- 1 A. Oh, yes.
- Q. Yeah.
- 3 MR. COOPER: At this time I would reoffer
- 4 Exhibit 98.
- 5 JUDGE RUTH: Okay. I will note that you have
- 6 laid some additional foundation questions.
- 7 Are there any objections to admitting what's
- 8 been marked as Exhibit 98?
- 9 MR. CONRAD: Yeah, I'll make the objection. I
- 10 really don't think the foundation is there.
- 11 The witness didn't prepare them, he's not
- 12 underscoring them, he's not attesting to them.
- 13 Mr. Loos is here, was here. Foundation should
- 14 have been laid then.
- JUDGE RUTH: Okay.
- 16 And, Mr. Williams, it's your witness. Do you
- 17 have a comment?
- MR. WILLIAMS: I concur that there is
- 19 inadequate foundation.
- 20 MR. COOPER: Okay. Well, I guess I would make
- 21 a couple of responses.
- First off, the fact that Mr. Loos is here,
- 23 makes -- I guess is of limited value in this type of
- 24 proceeding, because I don't believe that when I put
- 25 Mr. Loos on the stand, I had the opportunity to do

- 1 anything with him other than present his prefiled
- 2 testimony in this case.
- 3 So it's not a situation where I could have gone
- 4 through this with Mr. Loos. And, in fact, it's not a
- 5 situation where I could have gone through it in prefiled
- 6 testimony, because this appears in Mr. Adam's surrebuttal
- 7 testimony.
- 8 So if I'm not going to be allowed -- let me add
- 9 one more thing.
- 10 I believe that Mr. Adam is testifying in an
- 11 expert -- as an expert in this matter. I believe that one
- 12 of the things that he took into account in reaching his
- 13 recommendations and his testimony, specifically that we're
- 14 referring to on page 5 of the surrebuttal testimony, was
- 15 Mr. Loos's workpapers.
- 16 So I guess my argument would be that I should
- 17 be allowed to admit them at least for the purpose of
- 18 impeaching Mr. Adam's testimony, based upon one of the --
- 19 based upon the information that he claims he depended upon
- 20 in reaching his recommendation.
- JUDGE RUTH: Let me ask you, Mr. Cooper, is
- 22 Mr. Loos available? Is he still here?
- MR. COOPER: He is here, Your Honor, yes.
- JUDGE RUTH: I suggest that you go ahead and
- 25 re-call him. We can change witnesses at the stand. You

- 1 can lay a better foundation, and then we can recall
- 2 Mr. Adam.
- 3 Do you wish to do that?
- 4 MR. COOPER: I do, Your Honor.
- JUDGE RUTH: Okay. Would you please step down,
- 6 Mr. Adam.
- 7 Mr. Loos, I'll just remind you that you are
- 8 still under oath.
- 9 And, Mr. Cooper, you may proceed.
- 10 And, Mr. Adam, you are going to stay.
- 11 L. W. LOOS testified as follows:
- 12 RECROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. COOPER:
- 13 Q. Mr. Loos, I'm going to hand to you the document
- 14 that previously was in Mr. Adam's possession.
- 15 Now that I have done so, do you recognize that
- 16 document?
- 17 A. Yes, I do. It's the workpapers that were
- 18 prepared under my direction pertaining to the development
- 19 of depreciation expense rates for production plant.
- 20 Q. Okay. And did you have the opportunity to
- 21 review those papers after they were produced?
- 22 A. Yes, I did.
- Q. And did you believe that the numbers reflected
- 24 in there were true and correct to the best of your
- 25 knowledge and belief?

- 1 A. Yes, they are.
- 2 Q. Tell me, again, what use you made of those
- 3 workpapers.
- 4 A. These workpapers show the development of, in
- 5 detail, the depreciation rates that I propose in this
- 6 matter.
- 7 It includes details with respect to historical
- 8 additions, retirements, includes forecast of future,
- 9 interim activity based on historical additions and
- 10 retirements, excluding major environmental, maintenance
- 11 and other items. Just the routine things, and the
- 12 development of the base depreciation rate and then
- 13 adjusted for salvage.
- 14 They do not include allowance for amortization
- 15 of reserve deficiency.
- 16 Q. And, ultimately, they were used, again, for
- 17 that purpose?
- 18 A. They are the underlying support for my
- 19 recommended depreciation rates.
- 20 Q. Did you have the opportunity to provide those
- 21 workpapers that are before you to the Commission Staff?
- 22 A. I understand that they were provided to the
- 23 Commission Staff, but at the time that our direct
- 24 testimony was filed.
- Q. I'm going to hand you what has been marked as

- 1 Exhibit 98 at this time.
- 2 I believe those are pages that are identified
- 3 by handwritten numbers in the upper right-hand corner as
- 4 pages 717, 736, 754, 771, 788, 805, and 842. Is that
- 5 correct?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Could you compare those pages to the pages that
- 8 are included within the workpapers that are before you?
- 9 A. They are the same.
- 10 Q. So you would say that they accurately represent
- 11 pages 717, 736, 754, 771, 788 and 805 of your workpapers
- 12 that were provided to the Staff in this case?
- 13 A. Also, 842, yes.
- 14 Q. And 842.
- 15 MR. COOPER: At this time I would again offer
- 16 Exhibit 98.
- 17 MR. WILLIAMS: I'm going to object based on
- 18 relevance.
- 19 JUDGE RUTH: Explain.
- 20 MR. WILLIAMS: He also had an opportunity to
- 21 provide this in his direct testimony and his rebuttal
- 22 testimony and his surrebuttal testimony.
- 23 Mr. Adam has not testified that he relied upon
- 24 these documents in preparing his testimony filed in here
- 25 that Mr. Cooper is attempting to impeach. He's indicated

- 1 that he did rely upon workpapers, but he's certainly not
- 2 indicated he relied on these specific papers.
- JUDGE RUTH: Okay.
- And, Mr. Conrad, were you ready to object?
- 5 MR. CONRAD: Well, I was going to ask if I
- 6 could very quickly do -- maybe this is what -- oh, this is
- 7 dead. Maybe that's what the problem is.
- John, quit kicking my microphone.
- 9 MR. CONRAD: If I could ask the witness a
- 10 couple of voir-dire questions?
- JUDGE RUTH: Yes. But you're going to need to
- 12 speak into the microphone more.
- MR. CONRAD: I'll try do so.
- 14 VOIR-DIRE EXAMINATION BY MR. CONRAD:
- 15 Q. Mr. Loos, the testimony that you filed, I
- 16 believe that was Exhibit 11, is dated October 31. Is that
- 17 correct?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Did these workpapers exist as of October 31?
- 20 A. They would have existed prior to that date.
- 21 They may have been printed subsequently.
- Q. And secondly, Exhibit 98, is that a complete
- 23 copy of your workpapers?
- 24 A. No. It's only those pages which are identified
- 25 as page 2, generally, of 15 for each production plant and

