STATE OF MISSOURI

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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DEPOSITION OF BILL WALKER TAKEN ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF

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I understand. Α. Ð. What did you do before you were at Southern 2 Okay. Any questions about any of these rules Missouri Gas? Ο. 2 3 3 immediately before, I worked with an A. or any electrician. Q. Okay. We talked about a break. Now, one of 5 Q. And when you started at Southern Missouri Gas. the things is, Mr. Fischer at some point, hopefully not, but what did you start doing there? What was the first thing if he does, he might object, but unless he tells you not to 7 you did as an employee? answer a question, you'll need to answer that question. Is 8 I was a marketer there for probably three that okay with you? months. 9 9 10 10 A. I understand. Q. And then did you become - did you move into Okay. Now, I need to ask you, do you have any 11 your current job? medical conditions or anything that will affect your ability 12 No. I moved into an operations position where to listen and understand questions and answer? 13 I just was an operations hand on the pipeline, and from 14 A. · No. sir. 14 there I went into the conversion side of the business where 15 we were converting propane customers to natural gas as we ۵. Okay. Mr. Williams, how are you employed? 15 16 Α. Mr. Walker. 16 were adding customers. And from there I went into my 17 current job. 17 Q. I'm sorry. My mistake. Okay. Mr. Walker, I 18 Okay. Now, what area do you live in? I'm not apologize. How are you employed? 19 I'm an employee of Southern Missouri Gas 19 asking your specific address because we can use your 20 business address, but - by the way, what is your business 20 ompany. 21 address? 21 Q. Okay. How long have you been an employee of 22 22 Southern Missouri Gas Company? 301 East 17th Street, Mountain Grove. 23 Q. Do you live in the Mountain Grove area? 23 A. I'm going on my eighth year. 24 Q. And what do you do at Southern Missouri Gas 24 I live about 30 miles from there in a rural 25 area 25 Company? ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS JEFFERSON CITY - COLUMBIA - ROLLA (888)636-7551 5 ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS JEFFERSON CITY - COLUMBIA - ROLLA (888)636-7551 O. I'm gas control manager. Okay. And as part of your duties, you -! A. believe you told me you sign contracts; is that correct? 2 Q. And what are the duties of gas control 2 manager? 3 3 A. (Witness nodded.) ۵. And there is a - okay. When you are getting Well, I oversee procuring gas, from a local standpoint at least, estimate volumes that we're going to ready to talk to a customer, a customer has contacted you need, discuss it with my supervisors before we purchase gas, 6 and they need gas, what is it you do at that point? Are we talking about -- what size customer? and I oversee relations with our industrial and transport A. 7 Q. An industrial customer, as an example. customers. 8 Q. And do you actually have the authority to A. I'd probably inquire as to what the nature of 10 the gas service they need, if they would need, you know, enter into contracts? 10 11 what kind of volumes they'd need, what kind of pressures 11 Well. I wouldn't enter into one without 12 they'd need delivered into their facilities, and be a range 12 discussing it with my supervisors but, yeah, I have the 13 of questions like that. 13 authority to sign them, I would say. 14 14 Who are your supervisors? After determining what they needed, then I 15 would decide how best we could serve them and I'd discuss 15 Α. Well, currently Scott Klemm is. a. Okay. So daily operations you report to Scott 16 that with my supervisor. And if he approved of that, then 16 17 Klemm? 17 I'd go forward and make a proposal to them. 18 Q. Okay. Now, as part of your duties back in 18 A. Yes, sir. Q. Okay. What is your educational background to 19 2001, did you have some situations that arose that you had 19 prepare for this job? 20 to deal with regarding some of your larger industrial 20 I've got a high school education and little 21 customers? 21 Α.

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Okay. Now, before Southern Missouri Gas, did

22 bit of college, no degree.

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24 you do anything else in the gas industry?

No. sir.

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(888)636-7551 MR, FRANSON: And if we could go off just a

Okay. What I want to ask you is about part of

Yes, sir, I did.

And when a customer comes in and talks to you, moment. ۵. 2 (AN OFF-THE-RECORD DISCUSSION WAS HELD.) do you always document -3 BY MR. FRANSON: 3 Α. No. sir. O. I'm going to hand you two pages, if you'd look Q. 4 - in a memo like that? at those. And that's going to be Exhibit No. 1, and if you 5 5 Α. Well, I hadn't before this time, but I'm could look at that. beginning to get better at it. MR. FRANSON: And at your convenience, if we 7 Q. Well, why did you do it this time? 8 can mark that. 8 A. Actually, this document right here was written (EXHIBIT NO. 1 WAS MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION 9 in August, and I documented it after - after a similar deal 10 BY THE REPORTER.) had been done with a company called 11 BY MR. FRANSON: Ο. 11 Okav. Let's start with this document, It 12 And actually, Mr. Walker, if we could step 12 records events that took place in March of 2001? 13 back from that just a moment, but please remember that. 13 A. O. 14 Do you have a standard set of questions you 14 But you actually wrote it in August of 2001? 15 ask potential industrial customers if they come in and talk 15 A. Yes, sir. O Okay. What occurred in August that made you 16 to you about their gas needs? 16 go back and write this document? 17 No. sir. 17 18 Q. Do you just have a general conversation with Well, after - after completing the deal. them and determine what their needs are and how best you 19 it was suggested to me by Scott Klemm that I should probably 19 20 20 go back and write some overviews or a summary of how this 21 transaction had taken place, and he was - at that time he 21 Yeah, that's how I'd characterize it. Δ. 22 a. Okay. Could you take a look at Exhibit No. 1, 22 had just became my supervisor. I had previously been 23 please. Have you seen that before? 23 answering to Tom Taylor. And Scott said it would be a good 24 idea if you kept a file and kind of kept track of these 24 A. 25 Q. And how many pages does it consist of? 25 transactions and how they took place. ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS ERSON CITY - COLUMBIA - ROLLA (888)636-7551 ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS JEFFERSON CITY - COLUMBIA - ROLLA (888)636-7551 11 Did Scott Klemm tell you why you should be Α. Two pages. O. And is that -- to your knowledge, is that a doing those or why this was a good idea? 3 No. He said it would just be a good idea to 3 complete document? keep a record of everything that you do when you discuss A. 5 Q. What is that? anything with your big customers, and anything that pertains to buying gas or anything like that, make notes about it. That's a summary that I made up of the - kind ß A. of covers the transaction that took place beginning in mid And so I began to do that. 7 8 Q. When did Scott Klemm become your supervisor? March with 8 Q. I need to ask in mid March of what year? 9 A. I don't recall an exact date, but it was in 9 10 A. 10 the summer of 2001.

Q. And so this is a document that you wrote? 12 Yes, it is. 13 O Is this a true and accurate copy of the document? 14 15 A. Yes. It is. 16 O. And is there a date on that document? The document itself is not dated, but it - in 17 the first sentence it says in mid March 2001, I was 18 approached. It dates the activity, but it doesn't date --19 And that's March of 2001? 20 Q. 21 A. It is Q. And is it fair to say that in the course of 23 your business dealing with industrial customers, that the 24 needs of those customers vary? 25 A. Oh, yes, sir. ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS JEFFERSON CITY - COLUMBIA - ROLLA (888)636-7551 10

11 0 So this document is -- you wrote it in August 12 of 2001, and this is based on your recollection in August? 13 A Yes sir. 14 Q. Okay. Did you have any other notes on this transaction that you used in preparing this document? 16 A. No. sir. 17 Ð. This document, what company does it deal with? 18 Α. 19 Okay, And what kind of company is Q. 20 21 Well, this particular plant that we're talking 22 about has the facilities - they buy raw charcoal from local producers and compress it into briquets and bag it, and it 24 leaves there in a form that can be sold retail. And they 25 also have a charcoal lighter fluid plant where they ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS JEFFERSON CITY - COLUMBIA - ROLLA (888)636-7551 12

manufacture - where they make the various chemicals and A. He did. manufacture charcoal lighter fluid. 2 Q. And did you have a discussion with him? 3 Okay. Could you hand me Exhibit No. 1 for 3 We did. We discussed it at length, and we just a moment, please, Mr. Walker? 4 were pretty much limited as to what we could do with them if 5 (Witness complied.) A. they stayed a large volume customer, but if we could get 6 Q. Now, let me hand you back Exhibit No. 1. When them to be a transport customer, we could get them some did they contact you? competitive price gas. Yes, they did. And I told Tom at that time that they weren't at all open to becoming a transport customer because they Q. Why did they contact you? Well, at the time that they contacted me, 10 A. 10 didn't have anybody in-house who could go out and, you know, 11 their complaint was that their gas prices were just 11 procure gas supply, and he - we kicked it around some. I 12 offered the suggestion that we could help them, we could go outrageous, which was - they were considerably higher than 12 they had been the previous couple years. 13 out and help them procure their gas. And this was during March of 2001? 14 Well, now, let me stop you just a moment, 15 Mr. Walker. A normal transportation customer procures their 15 Α. 16 Okay. And they contacted you and what 16 own gas; isn't that true? 17 17 happened? A. Well, yeah. 18 Well, they contacted me, and when Chris 18 Q. Okay. And then how does that -- tell me how Jackson called me, his statement was that, you know, you're 19 the transportation customer would work. The service you 19 going to have to do something about these gas prices or 20 were offering them as a transportation customer, how would 20 21 that work? we're going to have to change -- we're going to have to go to propane or some other alternative. 22 Well, a transportation customer, typically we 23 a At the time -- Chris Jackson was with 23 would take possession of the gas at our interconnect with 24 Williams or what was formerly Williams. 24 He was. Plant manager, 25 A. Now, when you say "we," you're talking about ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS JEFFERSON CITY - COLUMBIA - ROLLA (888)636-7551 ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS JEFFERSON CITY - COLUMBIA - ROLLA (888)636-7551 Q. I'm sorry? Southern Missouri Gas? 2 A. He was the plant manager. Right. Q. Okay. At the time that he contacted you, 3 O Okay. And then what would happen? d was, in fact, a customer of Southern Missouri We'd transport the gas for them to their take 5 Gas? point, wherever their meter was, for an agreed-upon rate. A. They were. 6 Q. Okay. But they procure their own gas and then What type of customer? you just charge them for transporting it? Exactly. 8 A large volume customer. A.

But a sales customer? q Q. 10 Yes, sir. 11 Now, when he contacted you, what did you do at 12 that point? 13 Well, I looked at their rates and I looked at 14 their margins and what our PGA was, and he had offered me a 15 bid that he had in his hand for propane for 71 cents, and I 16 saw that there wasn't any way that we could compete with 17 that under his current customer class. And I told him that 18 he could become a transportation customer and go out and 19 look at - and he wasn't open to that suggestion at all. 20 So I called Torn Taylor at that time, who was 21 at that time my immediate supervisor, discussed it with him, 22 and he said, well, he was going to be down in the next week or so, to be thinking about it and we'd talk about it when 24 he got down there. 25 And did he, in fact, come down? SSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS RSON CITY - COLUMBIA - ROLLA (888)636-7551 14

Q. Okay. Did you know at that time how much it would have cost to change over to becoming a - to be a propane customer? 12 A. Yes, I did. 13 O How much was that? Α. Well, I mean, in terms of exact dollars, I 15 don't know, but I know they had a propane tank still on 16 site, still hooked to two evaporators that were on site, and 17 essentially it's a one-day process. That's how long it took 18 them to convert from propane to natural gas, and I was there 19 when they did that. 20 Q. So hypothetically if they converted over to 21 propane, it might not have been that difficult or that 22 expensive to convert back sometime in the future? 23 Yeah, exactly. It was a -- probably a one-day 24 process involving six or seven guys working all day to 25 convert the main part of their plant.

