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5	THE "ROCHESTER AREA RELIABILITY PROJECT," APPROXIMATELY 23.6 MILES OF 115 KILOVOLT TRANSMISSION LINES AND 1.9
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2	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: We are
3	continuing the evidentiary hearing in the reopener
4	phase of Case 11-T-0534, for shorthand the
5	Rochester Area Reliability Project.
6	We have already sworn in the
7	panel D.P.S. staff panel, environmental. They
8	were sworn in yesterday. I am just reminding them
9	that they are still under oath. I believe we are
10	continuing with cross examination by Mr. Evans.
11	MR. EVANS: Good morning. I had
12	not yet started. So this is a beginning.
13	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Okay.
14	Correct. I'm just saying we're continue we
15	began cross examination with other parties and as
16	we are continuing this morning, you are the first
17	person to start.
18	MR. EVANS: Thank you, your
19	Honor.
20	RICHARD POWELL; Previously sworn
21	JIM DE WAAL MALEFYT; Previously sworn
22	CROSS EXAMINATION
23	BY MR. EVANS:
24	Q. Good morning, gentlemen.
25	A. (Panel) Good morning.

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2	Q. Would the panel kindly look at
3	your sworn testimony on page sixteen, line eight
4	through ten. Which one of you gentlemen or of all
5	of you would be capable of answering the question
6	as to who looked at the Town of Chili comprehensive
7	plan that is referenced on page sixteen? Which one
8	of you?
9	MS. MORENO: Mr. Evans, could I
10	just ask for clarification? Are you looking at the
11	clean version of the testimony that was circulated?
12	MR. EVANS: There's been so many
13	versions, Counsel, I don't know what I'm looking at
14	anymore. If you wish to direct me to another page
15	I will be happy to do so. But the pages
16	MS. MORENO: Could you please,
17	sir, just mention what you're referencing.
18	There's on page sixteen of the
19	copy I'm looking at, there's a reference here to
20	scenic or protective views. Is that what you're
21	looking at?
22	MR. EVANS: No, I'm looking at
23	page sixteen of what I received initially. And if
24	it's a substitute page, just guide guide me and
25	tell me what's the page number. And it begins at

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2	the top with support agriculture, and on my lines
3	eight to eleven it says reference to the plan
4	doesn't prohibit. So maybe one of the gentlemen on
5	the panel if you got a different page just let
6	me know.
7	MR. BLOW: Your Honor, the
8	problem is that that what is in the what's
9	corrected in the sent in on the C.D. as
10	corrected testimony, which was accepted without
11	objection, is going to have different page numbers
12	to some extent. It's going to be confusing when we
13	go back and try to look at things for briefing, et
14	cetera.
15	MR. EVANS: With regard to
16	looking at C.D.s, suffice it to say, when you get
17	served on a Friday at 445 in the afternoon, I
18	candidly did not have the time nor did my
19	associate. All I want is a simple reference, if
20	anybody can give it to me as to the correct page.
21	MS. MORENO: I'd be happy to,
22	sir. Could you just read the line?
23	MR. EVANS: Yes.
24	MS. MORENO: Is it the Town of
25	Chili comprehensive plan encourages?

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2	MR. EVANS: You got it.
3	MS. MORENO: Okay. That is at
4	page fifteen beginning at line ten.
5	MR. EVANS: Line ten. Okay.
6	Line ten.
7	And then give me the page
8	reference for the statement that the plan
9	encourages the development of some formerly
10	agricultural land, et cetera. I have page sixteen.
11	What do you have?
12	MS. MORENO: We're looking at the
13	bottom of page fifteen, line twenty-two
14	MR. EVANS: Okay.
15	MS. MORENO: at the very end
16	it begins the plan
17	MR. EVANS: Hold on. The plan of
18	that what page is that please?
19	MS. MORENO: Page at the very
20	bottom of page fifteen, line twenty-two.
21	MR. EVANS: Line twenty-two. And
22	give me the page and line for, quote, the plan does
23	not prohibit.
24	MS. MORENO: That would be at
25	page sixteen beginning at line three.

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2	MR. EVANS: I'm sorry, what line
3	number?
4	MS. MORENO: Line three.
5	MR. EVANS: Thank you very much.
6	Thank you for the assistance.
7	MS. MORENO: My pleasure.
8	BY MR. EVANS: (Cont'g.)
9	Q. Panel, directing your attention
10	to revised testimony on what I've been told is page
11	fifteen, line ten, beginning with the words the
12	Town of Chili comprehensive plan. Do you see that?
13	A. (Powell) Yes.
14	Q. And my question on the table is
15	which one of you or if all of you have from
16	familiarity with the Chili comprehensive plan and
17	looked at the same in preparation for your
18	testimony?
19	A. I reviewed the I reviewed the
20	plan.
21	Q. Okay. And, Mr. Powell
22	A. Yes.
23	Q with regard to the statement
24	as set forth on page sixteen, line three, I'd like
25	you to read that sentence and advise me where

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2	specifically in the comprehensive plan did it state
3	that it does not prohibit the use of agricultural
4	land for construction of Station 255 on Site 7. A
5	specific page reference and paragraph number.
6	A. I didn't find a specific page
7	page where it states that. It's my conclusion
8	based on my review of the plan.
9	Q. So we're clear for the record,
10	you saw nothing in the comprehensive plan of the
11	Town of Chili that, in fact, said that the
12	construction of a substation is permitted on
13	agricultural land in the Town of Chili, is that
14	correct?
15	A. And in the plan, you're
16	correct.
17	Q. I'd like to direct your attention
18	to the filed statement by David Dunning, supervisor
19	of the Town of Chili, dated August 28 of 2013,
20	which has been filed in this case.
21	And if you wish to locate it you
22	may. Let me know if you need to see it.
23	A. I've got a copy of it someplace.
24	Q. If you'd like a copy we could
25	supply you with that.

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2	A. Please.
3	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Do you have a
4	copy for the bench also?
5	MR. BLOW: I think so, your
6	Honor. Just let me check my file. Just for
7	clarity clarity, your Honor, I don't believe
8	this has been marked as an exhibit or anything or
9	sponsored at all. It was but it was a filing
10	that was made.
11	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Yeah, I believe
12	it's a correspondence from Chili recently, and it
13	is in D.M.M., just double checking.
14	MR. EVANS: I believe what is
15	filed, your Honor, last week by the Town of Chili.
16	I believe it was last Thursday or last Wednesday
17	with notification to all the parties including
18	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: I I have
19	a a document $6-13-14$ was when it was filed which
20	is last Friday, Town of Chili, if I can see what
21	you handed out.
22	Okay. Yes.
23	Their document is in D.M.M.
24	it when you pull up the document it has the same
25	date of the document that you gave me which is

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         August 28, 2013.
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                           First line reads, did each of the
         parties to the joint proposal, open paren., J.P.,
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         close paren., J.P., fully understand the
         agricultural impacts of Station 255 slash
         Alternative Site 7 when they entered into the J.P.
         You have a portion highlighted. This is a two --
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 9
         it's two pages doublesided.
                           MR. BLOW: Your Honor, my point
10
         was that I understand that it is in the
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12
         correspondence record. It's not in an
13
         evidentiary -- the evidentiary record at this point
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         and nobody is planning, that I am aware of, to
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         sponsor it.
                           A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Correct.
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         That's my understanding as well.
                           A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Mr. Blow, do
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         you -- having acknowledged those facts, I'm not
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         sure we see a problem with that, but --.
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                           MR. EVANS: Well, maybe he didn't
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         read it last week.
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                           MR. BLOW: I did read it. I read
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         it in -- in August 2013. It's my --.
                           MR. EVANS: Did you read it last
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2	week though?	
3	MR. BLOW: Yes, I read it last	
4	week.	
5	My problem is and we can we	
6	can go on and and do I just made a statement	
7	that it's that it's one thing to be in the	
8	record, the correspondence file. It's another	
9	thing to be in evidence.	
10	MR. DRAGHI: And, your Honor, if	.
11	I can just finish I $$ I object to the use of this	;
12	as evidence.	
13	Town of Chili or Mr. Dunning is	
14	actually a party to this proceeding. He's opted	
15	not to appear here, be cross examined on statement	S
16	in there that I believe are incorrect. I think,	
17	you know, to allow that into evidence without	
18	giving us the opportunity to cross-examine the	
19	sponsor the person who wrote it, you know, woul	.d
20	be wrong.	
21	MR. BLOW: And, your Honor, the	
22	environmental panel testimony was submitted	
23	direct testimony was submitted on March 21st. The	;
24	rebuttal testimony was variously scheduled but	
25	ultimately scheduled to be submitted on May 9. Th	ıe

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2	Town of Chili chose not to submit rebuttal
3	testimony. And, chose not up until even up
4	until June 16th chose not to or June 17th or
5	June 18th or June 19th to submit rebuttal testimon
6	or a rebuttal exhibit.
7	MR. EVANS: Your Honor, this is
8	being offered by the Krenzer's not by the Town of
9	Chili.
10	The fact is that it's cross
11	examination and I have the right to take documents
12	which have been previously filed in this case with
13	the Public Service Commission, utilize the
14	documents which, in fact, the panel acknowledges
15	having seen before and use it as a cross
16	examination.
17	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Are you
18	proffering this as an exhibit? That my
19	understanding was that you are not?
20	MR. EVANS: No, I'm not
21	proffering it as an exhibit at this time. But it'
22	a file document, it's part of the record.
23	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: We all know
24	that.
25	MR. EVANS: Yeah.

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2	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: I think I
3	stated that.
4	MR. EVANS: So so rather than
5	spend twenty minutes.
6	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Do you have a
7	question?
8	MR. EVANS: Yes, I have a
9	question if Mr. Blow is finished with his
10	procedural objections to a relevant point.
11	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: I'll I'll
12	allow you to go along with
13	MR. EVANS: Thank you very much.
14	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: proceed with
15	your question.
16	MR. EVANS: I've been trying to.
17	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: And if there's
18	an objection based on how it's stated we'll deal
19	with that.
20	MR. EVANS: I've been trying to,
21	except for the interruptions with regard to
22	procedural issues that have no bearing on cross
23	examination. All right.
24	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Your
25	Honor your Honor, if I might just very quickly

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2	weigh in. When I received this I wondered what
3	how this would would be dealt with, and it seems
4	to me that in in it is similar to a statement
5	filed by the public which is in the commission's
6	files maybe referred to, but the weight of the
7	evidence is different. But but its weight is
8	different than evidentiary.
9	MR. EVANS: That could be argued
10	in a brief I assume.
11	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Yeah, that can
12	be argued in a brief. And I still don't know
13	exactly what he's planning to do with it because I
14	haven't heard the question yet.
15	MR. EVANS: I can't get a
16	question out.
17	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: So
18	MR. EVANS: I have all these
19	lawyers objecting to the procedure.
20	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Didn't
21	want to be left out.
22	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: That's okay.
23	That's it's early morning. Let's calm down.
24	MR. EVANS: Believe me I know
25	where you are and where you sit.

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2	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: If you can ask
3	your question, we'll deal with it after we hear it.
4	MR. EVANS: Thank you. I'm going
5	to now ask a question. Anymore objections to me
6	proceeding with a question? Thank you.
7	BY MR. EVANS: (Cont'g.)
8	Q. To the panel please. Mr. Powell,
9	have you had an opportunity to take a look at the
10	filed letter by the supervisor of the Town of Chili
11	dated August 28th, 2013?
12	A. (Powell) Yes.
13	Q. In the first paragraph, last
14	sentence, the letter states that, quote, as
15	testified, the siting of Substation 255 is not
16	consistent with the Town of Chili 2030
17	comprehensive plan, parens, evidence submitted,
18	closed parens. Did you see that sentence?
19	A. Yes.
20	Q. Are you disagreeing with the
21	supervisor of the Town of Chili with regard to
22	whether or not placement of Substation Two
23	fifty-five was consistent with or not consistent
24	with the Town of Chili comprehensive plan?
25	A. My testimony speaks for itself.

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2	Q. Thank you, sir. Also for the
3	record, I wanted to note that if you would take a
4	look at the matrix offered, I believe, as Exhibit
5	Forty-two by Rochester Gas and Electric, and if you
6	would kindly direct your attention to the area
7	entitled land use, more particularly item number
8	eight I'm sorry, I can't read it B dash two
9	dash subcase C, do you see that?
10	A. Yes.
11	Q. And the criteria is entitled,
12	quote, alternative consistent with town
13	comprehensive plan, question mark. Is that what it
14	says?
15	A. Yes.
16	A. (DeWaal Malefyt)
17	Q. Under the column of seven being
18	the certified route, this document having been
19	prepared and filled out by the Rochester Gas and
20	Electric, the letter N is shown. What does the
21	letter N mean to you?
22	A. (DeWaal Malefyt) It means that
23	the site is not consistent with the town plan.
24	Q. Thank you. I have no further
25	questions.

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2	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Okay. Mr.
3	Kanyuck, did you have questions?
4	MR. KANYUCK: I do with the
5	removal of Alternative Nine and the northern route
6	I have no questions.
7	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Okay. I think
8	I just have a clarifying question. And I apologize
9	because I didn't printout the newest version or the
10	correct version that's going into the the
11	transcript. But originally you had a discussion
12	about Site 20 on it was on pages thirty-eight to
13	forty the top of forty-two.
14	May not be the same page numbers
15	but there's a heading entitled Site 20.
16	I just wanted to clarify, that
17	was Site 20 with the northern routing that you were
18	talking about there? Or was it I guess is my
19	question.
20	THE WITNESS: (DeWaal Malefyt)
21	Well, any discussion about Site 20 is if it's
22	just the site it it's only the site
23	substation site. It's not the route.
24	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Okay.
25	THE WITNESS: We do talk about

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2	the routes, the northwest, the different places or
3	to the to the conservation easement going west
4	in another section.
5	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Okay.
6	MR. DRAGHI: Your your Honors,
7	I didn't reserve any time considering it's gone
8	quickly. Could I have about three minutes,
9	questions to ask?
10	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Sure.
11	MR. DRAGHI: Okay.
12	CROSS EXAMINATION
13	BY MR. DRAGHI:
14	Q. At page forty, line five of your
15	revised testimony you mention there was a Class C
16	stream in the southeasterly section of Site 20 that
17	should be avoided, if possible. Have you made any
18	determination of whether it would be possible to
19	Site Station 255 and Site 20 without, you know
20	without having to move the Class C stream?
21	A. (DeWaal Malefyt) Well, we've
22	talked about moving the station slightly to the
23	to the west, the southwest, to take advantage of
24	the upland forested area to, you know, if that's
25	possible, to utilize that area instead of utilizing

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2	the southeastern sections of the site that's
3	presently configured to avoid the stream and that
4	wetland area.
5	Q. Okay. But staff hasn't made any
6	determination of whether such a move would be
7	possible from an engineering perspective?
8	A. You'd have to talk to our
9	engineering panel.
10	Q. Okay. The environmental panel is
11	not aware of whether any determination has been
12	made.
13	A. No. We've just talked about it.
14	We don't have the final determination.
15	Q. If the Class C stream had to be
16	moved in order to site Two fifty-five at Site 20,
17	wouldn't approval of the Army Corp of Engineers be
18	required?
19	A. That's my understanding.
20	Q. Okay. Does the panel know how
21	long the process would take for gaining approval of
22	the Army Corp of Engineers for moving the stream?
23	A. We've heard, you know, the
24	testimony of different witnesses yesterday, and we
25	don't disagree with them. You know, we don't have

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2	a an inside track with the Corp. It always
3	depends on the region and the people available at
4	the time, and it can vary considerably.
5	Q. And if the Corp were to deny that
6	permit, then the stream could not be moved?
7	MR. EVANS: Objection. No
8	foundation for that witness to testify to that.
9	He's it's not been established
10	that anybody in the panel ever testified directly
11	or otherwise that a permit was needed. This is
12	outside the scope of direct.
13	MR. DRAGHI: There is a mention
14	of the Class C stream, think the witnesses have
15	just indicated they're familiar with the testimony
16	in this case. I don't think that goes very far
17	afield of their direct testimony.
18	MR. EVANS: It does go very far
19	afield, since there's no reference to any
20	requirement by this panel of obtaining Army Corp of
21	Engineer approval.
22	So it's outside the scope to ask
23	this panel a question which is well beyond their
24	admitted knowledge. He said he didn't know. He
25	only heard other people testify. So now we got