- 1 only for the production units.
- 2 MR. CONRAD: Thank you, Mr. Loos.
- 3 Your Honor, I would join in the objection on
- 4 the basis that it's out of sequence supplementation of
- 5 direct testimony material that clearly existed.
- The witness has testified it existed at the
- 7 time of his original testimony, so it obviously existed at
- 8 the time of his rebuttal and surrebuttal.
- 9 And, secondly, it's an incomplete offering of
- 10 the exhibit, even if it's offered in supplement.
- JUDGE RUTH: Okay.
- 12 And, Public Counsel, did you want to add your
- 13 two cents?
- MR. COFFMAN: No, thank you.
- 15 MR. WILLIAMS: Judge, may I inquire, too, of
- 16 the witness?
- JUDGE RUTH: Yes.
- 18 VOIR-DIRE EXAMINATION BY MR. WILLIAMS:
- 19 Q. Exhibit 98 is seven pages?
- 20 A. Yeah. Yes.
- 21 Q. And how many are the total pages of the
- 22 document from which that is excerpted?
- 23 A. The final page in this document is 855. The
- 24 first page is 713.
- 25 More likely with respect to mass accounts and

- 1 other accounts, 713, or 12 before that.
- Q. And that document you're looking at, is that
- 3 your entire workpapers or is that a subset also?
- A. A subset with respect to production plants.
- 5 MR. WILLIAMS: No further questions.
- JUDGE RUTH: Okay. Let me restate then here:
- 7 We had further foundation questions from Mr. Cooper.
- 8 We've had objections from the parties, voir dire. I've
- 9 heard them. I think the foundation is adequate.
- 10 I'm going to allow the document in and Mr. Loos
- 11 can step down. We will re-call Mr. Adam.
- 12 So Exhibit 98 is admitted into the record, and
- 13 the parties' objections are noted.
- 14 (EXHIBIT NO. 98 WAS RECEIVED INTO EVIDENCE.)
- JUDGE RUTH: Okay.
- Mr. Adam, you're back on the stand, and you are
- 17 still under oath.
- Mr. Cooper, you may continue your
- 19 cross-examination of the witness.
- MR. COOPER: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 21 PAUL ADAM testified as follows:
- 22 CROSS-EXAMINATION (CONT'D) BY MR. COOPER:
- Q. First, just kind of a point of clarification,
- 24 Mr. Adam.
- I believe in a prior response you may have said

- 1 that Empire is proposing to include costs of removal in
- 2 plant.
- 3 Is Empire really proposing to include -- or to
- 4 add cost of removal to plant in-service or proposing to
- 5 reduce reserve by the cost of removal?
- 6 A. Well, they're including the cost of removal in
- 7 the determination of the depreciation rate.
- 8 Q. And it has nothing to do with plant in-service.
- 9 Correct?
- 10 A. Correct. Plant in-service is what you multiply
- 11 it by to get the accrual.
- 12 Q. Now, as I understand your testimony, you have a
- 13 concern with including a net salvage allowance based on
- 14 the historical relationship of net salvage to retirements.
- 15 Correct?
- 16 A. The characteristic way that they calculate net
- 17 salvage in the Whole Life formula is to take current cost
- 18 of removal and divide it by the original cost of the plant
- 19 that was removed.
- 20 Q. Now, when you were deriving a net salvage
- 21 allowance --
- 22 A. I didn't derive one.
- 23 Q. When a net salvage allowance is derived in the
- 24 traditional Whole Life formula, is it possible to reflect
- 25 factors other than just the historical relationship of net

- 1 salvage and retirement?
- 2 A. It would be -- that's what we're doing.
- 3 Q. Yeah.
- 4 But even within the Whole Life method -- let's
- 5 refer to the Whole Life method being a situation where you
- 6 establish the life, percentage of net salvage and come up
- 7 with a resulting depreciation rate.
- 8 In establishing that number that you're going
- 9 to use for net salvage, it's possible to include factors
- 10 in arriving at that number other than just the historical
- 11 relationship of net salvage and retirements, isn't it?
- 12 A. It would be possible. Go out and do an
- 13 independent study of what you think the cost is going to
- 14 be in the future entirely exclusive of what has occurred.
- Q. And as a result of such study, then, a person
- 16 could go back and persons of, I suppose, reasonable minds
- 17 could then differ and present different opinions as to
- 18 what the precise number should be that is used for net
- 19 salvage in that calculation. Correct?
- 20 A. For future calculation?
- 21 For a future determination?
- Q. No. Let's say we're -- and we may -- your
- 23 question may have just thrown me.
- 24 But let's say that we're utilizing -- and set
- 25 aside your proposal for a minute.

- 1 Let's say we're utilizing what we refer to as
- 2 the Whole Life method of deriving a depreciation rate.
- And as I said before, we're going to assume
- 4 through that method we're going to -- we're going to come
- 5 up with a life, a net salvage number and then a resulting
- 6 depreciation rate. Okay?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And I believe what you told me was, that in
- 9 arriving at that net salvage number, you, someone else,
- 10 some depreciation professional, could take a look at, make
- 11 a study of, potential future cost of removal costs, and
- 12 from that come up with a proposal of numbers to be
- 13 reflected as net salvage. Correct?
- 14 A. Certainly.
- 15 MR. COOPER: That's all of questions I have,
- 16 Your Honor.
- JUDGE RUTH: This is a good time for a break.
- 18 We will go off the record and come back at
- 19 four o'clock.
- 20 (A RECESS WAS TAKEN.)
- 21 JUDGE RUTH: Let's go ahead and go back on the
- 22 record.
- We are back on the record.
- 24 And we will now take some questions from the
- 25 bench.