And while you may not know what they cost, it 1 interconnect you mentioned? would not necessarily have been cost prohibitive for them to A. It was. If you were going to buy gas for anyone else do that? at that same point, would you have paid this price that you A. Exactiv. Q. Okay. So what happened after you talked to put in here at that particular time in 2001? When you're asking me if I was going to buy Mr. Taylor? What did you do? Α. gas for somebody else at that point, what would I have paid? Well, I suggested to him that we could go out ۵. and help them find some gas supplies, and from there we discussed that - what the best way for us to do that would A. Well, we've never bought gas at our point. In 10 be, and we kind of came up with a rough plan that we'd 10 other words, we buy gas out in the production area, and then 11 go out and kind of act as their agent, help them out to get we transport it on our contract to that point. 12 Okay. Is that what you were doing with 12 a gas supply in order to retain them as a customer, and he 13 agreed on it. I - he told me, go ahead and call them and 13 14 see if they'd be willing to look at, you know, changing 14 Yeah. Essentially we were - we moved their 15 customer class and become a transportation customer and let 15 gas on our contracts. us supply their gas for them. And -16 16 Q. 17 To get it to the Williams. We bought it in 17 And - I'm sorry. Go ahead. 18 I called him and put that idea out there, and 18 the production area. 19 he was real open to it, wanted to discuss it further and get Q. 19 20 20 details. And then we moved it on our contracts to get Α. 21 it there. 21 Q. And so did you - was it Mr. Jackson at 22 is that who you talked to? 22 What I'm asking is, if you decided at that 23 At that point I was talking to him and a 23 point to have bought gas for anyone else, would you have A. 24 gentleman named Steve Moore. He's a vice president in the 24 done the process any differently if you were going to buy ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS
JEFFERSON CITY - COLUMBIA - ROLLA
(888)636-7551 25 organization. I was talking to both of them at that point. 25 gas out in the production area, or would it have been the ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS JEFFERSON CITY - COLUMBIA - ROLLA (888)636-7551 19 Okay. And they were interested in this 1 same cost to you? Q. 2 proposal? 2 They were interested in it, yeah. 3 And did you, in fact, go talk to them about Q. 5 this? the gas. A.

O. And what exactly did you offer them as far as a service that you would be able to provide? I told them I was going to make them a 10 transportation customer, and I kind of outlined what that 11 would entail, and similar to what I described to you, that 12 we'd take possession of their gas. And then I told them 13 that because they were unable to go out or they didn't feel 14 comfortable going out on the market finding their own gas 15 supply, that we'd do that for them. 16 And they asked, obviously, what the prices 17 would be, and I told them under current market conditions 18 what I'd be able to do for them, and -Q. And what was that at that time? 19 20 A. I believe it's recorded right here, that we'd 21 be able to sell them gas at the Williams interconnect with 22 Southern Missouri Gas for per MMbtu, and that we would further transport it for them for the median median median median would further transport it for them for the median media 24 Q. Okay. The price you talked about at the 25 Williams interconnect -- I'm sorry. Was it Williams

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The actual cost of the gas would have been the same. Incrementally we charge them back what we were having to pay Williams to move the gas, but then we added some we added some money to the price that they were paying for At the time that you came up with this Q. proposal and implemented it with , you had other transportation customers; is that correct? 10 A. Ο. And did you -- and you didn't provide this 12 same type of service to them? 13 A, No, sir. O. 14 Okay. At some point you implemented this, 15 correct? 16 A. (Witness nodded.) 17 Q. When was that? 18 The exact date of when we implemented, I don't 19 know. We made it retroactive to April 1st. It was sometime 20 after. Q. That's April of 2001? 21 22 Of 2001, yeah. Okay. So this was something that you and 24 Mr. Taylor, this was a proposal you came up with and 25 implemented?

A. 1 they met the requirements in terms of the volumes they were 2 Q. Do you know what date Mr. Klemm became your moving, and I knew they did meet those requirements, and 3 3 that they could become a transportation customer. supervisor? 4 Not exactly, no, sir. In terms of the particulars about how they got 5 Was it sometime in 2001? 5 their gas supply, I'll be honest with you, it didn't occur Q. A. 6 to me that it would be. I mean, it didn't make sense to me 6 It was. ۵. Okay. And definitely by August of 2001; is that it would be in violation of the tariff, and Tom didn't 8 that correct? mention it either Well, we were -- I'd hate to sit here and tell O. So maybe your idea was you didn't think it was 10 you that I know that Tom Taylor was gone by then, because I 10 a problem, but you didn't think it was your role to worry 11 honestly don't remember the exact date, but yeah, I was - I 11 about that? 12 was answering to Scott by that time. 12 Yeah, I'd say that's fair enough. Q. 13 Q. Okay. 13 Okay. Is Southern Missouri Gas a licensed A. It wasn't just a transition that took place 14 third-party marketer? 14 15 instantaneously. It was kind of a --15 No, sir, not that I'm aware of. Do you know how much paid toward the 16 Ð. Okay. But you, in essence, were providing the 16 Q. 17 margin or tariff rates of the company? 17 service -- in addition to these folks being transportation 18 A. When you say margin or tariff rates, you mean 18 customers as you've described it, you were providing an 19 what was their - as a large volume customer, what was their 19 extra service, is that correct, because you were procuring their gas? 20 margin? Is that what you're asking, or as a transportation 20 customer? 21 Yes, sir. 21 22 Q. Well, pursuant to the contract that you 22 O. Were you charging them a fee for that? 23 23 entered into, which we'll come to - I'll give you a copy in Well, I'm not sure how you would characterize 24 a moment, or we can defer this question until you see the 24 the - we were actually charging them for their gas at 25 the - at the interconnect with Williams than we were 25 contract. ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS JEFFERSON CITY - COLUMBIA - ROLLA (888)636-7551 21 ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS JEFFERSON CITY - COLUMBIA - ROLLA (888)636-7551 23

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1		The question is, how much of it went to
2	non-gas cost?	
3	A.	I'm still not sure I understand exactly, I
4	think it's our -	i don't understand exactly what you're
5	asking me.	_ ,
6		Are you asking what their margin was as a
7	transport custo	omer?
8	Q.	Let's start with that.
9	A.	Their margin as a transport customer was going
10	to be per l	AMbtu.
11	a.	Okay. What was the margin when they were a
12	large volume c	ustomer?
13	А.	per MCF.
14	Q.	Okay. Now, when you were discussing at
15	this point in tim	ne you and Mr. Taylor came up with this, did
16	the subject of y	rour tariffs that you have on file with the
17	Public Service	Commission come up?
18	A.	Not that I recall, no, sir.
19	Q.	Okay. So neither you thought of it or
20	Mr. Taylor or ar	nyone else thought, wait a minute, does this
21	comply with ou	r tariffs with the Public Service Commission?
22	A.	Well, I didn't consider it my role to keep us
23	in compliance.	considered that more to be his role, and I
24	didn't think it w	as my business to, you know, ask him. I

25 mean, I knew that basically the tariff in terms of whether

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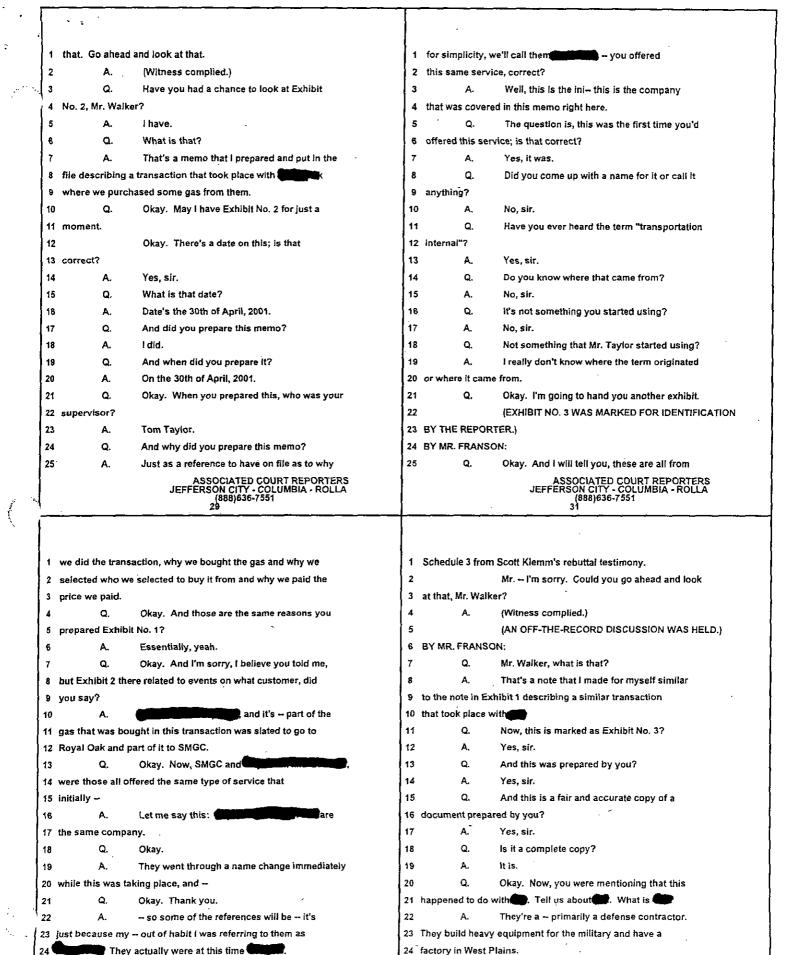
2 What I'm asking is, but that's exact - I'm 3 sorry. Go ahead. A. No. Go ahead. I didn't have --Q. My question is, you would do that for your traditional transportation customers, correct? 6 Well, we never - we don't supply gas to our traditional. 8 Q. Okay. That's what I was asking. That's the difference. You're providing an extra service here; is that correct? 12 Yes, sir, it would be correct. Q. Okay. Did you charge or any of 14 these other customers that you subsequently provided this service to anything for that service? 16 A. Not specifically that I'm aware of, no, sir. Q. Okay. So you treated them just like regular 18 transportation customers? 19 A. 20 Q. Even though there was this additional thing that was going? Yes, sir. 22 O. Okay. Question about how did the - can you 24 break down the total cost that was charged to Gulf Lite for 25 all the services you provided to them?

for it in the production area.