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2	double or triple hearsay.
3	MR. DRAGHI: No. He said.
4	MR. EVANS: Objection.
5	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Can can you
6	point me to where on the testimony they discuss the
7	Army Corp of Engineer?
8	MR. DRAGHI: They don't discuss
9	it, but they speak of a Class C stream being in
10	on Site 20 and saying, you know, it should be
11	avoided if possible.
12	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: I'm going to
13	sustain the objection.
14	MR. DRAGHI: I have no further
15	questions.
16	MR. EVANS: Your Honors, please.
17	In light of Mr. Draghi having the opportunity to
18	come back, I just have two questions to ask the
19	panel in light of what he raised now.
20	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: I I don't
21	think he came back. He didn't ask any cross is my
22	recollection.
23	MR. EVANS: If not I would
24	what I'm asking for I'd like the opportunity to
25	pose two additional questions which other attorneys

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2	have been given the chance to, just for
3	clarification purposes.
4	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: I'll allow you
5	to ask them.
6	MR. EVANS: Thank you, your
7	Honor.
8	CROSS EXAMINATION
9	BY MR. EVANS: (Cont'g.)
10	Q. Panel, you spoke about the
11	possibilities of moving the footpad of Site 20 and
12	what would be the purpose if that could be
13	accomplished, sirs?
14	A. (DeWaal Malefyt) Well, the
15	purpose I as I just said, you know, one of the
16	purposes would be to avoid the wetland area and the
17	C Stream in the southeast corner. Also to try and
18	maximize the use of the the trees between the
19	northern part of Site 20 and the, you know, the
20	property to the north to keep, you know to
21	screen the the visual impact of the substation.
22	Q. You assume all of you strike
23	that.
24	I believe you're all aware that
25	the footprint for the substation is to be placed at

2	Site 7 would be a total of eleven acres even after
3	the shift to the east, is that correct?
4	A. Approximately eleven acres, yes.
5	Q. The footprint serves as has been
6	spoken about for Site 20 is a twelve-acre footprint
7	to erect the same station, Station 255.
8	My question to you is: If
9	Station 20 could be placed on a footprint of eleven
10	acres versus the current proposal of twelve acres,
11	would that assist in the avoidance of wetlands for
12	areas of your concern?
13	A. Yeah. I since this is
14	conceptual I I can't say, you know, what it
15	would do. I think we'd have to see the real plan
16	in order to determine that. I mean, an acre, you
17	know, is not much.
18	Q. But if, in fact, it could be
19	conceptually or on drawing changed to move the
20	footprint into an eleven acre footprint and so
21	adjust that eleven acres to be placed further away
22	from the southeast corner, would that assist your
23	concerns if any regarding the southeast corner
24	wetlands?
25	A. I don't I don't think so. I

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2	mean, I think, you know, we'd have to look at a
3	a reconfiguration you know, an engineering
4	reconfiguration of the substation and see what that
5	looks like.
6	Q. So
7	A. Just making it smaller, you know,
8	hypothetically doesn't do much until you see the
9	outline.
10	Q. But certainly the door would be
11	open at that point if the Commission orders Site 20
12	to go forth to inquire and proceed with the RG&E
13	and as for configuration of eleven acres versus
14	twelve and whether or not that would assist in
15	avoidance of issues you've raised? Yes?
16	A. I again
17	Q. If the commission orders.
18	A I think smaller would be an
19	assistance, yes.
20	MR. EVANS: Thank you, sir. I
21	have no further questions.
22	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Thank you.
23	Does just doublechecking. No other party has
24	questions, correct? Does staff have redirect?
25	MS. MORENO: No, we don't.

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2	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Okay. I
3	believe the panel then is excused, and I want to
4	thank you for your time. We're going to go off the
5	record at this point.
6	(Off the record)
7	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: On the record.
8	Let's go back on the record. We're going to
9	proceed with staff engineering panel. If the staff
10	engineering panel could please come to the front
11	table and remain standing please and raise your
12	right hand. Do you swear or affirm that the
13	testimony you give will be the truth, the whole
14	truth and nothing but the truth?
15	MR. QUIMBY: I do.
16	MR. SCHROM: I do.
17	RICHARD QUIMBY: Sworn
18	EDWARD SCHROM: Sworn.
19	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: And can you
20	please state your names for the record?
21	THE WITNESS: (Quimby) Richard
22	Quimby.
23	THE WITNESS: (Schrom) Edward C.
24	Schrom, Jr.
25	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Thank you. You

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2	may be seated. Counsel.
3	DIRECT EXAMINATION
4	BY MS. MORENO:
5	Q. Good morning, gentlemen.
6	Mr. Schrom and Quimby, do you
7	have in front of you a document entitled prepared
8	testimony of engineering panel consisting of
9	twenty-six pages?
10	A. (Quimby) Yes.
11	Q. Were the questions and answers
12	contained therein prepared by you or under your
13	supervision?
14	A. Yes.
15	Q. Do you have any corrections to
16	make to that document?
17	A. No, we do not.
18	Q. If I were to ask you today the
19	questions contained in the document, would your
20	answers be the same?
21	A. Yes.
22	MS. MORENO: Your Honors, I
23	request that the document entitled prepared
24	testimony of engineering panel be copied into the
25	record as if given orally.

BEFORE THE STATE OF NEW YORK PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of

Application of Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation
For a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility
and Public Need under Article VII of the Public Service Law
for the Rochester Area Reliability Project

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March 21, 2014

Prepared Testimony of:

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Edward C. Schrom, Jr. Power Systems Operations Specialist

Richard W. Quimby Transmission Planner

Office of Electric, Gas and Water State of New York Department of Public Service Three Empire State Plaza Albany, New York 12223-1350

- 1 Q. Please state your full name and business
- 2 address.
- 3 A. Edward C. Schrom, Jr., Three Empire State Plaza,
- 4 Albany, New York 12223.
- 5 Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?
- 6 A. I have been employed by the New York State
- 7 Department of Public Service since 1977 in the
- 8 Office of Electric, Gas and Water. From 1977 to
- 9 1997 I was a Power System Planner in the System
- 10 Planning Section. Since 1998 I have worked as a
- 11 Power Systems Operations Specialist in the Bulk
- 12 Electric Systems Section.
- 13 Q. Please state your educational background and
- 14 professional experience.
- 15 A. I graduated from Rochester Institute of
- 16 Technology with a Bachelor of Science degree in
- 17 Electrical Engineering in 1974.
- 18 Q. Are you a licensed professional engineer?
- 19 A. Yes, I am registered as a professional engineer
- in the State of New York.
- 21 Q. Do you belong to any professional associations?

- 1 A. Yes, I am a member of the Institute of
- 2 Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE),
- 3 IEEE Industrial Applications Society, IEEE
- 4 Dielectric and Electrical Insulation Society and
- 5 IEEE Power Engineering Society.
- 6 Q. Have you testified before the Commission
- 7 previously?
- 8 A. Yes, I have testified numerous times and in
- 9 numerous proceedings both before the Commission
- 10 in Article VII electric transmission siting
- 11 cases and before the New York State Board on
- 12 Electric Generation Siting and the Environment
- in Article X power plant siting cases. In
- addition, I testified before the Federal Energy
- 15 Regulatory Commission (FERC) on the qualifying
- 16 status of the Independent Power Producers plant.
- 17 Q. Please state your name, employer, and business
- 18 address.
- 19 A. Richard W. Quimby, New York State Department of
- 20 Public Service, Three Empire State Plaza,
- 21 Albany, New York 12223.

- 1 Q. In what capacity are you employed by the
- 2 Department?
- 3 A. I am a Transmission Planner in the Bulk Electric
- 4 Systems Section of the Office of Electric Gas
- 5 and Water.
- 6 Q. Please summarize your educational background and
- 7 professional experience.
- 8 A. I graduated Clarkson University with a Bachelor
- 9 of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering in
- 10 2005. In 2006, I began working at Lightning
- 11 Technologies, Inc. where I performed high
- 12 voltage testing, testing protocols and final
- reports that documented testing and results. I
- 14 began working for the Department of Public
- 15 Service in 2008 in the Bulk Electric Section. I
- have been participated in New York Independent
- 17 System Operator (NYISO) committee meetings and
- 18 have been involved with Article VII cases and
- 19 have reviewed petitions filed pursuant to Part
- 20 102 of the Commission's Rules to analyze and
- 21 advise the Commission on whether proposed

- facilities may be constructed overhead or should
- be placed underground.
- 3 Q. Are you in training to become a licensed
- 4 professional engineer?
- 5 A. Yes. I have passed the fundamentals of the New
- 6 York State engineering exam.
- 7 Q. Have you previously testified before the
- 8 Commission?
- 9 A. Yes. I have previously testified in Article VII
- 10 proceedings, including Case 06-T-0650 (New York
- 11 Regional Interconnect), Case 03-T-1341
- 12 (Conjunction) and Case 13-T-0077 (National
- 13 Grid).
- 14 Q. In the preparation of your testimony have you
- worked with anyone else from staff?
- 16 A. Yes. We have conferred with the Environmental
- 17 Panel, particularly Richard Powell. That
- panel's testimony discusses the routing and
- 19 environmental matters concerning both the
- 20 substation locations and the routes of the
- 21 transmission lines exiting the stations.

- 1 We have reviewed the wetland and flood
- 2 plain delineations with the Environmental Panel,
- 3 including their impact on reliability on the
- 4 substation and their associated transmission
- 5 lines.
- 6 Q. Are you sponsoring any exhibits?
- 7 A. Yes. The following exhibits support our
- 8 testimony:
- Exhibit 46, ERP-2 Summary of Interrogatories and
- 10 Responses
- Exhibit 47, ERP-3 NYISO 2012 RNA
- Exhibit 48, ERP-4 NYISO Gold Book Pages
- Exhibit 49, ERP-5 NYISO 2013 Load and Capacity
- 14 Tables
- Exhibit 50, ERP-6 News Articles Relating to R.E.
- 16 Ginna Nuclear Power Plant
- 17 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?
- 18 A. The purpose of our testimony is to describe the
- 19 timing of the need for the Rochester Area
- 20 Reliability Project, discuss the merits of the
- 21 alternate locations of Station 255 and the

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- 1 routes of circuits 40, 940 and 941 identified
- 2 for consideration by Judge Stein in her March
- 3 12, 2014 ruling, and to discuss the potential
- 4 impact to reliability if an alternate substation
- 5 location is selected.

6 Project Need and Timing

- 7 Q. What is the need for the Rochester Area
- 8 Reliability Project?
- 9 A. As the Commission found in its April 23, 2013
- Order, the Project is needed to reinforce RG&E's
- 11 overall electric transmission system and its
- 12 interface with the New York State bulk electric
- 13 transmission system.
- 14 Q. What was the need date projected by RG&E for
- this project?
- 16 A. In its 2011 Article VII application RG&E
- projected a need for the facility in 2014. The
- Commission directed RG&E to prepare an updated
- 19 projection of the project's need date and a
- 20 major milestone schedule in its November 15,
- 21 2013 Order reopening the record. RG&E submitted
- an updated projection showing need for the

- facility as of the date it filed its report,
- 2 December 16, 2013 (Exhibit 36).
- 3 Q. Has staff subsequently re-evaluated the supply
- 4 portfolio and the load forecast for the RG&E
- 5 system?
- 6 A. Yes. Staff requested that RG&E provide updated
- 7 information. Its response to DPS-21 identifies
- 8 the sources of capacity for the RG&E service
- 9 area and the projected load (Exhibit 46, ERP-2).
- 10 The response projects an increase in load in
- 11 RG&E's service territory and shows that RG&E
- will not be able to supply its service territory
- under N-1-1 reliability criteria without
- 14 shedding load.
- 15 Q. How did staff confirm RG&E's updated projected
- load forecast and capacity to serve load?
- 17 A. Staff requested RG&E's actual and adjusted loads
- on the RG&E system for the past ten years and
- its capacity supply portfolio for the next ten
- 20 years. RG&E provided that data in response to
- 21 DPS-13 (Exhibit 21) and DPS-21 (Exhibit 46, ERP-
- 22 2). Staff has reviewed the data and, based on

- 1 the historical data used to project future
- loads, the projected load forecast is reasonable
- 3 based upon our regression analysis. Based on
- its current supply portfolio, RG&E will not be
- 5 able to meet the projected load in a N-1-1
- 6 contingency pursuant to NPCC and NYSRC criteria
- 7 and rules.
- 8 Q. How else have you confirmed RG&E's need for the
- 9 project?
- 10 A. We have reviewed the NYISO 2012 Reliability
- 11 Needs Assessment (RNA) study.
- 12 Q. What did the NYISO RNA find?
- 13 A. The NYISO applied the N-1-1 criteria as required
- by the New York State Reliability Council and
- Northeast Power Coordinating Council rules and
- 16 criteria. The first part of its study, N-1, was
- 17 applied. N-1 means taking a normal system and
- 18 applying one contingency -- the loss of a
- 19 transformer, transmission line, or double
- 20 circuit tower. In its study of the transmission
- 21 system, the NYISO assumed the loss of one
- 22 transformer. In their study they found that

- given this contingency, the remaining
- transformers would be over their Long Term
- 3 Emergency Ratings (LTE). RG&E would have to
- 4 shed load to reduce loading on its transformers
- if this contingency occurred. The only way to
- 6 avoid the overloading is to have Station 255 in
- 7 place.
- 8 Q. What does it mean to shed load?
- 9 A. Load shedding involves dropping residential,
- 10 commercial, and industrial customers for an
- 11 undetermined period of time when a contingency
- 12 occurs to reduce the loading on the remaining
- 13 transformers. Shedding load could impact
- service to hospitals and other critical medical
- facilities, stores and factories, etc.
- 16 Q. You described a N-1 contingency above, the NYISO
- study conducted an N-1-1 study, is that correct?
- 18 A. Yes, after the contingency applied described
- 19 above, the study then applies another
- 20 contingency on the system, which is N-1-1. In
- its study, the NYISO assumes the worst
- 22 contingency, in RG&E's case a stuck breaker. No

- 1 system element should be over its Long Term
- 2 Emergency Rating (LTE) following a contingency.
- 3 Unfortunately, the NYISO found RG&E could not
- 4 pass this test. If this did happen, RG&E would
- 5 have to shed even more load to bring the
- 6 loadings on the remaining transformers to normal
- 7 loadings.
- 8 Q. In preparing the RNA, did the NYISO use the same
- 9 load forecast that RG&E projects?
- 10 A. No, NYISO has projected a lower load (Exhibits
- 11 47 and 48, ERP-3 and 4). In preparing the RNA
- the NYISO utilizes a peak system load for all of
- New York State, however state peak load is not
- representative of individual utility peak loads
- 15 because of the diversity of utility system
- loads. Therefore, in order to accurately
- 17 represent the Rochester area which is served
- through only two substations and one generator,
- the forecast has to be based upon the Rochester
- 20 service area rather than state-wide peak loads.
- 21 Q. What is the significance of this?

- 1 A. Staff believes that based on the historical
- data, the RG&E's higher projected load is a
- 3 reasonable assumption. If load actual load is
- 4 indeed greater than that used in the NYISO's
- 5 study, the effect of contingencies on RG&E's
- 6 system will be worse.
- 7 Q. Is RG&E in violation of any reliability
- 8 standards?
- 9 A. Staff requested RG&E to do an assessment of
- 10 North American Electric Reliability Corporation
- 11 (NERC), Northeast Power Coordinating Council,
- 12 Inc. (NPCC) and New York State Reliability
- 13 Council (NYSRC) reliability criteria in DPS-22
- 14 (Exhibit 46, ERP-2). RG&E has indicated it does
- 15 not believe it violates any NERC criteria but it
- does violate NPCC and NYSRC design criteria and
- has developed the Rochester Area Reliability
- 18 Project to mitigate the design criteria
- 19 violations.
- 20 Q. What is the purpose of NERC, NPCC and NYSRC and
- 21 how did they come about?