1	Commissioner	Murray,	would	you	like	to	begin?
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- 2 COMMISSIONER MURRAY: Thank you.
- 3 QUESTIONS BY COMMISSIONER MURRAY:
- 4 Q. Good afternoon, Mr. Adam.
- 5 A. Hi, Commissioner Murray.
- 6 Q. I just have a couple of questions for you.
- 7 In your surrebuttal testimony on page 5, you
- 8 speak about the future costs being unknown and in cases
- 9 where the plant is sold before retirement, the future net
- 10 salvage costs never occurs for the Company, although
- 11 consumers would have paid for it if the Company's
- 12 consultant's depreciation rates are ordered.
- Do you recall that?
- 14 Isn't it true that a buyer usually insists that
- 15 costs -- future costs, such as retirement or environmental
- 16 remediation, those types of costs be considered and
- 17 included in the pricing?
- 18 A. I think if we were probably to look at all of
- 19 the power plants that have been sold in the last few
- 20 years, that have been sold at much over books, sometimes
- 21 multiples of books, that those people were looking at
- 22 getting over the power plants to sell the power and were
- 23 not determining the price they were willing to pay on what
- 24 the retirement cost was going to be.
- 25 If there was an environmental hazard, I would

- 1 expect that they would probably try to put something in
- 2 the contract when they purchased it to exempt themselves
- 3 from the cost of an environmental problem.
- 4 Q. Isn't it ordinary for a buyer to insist upon an
- 5 environmental audit of some kind?
- 6 A. I can't speak as an expert in that area, but I
- 7 would expect that to be the normal.
- 8 Q. My other question relates to your direct
- 9 testimony, on page 19, and I believe you spoke briefly
- 10 with Mr. Cooper about where a major retirement and removal
- 11 is necessary -- or would be necessary with Staff's
- 12 depreciation method, how that would be done.
- A. Uh-huh.
- Q. Do you recall that?
- Is it accurate that you are suggesting that
- 16 under Staff's method, when a major retirement and removal
- 17 is necessary, that the Company would first spend the money
- 18 for retirement and then collect from the ratepayers in the
- 19 future?
- 20 A. Removal rather than retirement.
- 21 And essentially, yes. I've also said in
- 22 testimony -- I believe I said in the county water
- 23 testimony that if there was some kind of contract or
- 24 commitment that was taken care of between a company and
- 25 the company that was going to do the tear-down and the

- 1 remediation, that Staff would look upon that favorably as
- 2 saying, yes, there is a commitment here by this company to
- 3 actually go forward with the removal as planned.
- 4 This is the very same kind of issue -- if you
- 5 happen to remember the Laclede case and the gasholders, is
- 6 that they have told us they're going to get rid of the
- 7 gasholders, but they would not commit to it in that rate
- 8 case.
- 9 Q. And the instance that we're talking about here,
- 10 where removal and/or remediation were required, the
- 11 Company would have to spend the money?
- 12 A. The Company will spend the money, and they will
- 13 collect it from the customers, yes. And we would set up
- 14 an amortization.
- 15 Q. So they would collect it from the ratepayers in
- 16 the future over time?
- 17 A. A relatively short period of time, uh-huh.
- 18 Q. And did I hear you say that you did not know
- 19 whether Staff would recommend to include the unamortized
- 20 portion in rate base?
- 21 A. Unrecovered.
- 22 Well, I -- I don't think I answered that
- 23 question. If it was answered -- if it was asked, I don't
- 24 remember answering it.
- 25 But the unamortized portion would be

- 1 calculated, I believe, out of the balance. So in other
- 2 words, if it's -- if it's on the books -- well, they
- 3 wouldn't be removing it if it was not retired. So if it's
- 4 retired it's off of the books.
- 5 Q. But if you --
- 6 A. If there is -- I think what you might have
- 7 heard was I talked about the unrecovered portion of the
- 8 plant. In other words, if you had set up a depreciation
- 9 rate and accrued and accrued and then they
- 10 retired the plant and they hadn't accrued the full cost of
- 11 the original plant.
- We also frequently -- we've had this case with
- 13 digital switches, the early digital switches for tel co.
- 14 We would set up an amortization for the company to recover
- 15 the unrecovered portion of the original cost of the plant.
- 16 Q. Okay. Did I understand you to say, though,
- 17 that rather than expensing the cost of removal in year
- 18 one, that you would amortize that out over the future?
- 19 A. It would be am-- yeah, we'd set up an -- for a
- 20 cost of removal of a major plant, like, tearing down a
- 21 power plant, we would simply set up an amortization.
- 22 And if there was, say, a million dollars spent
- 23 and that was not going to cause rate shock, we'd do it in
- 24 a year. If it was going to cause rate shock, we might do
- 25 it in three years. Or we would propose that at least.

- 1 Q. Okay. So potentially it would be collected
- 2 from ratepayers who did not use the plant that was
- 3 retired?
- 4 A. That would be a true statement.
- COMMISSIONER MURRAY: I think that's all.
- 6 Thank you, Judge.
- 7 JUDGE RUTH: Thank you.
- 8 Commissioner Gaw, do you have any questions for
- 9 the witness?
- 10 COMMISSIONER GAW: Yes. Thank you.
- 11 QUESTIONS BY COMMISSIONER GAW:
- 12 Q. Mr. Adam, there were some questions earlier
- 13 about whether or not you were estimating the -- estimating
- 14 certain things in regard to the depreciation amount and
- 15 whether or not that was not the same thing that Staff was
- 16 complaining about in regard to the way that depreciation
- 17 is handled when you deal with negative net salvage.
- 18 When a plant is put in service initially, and
- 19 there is -- there is a -- there are a couple of things --
- 20 there is one thing known, I suppose, isn't there, and that
- 21 is the amount of money expended to create the plant.
- 22 Would that be accurate?
- 23 A. It's known sometimes shortly after the plant is
- 24 in service, when they get all of the true numbers brought
- 25 together.

- If you were to look at this Company right now,
- what they're booking are estimates of the cost.
- 3 At some point in time after the plant is
- 4 running, maybe as much as a year later, they will bring
- 5 together all of the true costs, they'll book them, reverse
- 6 out the estimates.
- 7 Q. And those will be the figures that are actually
- 8 used for all of the years after that as adjusted by
- 9 additional improvements to the plant?
- 10 A. That would be the plant -- that would be -- the
- 11 depreciation rate would be multiplied times that plant
- 12 balance.
- 13 Q. So that is a known figure basically upon the --
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. -- year or so period expiring?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. So we're not estimating that. Is that correct?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. What you do estimate, I assume, and what we
- 20 have to estimate, when you were talking about amortization
- 21 at that point, would be the number of years of useful
- 22 life?
- 23 A. At that point -- are you talking about when the
- 24 plant is brand new?
- 25 Q. Yes.

- A. We do similar to what we did in this case, is
 - 2 we talked to the people that design the plant.
 - 3 Usually engineers, when they take on a job, are
 - 4 given a design life, where they develop the design of a
 - 5 plant with a design life.
 - In the case of power plants, 30, 35, 40 years
 - 7 are common. In the case -- in this case we talked to the
 - engineer that was responsible for the design, and this is
 - 9 a phone-call-type thing that we did, and were told that
 - 10 the design life was 35 years.
 - 11 Q. And that's for which plant?
 - 12 A. The new combined cycle plant.
 - 13 Q. I just want to make sure that we have it
 - 14 correctly on the record.
 - 15 From the standpoint of other plants that are
 - 16 already in service, the remaining life that you estimated
 - 17 on those plants, was it the same or different than what
 - 18 the Company --
 - 19 A. On the other plants, the life that is the life
 - 20 given on the schedules is calculated from interim
 - 21 retirements.
 - In other words, even in a big power plant
 - 23 you're always retiring something and replacing it. Maybe
 - 24 replacing it with something newer that's better or similar
 - 25 but better, more efficient.