1	Α.	Yes, sir, I can do It off this memo	1	Q.	Possibly a fax machine?
2	(indicating), Exh	ibit 1.	2	A.	Probably more likely my computer and the phone
3	Q.	Would you do that, please?	3	would be the	two.
4	A.	Yeah. The cost of the gas that we bought for	4	Q.	Your computer. Okay. And when you were doing
5	them, at the time	this transaction took place, was	5	that, you - all	those costs were being paid by Southern
8	MMbtu.	•	6	Missouri Gas	5
7	Q.	Okay.	7	A.	Yes.
8	A.	We pay an incremental charge to Williams for	8	Q.	- ultimately to the customer, correct?
8	transporting the	gas across both contracts of cents per	8	A.	Yes, sir.
10	MMbtu, and we a	dded that to the cost. At that time our ACA	10	Q.	So you didn't have any distinction between on
11	part of our rate v	vas 55.5 cents per MMBtu, and we added that	11	one hand you	re doing part of regulated activities, on
12	to the cost. And	at that time there was another component	12	another you m	nay be doing something that's unregulated?
13	in our PGA side	of our rate called an unscheduled filing	13	A.	No, sir. Probably I would consider my role at
14	adjustment, and	it was 50 cent per MMbtu, and we added that	14	the company t	to take care of both my large volume and my
15	back to the rate.		15	transport cust	omers, and I just saw this as an additional
16		And totaling those all up, we were still	16	requirement to	keep the relationship good and to keep them
17	competitive with	the propane price, and that's what we felt	17	as a customer	•
18	we could charge	them and retain them as customers on the	18	Q.	I believe you stated earlier that your first
19	system.		19	job with the co	ompany was as a marketer; is that correct?
20	Q.	Okay. Now, did you charge any more than that,	20	A.	Well, yeah. That was a pretty temporary
21	than what you ju	st described?	21	situation. Who	en the company started up, essentially, I was
22	A.	Well, when we sold them the gas at the -	22	there the first	day that they opened the building in
23	that's what we ch	narged them for the gas. Now, we charged	23	Mountain Grov	ve, and they didn't have anything for anybody to
24	them an addition	a per MMBtu to transport the gas,	24	do.	
25	then, from the int	erconnect down to their take point.	25		And so for a stint of about three months they
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1	a.	Okay. Was that your tariff rate?	1	made the four	original operations hands that were there

1	a.	Okay. Was that your tariff rate?
2	A.	Yeah, that's within the tariff requirement.
3	Q.	Now, were any of your costs allocated to
4	non-regulated b	usiness of Southern Missouri Gas?
5	A.	I'm not sure I understand what you're asking.
6	Q.	Okay. You have these costs for this
7	additional service	e. I mean, you were taking time to do an
8	additional service	e of securing gas for the security and,
9	subsequently, o	ther customers?
10	A.	Okay.
11	Q.	Okay. I mean, that took your time, correct?
12	A.	Yes, sir.
13	Q.	And at the time that you were doing that
14	service, you wer	e still a Southern Missouri Gas employee,
15	correct?	
16	A.	Yes, sir.
17	Q.	You didn't and you used the phone? You
18	might have gone	driven somewhere and visited with folks
19	about that?	,
20	Α.	I don't think that was the case probably, but
21	I did use the pho	ne.
22	Q.	And you may have had to use office equipment
23	or there was a co	pier, an adding machine or something like
24	that?	
25	A.	Possibly, yes.
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	1	made the four original operations hands that were there					
	2	marketers, and it was kind of a ~ we weren't very					
	3	successful at it.	So we didn't continue in that capacity.				
	4	Q.	And after that ended, was anyone providing				
	5	marketing service	es in your company?				
	6	A.	Yeah, residential marketers.				
	7	Q.	Okay. But only there weren't				
	8	A.	Residential and small commercial. And then				
	9	the at that time g	eneral manager of the company, whose name				
	10	was Barry Whale	en, took care of marketing the industrials and				
	11	the transport cus	itomers.				
	12	Q.	Okay. I don't believe I have any further				
	13	questions about Exhibit No. 1 there. If you could hand that					
	14	to the court reporter, she can					
	15		MR. FISCHER: I would just note for the				
	16	record, that's one	e of the exhibits that's marked				
	17	confidential in th	e testimony,				
i	18		MR, FRANSON: Yes.				
ĺ	19	BY MR. FRANSO	N:				
	20	Q.	I'm now going to have Exhibit 2. Let me hand				
	21	that to your attor	ney first and let him hand that to you.				
	22		(EXHIBIT NO. 2 WAS MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION				
	23	BY THE REPORT	ER.)				
	24	BY MR. FRANSO	N: -				
	25	Q. 1	Now, Mr. Walker, if you could take a look at				
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Q.

the same service to them? 1 2 and 3 and give them to the court reporter, we'll move on. 2 Just generally, I think we talked a little bit 2 Yes, sir. And is there a date on Exhibit No. 3? 3 Q. 3 about this, but since - at least since Mr. Klemm became There is, your supervisor, have you tried to prepare memos like this Α. And what is that? when you deal with customers? ۵. 10 August 2001. Yes, sir. 6 Α. Q. Q. And is that the date you, in fact, prepared And for what reasons do you do this? 7 this document? 8 A. Well, in case at some point later you need to 9 come back and remember, because your memory's not going to 9 10 O. And I believe that document describes events 10 be sharp enough to remember the details how a transaction 11 took place or why it took place or what the details of it that were close in time to August, but can you tell us a 11 12 time frame of that? 12 were. 13 Looks like the first date referenced on here 13 Q. But prior to these memos, you didn't do this? A. 14 is on the 30th of July 2001. I was contacted by a 14 A No. 15 representative from 15 Ω Hardly at all? 16 Not as well as I should have, no, sir. 16 Q. Okay. Now -- and then you described the 17 Q. 17 events? But did you do it on occasion prior to these? 18 Δ. Yeah, I went on to describe, you know, he was 18 Probably not pertaining to dealings with large 19 volume customers. I was a field contact with large volume 19 complaining that his rates, again, were extremely high and 20 customers up until the point when our general manager left 20 that his supervisor had instructed him to research some 21 alternatives, find out something else they could do. 21 the company, at which point I became their only contact. And do you know whether could have easily 22 a. 22 O. General manager was Tom Taylor? 23 converted to propage? 23 A. Barry Whalen, Q. Barry Whalen. Do you know when he left the 24 Well, we converted them from propane to 24 A. 25 company? 25 natural gas. It probably wouldn't have been as easy ast ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS JEFFERSON CITY - COLUMBIA - ROLLA (888)636-7551 35 ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS FERSON CITY - COLUMBIA - ROLLA (888)636-7551 33 conversion, but it was certainly within the realm of I'm not sure of the date, no, sir. 1 2 Was it sometime in 2001? Ω. 2 the possible. So they could have converted relatively Α easily a good portion of their production stuff, not their

4 heating loads, but it would have been the lion's share of their gas. I need to go back and ask you a question about Exhibit No. 1. You mentioned that when you were dealing **,** that one of the gentlemen came to you and gave you a price of 71 cents for propane? 10 A. Well, yes, sir. ۵. Do you know what unit he's talking about for 12 71 cents? 13 A. Per gallon. Q. Per gailon, Okay. Thank you. Hold on just a 14 15 moment. 16 Mr. Walker, do you know how a gallon of propane compares to the price of natural gas per MCF? 17 A. Yes, sir. 18 Q. How does it compare? 19 20 A gallon of propane, I use as an industry standard that I picked up out of a book, contains 91,500 22 Blus. An MMblu would contain a million Blus. So you can do

23 the arithmetic and divide the propane into the -- it's going 24 to come up approximately 11 gallons per MMbtu.

Okay. Actually, if you could take Exhibits 1,

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Yes. Sometime immediately before this. I'm not sure if it was 2001. It may have been late 2000, but it was immediately before this. And I didn't do any of the contractual stuff with them. I didn't sign any contracts or do anything before he left. When he left, the ro-- it kind 8 of fell into my lap. And not ever having done that before, I wasn't experienced at it, and Scott suggested to me about 10 August that I should probably start keeping notes of 11 everything, every transaction that took place. 12 So that was all transactions, not specifically 13 these? 14 Not specifically these, all transactions. 15 Ο. You didn't just go back and document these 16 because it was an unusual situation where you offered a 17 different arrangement? Well, it was a - it was out of the ordinary 19 and there were a lot more details there to remember in the 20 case of the 21 Most of the transactions I do with my 22 customers, my large volume customers won't involve anything 23 that -- that big of a transaction. In other words, they may 24 call me and say, you know, you need to -- you need to adjust 25 the pressure at this facility or you need to talk to us

about this or that, but there very rarely is anything like Q. Do you know -- but you understand the term? 2 this taking place, and that was the reason I wrote a summary 2 A. Yeah, I understand who they're referring to. 3 of it. Okay. And it refers to this, this type of 4 Now, I'm going to ask you - and we will go thing that we talked about in Exhibits 1, 2 and 3. And who 5 through the contracts, but I'm going to ask you -5 is that accountant in the office that has used this term MR. FRANSON: Can we mark that as No. 4? 6 6 "transportation service internal"? (EXHIBIT NO. 4 WAS MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION I've heard Paul Hill and Scott use it in BY THE REPORTER. discussions. I don't know, again, where it originated or -9 it - it came later after the fact, after these deals were MR. FRANSON: Jim, can you take a look at 10 that? done, and we were serving these customers as transportation 11 MR. FISCHER: Just for my background, is this 11 customers. I don't know if they -- again, I don't have any 12 anywhere in the record yet as far as the testimony goes? idea where the term originated. 12 13 MR. FRANSON: No, it's not. Now, it's a 13 Q. Okay. But you understand the term? 14 document -14 A. I do. 15 O. 15 MR, KLEMM: It looks fairly accurate. Okay. And looking at Exhibit 4, you don't see MR. FRANSON: Okay. 16 anything that you would say now that is inaccurate? 16 17 BY MR. FRANSON: 17 Q. Mr. Walker, what you're looking at is a 18 ۵. And would it appear to you that Exhibit 4 18 19 document prepared by Annell Bailey of the Commission Staff. 19 encompasses all of the customers that have been offered this 20 Could you take a look at that, and then when you've done 20 transportation service internal? 21 A. It does. 21 that, please tell me 22 (Witness complied.) 22 MR. FRANSON: Okay. I don't have any further A. Have you had an opportunity to review that? Q. 23 questions on that. If you'd go ahead and put that over 23 24 there. Now, what I've got here -24 A 25 (AN OFF-THE-RECORD DISCUSSION WAS HELD.) 25 a Does some of the information on there look ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS ERSON CITY - COLUMBIA - ROLLA (888)636-7551 39 ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS ERSON CITY - COLUMBIA - ROLLA (888)636-7551 37

- 1 familiar, names of customers?
- 2 A. It does.
- 3 Q. And what I'm asking about is, this type of
- 4 service that you've described in Exhibits 1, 2 and 3, the
- 5 companies on -- and this is Exhibit 4 -- are -- looking at
- Exhibit 4, was this same service offered to all of the
- 7 customers that appear on Exhibit 4?
- A. Yes, sir.

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- 9 Q. And there's also terms of the contract, but
- 10 also times that they run. Have you had a chance to review
- 11 this and can you say whether those whether the
- 12 information on there appears to you to be accurate?
- 13 A. Yeah, on the face of it, I don't see anything
- 14 that didn't look accurate.
- 15 Q. Okay. Next question. Right now, are you --
- 16 do you currently have contracts that are still in effect
- 17 offering this same service? On that document we it's
- 18 called transportation service internal. Do you have a term
- 19 you use for this service that you offer?
- 20 A. No, I don't personally. I've heard this
- 21 transportation internal used in the office there by the
- 22 accountant that's in there that tracks the gas, and I relate
- 23 numbers to him and he tries to track the gas and balance it,
- 24 but that's again, that term didn't originate with me, and
- 25 I never referred to them as that.