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1	Α.	NERC was formed in the late 1960's by the
2		electric utilities and councils. Following the
3		blackout of August 13, 2003, NERC was directed
4		by FERC to develop standards for utilities to
5		design and operate their electric systems.
6		Those standards are developed through an open
7		process and are approved by the FERC.
8		NPCC was formed following the 1965 blackout
9		which resulted in all of New York State,
10		Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire,
11		Vermont, Maine and parts of Canada to blackout.
12		The utilities formed NPCC to develop criteria
13		for design and operation of the Bulk
14		Transmission system. These criteria were
15		developed to prevent blackouts and provide for a
16		reliable transmission and generation system.
17		Over time, the standards evolved.
18		The NYSRC is a body in New York State that
19		develops reliability standards that incorporates
20		NPCC standards and develops more stringent
21		reliability rules for Planning and Operating the
22		New York State Power System ("Reliability

- 1 Rules"); these standards are applicable only to
- New York utilities. Those rules are published
- and are publically available, just as the NERC
- 4 and NPCC Standards are.
- 5 Q. What organization(s) perform audits of system
- 6 operator and utility conformance to reliability
- 7 standards?
- 8 A. NPCC, NYSRC and NERC perform audits to assure
- 9 compliance with published standards and assure
- 10 conformance. If a utility should fail to meet
- 11 the reliability standards of any organization,
- 12 NERC brings the violation to FERC and FERC can
- assign a monetary fine or some other action it
- desires through its enforcement process.
- 15 Q. Does R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant (Ginna)
- provide capacity and energy to RG&E's service
- 17 territory?
- 18 A. Yes, in response to DPS-21, RG&E stated that
- 19 Ginna provides a nominal 580 MWs of capacity and
- energy (Exhibit 46, ERP-2) to its system. We
- 21 confirmed this by reviewing the NYISO 2013 Load
- and Capacity Tables (Exhibit 49, ERP-5).

- 1 Q. Have there been reports that Ginna may retire
- 2 its facility?
- 3 A. Yes. Several articles have published discussing
- 4 the challenging finances of Ginna and
- 5 Fitzpatrick power plants and the possibility of
- their retirements (Exhibit 50, ERP-6).
- 7 Q. What would be the impact to RG&E be if Ginna
- 8 retires?
- 9 A. If Ginna retires, RG&E will have a capacity
- 10 deficit of a nominal 580 MW. In order to bring
- 11 that capacity into its system, RG&E would have
- to import the capacity through the 345 kV
- 13 system. Without Station 255, there are only two
- substations serving RG&E's territory. There are
- 15 limits to the amount of capacity they can
- 16 accept.
- 17 If Ginna retires, RG&E would be hard
- pressed to survive the loss of any transformer
- 19 at peak load during the summer period. In an N-
- 20 1-1 contingency, transformers at one or both of
- 21 the substations would be overloaded, and would
- force RG&E to shed load to reduce the loading on

- the remaining transformers. If Ginna retires,
- 2 RG&E needs Station 255 operational to maintain
- 3 the reliability of the system.
- 4 Q. Can the project be in-service in 2014?
- 5 A. No. Construction of Station 255 is not
- 6 authorized while the parties examine alternative
- 7 locations for Station 255. Station 255 will
- 8 take approximately two years to bring online
- 9 from the time construction starts on the
- subsurface to the time it is energized (Exhibit
- 11 46, ERP-2).
- 12 Q. If Ginna retires before the Rochester Area
- 13 Reliability Project is constructed, what would
- the impact to reliability be?
- 15 A. As discussed above, under existing conditions
- 16 RG&E could not meet the N-1-1 reliability
- 17 contingency. If RG&E had less reliable
- capacity, RG&E would not be able to serve load
- under the loss of any transformer, and would be
- 20 worse in the case of a stuck breaker at Station
- 21 80. RG&E's only option would be to shed load in
- 22 order to lower the loading on the remaining

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	1	transformers.	As	discussed	above	, this	could
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- 2 impact residential, commercial, and industrial
- 3 customers.

4 Alternate Locations and Routes

- 5 Q. Have you reviewed Sites 9 and 20 as alternative
- 6 locations to Site 7 for Station 255?
- 7 A. Yes, Staff reviewed RG&E's January 16, 2014
- 8 Report On Alternatives Analysis For Substation
- 9 255 And Associated Transmission Lines (the
- 10 Report) (Exhibit 37). We visited and field
- 11 reviewed each site, and consulted with DPS
- 12 environmental staff, to review environmental
- 13 conditions, which included flood plains,
- 14 wetlands, and other environmental factors that
- may affect the reliability of the site.
- 16 Q. What did you conclude with regards to
- 17 environmental factors that may impact
- 18 reliability?
- 19 A. Based on input from our colleagues on the
- 20 Environmental Panel, we concluded that wetlands
- 21 and 100-year and 500-year flood plains would not
- impact the operation and protection of the

- 1 Station 255 if it were located at Site 7, 9 or
- 2 20.
- 3 Q. Which of the substation locations makes the best
- 4 sense from an engineering perspective?
- 5 A. From an engineering perspective any of the
- 6 locations can serve the need for interconnecting
- 7 RG&E's system to the 345 kV cross state system.
- 8 The only difference between Site 7 and Sites 9
- 9 and 20 is the amount of time it would take to
- 10 bring the facility into service.
- 11 Q. Is Site 9 or 20 superior to Site 7?
- 12 A. No, from an electrical perspective, the sites
- work equally well. All of the alternate
- substation locations would still require the
- 15 construction of a 345 kV transmission line to
- 16 connect with Station 80 and the 115 kV
- 17 transmission lines associated with Station 255
- that extend to the Rochester and Southern
- 19 Railroad, as authorized by the Commission.
- Depending on the location of the substation,
- 21 different routes for the transmission facilities

- 1 could be examined, but the transmission
- facilities would still have to be built.
- 3 Q. Why do all the substation sites require a 345 kV
- 4 connection to Station 80?
- 5 A. The System Impact Study done by the NYISO
- 6 identified the need based on the limiting
- 7 contingency for emergency transfers should the
- 8 loss of one of the two 345 kV lines occur. To
- 9 eliminate this contingency, the NYISO required
- 10 the installation of an additional 345 kV circuit
- 11 to connect from the new substation back to
- 12 Station 80. Each alternative site would require
- 13 construction of this line.
- 14 Q. Do each of the sites require some routing for
- the 115 kV transmission lines?
- 16 A. Yes, all of the locations would require routing
- of two 115 kV transmission lines to get to the
- 18 Rochester and Southern Rail Road to interconnect
- with the transmission facilities authorized by
- the Commission in RG&E's Certificate of
- 21 Environmental Compatibility and Public Need.

- 1 Q. Several routes have been proposed to
- 2 interconnect Station 255 and Station 80, do you
- 3 have a preferred route?
- 4 A. The 345 kV line (Line 40) must be constructed
- 5 south of the Empire Pipeline, with sufficient
- 6 distance from the pipeline to avoid unsafe
- 7 conditions and to prevent damage to the
- 8 pipeline.
- 9 Q. With respect to the authorized 115 kV route, has
- 10 RG&E suggested that it can accommodate the
- 11 Krenzer farming operations?
- 12 A. If the 115 kV lines are authorized to parallel
- 13 the cross state 345 kV line, through the
- 14 conservation easement, coming from Site 7, RG&E
- has agreed to match the spans of the 345 kV
- lines that cross the property to the extent
- possible. RG&E has also agreed to use the
- 18 maximum number of double circuit towers allowed
- by the reliability criteria according to the
- 20 North East Power Coordinating Council, which is
- 21 five double circuit towers, emanating from the

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- 1 substation to reduce the number of structures on
- 2 the Krenzer property.
- 3 Q. If Station 255 were located at a different site,
- 4 could the same engineering practices be used?
- 5 A. Yes. If the substation is on the east side of
- 6 the Genesee River, the number of structures
- 7 could still be limited to five double circuit
- 8 structures as specified by the reliability
- 9 criteria. However, if the number of structures
- 10 coming out of the substation is more than five
- 11 structures, those remaining structures must be
- 12 single circuit structures, regardless of where
- 13 Station 255 is located.
- 14 Q. If RG&E were to construct the line utilizing the
- agriculture mitigation route, are there any
- differences in the characteristics of the
- facility from what was already authorized by the
- 18 Commission?
- 19 A. RG&E would use taller structures and longer
- spans.

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1		Electric and Magnetic Fields
2	Q.	If the Commission authorized either Site 9 or
3		20, could RG&E still meet the Commission's
4		electrostatic field standards and
5		electromagnetic field limits for the associated
6		transmission line routes?
7	Α.	Yes. The standards and limits are measured at
8		the edge of the right-of-way. If the Commission
9		certified a different location, RG&E has
10		indicated the appropriate right-of-way width to
11		meet the standards.
12		Cost
13	Q.	What are the cost impacts to the project if the
14		Commission were to choose alternate 9 or 20 over
15		alternate 7?
16	A.	The Report RG&E provided includes a table in
17		response to analysis of the various alternatives
18		on January 16 to the parties, and Staff has
19		utilized those in performing its analysis.
20		Alternative 9 would add approximately 11 million
21		to the cost of the project and alternate 20

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- 1 would add approximately 20 million to the cost
- 2 for new station.
- 3 Q. How did RG&E put together its cost estimates?
- 4 A. It took the cost per mile of 115 kV and 345 kV
- 5 line costs and calculated them for the distances
- 6 needed depending on the station site. They also
- 7 accounted for the cost of changes to the
- 8 substation design and the cost of demolition.
- 9 Q. In your opinion, were the cost estimates
- 10 reasonable?
- 11 A. Yes, in our experience the costs quoted were
- 12 reasonable.

13 <u>Impact of Alternate Location on Reliability</u>

- 14 Q. What site for Station 255 do you favor?
- 15 A. We favor Site 7 as authorized by the Commission.
- 16 Q. If Sites 7, 9 and 20 are equivalent from an
- engineering perspective, why does Staff prefer
- 18 Site 7?
- 19 A. As discussed above, there is a reliability need
- 20 for this project now. RG&E has already designed
- 21 the substation and submitted the proposed
- 22 environmental management and construction plan

1 (EN	M&CP) for	Station	255	at	that	site.	The
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- 2 Commission's December 20, 2013 Order provided
- 3 that, if the Commission affirms the location of
- 4 Station 255 as currently authorized, any further
- 5 comments on Segment I of the EM&CP as they
- 6 relate to Station 255 will be due 15 days after
- 7 issuance of the Order affirming that location.
- 8 Shortly after that deadline the Commission could
- 9 approve the construction of Station 255 on Site
- 10 7.
- 11 O. If the Commission were to authorize one of the
- 12 alternative substation locations, what
- additional design work would RG&E have to do?
- 14 A. RG&E would have to perform more site analysis
- and design a substation that could be
- 16 constructed on the new site.
- 17 Q. What impact would that have on the project
- 18 schedule?
- 19 A. Staff requested that RG&E provide a time line
- 20 describing the process and timing it would
- 21 require to design Station 255 at another site
- and to submit a proposed EM&CP for that site.

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1		In response, RG&E indicated that it would take
2		eight months from the time it receives direction
3		from the Commission to construct at an alternate
4		site to design Station 255 and to submit the
5		proposed EM&CP to the Commission (Exhibit 46,
6		ERP-2). The comment period applicable to the
7		proposed EM&CP is 45 days.
8		We also expect that, given the comment
9		period and the need for advisory staff to
10		evaluate the proposed EM&CP and comments
11		thereon, it would take approximately four months
12		from the filing of the proposed EM&CP to
13		issuance of a Commission order approving or
14		modifying the design.
15		Therefore, if the Commission authorizes
16		another site for Station 255, the probable
17		impact is to add another year to the project in-
18		service date.
19	Q.	If an alternate site for Station 255 is
20		selected, when would the substation be able to
21		co online?

- 1 A. Considering the two year construction time
- 2 period described by RG&E, the project would not
- 3 be in service until approximately three years
- 4 from the issuance of an order authorizing
- 5 Station 255 to be located on another site
- 6 sometime in 2017.
- 7 Q. Can RG&E wait an additional year to have the
- 8 project in-service?
- 9 A. No. As RG&E has indicated in response to
- interrogatories DPS-8 thru DPS-10 (Exhibit 21)
- and DPS-21 (Exhibit 46, ERP-2), RG&E remains out
- of compliance with its own planning criteria and
- the requirements of the Northeast Power
- 14 Coordinating Council, Inc. and New York State
- 15 Reliability Council; it must come into
- 16 compliance with the reliability criteria as soon
- as possible. If it does not, RG&E will be
- forced to shed load every time a transformer
- 19 goes out of service during peak conditions.
- 20 Residential, commercial, and industrial
- customers could be without service to an
- 22 undetermined amount of time.

- 1 Q. Please summarize the recommendations reached in
- 2 the panel's testimony.
- 3 A. For the reliability concerns discussed above, as
- 4 well as cost considerations, we recommend the
- 5 Commission permit construction of the currently
- 6 authorized Station 255 at Site 7 as soon as
- 7 possible.
- 8 Q. Does this conclude the pre-filed direct panel
- 9 testimony?
- 10 A. Yes, it does.

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2	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Request
3	granted.
4	BY MS. MORENO: (Cont'g.)
5	Q. Panel, your testimony refers to
6	five exhibits. Were the exhibits sponsored by you?
7	A. Yes.
8	Q. Do you have any corrections to
9	make to those exhibits?
10	A. No, we do not.
11	MS. MORENO: The first exhibit is
12	a summary of interrogatories and responses and has
13	been marked as Exhibit Forty-six for
14	identification.
15	The second is the 2012
16	Comprehensive Reliability Plan, Final Report
17	prepared by the New York Independent System
18	Operator or NYISO. It has been marked Exhibit
19	Forty-seven for identification.
20	And the next is a page from the
21	NYISO gold book and has been marked as Exhibit
22	Forty-eight.
23	The next is Exhibit the next
24	exhibit is 2013 Load Load Incapacity Tables from
25	the NYISO and has been marked as Exhibit

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2	Forty-nine.
3	And finally the last exhibit is a
4	series of news articles relating to the R.E. Ginna
5	Nuclear Power Plant and has been marked as Exhibit
6	Fifty.
7	Your Honors, the the panel is
8	now available for examination.
9	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Thank you.
10	Yes. I believe the first questioner is Mr. Evans.
11	MR. EVANS: Thank you, your
12	Honor. May I have just a moment please?
13	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Yes.
14	CROSS EXAMINATION
15	BY MR. EVANS:
16	Q. Good morning, gentlemen.
17	A. (Schrom) Morning.
18	(Quimby) Morning.
19	Q. Let me direct your attention
20	please let me direct your attention please to
21	page seven beginning on line two of your
22	testimony line twenty. On line I'm sorry,
23	line twenty line twenty on page seven.
24	It indicates that the RG&E
25	provided data in response to an I.R. from D.P.S,

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         which is D.P.S. Thirteen.
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                           Do you have that in front of you,
         the I.R. you requested please. And, also -- you
         can also pull up the responses that you obtained
         from the RG&E to that I.R. please.
                          MR. BLOW: Your Honor, just for
         clarification, that -- that response is part of
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         Exhibit Twenty-one, which was already received in
         evidence in the first phase of the proceeding.
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                          A.L.J. PHILLIPS: It's been
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         resubmitted I believe as part of Exhibit Forty-six,
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        am I mistaken on that?
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                           MR. BLOW: I don't -- I don't
         believe so, your Honor. I believe --.
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                           A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: D.P.S.
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         Twenty-one?
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                          MR. BLOW: No, no. Your --
19
         D.P.S. --
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                           A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Oh, I'm
21
         sorry.
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                           MR. BLOW: -- starting --
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         starting with D.P.S. --.
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                          A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Excuse me, my
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mistake.