- 1 And those interim retirements still allow you
- 2 to develop a survivor curve. And you can then do a
- 3 overlay of a type curve to the actual events that have
- 4 occurred and develop an average service life on those
- 5 interim retirements.
- Now, when you have that, at some point in time
- 7 you've got all of these additions that have occurred since
- 8 the original construction of the plant.
- 9 At some point in time there will be a final
- 10 retirement of that whole plant, and it will retire all
- 11 together.
- 12 And so you'll have some of that plant that was
- 13 bought later and have a very short life up to that
- 14 retirement date. Some of it maybe is from the original
- 15 plan.
- 16 And at that point in time you have to analyze
- 17 what is the life based on that retirement date.
- 18 Q. And did your dates -- did the dates of Staff --
- 19 how did they compare with the dates of the Company?
- 20 A. Well, they're considerably different, because
- 21 the Company picks a retirement date in that table that was
- 22 talked about earlier.
- 23 They picked that Riverton would retire in
- 24 2000 -- or several units at Riverton would retire in 2008.
- 25 They picked that Asbury would retire 2014 and that Iatan

- 1 would retire 2014. So they're putting the cut on that
- 2 curve.
- 3 The area under the curve represents the average
- 4 service life. So if you cut that curve off, you're
- 5 reducing the area under the curve. You reduce the average
- 6 service life.
- 7 What we asked when we go on plant tours is when
- 8 is this going to be retired? Do you see a retirement
- 9 date?
- 10 And if they told us they saw a retirement date,
- 11 we would say, well, where are you going to get the
- 12 replacement power?
- With this Company and other power companies, we
- 14 have not been told that there is a retirement date for
- 15 power plants, specifically, coal-burning power plants that
- 16 they have, we have not been able to get the Company to
- 17 tell us, yeah, we have a retirement date planned.
- 18 Q. So from your standpoint on this particular
- 19 case, you made those inquiries about -- of the Company
- 20 about when they intended to retire the plants that are in
- 21 issue here?
- 22 A. I made them not only of the Company; I
- 23 discussed with our electric department what the Company is
- 24 telling them about their future with their plants and
- 25 their plant additions.

- 1 And through the data that is released
- 2 confidentially to our electric department, they are not
- 3 talking about retiring plant. They're talking about
- 4 developing more plant, adding more plant.
- 5 Q. What do you mean by that? Explain that to me,
- 6 please.
- 7 A. Well, they need -- based on their demand that
- 8 they expect to see in the next three to five years, they
- 9 need more power than they're capable of producing at this
- 10 time.
- 11 Q. Even with the two -- even with the additions
- 12 that we have in front of us here?
- 13 A. With all of the base load and with all of the
- 14 peaking, they will not have enough peak load power by
- 15 2003.
- 16 Q. All right. And, now, I also would assume,
- 17 though, that it is possible that they could retire some of
- 18 these plants and replace them with another one, that
- 19 that's a way -- in addition to -- to trying to make the
- 20 assumption that they're just not going to retire these
- 21 plants and build additional ones on top of that.
- Do you have any information -- or did you get
- 23 any information that indicated that there was an intention
- 24 to retire any of the plants that are currently in service?
- 25 A. No.

- 1 Q. Do you believe based upon your information that
- 2 your estimates in regard to -- well, I assume you do.
- 3 You're telling us that your estimates are more
- 4 accurate in regard to when these plants will actually
- 5 retire than company's estimates on when they will actually
- 6 be retired? I assume that's correct?
- 7 A. I believe their retirement dates are shorter
- 8 than will actually occur.
- 9 Q. Right.
- 10 A. Because if they --
- 11 Q. All right.
- 12 A. -- because if -- the Company would need to be
- 13 making plans now.
- 14 Combustion turbines from GE or Seimens
- 15 Westinghouse are five years out. That's -- that's how
- 16 much of a backlog they have on their demand for combustion
- 17 turbines.
- 18 This Company is looking at an alternate
- 19 supplier of a combustion turbine to try to pick up the
- 20 shortfall that they expect to have in 2003.
- 21 And that shortfall has to be given that all of
- 22 the power, including the 300 megawatts out of the combined
- 23 cycle unit that is not running yet, are in place.
- Q. So what are the estimates of the shortfall by
- 25 2003?

- Do you know the answer to that?
- 2 A. Yeah. But it's given confidentially to our
- 3 electric department.
- 4 Q. All right. I understand.
- 5 Let's avoid that for the time being.
- 6 From this -- is that number that you're
- 7 starting to see the shortfall in 2003, is it likely to
- 8 get -- to get better or worse after 2003?
- 9 A. It gets -- by their own projections, it gets
- 10 worse.
- 11 Q. Do you see -- do you see any evidence, based
- 12 upon the information that you were given, that any of the
- 13 plants that are estimated to be terminated by -- I think
- 14 it's 2007 -- that that will be a retirement date that is
- 15 likely to occur?
- 16 A. I don't believe it will. That's one place
- 17 where we differ.
- 18 Q. All right. I want to get back to the issue of
- 19 estimates again.
- 20 So when we're doing classic depreciation -- and
- 21 I don't know. Maybe I should just say depreciation --
- 22 initially we know the value of the item to be depreciated.
- 23 Is that correct?
- 24 A. That's a fair statement.
- 25 Q. We're estimating the length, the period of time

- 1 of useful life?
- 2 A. To recover that capital investment, yes.
- 3 Q. We're doing that based upon whether it be
- 4 models or experience or whatever, there is some way that
- 5 we've got to come up with an idea about when that may
- 6 actually occur, and that's what we have some disagreement
- 7 on in front of us, one of the issues?
- 8 A. One of the issues is life, yes.
- 9 Q. When you're dealing with net salvage, if we
- 10 deal with net salvage, we are having to estimate two
- 11 different things, are we not, first of all, the value of
- 12 net salvage and, secondly, when that will occur?
- 13
 Is that accurate?
- 14 A. That's -- that's a good statement.
- 15 You would be needing to know the date that you
- 16 expect to retire that plant and remove it, so that that
- 17 cost would be incurred.
- 18 And exactly as you say, what it's really going
- 19 to be?
- 20 Q. Is it possible that a plant that is retired
- 21 never -- that the Company never incurs the expense of
- 22 removal of the plant itself?
- 23 A. It's possible that the physical plant could be
- 24 sold in place on the land.
- Q. All right.