1 BY MR. FRANSON:

- 2 . Q. Before we go back, Mr. Walker, before we go on
- 3 to Exhibit 5, what is the difference in service between
- 4 transportation customers and transportation service
- 5 internal? What is the actual difference in their service?
- 6 A. Well, we provide transportation service to
- 7 both customers.
 - Q. Okay.
- 9 A. On the customers you're referring to as
- 10 transportation internal, we also go out and find their gas
- 11 for them on the market, supply it to them at the
- 12 interconnect, at which point they become a transportation
- 13 customer, just like the others.
- 14 Q. Okay. Could you hand Exhibit 5 to Mr. Fischer
- 15 for just a moment? And for part of this you may need to
- 16 defer to Exhibit 4. Actually, we'd better wait until
- 17 Mr. Fischer has finished looking at Exhibit 5.
- 18 A question. You just described the services
- 19 and difference between transportation and transportation
- 20 internal. What is the difference between transportation
- 21 services that you provide for just regular transportation
- 22 customers versus large volume, the services you provide to
- 23 large volume customers?
- 24 A. Well, the service itself that I provide
- 25 there's very little difference in the two. Technically, the

large volume customers are rate paying. They pay the -they pay a rate that includes the PGA and ACA, if we have 3 any, and they take gas that we buy for our customer base. Transportation customer provides gas to us at the interconnect with Williams and we transport it for them 6 to their take point, wherever that may be. 7 Okay. What is the difference between 8 transportation internal customers and large volume customers 9 in services provided? 10 A. Again, I would characterize the transportation 11 internal customers, as you called them, the - I would 12 characterize them as the service that they receive with 13 their gas is essentially the same as any transport customer, 14 but we additionally help them go out and find their gas 15 supply or we actually go out and find it for them, because 16 they, in all three cases, communicated to us that they weren't comfortable doing that. 17 18 If you can help me understand the difference 19 between large volume and transportation internal. You're buying the gas for both, correct? 20 21 A. Yes. 22 Q. Is there any other differences between them? 23 Well, yeah. A transportation customer in 24 our -- in the way we operate our company, a transportation 25 customer's gas would be prioritized, the delivery of their ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS JEFFERSON CITY - COLUMBIA - ROLLA (888)636-7551 41

2 ۵. Okay. Now, the transportation internal where 3 you're out procuring gas, what kind - is that interruptible or non-interruptible? 5 A. Well, in the agreement we made with them It's non-interruptible. We don't have any interruptible customers. 8 O. So is it, in essence, a firm? Α. MR. FRANSON: Can we take about a five-minute 10 11 break, Jim? 12 MR. FISCHER: Sure. 13 (A BREAK WAS TAKEN.) 14 BY MR. FRANSON: 15 Q. Are you ready, Mr. Walker? 16 A. Yes, sir. 17 Q. If the PGA rate is greater than the rate charged to transportation internal, do you know who picks up the difference in that cost? 19 20 A. No. sir. 21 O Do you know who would know such a guestion. 22 who would know the answer to that? 23 A. Probably Scott Klemm. 24 Q. Can you think of -25 A If I understand exactly, you know. I'm not ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS JEFFERSON CITY - COLUMBIA - ROLLA (888)636-7551 43

1 gas would be prioritized lower than a large volume customer, 2 and in an emergency situation they would be - their gas supply would be interrupted first. But other than that, our transportation customers are treated essentially the same as our large volume customers. Q. Okay. The transportation internal where you 7 buy the gas, the description you just gave, is that also 8 true? Well, yeah, they would be prioritized lower. 10 Also, they have inter— or they have entered into an 11 agreement with us to transport gas for a fixed period of 12 time, and they've entered into a gas supply agreement with 13 us for a fixed period of time. And they don't - their 14 rates are not going to reflect any changes in the PGA or 15 anything like that 16 O. Now, that's the transport, but on the 17 transportation internal where you procure the gas, other 18 than the PGA rate, which is paid by the large volume and not 19 paid by - well, first of all, is it true that large volume 20 customers where you purchase the gas and then sell it to 21 them, they pay the full PGA rate? 22 They do. 23 However, transportation internal, even though 24 you procure the gas and then you transport it, they do not

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25 pay the PGA rate?

sure I understand exactly what you mean when you say picks up the additional cost. Let's go back a moment. You understand that Q. transportation internal is not paying the full PGA rate? 5 A. Right. a. Okay. But a large volume service customer does? Right. Ð. Okay. What is the real difference between a large volume service customer and a transportation internal? That's - besides the PGA rate, is there any other 12 difference? Most of our large volume customers or some of 14 them, at least, don't qualify as a transportation customer 15 because of their - they don't meet the requirements laid out in the tariff to become a transportation customer. 16 But all of the ones that you offered this 18 transportation service internal thing to do qualify as 19 transportation? 20 A. They do. Q. Okay. Besides that, is there any other 22 difference between a large - these particular large volume 23 customers, other than the fact they do qualify for 24 transportation tariffs on their volumes, is there anything 25 else, any other differences in the services that you

actually provide? ٥. Thank you. In other words, these contracts expire - I'm 2 A. Technically. 2 3 ٥. I'm sorry. I didn't hear your answer. sorry. The last date was July something of 2003? The services I provide them, no, sir. 4 A. 30 June 2003. Okay. So sometime in July of 2003, these 5 Q. They are the same to large volume and to 5 Q. 6 transportation internal? 8 contracts are done, the current contracts are done? Yeah. The way I handle their balance and Right. A. A. 8 their gas and billing them, and there's some differences Q. Have you discussed with any of these customers like that in the way we handle them, but in terms of the way or with Mr. Klemm the idea of continuing this transportation 10 they receive their gas, no, sir, there's no difference. 10 service internal? Okay. Do you have any large volume customers Yeah, I have with the customers. 12 that would qualify as transportation internal that have 12 Q. And are you planning to offer them new 13 elected not to take this service? 13 contracts? 14 I'd have to - I know of one that definitely 14 If we can compete with the local propane 15 would qualify as a transport customer because of their size. 15 industry as large volume customers, they're going to go 16 back - this won't be offered. Well, the transportation 18 There may be more, but I'd have to go look at their profiles 17 and compare them to what the tariff requires. 17 service will be offered as per tariff, but we won't offer to 18 In the one that I'm talking about, the -18 supply them gas any longer. They can either go out and find 19 their own supply of gas or they can come back on as a large 19 they're satisfied with their service as large volume and 20 they've never requested anything different. Never wanted to 20 volume customer. 21 become a transport customer. 21 O. Okay. So you can't say for sure right now 22 Q. 22 whether you'll - you plan to continue to offer this This customer, do you have mind, have you ever 23 discussed this transportation service internal availability 23 transportation service internal beyond these contracts or 24 not? with them? 25 25 I have - no, sir, I don't believe I have. I indicated to the customers when we entered ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS JEFFERSON CITY - COLUMBIA - ROLLA {888)636-7551 47 ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS JEFFERSON CITY - COLUMBIA - ROLLA (888)636-7551 45 Q. So you wouldn't know personally whether this 1 these agreements that - exactly what I said, that if we customer knows about transportation service internal? could compete with the propane prices, that we wouldn't be 2 offering this service to them anymore. 3 A. If you could take a look at Exhibit 4, I think You aren't going to know until you're a little there's some expiration dates and maybe that will help you 5 bit closer to that time? remember, and maybe you know. When do the contracts that A. So is it fair to say you haven't made a final are in force now actually expire? decision on whether you'll continue to offer this service or All right. The supply contract with vill expire on 7 July 2003. The transportation 9 not? 10 A. 10 contract with 🖿 -- i think there's a typo on Yes, sir. Q. Okay. You talked about 11 this sheet. er MCF that is 12 12 charged for, I believe it was - was that your margin? Q. Okav. 13 13 It should expire on 30 June of 2003. MS. BAILEY: I think there was something wrong 14 Q. Okay. Do you know where that is booked for 15 with the contract. 15 accounting purposes? 16 A. 16 THE WITNESS: There may have been. No. sir. 17 BY MR. FRANSON: 17 Q. Do you know who would know that? Paul Hill, the controller, or Scott Klemm. 18 Q. Okay. Let me ask you, you think that one 18 19 would expire on 2003? MR. FISCHER: I'm sorry. I missed that 20 Α. Yes, sir. 20 question. What was the question again? MR. FRANSON: I asked him - well, actually 21 21 Could you to the right - I'm handing you a 22 blue pen, and the idea is it's not the same color as what's 22 maybe --23 on there. Could you put a little 3 to the right-hand side 23 (THE REQUESTED TESTIMONY WAS READ BY THE 24 REPORTER.) 24 and then initial that, please?

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MR. FRANSON: And then the follow-up question

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(Witness complied.)

was who would know Q. And those are either letters to you or from (EXHIBIT NO. 5 WAS MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION 2 2 you to the customer? 3 BY THE REPORTER.) 3 These are from me to the customer. BY MR. FRANSON: 4 Q. Okay. Are they also fair and accurate copies? 5 Q. Mr. Walker, could you look at Exhibit No. 5 5 A. They are. 6 there, please. Could you look through that and determine 6 Q. Okay. Written by you? what that is? Yes, sir. 8 Α. (Witness complied.) Okay. Is it fair to say that these are Ω. Okay. Mr. Walker, have you had an opportunity 9 complete copies of contracts and they are the only ones 9 10 to review Exhibit No. 5? offered under transportation service internal? 10 11 I have. 11 A. Yes, sir. 12 MR. FRANSON: Okay. I believe, Mr. Fischer, 12 Q. Okay. I don't believe I have any further 13 you've already seen that. questions on that. MR, FISCHER: Yes. 14 14 What I - do you have a copy of Scott Klemm's 15 BY MR. FRANSON: 15 direct testimony? 16 Q. Okay. What is Exhibit No. 5? 16 A. No, sir. 17 A. It's a group of contracts, both for 17 Q. Okay. I was hoping Mr. Fischer would have. 18 transportation service and for gas supply, to 18 MR. FISCHER: I think I have one. MR. FRANSON: Okay. Because I'm going to ask 20 Q. is that also known as 20 you to refer to that, because I do want you to have that. 21 lt is 21 (AN OFF-THE-RECORD DISCUSSION WAS HELD.) Α 22 Q. 22 BY MR. FRANSON: Okay. And who else? 23 A. 23 Q. Mr. Walker, there's a document in front of 24 Q. is that also known as you. Do you know what that is? 25 A. lt is. 25 It's the testimony of Scott Klemm before the ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS
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Na, sir.

1	1 Q.	is there another one?
1	2 A.	
1	3 Q.	Okay. Are those the only companies or
1	4 customers of	Southern Missouri Gas that have been offered
1	5 this transporta	ation service internal?
۱	6 A.	These are the only companies for which we
;	7 entered into s	upply agreements.
1	B Q.	And this supply agreement offers the services
1	9 you've describ	ed before where you both purchase and
1	0 transport gas	for these customers?
1	1 A.	It is.
1	2 Q.	And that's what you understand to be
1	3 transportation	service internal?
]1	4 A.	It is.
[1	5 Q.	And you've had an opportunity to review those?
1	6 . A.,	Yes, sir.
1	7 Q.	Are they fair and accurate copies of the
1	8 contracts with	
1	9 A.	They are.
2	0 Q.	And along that, are there also some letters
2	1 either to you o	r from you to each of those customers? I
22	2 think they're at	the beginning.
23	3 A.	The letters actually, if I understand what
24	you're asking,	the letters represent the gas supply
25	agreement.	

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4	Q.	Okay. What I'd like for you to do is take				
5	your time and review this, but there's some there's a					
6	specific part ove	r in specifically over on page 4. And				
7	you'll notice on t	he left-hand side there's numbers. Those				
8	refer to line num	bers. If you could start on - you're free				
9	to read all of it, b	ut what my questions will be about start				
10	on page 4, line 9,	, carrying over into page 5, line 7. If				
11	you could review	that part specifically, but certainly all				
12	of the document	if you would like to.				
13	A.	(Witness complied.) How far do I need to go				
14	here?					
15	Q.	Page 5, line 7.				
16	. A.	Okay.				
17	Q.	Have you had a chance, Mr. Walker, to review				
18	Exhibit No. 67	•				
19	Α.	I have.				
20	Q.	Okay. Specifically page 4, starting at				
21	line 9, going on t	o page 5, line 7?				
22	Α.	Yes, sir.				
23	Q.	Okay. I believe you said you'd never seen				
24	that before?					
25	A.	I haven't.				
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Have you ever seen this document before?