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2	MR. BLOW: Yes.
3	MR. EVANS: So shall I then
4	shall I refer to it, your Honors, as Exhibit
5	Twenty-one for the record to be clear?
6	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Take me a
7	minute to confirm that, but
8	MR. EVANS: Thank you.
9	MS. MORENO: Mr. Evans do you
10	have a a copy that the panel could look at?
11	MR. EVANS: Yes.
12	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Yes, we have
13	copies of it now in front of us on our computer
14	monitors and witnesses have it in front of them, is
15	that right?
16	THE WITNESS: (Quimby) That's
17	correct.
18	BY MR. EVANS: (Cont'g.)
19	Q. Do you have were you able to
20	locate, gentlemen, Exhibit Twenty-one?
21	A. (Quimby) Yes, we have it in
22	front of us.
23	Q. And, Mr. Quimby or Mr. Schrom,
24	whomever, would you kindly in your own words
25	identify Exhibit Twenty-one and whether you've seen

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2	it before.
3	A. (Schrom) This is an
4	interrogatory response, Exhibit Twenty-one, from
5	the company that we in which we requested data
6	from them.
7	Q. The reply date is March 12th
8	of I'm sorry. The reply date by the RG&E is
9	March 14 of 2012, correct?
10	A. (Quimby) Yes.
11	Q. Could either of you tell me the
12	purpose is there a change in your testimony?
13	A. No. It just the reply date
14	we
15	Q. Your reply date is March 14,
16	2012, correct?
17	A. That's correct.
18	Q. What was the purpose of your
19	department Department of Public Service,
20	requesting the information under this I.R.?
21	A. (Schrom) The purpose of that
22	interrogatory is to find out the history of peak
23	loads for the company and to verify the load-growth
24	rate that the company was projecting in the future,
25	in which we asked them what their projected load

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2	growth was.
3	Q. Mr. Schrom, what would be the
4	purpose of asking them for projected load needs, is
5	you will, in the future?
6	A. We always do that.
7	Q. Again, what's the purpose of it?
8	A. The purpose is to find out how
9	load is growing in the company.
10	Q. And how does that lead into, if
11	at all, to the issue of reliability and the future
12	prospect of reliability?
13	A. The purpose is to make sure that
14	the company has sufficient installed equipment on
15	the system to serve today's load and future load.
16	And, that the equipment that they install can
17	handle that future load growth without having to
18	reinvest every year to meet that future load
19	growth.
20	Q. Thank you. May I direct the
21	panel please to the graph which is contained within
22	Exhibit Twenty-one?
23	And I ask the panel whether
24	they've had the opportunity to have reviewed this
25	graph made by and provided to the P.S.C. by RG&E

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2	before today?
3	MS. MORENO: And for clarity,
4	this is attachment A of that interrogatory?
5	MR. EVANS: Yes, it is.
6	A. Yes, we've reviewed this before
7	today.
8	BY MR. EVANS: (Cont'g.)
9	Q. Mr. Schrom and Mr. Quimby, sirs,
10	did you review this in the preparation of your
11	actual testimony and your direct testimony if you
12	will? Did you look at this in the preparation of
13	your direct testimony?
14	A. We utilized the interrogatory
15	which we issued to the company on February 27th,
16	2014 and they respond replied on March 14th,
17	2014 to Mr. Lynch and Mr. Conroy.
18	Q. But, again, I'm asking you since
19	you've referenced attachment A in your in your
20	direct, whether you considered it and looked at it
21	in preparing your prep in preparing your direct
22	A. We considered it.
23	Q. Thank you. Would it be fair to
24	say that looking at attachment A being the RG&E's
25	graph in response to your request for the future

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2	load and forecast, would you set forth on the
3	record please the line which consists of I'm
4	going to call it a purple or a light purple line
5	from left to right at approximately a forty-five
6	degree angle which is labeled to the right as the
7	forecasted RG&E load. Do you see that?
8	A. Yes. I see that line.
9	Q. So for the record, so we all
10	understand this, what was the purpose of the RG&E
11	providing you at your request the forecasted RG&E
12	load as part of this inquiry?
13	MS. MORENO: I think that's been
14	asked and answered.
15	MR. EVANS: What's the purpose,
16	sir?
17	MR. BLOW: There was an
18	objection, your Honor.
19	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Yeah, I I
20	thought you did already ask this question.
21	MR. EVANS: But I'm referring
22	directly now to the chart, so
23	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: No, you
24	MS. MORENO: The next part of the
25	interrogatory?

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2	MR. EVANS: Let me restate it.
3	Let me I'll withdraw and restate.
4	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Okay. Thank
5	you.
6	MR. EVANS: I'll withdraw and
7	restate.
8	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Thank you.
9	MR. EVANS: No problem. Okay.
10	BY MR. EVANS: (Cont'g.)
11	Q. The first entry on the forecasted
12	RG&E load shows a date of approximately 2012, is
13	that correct? That's where it starts.
14	A. That's correct.
15	Q. And, in fact, that references
16	back that references back to the second page of
17	the I.R. which is a chart, if you will, and under
18	number two, outset forecast and more particularly
19	year 2012, which is to ask you whether what's
20	graphed is one thousand seven hundred and
21	ninety-three megawatts? Answer please.
22	A. I was waiting for the court
23	reporter.
2.4	Q. I'm sorry. I apologize. I
25	didn't see it.

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2	A. We heard her, so we we
3	stopped.
4	Q. Good. Good move.
5	A. It would appear so.
6	Q. Okay. Do you have the actual
7	consumption or the actual demand, if you will, for
8	2012? Have you got that figure?
9	MS. MORENO: Could you reference
10	where in their testimony it is stated?
11	MR. EVANS: I don't have to refer
12	to the testimony. I'm asking him whether or not he
13	has the actual.
14	MS. MORENO: Okay. So it's not
15	based on his testimony?
16	MR. EVANS: Yes, it is. Based
17	upon the chart and the examination of the chart and
18	what the chart means and how it's applied.
19	MS. MORENO: Sorry, that's the
20	projected, the forecasted?
21	MR. EVANS: I'm back to Exhibit
22	Twenty-one as referenced on page seven. This is
23	cross examination. I'm asking him
24	MS. MORENO: I understand. But I
25	object to the question and the the interrogatory

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2	provides actual load through 2011 and forecasted
3	load through 20 from 2012 to 2020.
4	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Yeah, I'm
5	I'm going to allow the question only because the
6	passage of time and the requirement that responses
7	be updated.
8	I think he's just asking if they
9	have the updated actual information now that it's
10	2014 for 2012. And I think that's a fair question
11	MR. EVANS: Thank you, your
12	Honor.
13	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: If they don't
14	have it they will say that.
15	BY MR. EVANS: (Cont'g.)
16	Q. What's the actual, Mr. Schrom?
17	A. (Quimby) For clarification
18	for clarification are you talking about D.P.S.
19	Twenty-one or Exhibit Twenty-one when you say
20	Twenty-one.
21	Q. Exhibit Twenty-one. In response
22	to D.P.S. Thirteen
23	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: No.
24	MR. EVANS: exhibit
25	Twenty-one.

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2	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Let's clarify,
3	because you do keep saying Exhibit Twenty-one.
4	Exhibit Twenty-one has multiple parts. Your
5	questioning them on D.P.S. Thirteen, which is part
6	of Exhibit Twenty-one.
7	MR. EVANS: That's correct.
8	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: But just to
9	somewhat confuse the matter, the updated version
10	that they've also referenced happens to be D.P.S.
11	Twenty-one which is part of Exhibit Forty-six.
12	So we'll try to speak very
13	carefully about which Twenty-one we're talking
14	about. But if we use the I.R. numbers, D.P.S.
15	Thirteen and D.P.S. Twenty-one, that will probably
16	make the whole discussion much clearer.
17	MR. EVANS: Well, I'll attempt
18	I'll attempt to use D.P.S. Thirteen as what. What
19	would you like me to refer to the D.P.S. Thirteen?
20	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Okay. I'll try
21	again. In their testimony there's Exhibit
22	Twenty-one. The questions you have been asking
23	have been based on D.P.S. Thirteen which is a part
24	of Exhibit Twenty-one, which was entered into the
25	record previously My understanding is that you're

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2	continuing to ask questions based on D.P.S.
3	Thirteen, which is part of Exhibit Twenty-one. If
4	that's not correct, please correct me.
5	MR. EVANS: That is correct.
6	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Thank you.
7	BY MR. EVANS: (Cont'g.)
8	Q. So, the question on the
9	question on the table is what was the actual demand
10	in year 2012?
11	A. (Schrom) We don't have that
12	number with us at this time. We could provide it
13	to you at a later time.
14	MR. EVANS: We have an exhibit
15	then to offer.
16	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: When you've
17	finished handing the copy out, can you just
18	describe to us what this is and where it came from?
19	MR. EVANS: Yes. Ready to
20	proceed?
21	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Yes.
22	MR. EVANS: Your Honors, this
23	document came directly from the RG&E website in
24	compliance with FERC Order Number 890, and as you
25	can see, it contains on page four the actual peak

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load for 2012. So it came directly from the
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         utility company.
                           A.L.J. PHILLIPS: It doesn't
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         appear to have a total though and is that your
         question?
                           MR. EVANS: Well, I'm going to
         explain if it can -- question now on it, I'll get
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         to the numbers. I need a foundation from the
         witness.
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                           A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Okay. We'll --
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         we'll mark it as Exhibit Eighty-two.
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                           MR. EVANS: Thank you.
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        BY MR. EVANS: (Cont'g.)
                       Q. Mr. Schrom, referring your
15
         attention to page four of Exhibit Eighty-two,
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         there's a column and a chart, if you will, and at
17
         the bottom it shows Rochester RG&E and for 2012
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         peak load one thousand four hundred and two point
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         six megawatts. Do you see that?
                       A. What I see -- what I see is the
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         Canandaigua district of RG&E, the Genesee Valley
23
         Region of RG&E, the Lakeshore area of RG&E, and the
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         Rochester Gas and Electric area. Those may combine
         to make the Rochester control area.
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2	Q. And taking those areas that you
3	referred to, and you can do the math, we calculate,
4	based upon the areas you just described, a total
5	megawatt actual consumption for year 2012 as one
6	thousand six hundred and seventy-two megawatts.
7	A. By our quick calculations that
8	appears to be correct subject to check.
9	Q. When you say subject to check,
10	what else do you need to refer to to check?
11	A. I just want to make sure that in
12	the time we just took, that we didn't make a math
13	error.
14	Q. Okay. Will you kindly take the
15	time now for the record so we don't have any
16	changes as we go forth? It's important.
17	MS. MORENO: I'm sorry, could you
18	repeat, Mr. Evans, what your calculation was?
19	MR. EVANS: My calculation is one
20	thousand six hundred seventy-two megawatts.
21	THE WITNESS: (Schrom) Based
22	upon my attorney's advice, that number is correct.
23	MR. EVANS: I didn't ask your
24	attorney. Touche, Mr. Schrom. Touche.
25	BY MR. EVANS: (Cont'g.)

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2	Q. On a more serious note, is it not	
3	correct that the actual 2012 load was less than the	
4	graph chart and also the number provided in the	
5	response to the I.R. which we've established is one	
6	thousand seven hundred and ninety-three megawatts?	
7	A. Based upon Exhibit Twenty-one and	
8	that page of the forecasted peak loads, it is true	
9	that the actual was less than the forecasted peak.	
10	Q. Is it a fair statement that for a	
11	utility company, such as the RG&E, to do a forecast	
12	it's done to the best of their ability based upon	
13	past consumption and historical data? They do it	
14	to the best of their ability.	
15	A. The utility generally does it	
16	based upon previous forecasts, the economic	
17	climate, what known industrial facilities could be	
18	moving in, what known industrial growth there is,	
19	what known housing development there is. So, it	
20	all adds together, and I cannot I am not a load	
21	forecaster.	
22	Q. I understand but I appreciate	
23	your response, what constitutes the forecast. And	
24	accordingly would it be fair to say that the	
25	forecast can go up or down based upon reality at	

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2	the time that it refers to? That's a yes or a no.
3	A. I will not answer that way. I
4	will tell you that it all depends on consumer
5	response and what the air temperatures are and the
6	humidity will drive the demand of the system.
7	Q. And, again, just looking at the
8	forecast line, given your explanation with which I
9	have no disagreement, sir. I have no disagreement
10	with. I'm focusing on forecast and what we have
11	before us is, in fact, the establishment that in
12	this particular year, 2012, the forecast for that
13	year does not coincide with the actual load but, in
14	fact, it's less. That's all I'm trying to
15	establish.
16	A. And I agree that the actual was
17	less than the forecast. But as time progresses and
18	we cannot control the economy of the United States,
19	things can change. People will have higher
20	consumption. If you get high humidity and very hot
21	days for prolonged periods, the peak will get
22	higher.
23	Q. And will the peak also get lower
24	during the forecast years projecting out if, in
25	fact, the consumers, industry, and general society

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2	requires less load to acquire from the RG&E? It
3	will go down. If it goes up it's got to go down if
4	things happen. Yes or no?
5	A. I don't agree with you. Because
6	as society buys more and more appliances and
7	things, the load goes up.
8	You can't stop society from
9	buying more T.V.s, more air conditioners and going
10	to Lowe's and they have thousands of air
11	conditioners sitting there. People are picking
12	them up. It adds to the load growth.
13	Q. Thanks. Mr. Schrom or Mr.
14	Quimby, apparently Mr. Schrom, are you familiar
15	with Governor Cuomo having announced on April 24 of
16	2014 that he wishes to have a fundamental shift to
17	utility regulation? You aware of that?
18	MS. MORENO: Your Honors, I
19	I'll object to that question, beyond the scope of
20	the testimony.
21	MR. EVANS: We're referencing,
22	Judges, the chart provided by the RG&E, its
23	forecast, the response by the witness to the
24	exhibit which is in evidence and his statements
25	just made. This is cross exam with regard to his

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2	contention that obviously there are changes in
3	forecast.
4	He indicated what the changes
5	upward to be and what would cause that, and I'm
6	exploring now whether he has familiarity ith the
7	State's position regarding consumption in the
8	future and the State's goal and expectations.
9	Which, in fact, goes to the core
10	issue of reliability in in the coming years.
11	My associate also advised me that
12	this document is found on the P.S.C. website.
13	Okay. I'm sorry. Not this specific document, but
14	reference to this document are on the P.S.C.
15	website itself.
16	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Okay. Because
17	it's on the P.S.C. website, I don't think
18	establishes a sufficient basis for asking these
19	witnesses about this document, which they did not
20	reference in their testimony.
21	I think they already indicated
22	they're not load forecasters. There's no chart in
23	here that seems to be related to the questions that
24	you were asking.
25	MR. EVANS: I'll try to I'll

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2	try to focus in on what the point is. And it is
3	not using this document to show or establish
4	reduction. It's used to show what forecasting is
5	based upon. The witness testified that increased
6	purchases of T.V., appliances, et cetera, will
7	cause an increase in load.
8	All we're attempting to establish
9	is that decrease in load also could occur based
10	upon the goals and expectations of the State and
11	the document found on the P.S.C. website as to how
12	to reduce load.
13	And this is critical with regard
14	to the timing issue of this particular project.
15	So, if I could move ahead and lay
16	the foundation, I'm sure you'll see that I'm going
17	to end up tying it in.
18	MS. MORENO: Your Honors, this
19	may have been an appropriate line of questioning to
20	direct at RG&E who actually prepared the responses
21	and our load forecasters. These witnesses have
22	explained they're not load forecasters and they did
23	not prepare the response to D.P.S. Thirteen for
24	which this is evidently related.
25	MR. EVANS: But they asked for