- 1 And based upon your experience, is that -- if
- 2 that is sold, is that sold for a positive number or does
- 3 the Company have to pay someone to take it off of their
- 4 hands?
- 5 A. Well, I've never been an employee of a power
- 6 company, but my -- I would probably bet everything I'm
- 7 totally worth that they don't pay someone to take it off
- 8 of their hands.
- 9 Q. Well, I'm asking that question because it was
- 10 brought up a little earlier, that the significance of the
- 11 value of the land may be very small.
- 12 Can you tell me what the -- in comparison to
- 13 some of the other numbers we're talking about, can you
- 14 tell me what the figures are for the cost of removal that
- 15 is being estimated in terms of calculating net salvage on
- 16 some of these plants that are at issue in front of us?
- 17 A. Can I tell you what the cost of net salvage is?
- 18 Q. What the Company is estimating net salvage
- 19 should be.
- 20 A. Versus the value of the land?
- 21 Q. Let's ignore the land for the time being.
- 22 A. Okay.
- Q. Just tell me, if you know, what the Company is
- 24 estimating that net salvage should be on these plants upon
- 25 their removal?

- 1 A. I don't know that off the top of my head, no.
- Q. They have provided numbers, I assume, for what
- 3 they believe net salvage should be?
- 4 A. When they do a life span calculation, they're
- 5 going to have a retirement at the end of it -- or removal.
- 6 Excuse me.
- 7 Q. And are those -- can you give me some range or
- 8 idea of what kind of numbers we would be talking about
- 9 when we're dealing --
- 10 A. For cost of removal?
- 11 Q. Yes.
- 12 A. I really can't.
- 13 It would partly be dictated by the size of the
- 14 plant, location of the plant and those kinds of things.
- But, honestly, in the work that I've done here,
- 16 I haven't dug into the numbers to see what they were
- 17 using.
- 18 Q. All right. Do you know if those numbers are --
- 19 A. I would suspect that --
- 20 Q. Do you know if any of those numbers have been
- 21 provided to Staff?
- 22 A. I would think that in all of these workpapers
- 23 and such that were addressed earlier, that somewhere in
- 24 there those numbers would be located.
- Q. Is it possible that those numbers for cost of

- 1 removal would exceed the value of the real estate that
- 2 they're on?
- 3 A. It's possible.
- Q. But you don't believe that selling that real
- 5 estate would be -- would cause the Company to pay someone
- 6 to take it off of their hands?
- 7 A. I'm just doubtful of it.
- 8 But there is more to it than just looking at
- 9 that. There is --
- 10 Q. I suspected that. Go ahead.
- 11 A. There is an infrastructure there that is
- 12 already set up to carry electricity away from there. If
- 13 it's a coal plant, there is already a train track set up
- 14 there to bring the train in and dump the coal.
- 15 And there is a lot of infrastructure that tells
- 16 you why would you want to abandon this location.
- 17 Even if you shut down a coal-burning plant, it
- 18 would be very logical to still use the location for
- 19 something like a combined cycle unit or something like
- 20 that, because the infrastructure is there to carry the
- 21 power away.
- Q. Even though those items may have been
- 23 depreciated out already as far as the Company is
- 24 concerned, they may still have value to them?
- 25 A. The location would have value and those other

- 1 infrastructure parts have value to them.
- 2 Q. If we use the calculation mode that Staff has
- 3 proposed, you don't have to estimate the cost of removal
- 4 under that scenario, do you?
- 5 A. That's right.
- 6 Q. Because you used the actual numbers?
- 7 A. We -- as I was telling Commissioner Murray, if
- 8 there was a removal of a major plant, when that is known,
- 9 then we would set up -- we would propose an amortization
- 10 to recover that, for the Company to recover it.
- 11 Q. You also do not have to estimate when that
- 12 occurs?
- 13 A. That's true.
- 14 Q. So we have two knowns in those cases -- in that
- 15 scenario as opposed to two unknowns under the -- under the
- 16 scenario where we allow amortization of negative net
- 17 salvage?
- 18 A. That's -- that's my argument. That's my
- 19 position, yes.
- 20 Q. If we use negative net salvage in the Company's
- 21 position and the retirement date is estimated to be at a
- 22 specified year, assuming that there are no additional
- 23 improvements added over the course of time, should all of
- 24 the depreciation be done by the time that you arrive at
- 25 the end of useful life year?

- A. And are we only recovering the original cost?
- Q. Original cost, plus negative net salvage,
- 3 assume there is a negative --
- 4 A. Well, that would be their objective, yes.
- 5 Q. That's what I'm asking.
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. So when we get to --
- 8 A. The day they would retire the plant.
- 9 Q. That they're making the estimate from a book
- 10 standpoint?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. If the actual removal were not done for years
- 13 later, what would be the advantage to the Company of
- 14 having the retirement date earlier in regard to -- I'm
- 15 just going to limit it to the negative salvage value -- if
- 16 the removal were not done for many years afterward but the
- 17 value had been depreciated out by the end of that useful
- 18 life?
- 19 A. Well, one advantage would be that the Company
- 20 would have that money to use for whatever they wanted to
- 21 use it for, as real dollars to buy something with or pay
- 22 salaries or whatever.
- The disadvantage is, is what happens is you let
- 24 that plant sit. Do you have a problem, as one of the
- 25 power companies did, with kids scrambling over a chain-

- 1 link fence and one of them getting hurt and they got a big
- 2 lawsuit, and they decided then it was time to tear the
- 3 plant down.
- 4 So you never know. They actually may end up
- 5 spending more money by letting the plant --
- 6 Q. But the value, as far as the depreciation is
- 7 concerned, and the value of money, there is -- and believe
- 8 me, I'm probably asking this incorrectly, but there is
- 9 something called -- that says that if you get money in
- 10 sooner, it's worth more than if you get it in later.
- 11 Correct?
- 12 A. Present worth at valuation.
- 13 Q. What do you call --
- 14 A. Present worth at valuation.
- 15 Q. All right. So if the Company is able to take
- 16 advantage of getting the money in and then not actually
- 17 paying for removal until later, there are some additional
- 18 dollars of value to that. Is that not correct?
- 19 A. From a present worth point of view, yes.
- 20 Q. Are you aware of any requirements that the
- 21 improvements actually be removed at any point in time?
- 22 A. I'm not aware of one.
- 23 COMMISSIONER GAW: That's all I have. Thank
- 24 you.
- JUDGE RUTH: Chair Lumpe.

