was going on with this. And when I asked the gentlemen, Mr. 15 Kallash, what it was going to cost and where the money 16 was going to come from, I was told that it was coming 17 18 out of our -- what we pay for the water and sewer. 19 That's why there was no cost, so we were basically 20 paying for it anyway but that is what I was told 21 earlier. So I just want to make sure that was on record, that told me there would be no cost to us and 22 it was coming out of what we pay monthly for water and 23 24 sewer. 25 JUDGE JONES: Thank you, sir.

1	Page 50 MS. LEWIS: I have a question.	
2	JUDGE JONES: Go ahead, Ms. Lewis.	
3	MS. LEWIS: What is your address?	
4	MR. BAIN: 21 Benjamin Drive, I'm sorry.	
5	JUDGE JONES: You may be seated. Okay,	
б	Mr. Green, step forward and when you sit down this	
7	time, why don't you just stay in the front row. Just	
8	kidding, come on up. I was just saying when you go	
9	back this time just sit in the front row, so you can	
10	be right here.	
11	MR. GREEN: The only statement I have to	
12	make, Your Honor, is that when I approached people	
13	about this letter, I placed my personal honor and	
14	integrity based on the letter about the installation	
15	of meters. And I resent the fact that now, it is	
16	being wishy washed around. The letter clearly states	
17	I know a little bit about the law, very little, I	
18	spent 35 years as a police officer, but the letter	
19	states it will be done. I don't appreciate my	
20	integrity being left out there to be attacked.	
21	JUDGE JONES: Let me ask you this, it sounds	
22	like what you're saying, is that you represented to	
23	other people that they won't have to pay for the	
24	installation of the meters.	
25	MR. GREEN: Yes, sir, based on the letter.	

1	Page 51 JUDGE JONES: And when you represented that	
2	to them, did you also tell them that your	
3	representation was a reflection of the letter?	
4	- MR. GREEN: Yes, sir.	
5	JUDGE JONES: Then I don't think your	
6	integrity is in question. It's the letter. You're	
7	just parodying what the letter said to other people.	
8	MR. GREEN: We all received the letter, I	
9	believe everyone understood no cost, that means, no	
10	cost today, tomorrow or to my grandchildren or my	
11	great grandchildren.	
12	JUDGE JONES: Well, do you think that if	
13	there is a cost, that's a reflection of your	
14	integrity?	
15	MR. GREEN: I believe it is a reflection	
16	that I represented that there would be no cost and now	
17	there will be possibly. I resent that. I am entitled	
18	to my opinion, Your Honor.	
19	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Mr. Green, I just I	
20	want you to understand I am just trying to get to the	
21	bottom of this, sir. That is all I am trying to do.	
22	Is to figure out, you know, if they are saying for	
23	free, that it really means free.	
24	MR. GREEN: That was my understanding, sir.	
25	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you.	

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1	MR. GREEN: Thank you.
2	JUDGE JONES: Is there anyone who would like
3	to testify? (no response) Okay. I don't see anyone
4	else, with that, that concludes this portion of our
5	hearing and we will go off the record. Thank you all
6	for coming out.
7	(Hearing concluded at 8:11 p.m.)
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