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2	the information. Why would you ask for the
3	information if, in fact, you didn't intend on
4	looking at it and utilizing it in your position?
5	MS. MORENO: I didn't say they
6	weren't going to look at the information.
7	MR. EVANS: So I can just move it
8	in here and and I don't know what you're afraid
9	of, frankly. Why why counsel's afraid to go into
10	this area.
11	MS. MORENO: I'm not sure why you
12	need to characterize this.
13	MR. EVANS: I'm characterizing it
14	because I'm listening to these objections. And
15	here we are trying to get to the merits of timing,
16	which is one of the key issues in this case. And I
17	sense that the P.S.C.'s position is
18	MR. BLOW: We asked for a ruling,
19	your Honor.
20	MR. EVANS: I sense a blockage,
21	an attempt to find out through these documents.
22	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Okay. Stop
23	arguing and give us a minute.
24	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Mr. Evans,
2.5	we're going to sustain the objection on the grounds

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2	that these witnesses have testified that they are
3	not load forecasters and are relying on the numbers
4	from RG&E.
5	At the same time, if you are
6	trying to make a point that not only can peak load
7	turn out to be below forecast, but that, in fact,
8	peak load can go down in a given year, I think we
9	have established through Exhibit Eighty-two, the
10	witnesses have agreed that peak load for 2012 was
11	sixteen seventy-two megawatts.
12	And we've previously been looking
13	at the answer to D.P.S. Thirteen which shows that
14	the peak load in 2011 was seventeen fifty-two
15	megawatts.
16	So, that according to the
17	information that is already in exhibits on on
18	the record, the peak load went down from 2011 to
19	2012 in terms of the actual numbers. So I'm not
20	sure you need to belabor this line of inquiry
21	further.
22	MR. EVANS: Fine. That's
23	that's perfect, your Honor.
24	BY MR. EVANS: (Cont'g.)
25	Q. Now realizing, as I believe we've

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2	established, that indeed there can be less demand
3	than actually forecasted. And I'm not asking you
4	to do any predictions of future forecasts. We're
5	just accepting this graph that you've asked to be
6	produced, what occurred in the year 2013 based upon
7	your knowledge and based upon the graph which led
8	to an increase of transmission capacity, sirs?
9	What occurred on the based
10	upon this chart, what occurred in 2013? Did
11	something occur at Station 80?
12	A. Could you point me to the exhibit
13	that you're discussing?
14	Q. The one right in front of you.
15	A. Which one?
16	Q. D.P.S. Thirteen.
17	A. Which page?
18	Q. Page three, which is attachment
19	B, as in boy, constitutes a draft, attachment A.
20	All right. So it's attachment A,
21	my apologies. You see can you see the graph?
22	A. Okay. We see the graph but I
23	would like you to
24	Q. I will rephrase the question for
25	you, okay?

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2	Do you have the graph in front of
3	you?
4	A. Yes, I do.
5	Q. And you had seen that before
6	today?
7	A. Yes.
8	Q. Okay. My question is what
9	occurred, to your knowledge, in or about 2013 which
10	led to an increase of transmission capacity?
11	A. As far as transmission capacity,
12	I think you need to explain to me what you mean.
13	Q. What I mean, again, looking at
14	the word these words used by the RG&E, and
15	follow the color code, that they've charted, that
16	you've looked at, and I'm assuming you studied it
17	or at least went through it when you got it. What
18	occurred in or about 2013 that led to, based upon
19	the information on this graph, an increase in
20	actual transmission capacity?
21	A. Which line are you referring to?
22	Q. May I step up?
23	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Can I can I
24	jump in? I think what you're asking, correct me if
25	I'm wrong, there's a purple line

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2		MR. EVANS: Correct.	
3		A.L.J. PHILLIPS:	it's the
4	last one in the le	egend, transmission ca	apacity with
5	R.A.R.P. I believ	ve what you're asking	is do they
6	know why there is	an X that is it's	the one
7	that's attached to	the yellow line, why	y did it go
8	from there to the	next indicated spot	on the purple
9	line.		
10		MR. EVANS: Thank you	1.
11		A.L.J. PHILLIPS: So,	, it goes
12	from under two tho	ousand to in between t	the two
13	thousand and twent	cy-five hundred.	
14		MS. MORENO: Your Hor	nor
15		MR. EVANS: No. No,	that's not
16	correct.		
17		MS. MORENO: just	as a point
18	of clarification -		
19		A.L.J. PHILLIPS: I'r	m sorry.
20		MS. MORENO: that	would be a
21	forecast, in that	this answer was prepared	ared prior to
22	2013.		
23		A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Oka	ay. But
24	is is that what	you were asking or m	no?
25		MR. EVANS: What I'm	establishing

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2	is the following. What this shows is that with the
3	installation of the transformers at Station 80
4	which has been established to had have actually
5	occurred in late December 2013, early January 2014
6	it was enabling the system to meet the need that
7	was then required that that
8	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Are are you
9	stating that or asking a question?
10	MR. EVANS: I believe that's wha
11	the chart shows, and I'm asking if they have
12	knowledge of the installation of the transformers
13	and how that affected, if anything, the
14	transmission of power, which are still in place.
15	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Okay. That's
16	a it's a slightly different question, but if
17	that's your question.
18	MR. EVANS: Okay. Judge you
19	may
20	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Do you
21	understand the question?
22	THE WITNESS: I understand the
23	question now.
24	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Okay.
25	BY MR. EVANS: (Cont'g.)

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2	Q. May I have an answer please, Mr.
3	Schrom?
4	A. Yes, RG&E did install two new
5	transformer banks, but that is not the purpose of
6	my testimony.
7	Q. But by reason of the installation
8	of the transformers, is it not true that it was
9	done, to your knowledge, your capacity with as an
10	engineer with the P.S.C., to provide additional
11	power needs?
12	A. They do provide additional power
13	needs, but they do not help the company to meet
14	the reliability criteria.
15	Q. I didn't ask you that question.
16	If you'd listen to the question
17	we'll get to your issues. But I'm asking whether
18	that was done in order to increase production of
19	transmission power.
20	A. I do not understand your word
21	production. They allow the transfer of more
22	capacity into the Rochester Gas and Electric
23	System.
24	Q. And that allows to meet any
25	greater need that then existed?

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2	A. It may meet the need, but it does
3	not meet the reliability criteria.
4	Q. Mr Mr. Schrom, I'm not asking
5	you about reliability at this point in time.
6	You're jumping off the topic and getting your
7	strike points in to me. I understand that, but
8	what you what I'd like you to do, and you'll
9	have your full opportunity on redirect. What I'd
10	like you to do is not keep on pushing R.A.R.P.
11	That's not the question right now.
12	I understand your position
13	clearly. I read your testimony. But stay with me
14	in a cross examination in terms of the installation
15	of the transformers at Station 80 which has
16	occurred and is in place. And, in fact, is there
17	and is working to, in fact, increase transmission
18	capacity. That's all.
19	And and don't talk about
20	R.A.R.P. right now. We're not I didn't ask
21	about
22	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Mr. Evans, I
23	think he did answer your question with explanation.
24	If you have a follow-up question,
25	can we proceed?

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2	MR. EVANS: Yes, I will. But in
3	a cross examination as as you know, giving a lo
4	of latitude as you have. But please it doesn't
5	help to have somebody keep on pushing their points
6	which have no bearing upon the question. That's
7	all I'm asking. Okay.
8	I know what the conclusion is
9	from from the witness. We all do. But just
10	follow the questions. We don't need a
11	politicalization of terms of R.A.R.P. That's all
12	BY MR. EVANS: (Cont'g.)
13	Q. Mr. Schrom, given that factor,
14	you were, in fact, to look at this graph which is
15	attachment A, and you've got it in front of you,
16	and you were to extend the three purple Xs which
17	were placed there with the addition of Station
18	80 Station 80 transformers, is it not true that
19	if you extended it to the RG&E's forecast, not
20	yours, that this addition would enable the meeting
21	of transmission capacity or need, if you will,
22	until approximately 2023? Based on the RG&E
23	document. Not your opinion. Would you ask them
24	give you?
25	That's a direct question.

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2	A. That may be true, based upon this
3	graph. However, it still does not help the company
4	meet the reliability criteria.
5	Q. Okay. Again once again, you
6	said that fourteen times. We understand that as
7	far as your position.
8	We asked you to confirm and I
9	think you have, that if you were to extend the
10	line the purple line that arose, due to the
11	installation of the transformers at Station 80 and
12	extend that to the RG&E forecast line, those
13	additional transformers now running and in place,
14	would meet demand until approximately year 2023.
15	Approximately.
16	(Off-the-record discussion)
17	A. That's that's assuming that
18	the load forecast does not change, that is that the
19	peak load does not grow at a faster rate.
20	BY MR. EVANS: (Cont'g.)
21	Q. It also assumes well, excuse
22	me. Strike that.
23	In fact, as we've established
24	before, if the forecast were to actually be less
2.5	for whatever cause or reason, then in fact the

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2	extension date would be would even be beyond
3	2023, correct? If?
4	A. Anything's possible.
5	Q. Thank you.
6	A. But you could still have load
7	growth that could be significant.
8	Q. Okay. And?
9	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Mr. Evan, can
10	I just clarify something here?
11	MR. EVANS: Sure.
12	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Because I'm
13	not sure we've actually got questions and answers
14	to establish this.
15	We're looking at this graph,
16	that's part of D.P.S. Thirteen. And I'm just
17	let me doublecheck the date on this.
18	This document was provided in
19	2012. So that all the values after 2012 and
20	perhaps even after 2011, are forecast numbers,
21	but excuse me, the transmission capacity line on
22	the graph does show a dramatic it shows a
23	two-step jump.
24	One in about 2013 or 2014 and
25	another dramatic one in about 2017. Is it correct

2	that the first jump in about 2103 or 2014, that was
3	forecasted on this graph, was attributable to the
4	addition to transformers at Station 80, if you
5	know?
6	MR. EVANS: Yes, your Honor,
7	that's correct.
8	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: No. I'm
9	sorry. I'm asking the witnesses
10	MR. EVANS: Oh, I'm sorry.
11	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: that
12	question.
13	MR. EVANS: Okay. Sorry.
14	That was my question. Thank you.
15	MR. SCHROM: I have not and
16	this is an old interrogatory. This is before the
17	reopening of the case.
18	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Yes.
19	MR. SCHROM: I have not verified
20	that those transformers have increased that much
21	capacity, but I do know there is significant
22	increase in capacity at Station 80.
23	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: And is it
24	your belief, that when RG&E provided this forecast,
25	that the jump in the forecast in transmission

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2	capacity was based on their forecast of increased
3	capacity, provided by the addition of transformers
4	at Station 80?
5	MR. SCHROM: To be honest with
6	you, trying to recollect back that far, I can't. I
7	know but I did know from that when the
8	when it was first part of the case, that they were
9	adding significant amounts of transform
10	transformer capacity, about a hundred M.B.A. per
11	bank I believe.
12	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: So, it's
13	you think it's reasonable that that jump in the
14	forecast, was attributable to the improvements at
15	Station 80?
16	MR. SCHROM: It could be
17	attributable.
18	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: And then the
19	second jump in the forecast is presumably
20	attributable to the installation of the R.A.R.P.?
21	MR. SCHROM: That's correct.
22	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Is that
23	right?
24	MR. SCHROM: That's Station 255.
25	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Thank you.

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2	I just wanted to make sure we had that clear.
3	MS. MORENO: Though, your Honor,
4	I would state that just the the line that we're
5	speaking of is identified as transmission capacity
6	with R.A.R.P. So, presumably, perhaps both of
7	those steps are are interconnected with the ROCK
8	Project.
9	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Well
10	MR. EVANS: I I object to that
11	statement as interpretation of testimony. Counsel
12	should not be testifying. That's not the case at
13	all.
14	MS. MORENO: I'm sorry. Your
15	your projection was that Station 80 was included,
16	was it not?
17	MR. EVANS: Excuse me. I'm not
18	going to answer questions of counsel.
19	My point is, she's intermixing in
20	an inappropriate way.
21	MS. MORENO: I'm not
22	intermixing
23	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: We all know
24	we have we have the document
25	MS. MORENO: I'm not going

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                          A.L.J. PHILLIPS: -- in front of
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        us --
                          MS. MORENO: -- to get in to
         a --.
                          A.L.J. PHILLIPS: -- and it -- we
        have the witness testimony. It says what it says.
                          Do you have follow-up questions?
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                          MR. EVANS: I do. It -- it --.
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                          A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Okay.
                          MR. EVANS: Counsel's projecting.
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                          A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Please --
        please proceed.
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                          MR. EVANS: Thank you.
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        BY MR. EVANS: (Cont'g.)
                      Q. So, moving ahead then, based upon
16
        the chart in front of you, with Station 80
17
        transformers having significantly increased, per
18
        your testimony, the generation of power or
19
        transmission capacity, if you will, would that not
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21
        continue through the construction of Station 255,
22
        if such construction were to occur at Site 7, with
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        a start date of approximately January 1, of 2015?
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                      A. I would -- I'm going to ask you
25
        to break this question down because you've asked --
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2	Q. I'll work with
3	A too many questions, I believe.
4	Q I'll work with you.
5	We're here to decide whether to
6	place Station 255 on Site 7 or Site 20, is that
7	correct?
8	That's part of this proceeding,
9	that's what we're here for?
10	A. That is the purpose of that of
11	this proceeding.
12	Q. Okay. In that regard, what is
13	the proposed anticipated start date, if you know,
14	by the RG&E for the construction of Station 255, at
15	Site 7, once this proceeding is concluded.
16	A. RG&E will not be able to start at
17	Site 7, until the commission issues the order.
18	Q. That I know. I'm asking you the
19	date though?
20	A. I do not know what the date is
21	because I don't know when the commission is going
22	to act and that therefore, I cannot begin to
23	guess.
24	Q. Okay. I don't want you to
25	guess.

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2	My question is the following:
3	Assume for your answer, that Station 255, shovel in
4	the ground on January 1, of 2015. And, also assume
5	that the RG&E has established that that it would
6	take twenty-four months from shovel in the ground
7	to activation for the substation at two at at
8	Site 7.
9	Based upon this chart,
10	considering the addition of transmission power at
11	Station 80, which admittedly is now occurring, is
12	there any indication that the forecast, as shown by
13	the RG&E would not be lacking for power during that
14	timeframe of construction? That's a twenty-four
15	month timespan.
16	MR. DRAGHI: Your Honor, I'm
17	going to object because the assumption the witness
18	is being asked to make is contrary to the testimony
19	that has been given in this case, which there's
20	been no contradiction that it would take four
21	months to engineer the project, if it is moved to
22	another site. And then an E.M.C.P. would have to
23	be prepared, that would take many months longer.
24	So, unless the question is limited to Site 7
25	MS. MORENO: I think it was.