- 1 CHAIR LUMPE: Just a couple, Mr. Adam.
- 2 QUESTIONS BY CHAIR LUMPE:
- 3 Q. To go back to Mr. Loos statement about your
- 4 proposal versus his proposal, that it doesn't leave any,
- 5 quote, middle ground, that we could choose some of yours
- 6 and some of theirs, do you have any thoughts on what a
- 7 middle ground would be?
- 8 A. Commissioner Lumpe, although I wouldn't
- 9 probably be elated to see you do it, you could go account
- 10 by account and pick the rates we propose on certain
- 11 accounts and the rates they propose on other accounts.
- 12 Q. And how about with net salvage?
- 13 A. Well, then you would have to --
- 14 Q. Is that --
- 15 A. -- make a determination of how much we ought to
- 16 reduce the net salvage number that we show as an expense
- 17 due to the increase that they would have in their
- 18 depreciation numbers.
- 19 Q. So on net salvage it would either be expensing
- 20 it or including it in depreciation; there is not someplace
- 21 in the middle there that is something different?
- 22 A. Well, you could take the number that our
- 23 auditors have proposed and make an amortization, which
- 24 would then bring it over on the depreciation side, where
- 25 it would become accrual, but that would not change the

- 1 revenue requirement because you're still working with the
- 2 same dollar amount.
- What it would do would -- the concern that some
- 4 of the people with the Company have about the possibility
- 5 that these removal costs will increase in the next two or
- 6 three years greater than what Staff has determined as the
- 7 current expense level, if you did that, then you would be
- 8 able to track that number and the Company would be able to
- 9 say -- say if they came back three years from now for
- 10 another rate case, they'd say, look, we had this under-
- 11 recovery against this amortization amount, and we want to
- 12 recover that in this next rate case.
- 13 Q. So that would be an alternative way of --
- 14 A. It's an alternative to what is proposed, but it
- 15 doesn't change -- it doesn't give them any additional
- 16 revenue, which I think is what they really want.
- 17 Q. The intergenerational issue is raised, that if
- 18 you do net salvage the way you're suggesting, that somehow
- 19 people are paying for it who didn't have use of it.
- 20 And I'm not quite clear on that, because it
- 21 seems to me that if you're expensing it and it's in the
- 22 rate, is it in the rate then, would not people be paying
- 23 for it as they were using it?
- 24 A. What -- the way we propose it, the customers
- 25 would be paying an amount equal to the plant that is

- 1 retired today.
- What they're proposing is that you make an
- 3 estimate of some future cost of removal.
- 4 Typically it's done on a ratio of what the
- 5 original cost of plant was 30, 40 years ago to the cost to
- 6 remove that same plant today.
- 7 And you apply that ratio, then, to today's
- 8 plant and say, well, that same ratio applies for when I'll
- 9 retire it in the future.
- 10 If that ratio were to apply, then they put it
- 11 in the formula and they say, I want to collect that amount
- 12 of money over the life of this plant also.
- That's the difference in our positions, is
- 14 we're saying that the Company is collecting, then, more
- 15 than they currently spend, and there is no fund or
- 16 anything that those dollars go into to be certain that
- 17 they will be available for retirement of that plant in the
- 18 future.
- 19 There is no certainty that that plant is going
- 20 to cost that amount to retire it or remove it in the
- 21 future.
- 22 So those are the reasons that we have come
- 23 up -- the Company will collect as much as they spend on
- 24 our basis. They will collect what they're spending now
- 25 for cost of removal, and they'll collect a reasonable

- 1 portion of the capital investment that they have in plant.
- Q. And they will be collecting it from the people
- 3 that are currently using --
- 4 A. -- using the plant.
- 5 Q. Okay.
- 6 And one other thing. I think I heard you say
- 7 that -- the question was asked about whether we're
- 8 violating the accounting standards in our rules, and you
- 9 said that should be better asked of a later witness --
- 10 A. I think there will be an accountant or an
- 11 auditor testifying later who can probably give you a much
- 12 better answer than I could attempt.
- 13 CHAIR LUMPE: Okay. I will wait for that
- 14 person then.
- 15 Thank you, Mr. Adam.
- 16 JUDGE RUTH: Commissioner Murray.
- 17 COMMISSIONER MURRAY: Yes. I have something
- 18 else that I forgot to ask you, Mr. Adam.
- 19 FURTHER QUESTIONS BY COMMISSIONER MURRAY:
- 20 Q. In relation to the retirement, the estimated
- 21 retirement of certain plant and your claim that Empire
- 22 doesn't have any plans to retire --
- 23 A. Generating.
- Q. -- these plants, and at the time that they are
- 25 saying that they will retire them.

- Can you tell me if a -- if at the end of the
- 2 depreciation period the plant -- any plant is not retired
- 3 but it is fully depreciated, wouldn't the plant, then,
- 4 continue to operate even though it was fully removed from
- 5 rate base at that time, and wouldn't the net effect be
- 6 that the Company would be serving the ratepayers with
- 7 assets that no longer were in rate base, and wouldn't that
- 8 be to the ratepayers advantage?
- 9 A. If there is a case -- a rate case that allows
- 10 that calculation to be done, your assumption would be
- 11 right, and we would set the depreciation rate to zero.
- 12 Again, it would be essentially identical to the
- 13 gasholders in St. Louis in the Laclede case, where we set
- 14 the depreciation rate to zero because they already over-
- 15 recovered the original cost.
- 16 Q. So there is not necessarily any harm that
- 17 occurs from a plant being depreciated before it's actually
- 18 retired?
- 19 A. Any harm?
- 20 What we're talking about right now is recovery
- 21 of the original costs.
- We're not talking about a net salvage amount
- 23 that is in excess of what they're currently spending.
- Q. Okay. I think you have to separate those two
- 25 issues.

- But it appears to me that one of the issues
- 2 that Staff is having a problem with in terms of the
- 3 Company's proposal is that they don't have any definite
- 4 plans in mind to retire the plant as of certain dates?
- 5 A. Generating plant, correct.
- 6 Q. Okay. Correct.
- 7 But that is separate from the net salvage
- 8 issue, is it not?
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 Q. And that's the issue that I was trying to
- 11 explore right now.
- There is not necessarily any harm done by
- 13 having fully depreciated a particular generating plant
- 14 before it's retired?
- 15 A. As far as the customers are concerned, I
- 16 believe your statement is reasonably correct, given that
- 17 there are rate cases held on a reasonable frequency.
- 18 COMMISSIONER MURRAY: Thank you.
- 19 JUDGE RUTH: Commissioner Lumpe.
- 20 CHAIR LUMPE: Just one more.
- 21 And I don't know who to ask this of, but it's
- 22 Mr. Lyons' testimony, and I don't necessarily have a
- 23 question of him, but I'd like some clarification on what I
- 24 think he's trying to say, but I don't know if I'm correct
- 25 in what I think he's trying to say.