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	1	Q.	But do you disagree with any of Mr. Klemm's	- }₁		(EXHIBIT NO. 6 WAS MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION
	2	testimony that h	ne's presented there?] 2	BY THE RE	EPORTER.)
	3	A.	l don't.	3	BY MR. FR	RANSON:
	4	Q.	However, isn't it true that Mr. Klemm was not	4	Q	2. Mr. Walker, let's go back just a moment. What
	5	with Southern N	dissouri Gas at the time of these events,	5	has just be	een put this front of you as Exhibit 6, could you
	6	specifically that	are described specifically February or so	6	take a look	k at that.
i	7	of 2001 were oc	•	7		What I'm asking is, is that the same - exact
	8	A.	To say he wasn't with us, he was representing	8	same thing	g that you just reviewed?
	9	one of the owne	ers, but in his role as manager of the	9	. А	• •
	10	company, no, he	e wasn't.	10	Q	•
	11	Q.	Okay. Fair enough. Is it - but it's true	111	Mr. Fischer	-
i	12	that the initial de	ecisions regarding offering this	12	Α.	Yes, sir.
	ì		ervice internal were made by you and	13	a.	,
	ĺ	Mr. Taylor?	•	. 14	front.	
	15	Α.	Yes, sir.	15	Α.	It's the testimony of Scott Klemm before the
1	16	Ω.	Did you ever consult with Mr. Klemm when you	16		ublic Service Commission.
į			sking these decisions to offer this service?	17	Q.	
	18	A.	I didn't.	18		c. Okay. Tou can hand that to the court
1	19	Q.	And you wouldn't know whether Mr. Taylor did	19	reporter.	And now you've been looking at Exhibit No. 7.
	ļ		And you wouldn't know whether Mr. Taylor did	į į	Could you	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
- [ļ	or not?		20	-	tell us what that is?
Ì	21	A.	Exactly.	21	A.	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
١	22		MR. FRANSON: Okay. Actually, if you could	22		Missouri Public Service Commission,
-			that we'll do is, as soon as we get that	23	Q.	•
١		• • •	sk you to compare the documents, make sure	24	Α.	
1	25	it's the exact sar	ne, and then we'll use that as Exhibit 6.	25	Q.	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
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١	1		Stop just a moment.	1	this docum	ent, in particular pages 9 and 10?
[-		(AN OFF-THE-RECORD DISCUSSION WAS HELD.)	ŧ	A.	
I	2 3	BY MR. FRANSO	,	3	Q.	
Ì	4	Q.	Mr. Waiker, are you - as part of your job, do	4	-	. Okay. I need to ask you a couple questions. Mr. Klemm has some testimony about the
١	•		rity with the tariffs that Southern Missouri	7	• -	is and things with Have you
1		-	with the Public Service Commission?	. 6		ce to review that?
1				7		
1	7	Α.	Yes, sir.	. (Α.	
-	8	Q.	And do you refer to those as part of - in	8	Q.	
1		doing your job?	V.a. air	10	part of that?	
1	10	A. Q.	Yes, sir.	11		·
1	11		And fair to say you review them and are		Q,	• • • • • •
Ì			ar with their terms as it relates to your			ecifically lines 12 through 19, have you had an
1		job?	W. a. d	- I	• •	to review that part of page 10?
Í	14	A.	Yes, sir.	14	Α.	·
1	15	Q.	Okay.	15	Q.	, •
1	16		(EXHIBIT NO. 7 WAS MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATIO	•	Α.	
1	17	BY THE REPORT	·	17	Q.	
ļ		BY MR. FRANSO	N:	- 1	_	of the revenues from the gas contract, gas supply
	18			19	confract as	a foo for providing this condon
		Q.	Look at Exhibit No. 7, please.	1.	COMMITTEE TO	a fee for providing this service.
	18	Q. A.	(Witness complied.)	20		Do you understand what that's referring to?
ļ	18 19	Q.	•	20 21	A.	Do you understand what that's referring to? Yeah, I believe so.
	18 19 20 21	Q. A. Q.	(Witness complied.)	20 21 22	A. Q.	Do you understand what that's referring to? Yeah, I believe so. Okay. What is that referring to?
	18 19 20 21	Q. A. Q.	(Witness complied.) Mr. Walker, go ahead and take your time on be doing is asking you to turn to page 9	20 21	A.	Do you understand what that's referring to? Yeah, I believe so. Okay. What is that referring to?
 - -	18 19 20 21	Q. A. Q. that, but what I'll	(Witness complied.) Mr. Walker, go ahead and take your time on be doing is asking you to turn to page 9	20 21 22 23	A. Q. A.	Do you understand what that's referring to? Yeah, I believe so. Okay. What is that referring to?

25 look on to page 10 also, if you could look at that.

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25 transactions like this gas at the interconnect with Williams

	1.	at a rate bigher than our entirely had invested in the rooms	1.	4 A Thodo our an ending to life
	1	at a rate higher than we actually had invested in the gas at	1	
	2	• •	2	
	. 3	instead contributed them to the ACA and PGA.	3	3 A. Yes, sir.
	4	Q. But the question is, SMGC had the choice of	4	4 Q. Does it appear to be a fair and accurate copy
	5	contributing that to the ACA or not contributing it to the	5	5 of your current operating tariff in force?
	6	ACA; is that correct?	6	6 A. It does.
	7	A. Yes, sir.	7	7 Q. Okay. Now, I will ask you, down in the
	8	Q. Okay. Going back to what you've got in front	8 [8 right-hand corner of each page, there is something that says
	8	of you, I believe Exhibit No. 7, pages 8 and 9 specifically,	9	9 Schedule 1-1, and I believe it runs all the way up to 1-87?
	10	when you and you offered this service that constitutes	10	0 A. Yes, sir.
	11	transportation service internal. Why was that same service	11	1 Q. Other than that, are there any material
	12	not offered to any other customers?	12	2 differences between this document and the tariffs that you
	13	A. We offered it to the customers that we were	ſ	3 are familiar with that are currently in effect with Southern
	14		- 1	4 Missouri Gas on file with the Public Service Commission?
	15		15	
		any other classes of customers?	16	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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	17	A. Well, we offered it only to the customers also	1	7 this regarding transportation service, which if you would
	1	who met the requirements to become a transportation customer	1	8 look and verify, I believe starts on the number page
		by tariff.	1	9 Schedule 1-20, but up in the right-hand corner it's Sheet
	20	Q. Okay.	1	0 No. 6.
	21	A. In this time frame, we had -	21	1 Actually, may I borrow the Exhibit? Okay. Is
	22	Q. You mentioned that you offered other customers	22	2 this – you're looking at Sheet No. 6. is that the
	23	the same deal, specifically the ones that you thought you	23	3 beginning of the tariffs regarding transportation service?
	24	might lose. Did you do any memos regarding those customers	24	4 A. It is.
	25	being offered this same service?	25	 Q. Okay. There is – in here it talks about the
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	_	57	+-	59
	1	A. No, sir. The customers that I offered it to	1	company. What do you understand the company to – the term
i	2	were all in the memos we've been discussing. There weren't	. 2	? "company" to mean when you look at your tariff?
i	3	any other customers that were offered this besides the three	3	What I'm asking is, is that Southern Missouri
	4	customers that we've mentioned.	4	Gas?
	5	MR. FRANSON: Okay. I need to stop just a	5	i A. It is.
ı	6	minute.	6	Q. And, in fact, if you could turn over to
ļ	7	(AN OFF-THE-RECORD DISCUSSION WAS HELD.)	7	what I'm asking you to turn over to is sheet – in the top
ļ	8	(EXHIBIT NO. 8 WAS MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION	Ţ	
Į	ı	BY THE REPORTER.)	٩	
ı	10	MR. FRANSON: Mr. Fischer, could you take a	10	
1	1	look at Exhibit 8?	-	says the definition of the term "company"?
			- 1	• •
į	12	MR. FISCHER: I'm sure it's fine.	12	
1	13	MR. FRANSON: And what it is, it's straight	13	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
ļ		out of one of the schedules attached to Mr. Russo's	14	
	l	testimony. It specifically it's actually in the NP and	1	5 Southern Missouri Gas Company, LP acting through its duly
	16	HC version, and it is, in fact, on there it's - I believe	1.40	and parimed afficers amount or some and the supple soft in the
	١.٠		'°	authorized officers, employees or other agents within the
		it's labeled it's Schedule 1-1, but and it goes from	l l	sauthorized officers, employees or other agents within the scope of their regular duties.
	17	it's labeled it's Schedule 1-1, but and it goes from there all the way through Schedule 1-87.	l l	scope of their regular duties.

25 Q. What is that?

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And, Mr. Walker, could you look at Exhibit

Have you had an opportunity to review that?

19 BY MR. FRANSON:

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21 No. 8 just to get a general familiarity with it?

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Yes, sir.

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Yes, sir.

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Okay. When - do you understand from this

19 tariff, is the term "transporter" in there?

22 tariff that the term "transporter" has a specific meaning to

23 you as part of your working in your job and working with

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24 these tariffs?

0 What does it -- in your work and part of your 1 threshold, and so we were unable to offer this to them at duties, what does it mean to you? that time, and we lost them subsequent to that. 2 3 Α. It means it's a customer for which we Q. So did that lead you to make any tariff transport gas. changes? 5 Q. Separate and distinct from the company? 5 That initially didn't. They contacted us at a Α. Yes. sir. later date and said they were interested in coming back on ۵. And so if the term "transporter" appears in gas and what could - what were our rates. Our PGA was here to you, that would not mean the company, that would 8 still high enough that we couldn't compete with propane at g mean the customer? 9 that time. 10 A. Yes, sir. 10 So we introduced them at that time to some 11 third-party marketers and offered them some - assuming we MR. FRANSON: Okay. Can we have about a 12 five-minute break? 12 could get our tariff changed, we told them we'd get them on . (A BREAK WAS TAKEN.) 13 13 as a transport customer. 14 BY MR. FRANSON: 14 Now, when you say transport, are you talking 15 Q. Okay. Do you have Exhibit No. 8 in front of 15 about transportation service internal or the regular 16 transport customer? vou? 16 17 A. Yes, sir. 17 A. I was talking about just putting them on as a 18 Q. Okay. The tariffs that you're looking at in 18 transportation customer and them supply their own gas, us 19 Exhibit No. 8, were these in effect in 2001 when you started 19 not supply it at that time. Did that happen with 20 this service, transportation service internal? 20 ٥ 21 The tariff as a whole was. I think it's been Well, they were unable to ever reach an 22 revised -22 agreement with a third-party marketer. They contacted us 23 Q. Okay. Are the dates -23 subsequent to that and said, you know, we'd like to get back 24 A. - at some point. 24 on gas. I said, well, you know, did you talk to the 25 O. 25 marketers? They said, yes, sir, we talked to them and we The dates are actually at the bottom of each ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS JEFFERSON CITY - COLUMBIA - ROLLA (888)636-7551 61 ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS JEFFERSON CITY - COLUMBIA - ROLLA (888)636-7551 63 page; is that correct? don't think we feel comfortable dealing with them right now. Is there any way you could do anything? 3 Q. But have there been any real substantive At that point, you know, after having changes to the tariffs that would affect those discussed it with my supervisor, I offered them a gas supply transportation service internal? agreement. 5 5 6 Yes, sir. A. Now, when you discussed it with your There have been? supervisor, who was that at that time? 8 Yes, sir. 8 A. Scott Klemm. 9 Q. What are those? Q. Okay. Looking at these tariffs, on 10 At the time when - in this relative time transportation, what does it take for someone to qualify as frame when this original two agreements took place a transportation customer? 12 We're talking about early 2001, March/April Average monthly natural gas requirements in a Q. 13 2001? 12-month period in excess of 2,000 MMbtus at a single 14 Α. Yeah; March, April, May, during that period. 14 address or location O. Okav. 15 Q. Okay. And if someone - if some entity 16 A third customer contacted us with the same qualifies, how do they go about becoming a transportation 17 complaints that those two did, that their gas rates were customer? 18 just too high and that they were able to procure propane 18 A. They just contact the company and probably

considerably cheaper and we needed to do something.

That was

24 a higher threshold of gas consumption to qualify as a

Okav.

And who was the third customer?

And at the time our transportation service had

at that time didn't meet that

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25 transport customer.

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25 customer?