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2	MR. DRAGHI: I think the
3	assumptions are
4	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: The question
5	was limited my understanding, when I heard it
6	was that it was limited to Site 7. He was asking
7	about Site 7.
8	MR. EVANS: Correct.
9	(Off-the-record discussion)
10	A. (Cont'g.) Here's how I'm going to
11	answer your question.
12	Basically, when the commission
13	issues its decision on site if it's Site 7,
14	they then we will the commission will have to
15	entertain the E.M and .C.P., which will take some
16	time for the commission to make an action on the
17	E.M. and C.P. for Site 7. And once the company
18	receives the action from the Commission, they may
19	begin construction, but not until then.
20	BY MR. EVANS: (Cont'g.)
21	Q. I couldn't agree more with that
22	statement.
23	I'm asking you for purposes of
24	the question though, to assume that all the
25	preliminaries that you've mentioned, which we do

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2	not disagree with, occur. And assume that shovel
3	in the ground could occur, after all the
4	preliminaries are taken care of, per your
5	testimony.
6	Assume the start date, shovel in
7	the ground, is January 1, 2015. The question is:
8	During the period of construction for twenty-four
9	months, for Site 7, does this chart show that
10	transmission capacity would be met by reason of
11	Station 80 transformers? Based on the chart.
12	Based on the chart.
13	A. I have to again say, that the
14	company can meet its load, but it cannot meet with
15	the reliability criteria and so therefore, the
16	company would be it can't be N-1 and N-1-1.
17	Q. Okay.
18	A. They would be in violation of
19	that criteria.
20	Q. I understand your testimony, but
21	we have established, that not withstanding
22	inability to meet the criteria you've mentioned, as
23	established by by NYSERC and NYISO, the fact is
24	that during the construction phase of twenty-four
25	months for Site 7, their need could be met, during

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2	that phase, in transmission capacity, as based upon
3	this chart?
4	That's all I'm asking, with your
5	caveat about non-compliance with the standard.
6	MR. BLOW: I actually think it's
7	been asked and answered several times.
8	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: I I actually
9	was thinking the same thing.
10	MS. MORENO: Yeah.
11	MR. EVANS: But I'm trying to get
12	rid of this continuous editorialization
13	MS. MORENO: Well
14	MR. EVANS: all right?
15	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: I don't think
16	you're going to though. The witnesses have the
17	they have the right to answer the question fully
18	and in their capacity and in the way that they
19	think appropriate.
20	You have asked this question.
21	You have gotten an answer. I understand you don't
22	like the answer, but I think you may need to move
23	on.
24	MR. EVANS: I like the answer
25	to be clear Judge I like the answer with regard

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2	to his stating this is my understanding, he has
3	conceded or stated, if you will, that the
4	transformer is now in place.
5	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Right.
6	MR. EVANS: Based on
7	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: And all
8	MR. EVANS: the chart, would
9	meet the transmission need for twenty-four months.
10	That's all
11	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Mr. Evans
12	MR. EVANS: I'm asking.
13	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: everything
14	that was said, is going to be in the transcript, so
15	I honestly think we need to move forward.
16	MR. EVANS: I'd like to move
17	forward. I I would, Judge, honestly.
18	BY MR. EVANS: (Cont'g.)
19	Q. Okay. We've heard testimony,
20	Mr. Schrom or Mr. Quimby, that if Station 20 were
21	selected, there would be an additional ten months'
22	time needed, above the twenty-four months to get
23	the substation up and running, from shovel date in
24	the ground, to completion date.
25	Based upon that and again

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2	assuming that the construction date is established
3	and worked out with all the contingencies you
4	mentioned, to be January 1 of 2015, does this chart
5	show that for the span of thirty-four months, from
6	January 1, of 2015, transmission capacity would be
7	met, based upon the chart?
8	A. First off, this is not Station
9	20, this is Site 20.
10	Q. I'm sorry.
11	A. Okay. So, we'll get this
12	that clear.
13	Q. Can I rephrase it
14	A. And
15	Q for you?
16	A I'd like well, all right.
17	You want to rephrase it. I'll let you rephrase it.
18	Q. Okay. Thank you for allowing me
19	to rephrase. My forgiveness, please, for saying
20	saying the word Station 20. I'm talking about Site
21	20.
22	My question again is: If the
23	decision by the commission, were to direct that
24	Site 20 be utilized for construction of Station 255
25	and assuming that Site 20 construction began on

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2	January 1 of 2015 and extended out for a period of
3	thirty-four months from that date. Based upon the
4	graph and what it shows in the graph, would there
5	be sufficient transmission capacity through the
6	generation of power that's now occurring at Statio
7	80?
8	A. First off, I have to disagree
9	with your question. The question really is, RG&E
10	would get a certificate from the commission as to
11	which site. If they choose Site 20, there is
12	significant engineering that the company must do.
13	They will have to prepare an E.M.and C.P. The E.M
14	and C.P. has to be approved by the Commission.
15	Our best guestimate was that it
16	would take a full year from the time the ommission
17	issued the order.
18	Now, RG&E has stated that it wil
19	take another twenty another four months beyond
20	the twenty-four months that they had projected fro
21	the point where the spade goes in the ground to th
22	point of energization.
23	During that time, they will be i
24	violation of the reliability criteria. You can
25	have transformer capacity to deliver to your

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2	system, not generation, but deliver capacity to
3	your system. But, you still will not meet the
4	criteria upon the loss of any one of the elements.
5	You will not be able to serve load and you will be
6	having to shed load.
7	Q. And that's true with regard to
8	whether the selected site is 7 or 20. Is that
9	true?
10	A. That would be true.
11	Q. Thank you.
12	MR. EVANS: Forgive me for a
13	moment.
14	(Off-the-record discussion)
15	MR. EVANS: I'm ready to proceed.
16	Thank you for the time to allow me to focus in on
17	the next area of questions.
18	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Yes.
19	BY MR. EVANS: (Cont'g.)
20	Q. Mr. Schrom or Mr. Quimby I
21	haven't heard from Mr. Quimby yet, but Mr. Schrom
22	probably, on page twenty-two of your direct
23	testimony and actually, I'm sorry. You it
24	starts on page twenty-one of the revised testimony
25	pages that we were provided with, beginning on page

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2	twenty-one of the revised testimony, please locate
3	that and let me know when you've found it.
4	A. We have it.
5	Q. Directing your attention to line
6	twenty of your testimony, it says relating now, to
7	Alternate 20, that approximately eleven million
8	dollars will be added to the cost of the project
9	I'm sorry, strike that.
10	That approximately twenty million
11	dollars will be added to the cost of the project,
12	if Site 20 were to be utilized, is that correct?
13	A. That's correct.
14	Q. Okay. Where did you obtain that
15	number from, sir?
16	A. From the materials that we
17	obtained from Rochester Gas and Electric, through
18	interrogatories and other documents that were
19	supplied to us.
20	Q. Have you not received any updated
21	responses, or materials, or documents from the
22	RG&E, which would affect the number of twenty
23	million dollars, regarding Site 20?
24	A. I don't recall any new documents
25	that I was provided with.

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2	(Off-the-record discussion)
3	BY MR. EVANS: (Cont'g.)
4	Q. I direct your attention, please,
5	to Exhibit Thirty-seven, which is the Quantitative
6	Matrix Report by the RG&E, provided I believe, on
7	or about January 16th, of 2014 to all parties in
8	this case.
9	Kindly locate the document.
10	A. I don't have that document.
11	MR. EVANS: Well, it's in the
12	record. Would counsel kindly provide him
13	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: The
14	document
15	MR. EVANS: with that
16	document.
17	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: is two
18	enormous binders. Whereabouts in Exhibit
19	Thirty-seven are you looking
20	MR. EVANS: Just the
21	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Mr. Evans?
22	MR. EVANS: matrix chart.
23	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: The matrix?
24	MR. EVANS: Only. The matrix
25	chart only.

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2	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: For the
3	record, the matrix chart is located immediate
4	well, just before Appendix A of Exhibit
5	Thirty-seven, within the exhibit.
6	(Off-the-record discussion)
7	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: The witnesse
8	have been provided with a copy of the matrix chart
9	that was is part of Exhibit Thirty-seven.
10	MR. EVANS: Your Honors and my
11	fellow colleagues, I have brought along the larges
12	magnifying glass that I could find in Rochester,
13	New York, which I will make available to the
14	witness or anybody else who finds it difficult to
15	read any entry on Exhibit Thirty-seven.
16	And, if Mr. Schrom, would like
17	it I use it all the time because of my eyesight
18	yours is probably much better than mine. You look
19	like you're twenty-twenty. But if you need this,
20	I'll give it to you.
21	MR. SCHROM: I've seen it.
22	(Off the record discussion)
23	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Please
24	continue please continue, Mr. Evans.
25	BY MR. EVANS: (Cont'g.)

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2	Q. Mr. Schrom, have you seen Exhibit
3	Thirty-seven before?
4	A. I believe so.
5	Q. Let me direct your attention
6	please, to the blue box, which is labeled on the
7	left side, impact to project budget, second from
8	the bottom. Tell me when you've found it.
9	A. I have found it.
10	Q. I direct your attention
11	specifically, to item F dot five, entitled Total
12	Cost Impact.
13	Do you see that?
14	A. I see that.
15	Q. Follow that line across to
16	Alternative Twenty. And, if you would set forth in
17	the record what you see and is set forth as being
18	the total cost at that time for Alternative Twenty,
19	at the time of the submission of this matrix?
20	A. Nine point seven three seven
21	million dollars.
22	Q. Okay. And that would be over
23	and above what is now the base of the projected
24	costs for Site 7?
25	(Off-the-record discussion)

2	A. (Cont'g.) I don't specifically
3	see those words on this chart.
4	BY MR. EVANS: (Cont'g.)
5	Q. The words aren't there, but
6	I'm I'm trying to help you, but if you want to
7	go with just stating that the total cost is nine
8	according to your reading is nine point seven
9	three seven million dollars, I'm not going to
10	disrupt your testimony.
11	But you what do you want to
12	do?
13	A. That's the number I read off the
14	chart.
15	Q. Okay. Is that less than what is
16	set forth in your direct testimony, with regard to
17	your statement that Alternate 20 would add
18	roughly approximately twenty million dollars to
19	the cost of the new station? Is it less than that,
20	based on the matrix card?
21	A. It's less than that. I agree.
22	Q. And would that be and forgive
23	me for my math. I never went to engineering or
24	math school.
25	Would that be approximately

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2	ballpark, a ten point three million dollar
3	differential between your sworn testimony of cost
4	of Site 20, for development versus what the RG&E
5	provided us us all, in January of 2014?
6	A. (Quimby) Actually, it's ten point
7	two seven three nine.
8	Q. I knew Mr. Quimby I knew Mr.
9	Quimby would jump in and be there for us.
10	How much is the total, Mr.
11	Quimby?
12	A. The difference?
13	Q. Yes.
14	A. Ten point ten point two seven
15	three.
16	Q. Thank you, sir.
17	A. No problem.
18	Q. So so Mr. Quimby, is it not
19	that true that that's less than what is set forth
20	in your panel testimony regarding the approximate
21	twenty million dollars you stated to the cost of
22	build out of Site 20.
23	A. It would appear to be.
24	Q. Now, let's go to Exhibit
25	Forty-two, an exhibit that was received at the

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2	hearing, on June 17th, of 2014.
3	A. That oh.
4	MS. MORENO: This is with the
5	the clarification as to what's additional to the
6	exhibit.
7	(Off-the-record discussion)
8	MR. EVANS: Let me know when
9	you're ready.
10	(Off-the-record discussion)
11	MS. MORENO: And for
12	clarification, this is a corrected version with the
13	handwritten notes. Is that correct? Okay.
14	MR. EVANS: I believe it was
15	identified as such, on June 17th, of 2004, by Mr.
16	Draghi. I don't know if Mr. Draghi wants to change
17	that statement.
18	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Just to be
19	clear, we are looking at hard copies of revised
20	Exhibit Forty-two, that does have further
21	corrections, which on our versions are handwritten.
22	However, I believe we are going
23	to be supplied with a corrected copy,
24	electronically, that will go in to the record,
25	without handwritten versions in it. But it is the

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2	official marked, revised Exhibit Forty-two.
3	MR. DRAGHI: Your Honor, since
4	Mr. Evans asked if I wanted to make clear or make
5	change. I do wish to point out that those numbers
6	pertain to a project that is no longer under
7	consideration.
8	All of the the numbers on the
9	old chart and the new chart dealt with what was
10	under consideration at the time they were prepared
11	that is Nine or Twenty with the northern route.
12	The parties have stipulated, not
13	to examine further, the northern route. That's
14	taken off the table, therefore, we need new
15	numbers.
16	We had discussed briefly, whether
17	it would be possible to prepare a revised chart.
18	think you had suggested that the three alternative
19	and then the alternative twenty with the three
20	transmission routes.
21	But in any case, this gives
22	numbers that pertain to a project that will not be
23	built.
24	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Yes. The
25	chart, I think speaks for itself and is clearly

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         labeled, Northern Transmission Line Route.
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                           MR. EVANS: That is correct.
         And I don't --
                           A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Go ahead, Mr.
         Evans.
                           MR. EVANS: -- and I don't
         disagree with Mr. Draghi's statement as to what it
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         pertains to. But what we're focusing in, is what
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         it says in Exhibit Forty-two, at the time that it
         was supplied. And I understand presumably there'll
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         be new numbers at one point in time regarding
13
         costs, now that the northern route is out.
         BY MR. EVANS: (Cont'g.)
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                       Q. But using Exhibit Forty-two, Mr.
15
         Schrom or Mr. Quimby, same line, on F-five, what is
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         shown as the total cost for alternative Site 20, if
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         the northern transmission line or route, was to be
         used?
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                       A. We only see the change in cost.
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         We don't see a total cost on here.
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                       Q. How much was the change that you
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         see?
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me in my old age, five point nine two five million.

2	No. I believe it's five point
3	two nine five point nine two five million.
4	Q. And again, for clarification, Mr.
5	Quimby, what does that represent to you?
6	(Off-the-record discussion)
7	A. (Cont'g.) It represents the
8	difference in the cost from Site 7.
9	BY MR. EVANS: (Cont'g.)
10	Q. So, for clarification and
11	again, this only pertains to the Alternate Site 20,
12	if the northern transmission line route had been
13	used, the differential over and above the costs for
14	Site 7, were projected by the RG&E, to be five
15	million nine hundred and twenty-five thousand
16	dollars?
17	A. That would appear to be correct.
18	Q. And then referring back, Mr.
19	Quimby, to page twenty is it twenty. The
20	pagination is just driving us crazy here. But
21	referring back to
22	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: It's the top of
23	page twenty-two.
24	MR. EVANS: Thank you, Judge.
25	BY MR. EVANS: (Cont'g.)

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2	Q. Pop top of page twenty-two,
3	the revised pagination of the direct testimony,
4	when your panel referenced the additional cost of
5	twenty million dollars for the development of Site
6	20, was that number of twenty million dollars, Mr.
7	Quimby or appropriate party, represent at that
8	time, your determination of the total cost impact
9	for site for Site 20, with or without the
10	northern route?
11	A. To my recollection, that was Site
12	20 with the northern route.
13	Q. Can you explain the differential
14	in costs, for the northern route as shown on the
15	exhibits we reviewed and your determination of
16	twenty million dollars, which we have stated and I
17	believe you stated was a swing of approximately ter
18	point three million dollars?
19	A. It was in our opinion that RG&E
20	had undervalued several of their estimates in
21	construction with site preparation.
22	Q. And in that regard, once you came
23	up with your twenty million dollar figure, were you
24	aware that the projections up to that point in
25	time, provided by the RG&E, were nine million sever

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2	hundred and thirty-seven thousand dollars?
3	A. (Schrom) We were aware of what
4	was on RG&E's chart and we had several
5	conversations with them. But, we believed that
6	they had undervalued the demolition of the building
7	and undervalued the construction of the hundred and
8	fifteen kV line, to be constructed, going north.
9	We took into account what we
10	believed were significant factors on the northern
11	right-of-way and across the river.
12	Q. Mr. Schrom and Mr. Quimby, it's
13	been established in this case, that some Site
14	20, even with the northern route, had no buildings
15	on it.
16	A. To go north from Site 20, would
17	mean that you would have to go through the Kodak
18	property, which had a building sticking out from
19	it, which would have to be demolished, by our
20	terms.
21	Q. By your terms.
22	A. By
23	Q. Why?
24	A our terms, because we looked
25	at the right-of-way width.

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2	Q. Okay. Again, simply to focus in
3	on the on the differentials. Once Mr. Schrom, I
4	assume you provided the P.S.C.'s opinion to Mr.
5	Draghi or the RG&E, about the cost differential.
6	Did they make a change?
7	A. We did not discuss any further
8	with them our conclusions. We came to our own
9	conclusions, based upon our examination of the
10	right-of-way. And, we estimated our costs, based
11	upon what we felt should be there.
12	Q. And once you provided your
13	opinion, which was substantially more than the
14	RG&E's known figure at that time, in January 2014,
15	did you receive any communication strike that.
16	Did you or your department seek
17	to bring that to the attention of the RG&E and
18	discuss the differentials between the utility
19	company and the P.S.C.?
20	A. No, we did not.
21	Q. So, if I hear you correctly, you
22	disagree with what the RG&E has represented on
23	several occasions, in its matrices to date, as to
24	the costs of the build-out of Site 20, with the
25	northern transmission route?