- Is there -- so I'm not quite sure. I don't
- 2 know that I need him to come, but if there is some
- 3 accountant I can ask at some point whether I'm correct in
- 4 what he's trying to say.
- 5 MR. COOPER: Chair Lumpe, I'm kind of looking
- 6 for help here from the Company. I may need to discuss
- 7 that with Company personnel.
- 8 I suppose it's possible that one of the Company
- 9 accountants would feel qualified to answer that question.
- 10 CHAIR LUMPE: If they would, all I need to have
- is my -- you know, clarify, is this what he's trying to
- 12 say. If they say yes, that's fine. If they say no, then
- 13 I'll know I haven't correctly interpreted it. But that's
- 14 all I need to know about it.
- MR. COOPER: Commissioner, it's a little
- 16 difficult, I guess, for them to say without knowing what
- 17 your question is.
- 18 But would it be possible for you to go ahead
- 19 and state your question?
- 20 CHAIR LUMPE: Yes, I can do that. And in the
- 21 morning, if you want, you can tell me.
- 22 As I read his testimony, he's discussing new
- 23 accounting standards or a proposed draft that the
- 24 accounting board is proposing, and stating what he thinks
- 25 those new standards will say.

- If he's going beyond that, then I haven't
- 2 caught it.
- 3 MR. COOPER: Yes, Commissioner.
- 4 I guess I feel comfortable confirming that,
- 5 although I shouldn't testify.
- 6 And a Company accountant is available that
- 7 could confirm that for you on the stand if you would like
- 8 for him to do so.
- 9 CHAIR LUMPE: Okay. Thank you.
- 10 MR. WILLIAMS: Chair, we anticipate putting the
- 11 exposure draft -- portions of the exposure draft in as an
- 12 exhibit.
- 13 CHAIR LUMPE: Okay. Then that will get to it
- 14 that way. Okay. Thanks very much.
- 15 I'm sorry.
- JUDGE RUTH: While we still have Mr. Adam on
- 17 the stand, are there any other questions for him from the
- 18 Commissioners?
- 19 Okay. Well, I'd like to go ahead and at least
- 20 start -- maybe I should ask how long Praxair anticipates
- 21 recross.
- 22 MR. CONRAD: Zero.
- JUDGE RUTH: Zero.
- 24 Public Counsel.
- MR. COFFMAN: No recross.

- JUDGE RUTH: And Empire.
- MR. COOPER: Just a few minutes, Your Honor.
- JUDGE RUTH: Go ahead and start then, please.
- 4 RECROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. COOPER:
- 5 Q. Mr. Adam, the subject of Laclede gasholders
- 6 came up several times during your testimony.
- 7 Empire doesn't have any gasholders, do they?
- 8 A. Not that I'm aware of.
- 9 Q. Okay. Secondly, early in your testimony, in
- 10 response to questions from the bench, I believe you talked
- 11 about property, specifically, generation property, being
- 12 sold at prices above book value.
- I take it that you're referring to the sale of
- 14 a piece of generating property that would still be used
- 15 and useful. Correct?
- 16 A. Correct, in other states, as a matter of fact.
- 17 Q. And in Missouri, if a piece of property such as
- 18 generating property is still used and useful, an electric
- 19 corporation must come to the Commission for permission to
- 20 sell that property. Correct?
- 21 A. Yeah. The generating side is not deregulated
- 22 in the State of Missouri.
- 23 Q. Next I think there was some reference to
- 24 retirement dates of 2008. Do you recall those?
- 25 A. (Nods head.)

- 1 Q. And I take it your answer is yes?
- 2 A. Yes. I'm sorry.
- 3 Q. And I take it you were referring to some
- 4 retirement -- projected retirement dates that were used by
- 5 Mr. Loos. Is that correct?
- 6 A. Table, yes.
- 7 Q. And that table, the 2008 retirement dates,
- 8 referred to Riverton Units 7, 8 and 9. Correct?
- 9 A. That sounds right.
- 10 Q. Okay. Do you remember whether Mr. Loos later
- 11 in his testimony adjusted those retirement dates?
- 12 A. I believe there were surrebuttal where he
- 13 proposed some alternative dates.
- 14 Q. Okay. And do you happen to have Mr. Loos's
- 15 surrebuttal in front of you?
- 16 A. No, I don't.
- 17 Q. Let me hand that to you, if I can.
- 18 MR. COOPER: Your Honor, if you would allow me
- 19 to hover just momentarily. I can do this pretty quickly,
- 20 I think.
- 21 BY MR. COOPER:
- Q. Mr. Adam, on page 15, if you'll look at
- 23 approximately line 8. There is a section referring to
- 24 some changes that Mr. Loos has made.
- Would you take a look at Item No. 1 that

- 1 actually begins on line 11.
- 2 A. Okay. Just right here?
- O. Correct.
- 4 A. Do you want me to read it?
- 5 A. The life span for generating units which have a
- 6 projected retirement date prior to 2013, being Riverton 7,
- 7 8 and 9, is increased so that the projected retirement
- 8 date is 2013.
- 9 Q. So as to Riverton 7, 8 and 9, Mr. Loos is
- 10 actually talking about 2013. Correct?
- 11 A. No. I think -- I think he says earlier in that
- 12 testimony that he still believes in his previous dates,
- 13 but here is an alternative if you'd like to look at it.
- 14 Q. And, indeed, he provides a schedule with his
- 15 surrebuttal that would do just that. Correct?
- 16 A. He provides a schedule, yes. I don't believe
- 17 he's supporting. I believe he's supporting his original
- 18 data -- or dates.
- 19 Q. Now, in response to a question from
- 20 Chair Lumpe, I think she asked you whether under your
- 21 proposal you would be collecting cost removal from people
- 22 currently using the plant.
- 23 And I had some question about that. Because
- it's my understanding that when we talk about cost of
- 25 removal and the actual cost of it -- or the actual

- 1 expenditure of dollars for cost of removal, we've got to
- 2 assume that that particular piece of plant has already
- 3 been retired. Would you agree with that?
- 4 A. Uh-huh. Yes, I would.
- 5 Q. So if they're -- under your proposal any
- 6 payment for actual cost for removal would necessarily
- 7 relate to plant that has already been retired and is no
- 8 longer in service. Correct?
- 9 A. Yes, sir, at least a contractual agreement.
- 10 MR. COOPER: Okay. That's all of the questions
- 11 I have, Your Honor.
- 12 JUDGE RUTH: Mr. Williams, do you have some
- 13 redirect?
- 14 MR. WILLIAMS: A little.
- 15 JUDGE RUTH: That's fine. If you go over
- 16 five o'clock, we'll just stop and pick it up tomorrow.
- MR. WILLIAMS: Well, I certainly hope not.
- JUDGE RUTH: Okay.
- 19 REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. WILLIAMS:
- Q. Mr. Adam, you've testified using the
- 21 terminology "life span property." Do you mean the same
- 22 thing as what Mr. Loos has called the unit property when
- 23 you use that term?
- 24 A. I think so.
- 25 You could have multiple units in the power