19 myself in person and -- and communicate their wishes to

become a transportation customer, at which time we start

trying to determine if we had gas available to them where

Okay. Let's assume all those conditions are

they were at and in the volumes that they needed and -

24 met. What does the customer do next, the transportation

Well, we'd enter into a transportation 1 there is a charge for transportation. 2 O No. For the commodity, I mean the actual gas. agreement with a contract, and the contract would lay out Under these tariffs, the customer will be providing the gas; 3 where they'd need to deliver their gas to us, at what point, is that correct? and they'd be given a copy of the tariff to understand the A. rules of the rate class, and we'd begin transporting gas for Yes, it is. Q. And you're providing transportation services? them. 7 Q. Okay. Now, once you begin transporting gas, this customer, under these transportation tariffs, would go Q. So there's no gas charge; is that correct? 8 out to a third-party marketer and obtain their gas? Exactly 9 10 Presumably, yeah. 10 ۵. Okay. But is it fair to say under the 11 transportation service internal there is a gas charge to the 11 a Okay. And then what would happen to that gas? 12 Would it be delivered? How would you get it? 12 customer? It would be delivered via the - what formerly Yeah. There's an agreement entered into 13 14 was the Williams Central Pipeline, now Southern Star. It 14 between the company and the customer for the sale of gas. 15 15 would be delivered to our interconnect with them in a. Okay. Now, are there - what charges do you 16 have for transporting the gas? 16 Rogersville, Missouri. 17 A. We have a - there's a minimum and maximum 17 O And then - but that would be arranged or 18 they - where the customer purchased gas and then delivers rate which we can charge to transport the gas from the interconnect with Williams to the companies. 19 it to the interchange, then at that point you would 19 20 transport it? 20 Q. On Sheet No. 6 of the tariff - are you 21 looking at that? 21 I'd take possession of it, maintain possession 22 until it arrived at their take point. 22 A. Yes. sir. 23 Q. Okay. So you actually had title to the gas? 23 Q. The maximum/minimum, does that apply to MMBtus? Technically, I don't know if you'd say I had 24 24 A. 25 Yes, sir. 25 title, but I mean, that would -- I'm not comfortable saying ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS JEFFERSON CITY - COLUMBIA - ROLLA ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS JEFFERSON CITY - COLUMBIA - ROLLA (888)636-7551 67 (888)636-7551 65 And those are reflected on Sheet No. 6? I've got title without reading the tariff or the contracts. Q. 2 I'm not sure exactly what the terms are. I've got control 2 a. 3 Now, is it fair to say all of the terms of how of the gas and I've got physical possession of the gas. the gas is transported, where it's received and all of the Okay. So is there at any point anywhere in here that - in the transportation tariffs that you know of things that - terms and conditions are set out on these 5 that contemplates Southern Missouri Gas providing the gas to tariffs also? 6 7 transportation customers? Α. Yes, sir. MR. FRANSON: At this point, I don't believe I A. No, sir. have any other questions right now. O. Under these supply contracts with CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. MICHEEL: transportation service internal, what - do you know who had 10 10 title to the gas when it was obtained by Southern Missouri I just have a few questions, Mr. Walker. And 12 I'm trying to understand how this transportation internal Gas and transported by Southern Missouri Gas? 12 13 13 works, and it's my understanding - well, let me ask you Δ. No. sir. 14 this: For a normal transportation customer, is it correct 14 Q. Now, let's go back a little bit and talk 15 that that customer is responsible for going out and 15 about - the company contacts you, they have to have the 16 2,000 MMbtus at a single address or location, and we've gone 16 procuring their own gas and having it delivered to the city 17 17 through generally how they become a transportation customer. gate? What costs are there to them - are there to the customer to 18 Α. Yes, sir. be a transportation customer? 19 Q. And do you have any regular transportation 19 20 A. There would be a monthly customer charge. 20 customers currently? O. And how much is that? 21 Yes, sir. 22 Ο. And do you know where they get their gas from? 22 \$300 a month. 23 A. Yeah, I know one of them for certain. We have O. 23 And is there an actual commodity charge for 24 a transportation agreement with a prison in the Missouri 24 the gas under your tariffs?

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If you mean by commodity margin, yes, sir,

ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS JEFFERSON CITY - COLUMBIA - ROLLA (888)636-7551 66 25 prison facilities, and they have, I guess I'm assuming

statewide, entered into a contract with Oneoak, and they act "unbundled," that's what I mean. Do you understand that 2 as their marketer and they - their transporter to our take 2 now? point. They provide them with a host of services. 3 A. Yes, sir. And if I understand your testimony earlier Q. So my question was, for the three customers 5 today for the transportation internal customers that that got the transportation Internal from Southern Missouri 6 Southern Missouri had, the three customers we've discussed, 6 Gas, was Southern Missouri Gas providing them with a bundled Southern Missouri Gas provides the gas that was transported for those customers; is that correct? 8 We provided their gas as a part of the gas 9 Yes, sir. purchase agreement. We provided their gas delivered to our 10 Did at any time Southern Missouri Gas have an 10 city gate. 11 agency agreement with those three customers? And was that gas delivered to your city gate, 12 Only as is outlined in the supply agreements. 12 transported to your city gate utilizing Southern Missouri's So the gas that Southern Missouri Gas procured 13 pipeline capacity? 13 O. 14 for those three customers was purchased by Southern Missouri 14 Α. It was. 15 Gas; is that correct? 15 So the transportation internal customers did 16 Α. Yes, sir. 16 not go out and procure their own pipeline capacity to move Q. 17 And it was transported on the pipeline to 17 that gas over the interstate pipeline, in this case Williams 18 or now Central Star Pipeline, to Southern Missouri's city Southern Missouri Gas's take point pursuant to Southern Missouri Gas's transportation contracts; is that correct? 19 gate; is that correct? 19 20 20 They didn't. 21 Q. And then -- so Southern Missouri Gas 21 Q. With respect to the tariff sheets that 22 essentially was providing the transportation customer with a 22 Mr. Franson was just discussing with you, I believe you 23 indicated that there is no mention on those tariff sheets 23 bundled service: is that correct? MR. FISCHER: Counsel, would you define for my 24 about Southern Missouri Gas providing that type of bundled 24 25 witness what you mean by bundled? 25 service to transportation customers; is that correct? ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS JEFFERSON CITY - COLUMBIA - ROLLA ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS ERSON CITY - COLUMBIA - ROLLA (888)636-7551 71 (888)636-7551 69 MR. MICHEEL: Certainly. As far as I know, there's no reference in BY MR. MICHEEL: there, no. O. Q. Let me ask you this: Do you understand the And, indeed, you would agree with me that term "bundled service"? those tariffs contemplate a transportation customer getting A. what I've termed "unbundled service"; isn't that correct? No. sir. Okay. We talked earlier about a regular 6 I'd say that's fair. transportation customer, and they're responsible for MR. MICHEEL: Thank you. I don't have any procuring their own gas. Would you agree with me that those more questions for you, Mr. Walker. Thanks for your time. customers are also responsible for providing transportation, MR. FRANSON: I have just a little bit. getting their own transportation on the pipeline to bring 10 REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. FRANSON: that gas to your city gate? What I would - what I was wanting to - on 11 12 Α. 12 the transportation tariffs, which you've got in front of you 13 Q. Okay. That's unbundled. So they have to 13 in Exhibit 8, you talked - you looked at and talked about procure the gas, they have to get their own transportation 14 the - or lasked you some questions about how they 15 qualified the 2,000 MMbtus. Other than that number being 15 service and deliver it to your city gate? 16 A. Yes, sir. 16 changed, do you know of any other changes that have 17 occurred - that have occurred between the time that this -Q. For the transportation internal, when I use 18 the term "bundled," I mean that Southern Missouri Gas has 18 well, hold on. 19 purchased the commodity, Southern Missouri Gas has in place Let me just hand you and Mr. Fischer - what 20 this is a prior tariff sheet. And could you look at the 20 pipeline capacity to transport that commodity from the 21 production field or gathering area to Southern Missouri's 21 rates also and -22 22 city gate, and then from behind the city gate the pipes to A. (Witness complied.) 23 Q. 23 take to that customer's premises. Have you had an opportunity to review that? 24 Δ. (Witness nodded.) 24 A. Yes, I have. Q. With that understanding, when I use the term Q. And actually what we'll do is we'll make a 25

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	1	copy of that and make it Exhibit No. 9, but we'll do that			1 transportation are the same as they are today, to your			
	2	shortly here. is it fair to say that the only difference			2 knowledge?			
1	3	between the cur	rent tariffs that went into effect in	3	A. Other than these changes?			
ì	4	December 1 of 2	001 and the previous canceled tariff was the	4	Q. Yes.			
1	5	amount of MMbtus that it took to qualify as a transportation			A. And you're talking about the availability			
Ì	6	customer?		6	particularly or the whole transportation tariff?			
1	7	A.	There was a change also made in the units of	7	Q. The whole transportation tariff.			
1	8	the measuremen	its.	8	A. There's been some other changes in terms of			
	9	Q.	And what was that change?	9	and I'm doing this by recollection.			
1	10	A.	It was previously referred to as CCFs. It was	10	0 Q. Yes, siŗ.			
1	11	subsequently ch	anged to MMBtus.	11	1 A penalties associated with imbalances on the			
1	12	Q.	Okay. Did the actual amount of that change?	12	2 pipe and some things like that to try to			
1	13	Α.	Yes, it did.	13	Q. Okay. But as far as the availability of			
1	14	Q.	Do you know how much that changed?	14	4 transportation, that has not changed?			
1	15	Α.	Well, it changed from 35 CCFs, which would	15	S A. Nothing that I know of, no, sir.			
1	16	nominally be 3,5	00 MMbtús, to 2,000 MMbtus.	16	MR. FRANSON: With that being said, I don't			
1	17	Q,	Okay. Actually, that's up in the availability	17	7 believe I have any further questions.			
1	18	section; is that c	orrect?	18	MR. FISCHER: I've got a couple clarifying			
ŀ	19	A.	Yes, sir.	19	9 redirects. Won't take too long, but let's go backwards.			
1:	20	Q.	And the amount in the net monthly bill, did	20	CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. FISCHER:			
1:	21 1	that change?		21	1 Q. Just looking at the transportation service			
12	22	A.	Again, the units of measurement would change,	22	2 tariffs that were – that counsel referred you to, which is			
12	23 ;	and subsequentl	y the rates were changed to reflect the	23	3 Sheet 6, I believe you indicated -			
12	24 (change in the un	its of measurement, but	24	MR. FRANSON: Mr. Fischer, if I may, when			
1:	25	Q.	But you	25	5 you're talking about that, you're talking about Exhibit 8;			
			ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS JEFFERSON CITY - COLUMBIA - ROLLA (888)636-7551 73		ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS JEFFERSON CITY - COLUMBIA - ROLLA (888)636-7551 75			
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	1	Α.	- there was no net change in the rates.	1	is that correct?			
ı	2	Ω.	Okay. So the unit price of the commodity did	2				
1		not change?	,	3	• • •			
ŀ	4	Α.	No.	4	MR. FRANSON: Thank you,			
١,	5	Q.	That's what I'm asking.	5	•			
	6	 -	MR. FRANSON: Okay. Let me borrow that real	6	Q. I believe the schedule may be 1-20, which has			
П		uick, that book.	I'm going to go make a copy of that page.	7				
1	В	•	(AN OFF-THE-RECORD DISCUSSION WAS HELD.)	8	A. Yes, sir.			
Ł	9		(EXHIBIT NO. 9 WAS MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION	9	Q. Counsel, I think, asked you about the customer			
1		BY THE REPORT	•		service charge. That is consistent - or is that consistent			
ł		BY MR. FRANSO		Į	with the customer service charge in the transportation			
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- Mr. Walker, could you look at Exhibit No. 9.
- 13 The page that you were just looking at in this notebook, is
- 14 that the same?
- 15 A.
- And everything we just said regarding that 16 Q.
- 17 is it comes from Exhibit 9?
- 18 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Okay. So that's a fair and accurate copy of 19
- 20 the one out of the book you were just seeing?
- 21 A.
- Q. Okay. Other than those changes on No. 9, is
- 23 it fair to say that the tariffs that were in effect in early
- 24 2001, April, May -- March, April, May and subsequent, that
- 25 the tariffs are on the terms and conditions of