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2	That's a yes or a no.
3	MS. MORENO: Your Honors, I'm
4	going to object to the question, in that my
5	understanding is that all of the parties had agreed
6	that the northern transmission route was off of the
7	table for discussion and that it's no longer being
8	considered by the party.
9	MR. EVANS: That that's not
10	the issue, Judge.
11	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Yeah. I I
12	don't think eliminates this question or is a
13	MR. EVANS: Thank you.
14	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: basis for
15	objecting to the question.
16	I think he's just trying to ask
17	about the differential when they when parties
18	were still considering that northern route.
19	MR. EVANS: Mr. Schrom or Mr.
20	Quimby, please?
21	A. Could you please repeat the
22	question?
23	MR. EVANS: Ms. Court Reporter, I
24	apologize. Is it possible for to reread or to
25	replay my last question

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2	THE REPORTER: Yes.
3	MR. EVANS: to the witness?
4	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Unfortunately
5	we're she's not able to go back to your
6	question, so you will have to repeat it.
7	MR. EVANS: Bear with me
8	everybody if it's not precisely what I've asked. I
9	believe the question standing before the panel in
10	sum and substance.
11	BY MR. EVANS: (Cont'g.).
12	Q. The question is, again based upon
13	the matrices that we've referred to panel and the
14	most recent matrix set before us, which is Exhibit
15	Forty-Two, is it fair to say that based upon the
16	numbers provided by the RG&E in Exhibit Forty-Two,
17	there now is approximately fourteen million dollars
18	spread on construction of Site 20 with the northern
19	transmission route between what you testified to in
20	your testimony on direct and what's shown by the
21	RG&E in its most recent Exhibit Forty-Two?
22	A. (Schrom) That's what the numbers
23	work out to be, yes.
24	MR. EVANS: I have no further
25	questions.

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2	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Mr. Kanyuck
3	did you have questions?
4	MR. KANYUCK: With removal of
5	Alternate Route 9 and the northern route I do not
6	have any questions for this panel.
7	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Okay. I'm
8	sorry, D.E.C. did you have questions? You said no,
9	correct?
10	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: I have a few
11	questions for the panel, just following up on Mr.
12	Evan's most recent dialogue with you.
13	EXAMINATION
14	BY A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ:
15	Q. If you look at pages twenty-one
16	TO twenty-two of your testimony where I think we've
17	just been focused, beginning at line thirteen on
18	page twenty-one, continuing over through line
19	twelve of page twenty-two, that's a section labeled
20	costs. Do you see that, panel?
21	A. (Panel) Yes.
22	Q. The first question asks, what are
23	the cost impacts to the project and the answer
24	says refers to the January 16th report that RG&E
25	provided, which we've marked as Exhibit

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2	Thirty-Seven.	
3	And, it says that staff utilized	
4	that in performing its analysis. The next question	
5	says, how did RG&E put together its cost estimate,	
6	and the answer explains.	
7	And the third question says, in	
8	your opinion were the cost estimates reasonable?	
9	Now in that third question I	
10	would read that to refer back to RG&E's cost	
11	estimates, and your answer says yes in our	
12	experience the cost quoted were reasonable and	
13	again I understood that to mean the cost quoted by	
14	RG&E were reasonable.	
15	Am I correct in understanding	
16	that your testimony today is different from what	
17	you have in your pre-file testimony?	
18	A. (Quimby) We felt that their	
19	cost estimates were reasonable, and the same time	
20	we felt they neglected certain other costs.	
21	Q. So then and so what you've	
22	just said is that your projected numbers for the	
23	cost of the project, and again understanding that	
24	this is Site 9 and Site 20 with the northern	
25	transmission route, as compared with Site 7 and the	

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2	certificated route.
3	But the numbers in your pre-filed
4	testimony represent your own independent analysis
5	of costs?
6	A. Yes.
7	Q. And your analysis of Site 20 as
8	costing twenty million additional, do you have any
9	way of breaking that down as to how much of the
10	additional cost was attributable to the Northern
11	Transmission Route versus how much of the
12	differential was attributable to the actual
13	substation location?
14	A. We can't provide that breakout
15	right now.
16	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Thank you.
17	And notwithstanding that you
18	sorry strike that second. I don't have any other
19	further questions.
20	Did I see your hand?
21	MR. DRAGHI: Yes.
22	Can I have two minutes just
23	clarification of an exhibit that has been put in
24	now pre-filed.
25	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Which exhibit

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2	are you referring to?
3	MR. DRAGHI: Exhibit Twenty-One,
4	and more particularly the graph that is the third
5	page, fourth page of that exhibit.
6	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: We'll allow
7	it.
8	MR. DRAGHI: Okay.
9	REDIRECT EXAMINATION
10	BY MR. DRAGHI: (Cont'g.)
11	Q. Panel there is marked on the
12	graph a line for transmission capacity. Is that
13	if you know is that capacity with all
14	facility all transmission facilities available
15	in the service?
16	A. (Quimby) Are you referring to
17	current transmission capacity, the yellow line?
18	Q. I I actually was looking at
19	transmission capacity with R.E.R. but you can
20	answer for either.
21	Let's start with the yellow line
22	that you referred to, which runs across the page,
23	is that transmission capacity with all transmission
24	facilities available and in service?
25	MR. EVANS: Objection. There is

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2	no basis for that question for this witness. He
3	didn't create the chart. There are questions asked
4	about his interpretation of it, but he has no
5	knowledge of what any line represents, he made it
6	very clear he didn't know.
7	MR. DRAGHI: I don't think he
8	made it very clear that he didn't know. The
9	question was, if you know, if it would be helpful
10	to know whether that assumes all facilities are in
11	serve. If the witness doesn't know I think he can
12	answer that.
13	MR. EVANS: It's making an
14	assumption based upon a chart that he didn't
15	create.
16	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: It's a chart
17	that they're sponsoring it, it's a chart that you
18	asked numerous questions about, so I'm going to
19	allow it. If they know the answer they can answer.
20	A. (Schrom) That yellow line
21	represents what the all facilities in service,
22	that means all transformers in service in the
23	Rochester area back on February 28th, 2012.
24	BY MR. DRAGHI: (Cont'g.)
25	Q. And if a contingency occurred,

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2	would the capacity then be lower?
3	A. The capacity would be lower. It
4	would be lowered by the amount of either
5	transformer or transformers that were taken out of
6	service be it breaker operation or manual
7	operation.
8	MR. DRAGHI: I have no further
9	questions, You're Honor.
10	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Okay. We I
11	think that was everyone in the room was given an
12	opportunity to ask questions.
13	What we did yesterday when we got
14	to this point, we still have questions potentially
15	from Ag and Markets, but we were going to take a
16	break until she could get here, however yesterday
17	we allowed the party who had their witnesses up on
18	the panel to do their redirect, even though we
19	still had outstanding potential cross. Do you wish
20	to do your redirect now or do you want to wait?
21	MS. MORENO: Either either is
22	fine, whatever your preference.
23	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: I I think
24	then we'll go ahead and wait. We'll take our lunch
25	break.

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2	I'd ask that everyor	ne be back at
3	one twenty by the clock in theback.	
4	The panel is allowed	d to leave but
5	you're not actually excused. Thank yo	ou.
6	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: We	e are
7	continuing with cross examination of t	the D.P.S.
8	staff and environmental I'm sorry,	engineering
9	panel, excuse me. Cross questions by	Ms. Smith.
10	CROSS EXAMINATION	
11	BY MS. SMITH:	
12	Q. Good afternoon, pane	el. My name
13	is Diane Smith and I represent the Dep	partment of
14	Agriculture and Markets in this procee	eding. If you
15	could turn to page eleven of your test	cimony.
16	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Ms	s. Smith, can
17	I just make sure when this morning we	made sure
18	that everyone had the corrected version	on. Oh. I
19	just was going to check and see if you	ı had the
20	corrected version of testimony that wa	as circulated,
21	I believe last week.	
22	MS. MORENO: Last Fr	riday.
23	MS. SMITH: I may or	may not.
24	MS. MORENO: If they	y have red
25	lines. You're probably in the clear t	then.

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2	MS. SMITH: Okay.
3	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: You you
4	think you do have it?
5	MS. MORENO: Hey, Diane?
6	MS. SMITH: We'll see as we go
7	along otherwise
8	MS. MORENO: Diane, on page five
9	does it say Exhibit Forty-six? Sorry to be
10	informal.
11	MS. SMITH: No, none of these.
12	MR. BLOW: Well, they may have
13	been totally noncorrected.
14	BY MS. SMITH: (Cont'g.)
15	Q. In your testimony you discussed
16	that you believe that RG&E's higher projected load
17	is a reasonable assumption. I can't give you the
18	line on that.
19	A. (Schrom) On page eleven, lines
20	one through six.
21	Q. Yes. And RG&E had said as a
22	result of their filing on 12/16/13 that there was
23	immediate need for this project?
24	A. That's true.
25	Q. Has there been any load shed in

2	the area, to your knowledge, within the past year?
3	A. Within the past year, I have
4	no know of no instances where RG&E has shed load
5	due to a system contingency.
6	Q. Do you know when the last time
7	there was a system contingency that required load
8	shed?
9	A. I can't recall, but we have had
10	instances of total blackouts from 2003 blackout and
11	the 1965 blackout where everybody was shed.
12	Q. I remember that one.
13	A. '65.
14	Q. Yes, I was getting my tonsils
15	out. That's memorable.
16	A. You now are now showing your age.
17	Q. And you also discussed in your
18	testimony, in my version on page fourteen,
19	regarding the Ginna nuclear power plant and the
20	fact that it supplies approximately five hundred
21	and eighty megawatts of capacity to the RG&E
22	system.
23	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: That's on page
24	fourteen approximately line nine and ten.
25	BY MS. SMITH: (Cont'g.)

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2	Q. Page fourteen, line nine. If
3	Ginna does not retire, does that still result in ar
4	immediate need for the facility or were the
5	projections for immediate need based on the fact
6	that Ginna would still be supplying the five
7	hundred and eighty megawatts, if you know?
8	A. The reason for this facility as
9	state stated in my testimony that Rochester Gas
10	and Electric cannot meet the n-1-1 criteria
11	reliability criteria.
12	Q. And when you say they can't meet,
13	does that mean when they are looking at whether
14	they can meet it, it includes the capacity of Ginna
15	in that calculation or not? Not being an
16	electrical engineer, this question may be
17	phrased?
18	A. It is based upon the New York
19	I.S.O. study that is attached to one of our
20	exhibits.
21	Q. Okay. Do you know if Ginna is
22	able to produce additional megawatts?
23	A. I'm sorry. But I know nothing
24	about the nuclear industry or the capability of the
25	Ginna nuclear power plant.

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Q. Okay. On page sixteen, line
nineteen of your testimony you state that based on
input from your colleagues on the environmental
panel, you concluded that the hundred and five
hundred year flood plain would not impact the
operation from protection of the site of the
substation if it were located at 7, 9 or 20.
Referring to Exhibit Seventy-one
which is a map, do you know if your conclusion
regarding the impacts to operation and protection
of the station change at all if that substation
location is shifted to the south and west?
A. I don't exactly understand how
far you would meet and I would have to see some
sort of depiction and discuss that with my
environmental friends.
Q. When they based on your input
from the environmental panel, were they only
looking at this specific site when you discussed
the flood plain issue?
A. Yes. It was only for this
specific site.
Q. Thank you. On page twenty of
your testimony on line three, you state that if

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2	Station 255 were located at a different site, could
3	the same engineering practices be used? There was
4	earlier testimony regarding the ability to use
5	certain studies that had been done for Site 7,
6	which could potentially reduce the time when you
7	move the substation.
8	Can you explain, if you know,
9	approximately what percentage of the design from
10	Site 7 could be used if the plans were shifted to
11	Site 20 or would it involve a completely different
12	plan? If you know.
13	A. The question you asked about is
14	already answered. And that was specifically
15	relating to the five double circuit towers coming
16	from the substation. That's what that question
17	responds to.
18	Q. Are there any other engineering
19	practices that would be involved that could be
20	shifted or are you only speaking to the double
21	circuits?
22	A. In order to shift from the Site 7
23	to another site, it would take a total relook at
24	the site and what the available property is that
25	could be utilized and then how to arrange the

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	2	equipment in within that substation and the
	3	design of the foundations for the equipment as well
	4	as the location of various parts that have to be
	5	installed along with that equipment. It it
	6	really takes a whole new look.
	7	Q. Okay. And on in your
	8	testimony on page twenty-two at line eleven, you're
	9	speaking regarding the cost estimates that RG&E put
1	0	in place.
1	1	When Mr. Murphy testified, he
1	2	changed his cost estimate for Site 20 from nine
1	3	million seven hundred and thirty-seven dollars to
1	4	five million nine hundred and twenty-five thousand
1	5	dollars and projected additional savings based on
1	6	the change in the of the routing of transmission
1	7	lines 940 and 941. Do you now consider the nine
1	8	million seven hundred and thirty-seven thousand
1	9	dollar estimate reasonable, or has your opinion
2	0	changed based on the testimony?
2	1	A. (Quimby) Our cost estimate was
2	2	for the northern route, which is no longer on the
2	3	table.
2	4	Q. Correct. But they dropped it
2	5	from nine million seven hundred and thirty-seven

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2	thousand dollars to five million nine hundred and
3	twenty-five thousand dollars without taking into
4	consideration the change in the route.
5	A. Your Honor, I think there's going
6	to be a whole new cost exhibit on this.
7	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: We've
8	reserved and will be addressing that topic later,
9	so for right now we have to go with what's on our
10	record and what's available for these witnesses to
11	be crossed on here.
12	BY MS. SMITH: (Cont'g.)
13	Q. If you can't answer the question,
14	it's fine. Let me rephrase it.
15	Do you think that there are
16	additional cost savings available to RG&E if you
17	know in order to change the location of the
18	substation from Site 7 to Site 20 beyond just the
19	routing?
20	A. (Schrom) I I don't think we
21	could really answer that question. We have not
22	Q. Okay.
23	A at this time fully reviewed
24	the new exhibit that Mr. Murphy provided.
25	MS. SMITH: I have no further

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2	questions for this panel. Thank you.
3	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Panel, just
4	to follow up on something Ms. Smith asked a moment
5	ago, do you know if when the last time was that
6	RG&E experienced a contingency however I may
7	not be using the right terminology either, but
8	we've talked about RG&E's reliability needs and to
9	be able to experience a contingency event without
10	shedding load. Do you know when RG&E last
11	experienced a contingency event?
12	MR. SCHROM: I can't recall any
13	time right now.
14	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Are you
15	saying in let's say the last five years, for
16	example?
17	MR. SCHROM: The the last
18	contingency I can remember, but I can't tell you
19	when, was the loss of Ginna which was is the
20	largest contingency was the largest contingency
21	on the system at the time.
22	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: And when was
23	that?
24	THE WITNESS: I can't recall
25	when.