- 1 plant, and you could look at those units if they will
- 2 stand alone as individual life span units.
- 3 Q. Now, Mr. Cooper asked you a series of questions
- 4 regarding your responses to the Company's discovery
- 5 requests, 18-K and 18-0, and then he referred you to
- 6 Schedule 1-1 attached to your direct testimony and had you
- 7 review some ordered lives and depreciation rates.
- 8 Do you recall that?
- 9 A. Right.
- 10 Q. And it sounded like there might be some
- 11 inconsistency between the data request responses and that
- 12 table. Can you explain that?
- 13 A. Well, the difference is in the life that is
- 14 projected by the Staff which appears to be longer, and is
- in the table longer than the life that is stated as
- 16 ordered.
- 17 But the ordered life had a life span cut-off on
- 18 it. As I described to Commissioner Gaw, that cut-off
- 19 shortens the life, the average service life. And these
- 20 columns are average service lives.
- Q. And you remember Exhibit 98 which is excerpts
- 22 from Loos's workpapers?
- 23 A. I do today.
- Q. Had you seen that before today?
- 25 A. I don't think I saw it. I think I had access

- to the papers, but if I had seen that, I wouldn't have
- 2 written what I wrote in my surrebuttal.
- 3 MR. WILLIAMS: No further questions.
- 4 JUDGE RUTH: Thank you.
- 5 That will conclude the questions for Mr. Adam
- 6 at this time.
- 7 You may step down.
- 8 I'll state that we'll have to take up the
- 9 question of whether or not Mr. Lyons will be needed on
- 10 Friday, tomorrow morning, and we'll try and do that first
- 11 thing.
- 12 Let's see.
- 13 That will conclude the hearing.
- 14 But I did want to talk to the parties a little
- 15 bit about -- there had been some indication as to what
- 16 time they thought we'd finish tomorrow. And I wanted to
- 17 ask, once again, are there any other witnesses that you
- 18 could bring in tomorrow besides the ones listed on the
- 19 schedule?
- 20 We have down Empire has Gibson; Staff, Boltz;
- 21 Empire, McKinney; Staff, Fischer.
- 22 If we get through those, is that as far as the
- 23 parties are going to be able to go?
- 24 MR. DUFFY: I think that's right.
- JUDGE RUTH: Okay. So I hear that.

- 1 Then I want you-all to think about, we may end
- 2 up breaking for a bit in the morning to allow the
- 3 Commissioners to conclude some business during agenda and
- 4 take a longer-than-usual break.
- 5 I'll allow you-all to think about that and ask
- 6 your opinion first thing in the morning. Of course, the
- 7 Commissioners may decide that for you. But I'll see what
- 8 you have to say.
- 9 I just -- if we're going -- if there is only
- 10 enough testimony tomorrow to take until noon, it just
- 11 might be an idea to consider allowing a longer break so
- 12 the Commissioners can finish their agenda and get back
- 13 down here.
- MR. DUFFY: Alternatively, if you don't want to
- 15 start the hearing until after the Commission's agenda,
- 16 that would work too.
- JUDGE RUTH: Well, the problem is, at this
- 18 point they're still expecting to come down at 8:30.
- 19 If you-all want to hang around, I can run
- 20 upstairs and ask them that, but I'm not going to not start
- 21 at 8:30 unless they give the okay.
- MR. DUFFY: As far as I'm concerned, it's
- 23 whatever is convenient for the Commission and makes the
- 24 most sense for you.
- 25 JUDGE RUTH: Okay. Well, let's go off the

- 1 record.
- 2 I will at least try and call them.
- 3 (OFF THE RECORD.)
- JUDGE RUTH: Mr. Williams has brought up to the
- 5 bench -- what would you characterize -- this is
- 6 financial --
- 7 MR. WILLIAMS: Exposure draft.
- JUDGE RUTH: Exposure draft.
- 9 MR. WILLIAMS: Financial Accounting Standards
- 10 Board. It's numbered 206-B, February 17, 2000.
- MR. DUFFY: Are we going to mark this as an
- 12 exhibit? Is that what is going on?
- MR. WILLIAMS: Yes.
- 14 JUDGE RUTH: For identification purposes at
- 15 this point.
- MR. WILLIAMS: And the parties are willing to
- 17 stipulate this into the record.
- JUDGE RUTH: Is this No. 99?
- MR. DUFFY: Yes.
- 20 (EXHIBIT NO. 99 WAS MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION
- 21 BY THE COURT REPORTER.)
- 22 JUDGE RUTH: So I have marked as Exhibit 99 for
- 23 identification purposes this exposure draft. It is
- 24 approximately 60 pages.
- Mr. Williams, are you wanting to go ahead and

- offer it, then, at this time?
- 2 MR. WILLIAMS: Sure.
- JUDGE RUTH: Okay. It's my understanding that
- 4 the parties all agreed to this document being admitted
- 5 into the record.
- 6 Is that correct?
- 7 MR. DUFFY: Yes, Your Honor. Except that I
- 8 don't want the record to reflect that it is the complete
- 9 exposure draft. It is --
- JUDGE RUTH: A partial?
- 11 MR. WILLIAMS: -- selective pages.
- MR. DUFFY: Yes, selective pages from the
- 13 exposure draft.
- 14 JUDGE RUTH: So I will note that it is
- 15 selective pages from the exposure draft, and it is
- 16 admitted into the record as Exhibit 99.
- 17 (EXHIBIT NO. 99 WAS RECEIVED INTO EVIDENCE.)
- 18 JUDGE RUTH: Okay. We'll start back at 8:30,
- 19 and we'll need to discuss Mr. Lyons, and then, also, the
- 20 nonunanimous stipulation and agreement that has
- 21 been objected to. I wanted to discuss that further on the
- 22 record in the morning.
- 23 Did you have something else, Your Honor?
- MR. COOPER: Yes, Your Honor, one further
- 25 thing.

1	Is Mr. Loos excused such that we can send him
2	home? He is not scheduled to reappear.
3	JUDGE RUTH: He is excused. However, I cannot
4	guarantee that one of the Commissioners won't think of a
5	question later and then ask about him.
6	But, you know, I understand he's not scheduled
7	to testify later, and the Commissioners at this point have
8	told me they're finished with him.
9	MR. DUFFY: Could I inquire about your remark
10	about doing something in the morning about this
11	nonunanimous stipulation agreement, so that I know what to
12	prepare for?
13	JUDGE RUTH: I still haven't ruled on how to
14	handle or treat the nonunanimous stipulation and agreement
15	that Mr. Conrad has objected to.
16	And you don't need to do anything. I just want
17	to address it on the record in the morning.
18	MR. DUFFY: Okay.
19	JUDGE RUTH: Any other matters we need to
20	address?
21	Okay. Off the record again. Thank you.
22	(THE HEARING WAS ADJOURNED UNTIL 8:30 A.M. ON
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