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- has
- tomer
- 11 with the customer service charge in the transportation
- 12 agreements related to these three customers' contracts?
- 13 A.
- 14 Q. Are the minimum and maximums, do the rates
- 15 that are contained in the transportation agreements with
- 16 with and with within
- 17 the minimum and maximums ranges in the tariff?
- 18 A. They do.
- 19 Q. Okay. Counsel asked you about bundled
- 20 service, and would you explain the billing arrangements that
- 21 you make for these three customers? You have a
- 22 transportation agreement and you have a supply agreement.
- 23 How do you bill?
- We bill the two distinctly. The
- 25 transportation service is billed through our normal billing

- system, as all of our transportation customers are billed, 1 reach an agreement? 2 and an invoice distinct from that bill is created to reflect 2 MR. FRANSON: Objection to the form of the 3 the gas that they purchase each month. question. Just the way you phrased it, you're asking him to 4 Now, for a transportation customer that know exactly. If you phrase it what this witness understood 5 acquires his own natural gas, what would you bill to those or knew, no problem. 6 transportation customers? MR. FISCHER: All right. I'll change that. I'd just send them a first portion of what i 7 BY MR. FISCHER: just described, a bill for transportation service. Ω. What were you told by that third-party 8 And who would send them the bill for their gas a. marketer? 10 costs? 10 Δ He told me that he couldn't understand why he 11 Δ. Whoever they were getting their gas from. 11 wasn't able to close the deal. He was frustrated and was at Q. 12 Okav. And that is - is that similar to the 12 the point where he wasn't going to talk to or even approach 13 Internal transportation, as that's been called? You send 13 the customer anyway, because he had shown the customer where 14 them a separate bill for that portion of it from the 14 he could save a substantial amount of money over the price 15 transportation ~ 15 that he was currently paying for propane or the price that 16 we could give him as a large volume customer, and he 16 A. Yes, sir. 17 Q. 17 couldn't get the customer to commit to anything. - portion? 18 Okay. You were asked some questions about the 18 But subsequently you were able to enter into a 19 discussions that you had with the various customers that you 19 gas supply agreement with these customers? 20 have that you were providing natural gas - provisioning the 20 Yes, sir. 21 21 natural gas supplies for? O And where are these customers located? 22 A. 22 All three of them in question are in West Δ 23 Q. And I believe at one point discussed that they 23 Plains, Missouri, 24 Q. 24 weren't comfortable with going to a third-party marketer. Which is a fairly small town in Missouri? 25 Would you elaborate upon that and what your understanding of 25 A. ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS
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 77 ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS JEFFERSON CITY - COLUMBIA - ROLLA (888)636-7551 79 Do you have an impression why they were 1 their concerns were? willing to enter into an agreement with Southern Missouri Well, when I described transportation service 2 2 to them as an option, I described to them that they would Gas Company and not with the third-party marketer? MR. FRANSON: Object as to relevance. Go need to get a shold of a marketing outfit, which I'd be happy to put them in touch, and then they'd have to acquire ahead and answer. some kind of capacity on a pipeline to get the gas 6 THE WITNESS: We've established a relationship transported to us, and that from that point we would deliver 7 with these customers, a working relationship with them over the gas to them. And in all three cases they didn't feel the period that they've been on gas, and they have 8 that they had the expertise in-house to do this. confidence in us doing what we say we're going to do. They 10 And one particular case, know us, they're familiar with us, and historically they've l actually put them in contact with a marketing outfit and explained to 11 always got their fuel from propane companies in all three 11 12 instances who were local and who they could come to and talk 12 them that they could - that the marketing outfit would take 13 care of providing that service for them, they'd get it to 13 to. And they failed to understand a lot of the terms that 14 us, you know, I was sure that they could get that service if 14 the gas marketers used when they're talking to them, and bottom line, they don't trust them. 15 they requested it.
- They later communicated to me that they didn't Q. understand what the marketer was telling them, they weren't You mentioned one of them had talked with, I 18 comfortable dealing with him, they didn't know him, and that 18 believe Oneoak; Is that correct?

16 BY MR. FISCHER:

- 19 they preferred to deal with me because they could come into 19
- 20 my office and ask me direct questions and get direct answers 20 Q. Where is Oneoak located?
 - in a language and vernacular they understood. 21 Α. I believe the marketer that he was talking to
 - Did you have any contact with that third-party 22 was out of Topeka, Kansas. Ο.
- Counsel also discussed with you your various marketer in that situation? 23 Q. 23
 - 24 memos that you wrote to the file to memorialize the 25 situation.

What was his understanding of why he couldn't

Yes, sir, I did.

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MR. FRANSON: Mr. Fischer, the exhibit is over It was contributed to the PGA fund. 2 a. 2 here. And If it's contributed to the PGA fund, would 3 BY MR. FISCHER: other customers be credited or get a benefit from that? Okay. I think I'd like to just go to A. Exhibit 1 and ask you to clarify, at the time this 5 ۵. Now, if they had - if these customers had 5 arrangement was made with , what was your PGA rate gone to a third-party marketer, and assuming that they had that they would have to pay on a regulated basis if they become comfortable with the third-party marketer and had entered in a supply contract with the third-party marketer, were a large volume service customer? A. The PGA by itself was -- expressed in MCF was would -- what, if anything, do you know would happen to the 10 \$8.98.9 per MCF. profit that the third-party marketer obtained by selling the 11 Q. You've been with the company a while. If you 11 gas to these transport customers? 12 look at gas prices over a period of time, how would you 12 Α. Well, they'd retain that profit. characterize this, as being high, low or in the middle? ۵. 13 13 The other remaining customers of Southwestern 14 Missouri Gas (sic), would they be affected by it? Extremely high. 14 A. Okay. Then I believe your memo also discusses 15 No, sir, they wouldn't benefit from it at all. 15 Ο. Α. 16 the price that you were able to secure gas supplies at for 16 Ω. I'd like to direct you to your Exhibit 5, 17 this customer? 17 which is the exhibit that contains the supply agreement for 18 and the transportation agreement for Are the Yes, sir. 19 Q. What was that? 19 transportation agreements basically the same agreement per MMbtu. 20 except for the name of the customer, the volumes and the 20 ۵ 21 price involved? 21 Can you explain why you were able to get it when just a few months earlier the prices seemed to 22 for 1 be much higher? 23 Q. Is that gas transportation agreement that's 24 Well, I can't explain it. I mean, that's what 24 contained in Exhibit 5, is that your - do you use that at 25 other times? 25 the gas market itself reflected. ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS ERSON CITY - COLUMBIA - ROLLA (888)636-7551 81 ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS JEFFERSON CITY - COLUMBIA - ROLLA (888)636-7551 83 Yes, sir. That's a standard form we use with Q. Prices went down precipitously? A. Yes. They went up precipitously at the end of all transportation customers. 2000, beginning of 2001, and then immediately fell 3 Q. And would that be the same contract that you precipitously. would enter into, the same form of the contract, if they 5 Q. And does -- that memo also reflects the price entered into a third-party marketer arrangement -that you actually sold the gas to is that right? A. Yes, sir. A. Yes, sir. Q. - that you discussed? Exactly the same. Q. What price was that? 8 A. We sold gas to them for per MMbtu. Q. Now, there's a separate agreement there that (Deposition interrupted by phone ringing.) 10 is titled supply agreement; is that correct? BY MR. FISCHER: 11 A. Yes, sir. 11 Ω. 12 Ω. So you told me that the PGA rate was \$8.98, 12 Now, would a third-party marketer transport customer have a supply agreement with Southern Missouri Gas 13 that you were able to secure supplies for this customer at And I believe you just told me before the phone rang 14 Company? 15 that the price that you sold it to the -- to 15 Δ. No. sir. if Southern Missouri Gas Company provides the 16 16 the 17 A. Yes, sir. gas, would the customer have a supply agreement with Southern Missouri Gas Company? 18 And that -- is that the same price that you 19 sold the SEI and under the first contract? Ą. Yes, sir. 20 Yes, sir. 20 Q. And is that what those supply agreements are? Okay. Now, there's a difference between the 21 Yes, sic. Q. 21 22 Q. Now, if it was a third-party marketer 22 price of the gas that you got from the customer and the cost 23 situation, would you know what the price was that the gas 23 of that gas, which I'll call profit, and I know there are 24 miscellaneous charges that might go into that, but do you 24 was being provided at? 25 25 know what the company did with that profit? No. sir.

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C 1 But in the situation where Southern Missouri 1 is that true? A. Yes, sir. 2 Gas provided the gas, obviously you're selling them at a 3 specific price and you're aware of what those arrangements And that's the point where your testimony related to the - you talked to the - or they talked to a 4 are? 5 A. Yes, sir. third-party marketer? Q. I think counsel also asked you whether your Yeah. I put them in touch with a couple of tariffs have any reference to Southern Missouri Gas Company third-party marketers and told them that we'd be interested providing gas to a transport customer. Do you recall that? 8 In bringing them back on as a transport customer, you know, 9 Yes, sir. and I explained to them again that they'd need to secure a 10 supply of gas, secure capacity on the pipe to get the gas to 10 Q. And did you say that the tariff does not 11 reflect that? 11 us and that we'd transport it for them, and that given my 12 Not as far as I know, it doesn't. 12 knowledge of the market at that time, that we could be 13 Q. Does the tariff reflect any prohibition 13 competitive with propane, probably beat their prices. 14 against Southern Missouri Gas Company providing gas as a Did you also explain that they were eligible 15 transport customer? 15 as a transport customer? 16 16 Δ. Not that I'm aware of, no, sir, A. Yeah, at the time they initially contacted us. You also discussed with counsel the 17 ۵ 17 The second time that they contacted us they weren't. We 18 customer? 18 took steps to at that point change our tariff such that they 19 19 would be qualified then, and I told them at that point that, 20 Q At the time that the customer 20 yeah, if we could get the tariff changed, that they would be 21 qualified. a customer of Southern Missouri 21 approached you, was 22 22 Gas Company? Were there other reasons to change the tariff? 23 A. 23 Was it just because of Marathon or were there other reasons? The first time they approached me in. I 24 believe it was around the last part of April 2001, they were 24 It was just because of 25 a large volume customer. 25 Q. Okay. This was the customer that said they ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS JEFFERSON CITY - COLUMBIA - ROLLA (888)636-7551 85 ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS JEFFERSON CITY - COLUMBIA - ROLLA (888)636-7551 87 O. And subsequently did they leave the system? were not comfortable with a third-party marketer? A They did, and approximately two weeks after 2 A. Yes. sir. our initial contact they, in their initial contact, said If they had - assuming that they weren't that they were able to procure propane at a substantially comfortable with a third-party marketer and you were lower rate than we were. Their facility is set up with a unwilling to provide them gas pursuant to a supply propane air mixing plant, and they can instantaneously 6 agreement, do you have an opinion about whether they would 7 change from one fuel to the other. 7 have come on to your system? And they offered me the opportunity to meet 8 A. 8 No, they wouldn't have. They would have the propane price that they'd been offered, and I couldn't remained on propane. meet it, because my PGA itself exceeded the price that they 10 Q. Mr. Walker, you discussed the were offered on propane. And they subsequently requested alternatives with their representatives; is that 11 12 that we terminate our agreement for service. 12 correct? 13 And at that time, as I understand it, the 13 Yes, I did. Q. 14 transportation rate that was contained in the canceled Do you have an opinion about whether they 15 tariff, Exhibit, what was that, 9, the last one, was in would have remained on your system if you had refused to 16 effect? 16 enter into a supply agreement with those two customers? 17 17 Α. They wouldn't have, in my opinion, no, sir. A. It was. Q. have met the qualification to 18 Q. 18 Would Did you ever tell these customers that anyone

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Okay. Now, subsequently the tariff changed;

And you were again approached by

be a transport customer under that tariff?

Yes, sir.

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At the expiration of that contract, what did

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19 considered them internal transportation customers?

With regard to

22 six-month contract that's reflected in the exhibits; is that

choose to do? The fixed costs that have been talked about . 2 between you and Mr. Fischer, you talked about if you lost A. They chose to convert a large portion of their process load to an alternative fuel that they could get 15 percent of your load that these fixed costs would still be there; is that correct? 5 Q. And you weren't able to -- were you able to Α. Yes, sir compete with that cheaper fuel? Q. Okay. And they would have to be picked up by No. sir. the remaining customers? A. 8 Q. So they left the system? 8 Α. That's right. Q. A. They did. However, if you had that 15 percent load stay 10 Except for --10 but the folks were - the people with that 15 percent load They maintained a - I think it's a large 11 were no longer paying the PGA rate, there's also costs that 12 general service account for some of their heat load only. 12 have to be picked up by the other customers; is that 13 It's a relatively small load compared to what they had 13 correct? 14 initially. 14 A. Yes, sir. 15 Q. You were asked a question, I think, if the PGA 15 Q. Isn't it true that the PGA rate was your big 16 problem and it was making you less competitive or 16 rate was greater than the transportation arrangements, who 17 would pick up the cost, and I believe - did you know the 17 noncompetitive with propane and other sources of alternative 18 answer to that? 18 fuels that were available? 19 No, sir. I didn't really understand the 19 A. 20 question about picking up the cost. 20 Q. Now, you talked about converted to 21 Q. Okay. If a customer leaves the system and 21 some alternative fuel. What was that? 22 that load is gone, do you know what customers would pick up 22 Α. Wood flour. 23 the remaining costs? 23 Q. What is wood flour? I know that the implications are that the 24 A. It's a byproduct of the wood industry. They 25 rate-paying customers will suffer. 25 take sawdust and grind it into a flour consistency and dry ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS JEFFERSON CITY - COLUMBIA - ROLLA (888)636-7551 89 ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS JEFFERSON CITY - COLUMBIA - ROLLA (888)636-7551 91 Would you explain for the record your fixed it and then -1 2 transportation contracts with your pipeline? Do you know Q. That's what I thought it was, but I wanted to what those are - about fixed transportation contracts? 3 be sure. Yeah. I'm familiar with the contracts we have A. Okay. You talk about a price being charged to -- you talked about an 8.98 and a you were able to a degree at least. Would you explain how - what those are and to -- per MMBtu, you were able is to obtain gas at Q. 6 how they work? customer. Do you remember that? 8 We pay a reservation fee to the pipeline Yes, sir. company to maintain capacity on the pipe. The reservations Q. 9 Which customer was that? A. 10 fee is a fixed fee that enables us to transport up to 10 and also reflected I believe it was 11 10,000 MMbtu per day, and incrementally then we pay a the price that we paid for the gas to 12 substantially smaller rate per MMBtu for what we actually 12 Okay. Now, ultimately, with all the charges 13 transport. you put in there, I believe you came up with a price of 14 O. Okay. If you lost 15 percent of your load, for -- I guess The per MMBtu? 15 would you still be required to pay the fixed transportation 15 Yes, sir. Α. 16 portion of that contract? 16 Q. Was there any profit involved in that? 17 A Yes, sir. The reservation fees would remain 17 A. Yes, sir. 18 in place. 18 Q. Okay. Well, let's break that down a little 19 Q. Would the charges to the remaining customers 19 bit. The gas was , correct? 20 be expected to increase to cover that? 20 Α. Yes. sir.

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Yes, sir.

Okay. What is that?

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MR. FISCHER: Thank you. I think that's all

MR. FRANSON: I've got a follow-up.

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23 I've got.

Yes, sir.

25 FURTHER REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. FRANSON:

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Was -- I believe there's a reference there to

That's incremental Williams transportation

1 charge.	1 transportation customers? I mean, they were able to
2 Q. And that's actual cost Southern Missouri Gas	2 purchase a lower gas – the commodity at a lower price?
3 has to pay and bills customers for?	3 A. Yes, sir.
4 A. Exactly.	4 Q. And isn't the primary difference between if
5 Q. And then there's an ACA charge; is that	5 they remained large volume versus becoming internal
6 correct?	6 transport the PGA cost?
7 A. Yes, sir.	7 A. Yes, sir.
8 Q. How much is that?	8 Q. Do you know whether Southern Missouri Gas at
9 A. That's .555 dollars per MMbtu.	9 all times charged the actual price that they paid for the
10 Q. And what is that?	10 gas? Did they ever discount the price of gas to these
11 A. That was an undercollected amount that we	11 internal transportation customers?
12 as I understand it, it was an undercollected amount that the	12 A. Not that I'm aware of, no.
13 company had incurred.	13 MR. FRANSON: I don't believe I have any
14 Q. Okay. So that's collecting past undercharges.	14 further questions.
15 That's not a profit, is it?	15 MR. MICHEEL: I don't have any more.
16 A. No, sîr.	16 RECROSS-EXAMINATION BYMR. FISCHER:
17 Q. Okay. Then there's also another charge of	17 Q. I just have one other question. Counsel is
18 .50; is that correct?	18 suggesting that the large - that the three customers that
19 A. Yes.	. 19 entered into the contract benefit from the contract; is that
20 Q. What is that?	20 correct?
21 A. It's referred to as an unscheduled filing	21 A. Yes.
22 adjustment. It was an increase in the PGA that took place	22 Q. Can you explain why they benefited, because
23 in an immediate fashion right about the time that - or in	23 compared to the PGA rate under the large volume service -
24 response to the gas price spikes that took place at the end	24 I mean, there's a difference. That's what you're talking
25 of '99, beginning of 2000.	25 about. They're paying a less amount of money to the
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1 Q. Okay. All of that adds up to per	1 company –
2 MMbtu?	2 A. Yes, sir.
3 A. Yes, sir.	3 Q under this arrangement?
4 Q. And then you added for transportation	4 A. They pay the less amount of money for their
5 costs, correct?	5 fuel needs because of the arrangements that we entered into

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ï	1	′ Q .	Okay. All of that adds up to per
	2	MMbtu?	
	3	A.	Yes, sir.
į	4	Q.	And then you added for transportation
Ì	5	costs, correct?	
	6	A.	Yes, sir.
1	7	Q.	Can you tell me where there's any profit in
1	8	those numbers?	
l	9	· A .	Well, the - what I refer to as profit was the
I	10	0 difference between our actual cost that we paid for the gas	
١	11	and the actual price that we sold the gas for, at the interconnect.	
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İ	13	Q.	And how much did you actually purchase it for?
İ	14	A.	We purchased it per MMBtu.
l	15	Q.	And you actually sold it I'm sorry. You
l	16	actually sold it for per MMBtu?	
I	17	A.	Yes, sir.
l	18	Q.	So that's what you're referring to, not
l	19	necessarily a clear profit above and beyond all your costs?	
l	20	Α.	Right.
l	21	Q.	Okay. Do you know how in the time period that
•	22	we're talking about, in 2001, how the PGA rate got so high?	
İ	23	Α.	Gas prices spiked on the market.
	24	Q.	Now, isn't it true that the internal

25 transportation customers benefited from being internal

8 Missouri Gas Company's remaining customers benefited because 9 they stayed on the system? 10 A. Yes, sir. Do you know of anybody that didn't benefit by Q. 12 this arrangement? 13 Southern Missouri Gas. MR. FISCHER: Okay. Thank you. 14 15 FURTHER REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. FRANSON: 16 Two quick questions. Mr. Walker, if you can 17 look at what I'm -- Exhibit No. 8, if you could look at --18 well, it's Sheet No. 2 at Schedule 1-16 on part of your 19 large volume service tariff. 20 A. Yes, sir. I believe you testified earlier that the rates 22 for internal transport were within the range minimum 23 maximums of your transportation tariffs. Do you remember 24 that? 25 Yes, sir.

6 than they would have if they had to remain targe volume.

And I believe you also testified that Southern

Ö. Okay. Are they -- the rates for internal 1 here in a minute. We also need to talk about the mechanics transport also within the range for large volume service? here about presentment and signature. How do you want to do 3 Α. Yes, sir. that? Do you want signature? Ο. Now, at any time when you were considering (OFF THE RECORD.) 5 tariff changes to make, I think it was to or one of 5 MR. FRANSON: Mr. Fischer, I believe you are the other customers eligible as a transportation customer willing to waive presentment but not signature, and that the under your tariff, did you and Mr. Taylor or you and intent would be that the parties would offer at hearing the Mr. Klemm ever consider any other changes to your signed original transcript, signed by Mr. Walker, and that transportation tariff that would make it very clear you the original exhibits would be attached to that? 10 could offer this transportation service internal? 10 MR. FISCHER: Yes. No. sir. MR. FRANSON: And you will work with the court 12 Q. You never discussed that with Mr. Klemm? 12 reporter and parties to get that document back to us in time 13 for the hearing on March 11th? 13 No. sir. MR. FRANSON: I don't believe I have any 14 MR. FISCHER: Yes. 14 15 further. 15 MR. FRANSON: Thank you, MR. FISCHER: I don't have any questions. 16 (PRESENTMENT WAIVED; SIGNATURE REQUESTED.) 16 17 17 I guess I should state just for the record 18 18 that we have discussed a lot of things that have been filed 19 under seal in this docket, and I would ask for an agreement 19 20 that the transcripts be treated under seal until we have a 20 21 chance to review it and declassify as much as we can to 22 maintain confidentiality of the confidential material. 22 23 MR. FRANSON: I certainly have no objection, 23 24 and that's fine. However, I need - I think we need to make 24 ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS
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(888)636-7551 25 25 clear that the term "under seal" means you're declaring for ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS JEFFERSON CITY - COLUMBIA - ROLLA (888)636-7551 99 1 the moment you want an agreement among all the parties who **CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER** STATE OF MISSOURI 2 are represented here by counsel today that this document, COUNTY OF COLE 3 3 this transcript in its entirety, as well as the exhibits, are all highly confidential. I, KELLENE K. FEDDERSEN, RPR, CSR, CCR, the 5 MR. FISCHER: Yes, entirer highly confidential officer before whom the foregoing deposition was taken, do hereby certify that Bill Walker, whose testimony appears in or proprietary and under the protective order. 6 MR. FRANSON: Thank you. And that the parties the foregoing deposition, was duly sworn by me; that the will work together quickly to declassify as much of this as testimony of said witness was taken by me to the best of my possible? ability and thereafter reduced to typewriting under my 10 MR. FISCHER: Yes. 10 direction; that I am neither counsel for, related to, nor MR. FRANSON: Mr. Fischer, would you and employed by any of the parties to the action to which this 11 deposition was taken, and further that I am not a relative 12 Mr. Micheel be willing to stipulate at this time that this 13 deposition in its entirety and all of the exhibits will be or employee of any attorney or counsel employed by the 14 admissible in the hearing, and that might alleviate the need 14 parties thereto, nor financially or otherwise interested in 15 the outcome of the action. 15 for Mr. Walker to appear? MR, MICHEEL: I'm fine with that if we can do 16 Given at my office in the City of Jefferson, 16 17 something or he can get back to the business of running the 17 County of Cole, State of Missouri, this 3rd day of March, 18 2003. My commission expires March 28, 2005. 18 system. 19 MR. FISCHER: I think that's fine with me, 19 KELLENE K. FEDDERSEN, RPR, CSR, CCR MR, FRANSON: Okay. I believe it's allowable 20 20 Notary Public, State of Missouri (Commissioned in Cole County) 21 21 under the rules. But that way we may be able to not 22 subpoena Mr. Walker at all. 22 MR. FISCHER: And could I also get copies of 23 23 24 24 the exhibits? ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS
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