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2	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Thank you.
3	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: I believe at
4	this point, everyone's had an opportunity to ask
5	their cross. Does staff have any redirect?
6	MS. MORENO: No, we don't.
7	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Then I believe
8	this panel is excused. And I thank you for your
9	time. With that we have gotten through all of the
10	panels that were identified for cross examination.
11	If there are no other preliminary
12	matters, I think what I want to deal with next is
13	whether to admit the exhibits that were identified,
14	and then we would turn to discussion of briefing
15	dates. Are there any other matters that people
16	wish to add to that list? Yes, Mr. Kanyuck.
17	MR. KANYUCK: Your Honor, East
18	River Road would like to request that the
19	Commission make a ruling removing Alternative Nine
20	and the northern route for Alternative Twenty from
21	consideration, and that the Site 20 configuration
22	remaining under consideration be that expressed in
23	Exhibit Seventy-one.
24	And that motion be based on the
25	position stated on the record of the parties, the

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2	stipulation in Exhibit Seventy-five and the
3	concerns of the various landowners in the record
4	along the routing for Alternatives Nine and Twenty.
5	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: And, Mr.
6	Kanyuck, just to be clear, are you directing this
7	request to us as administrative law judges or to
8	the Commission, if you know?
9	MR. KANYUCK: I guess I I
10	don't know what procedurally which would be
11	necessary. If it if you have the authority to
12	do so, then then to you.
13	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Okay. I think
14	we will duly note that for the record. I guess I
15	would suggest procedurally that would be something
16	to advocate in your post-hearing brief. I don't
17	anticipate that we would be that we judges would
18	be issuing a separate ruling or that the matter
19	would be brought to the Commission sooner or
20	separately.
21	MR. BLOW: Your Honor, a couple
22	of things.
23	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Yes, Mr. Blow.
24	MR. BLOW: I can understand, I
25	believe, why Mr. Kanyuck is making the request, and

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2	that is because that's the only way to for his
3	client and the developer to reach an agreement
4	and and proceed and possibly move the
5	development along from on Site 9.
6	I don't I I will make
7	a suggestion for your consideration. It seems to
8	me that if you rule that if you issued a ruling
9	that along the lines that Mr. Kanyuck mentioned and
10	nobody took an interlocutory appeal within fifteen
11	day within the fifteen I think it's fifteen
12	day time period, that that would be a final matter
13	perhaps and that could that so that the
14	parties would have the finality or that they are
15	seeking.
16	The only other thing I'm
17	wondering is whether Exhibit Forty-five I think
18	it's Forty-five, of the February 12th map that was
19	provided at Judge Stein's request. I I don't
20	know if it's a better depiction of the route that
21	Mr. Kanyuck is talking about or or if it's
22	Exhibit Seventy-one that was in the record here.
23	But it seems to me that that
24	maybe it's the only way I can think of that
25	that we could that's used some finality.

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2	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Do I take
3	that then as staff support for Mr. Kanyuck's motion
4	to get such a ruling from the judges?
5	MR. BLOW: Yes, with the caveat
6	that we need to check which exhibit is the best
7	exhibit. And we can move up pardon? Have one
8	more caveat from Ms. Moreno.
9	MS. MORENO: And that is
10	certainly that the footprint that's depicted, for
11	example, on Exhibit Seventy-one, as we've discussed
12	during the hearings, is a rough estimate. Final
13	engineering would certainly have to occur and so
14	whether or not the site would be located if if
15	ultimately selected at this site, we would
16	obviously be subject to change regardless of, you
17	know, the the wishes of the parties, final
18	engineering.
19	And, also, we had previously
20	discussed several possibilities in shifting the
21	site that I believe the Commission would consider.
22	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Understood.
23	MR. KANYUCK: That would be
24	acceptable to us. I understand that there's design
25	consideration.

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2	MR. ECKHAUS: Your Honor?
3	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Yes, Mr.
4	Eckhaus?
5	MR. ECKHAUS: The the
6	stipulation was only between several parties not
7	all the parties.
8	And I think all the parties
9	the only thing all of the parties agreed to was to
10	remove Site 9 N, and a northern route from either
11	from 9 N and Twenty and and as counsel for staff
12	indicated, there's been much testimony about the
13	location.
14	I'm not even sure if this
15	particular phase of the hearing is the appropriate
16	place to determine the location of Site 20. Seems
17	to be what I'm hearing, and I certainly wouldn't
18	agree that from environmental standpoint that that
19	is even an appropriate place or anyplace where it
20	ought to be.
21	I think the most we could agree
22	to would be the removal of Site 9 in the northern
23	route.
24	Site Site 20 is for another
25	day and not just an EM&CP. The it would have to

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2	go through the same process, if it if if we
3	were directed to do so that Site 7 went through
4	which is to have more than simple simply a
5	conceptual location for for a substation. We
6	certainly could not have had our initial
7	certification with the simple conceptual design.
8	MR. BLOW: Your Honor, I think
9	D.P.S. staff understands and with the perhaps
10	the parties could confer, but it seems to me
11	that that we would support a motion or a ruling
12	along the lines that Mr. Eckhaus just mentioned and
13	because recognizing that the only routes that
14	that are in contention if the northern route does
15	not exist or is off the table would be routes to
16	the west as depicted in various exhibits.
17	And so that could be left for
18	for a final briefing. So I so with that
19	emendation, I would I would think that a ruling
20	from your Honor your Honors with the possibility
21	of an interlocatory appeal or lack thereof would
22	bring the finality.
23	MR. KANYUCK: I would I
24	would we would be willing to accept that as an
25	alternative.

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2	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Anybody else
3	want to be heard?
4	As I understand it, we would
5	consider the motion, excuse me as orally made on
6	this record, and we wouldn't particularly be
7	anticipating that parties would put anything
8	further in in writing. But we would just
9	consider it as as made here now, based on
10	everything that has occurred over the last two and
11	a half days of hearings.
12	MR. BLOW: That's my
13	understanding, your Honor. My thought.
14	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: So I think
15	that means that any party that wants to oppose that
16	motion needs to speak now.
17	MR. DRAGHI: Okay. Your Honor,
18	if I understood Mr. Eckhaus's motion, it would be
19	simply to consideration in the northern route from
20	Site 9
21	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Yes.
22	MR. DRAGHI: and nothing
23	further.
24	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Yes.
25	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: No. No, no,

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2	no. I think it was the northern routes for Nine
3	and Twenty.
4	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Yes.
5	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: And then Site
6	9. That's my understanding.
7	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: That's
8	correct. And are we right that no party objects to
9	that? I think that's what we heard earlier in the
10	hearing, but let the record reflect that we are
11	being met with affirmative nods and silence.
12	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: So we will
13	definitely take that under advisement. I don't
14	think we're prepared to issue a bench ruling at
15	this point.
16	So I'd like to turn to the
17	exhibits that were marked for identification in
18	this phase of the hearing. They consist of
19	exhibits marked Seventy-one through Eighty-two.
20	I we I'm sorry. I'm sorry,
21	several of the exhibits were premarked so, in fact,
22	it's Thirty-six through Eighty-two.
23	We have, as I think, Judge
24	Liebschutz alluded to, we have concerns with
25	respect to Exhibit Seventy-seven that was offered.

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2	That was an RG&E R.A.P. matrix. I believe it
3	consisted of approximately three pages and it came
4	in when the RG&E environmental panel was being
5	cross examined.
6	I think as a result of that cross
7	examination, we have numerous concerns both about
8	the appropriateness of that panel supporting or
9	sponsoring certain of the categories that were
10	listed on that document. And I think I had alluded
11	to them earlier on the record but I will repeat
12	that they included the vehicle emissions, land
13	cost, engineering cost, schedule and sewer line.
14	There were also some concerns
15	raised as a result of the cross examination that
16	took place as to whether or not there was a a
17	comparable or the comparisons that were set
18	forth in the third and fourth columns which are
19	labeled Site 20 and Site 7 respectively, but they
20	weren't necessarily it wasn't made clear that
21	those were apple-to-apple comparisons specifically
22	with respect to the thirty-three acres that's
23	referenced in column three for Site 20.
24	There's no comparable comparison
25	for Site 7, for example. There was concern or at

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2	least indication, based on the cross examination on
3	page one of that document, that the acreage that's
4	reflected in, again, columns three and four did not
5	appear to be accurate. There was concern raised
6	with respect to the estimates that are in the last
7	row and again the third and fourth columns.
8	And overall as a result, we are
9	not inclined to move that particular exhibit into
10	evidence. Other than that I think we were prepared
11	to move the others into evidence.
12	If parties wish to be heard on
13	Exhibit Seventy-seven we'll give you the
14	opportunity to do so now.
15	MR. DRAGHI: The testimony
16	relating to Seventy-seven I assume is still
17	would still remain in the record.
18	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Yes. Okay.
19	Are there any objections to any
20	other of the exhibits that we listed being moved
21	into evidence?
22	MR. BLOW: Your Honor, with
23	respect to Exhibit Eighty-three
24	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: There is no
25	Exhibit Eighty-three, Mr. Blow.

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2	MR. BLOW: Okay. Thank you.
3	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: Okay. Hearing
4	no objection we will move into the record Exhibits
5	Thirty-six through Seventy-six and it's Seventy-
6	eight through Eighty-two are now moved into
7	evidence.
8	Oh, we also indicated that we
9	would go back to the issue of whether or not there
10	should be a revised matrix. I'm going to turn that
11	over to to Chief A.L.J. Liebschutz to discuss.
12	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: We had some
13	colloquy earlier. Frankly, I can't recall whether
14	it was the first or second day, but it was
15	primarily off the record, as to whether it would be
16	appropriate for RG&E and its consultants to prepare
17	a further revision of the matrix, the most recent
18	version of which is Exhibit Forty-two in which
19	there would be a comparison of basically Site 7
20	versus Site 20 with the assumption that the
21	transmission lines that would serve either of those
22	substation locations would proceed along the
23	existing NYPA right-of-way that goes east/west
24	through that area as we've been discussing
25	throughout the hearings.

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2	And the colloquy that we had	
3	indicated that it would take some period of time	
4	for but perhaps within a week or so RG&E and its	
5	consultants would be prepared to produce such a	
6	a matrix to add to the record. Judge Phillips and	
7	I have concluded that we will not request that that	
8	matrix be updated and added to the record.	
9	Rather in light of the concerns	
10	that were that surfaced during the discussion	
11	of of the document that was marked as Exhibit	
12	Seventy-seven, which we have excluded from the	
13	record, in light of the testimony of several of the	
14	staff panels which were crossed today, in which	
15	they indicated disagreement with RG&E's estimates	
16	of costs. It's estimates of how a comprehensive	
17	plan might be interpreted. And, in general, in	
18	light of disagreement on this record among the	
19	parties as to estimates of wetlands and estimates	
20	of costs and mitigation and what might be required	
21	at one site or another. We do not feel that having	
22	a detailed exhibit with specific numbers attempting	
23	to depict all of those various issues in precise	
24	quantified form, without the benefit of further	
25	discovery and cross examination would add to the	

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2	value of this record for Commission consideration.
3	So, it's our determination that
4	we should instead close the record at this point
5	and proceed to briefing.
6	(Off the record)
7	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: We've taken a
8	short recess during which Judge Phillips and I
9	conferred and then we returned and conferred with
10	the parties resulting in the following procedures
11	to be followed.
12	Following the hearing we will
13	have initial post-hearing briefs due on July 31st.
14	I believe that's a Thursday and reply briefs will
15	be due Monday, August 11th.
16	The parties had previously agreed
17	on a consensus table of contents for the briefs,
18	for the initial briefs, actually to the extent that
19	same convention can be followed in the reply
20	briefs, it should. And as we've discussed, it does
21	not mean that every brief needs to discuss every
22	topic, but just that the same numbering, lettering
23	conventions should be used, and same order of
24	presentation should be used in the briefs to aid we
25	judges in going through the briefs.

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2	We will set a page limit of
3	thirty-five pages for the initial brief. That's
4	for the substantive prose of the brief. It doesn't
5	include table of contents, which should be included
6	in the brief.
7	We will take this opportunity to
8	urge everyone extremely strongly that statements in
9	your briefs should cite to the record. They should
10	cite to the transcript, they should cite to the
11	exhibits.
12	Please understand that we are
13	fully aware of everyone's arguments and positions
14	in this case, at least we think so. So a brief
15	that merely reiterates lots of those arguments, is
16	not terribly useful to us.
17	A brief that directs us to the
18	place in the record that supports your arguments
19	and positions, is what is of use to us. And,
20	therefore, of course, what is most beneficial to
21	you and your position.
22	We've also agreed to discuss the
23	fact that as we get transcripts from the court
24	reporter, we will post those online as soon as
25	possible after we receive them without conducting

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2	any review or corrections.
3	In general, we will ask parties
4	to if they have any corrections they feel need
5	to be made to the transcripts, to please
6	circulate circulate those to us and all parties
7	within a week after the transcript is posted.
8	That whole process of transcript
9	correction can take place informally by e-mails
10	circulated among the parties and sent to the
11	judges. But, need not be formal filings made with
12	the secretary and put into the agency's document
13	matter and management system.
14	There will be no page limit
15	imposed on the reply briefs. Do we have any other
16	procedural matters we need to address today before
17	we go off the record and well, before we
18	conclude the hearings and go off the record in that
19	order?
20	MR. BLOW: I believe we're going
21	to get the affidavits in as exhibits, correct?
22	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Yes, we are.
23	And we have two witnesses who did not appear at the
24	hearing because there was no cross examination for
25	them; that's Ms. Biedenkopf and Mr. Allen. Oh, I'm

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2	sorry, and Mr. DelMonte. Mr. Kanyuck is going to	
3	take care of getting us an affidavit from Mr.	
4	DelMonte, and I think was going to get in touch	
5	with Ms. Biedenkopf to arrange for the same	
6	MR. KANYUCK: That is correct.	
7	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: and we	
8	have already been in correspondence with the lawyer	
9	for Mr. Allen, who tells us that he's going to have	
10	an affidavit on its way.	
11	And, based on those	
12	representations, we will add the testimony of Mr.	
13	DelMonte, Mr. Allen and Ms. Biedenkopf to the	
14	transcript as if those witnesses had presented it	
15	orally here today.	
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Case No. 11-T-0534

Administrative Law Judge: Hon. Eleanor Stein

Prepared Rebuttal Testimony of:

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- 1 E. JOHN DEL MONTE declares under penalty of perjury:
- 2 Q: Please state your name, employer, position, and business address.
- 3 A: My name is John Del Monte. I am the Chief Executive Officer of the Del Monte Hotel
- Group. I am also co-executor of the Estate of my late father, Ernest J. Del Monte, who
- 5 was the sole member of 4545 East River Road, LLC (the "LLC"), which is the owner of
- 6 the parcels of land located at 4545 East River Road in the Town of Henrietta, County of
- Monroe, State of New York, more specifically identified as Tax Parcel Nos. 173.03-2-
- 8 1.12 and 174.03-2-1.11 (the "Property"). The Del Monte Hotel Group, which includes
- 9 the LLC, has its principal offices located at 909 Linden Avenue, Rochester, New York
- 10 14625.

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- 11 Q: What is the purpose of your testimony?
- 12 A: To provide additional information regarding the Property for the record in this proceeding
- and the impact on the Property if either Alternative 9 or Alternative 20 is selected as the
- location for Substation 255 as part of the Rochester Area Reliability Project ("RARP").

Education and Del Monte Hotel Group Background

- 16 Q: Please summarize your background.
- 17 A: I have a background in hotel and business management and real estate development, and
- have worked with the Del Monte Hotel Group for nearly 50 years.
- 19 Q: Please describe the business of the Del Monte Hotel Group.
- 20 A: The E.J. Del Monte Corporation, now the Del Monte Hotel Group, first began
- 21 development of real estate in 1958. Since that time, the Del Monte Hotel Group has
- grown to now own and operate 17 hotels that include Marriott, Renaissance, Courtyard,
- Residence Inn and Fairfield Inn brands located throughout New York State. See

DelMonte Hotel Group at http://www.delmontehotels.com/home.html. We are currently developing hotels at the University of Rochester College Town complex and in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. With our in-house management team, we oversee over 800 talented associates in the hospitality industry. In addition to developing and managing hotels, we provide management services to third parties.

The Del Monte Hotel Group History with the Property

7 Q: When did the Del Monte Hotel Group acquire the Property?

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- 8 A: Through its development entity 4545 East River Road, LLC, the Del Monte Hotel Group
- 9 purchased the Property in 2011 from Tower Investments, Inc.
- 10 Q: What was your plan for the Property when it was purchased?
- We were attracted to the Property because of the architectural significance of the A: 11 12 buildings, the spacious floor plans (about 330,000 square feet of space), and riverfront location. Although the buildings had been used as a training and office complex for 13 Eastman Kodak, our strategy was to convert the Property into a facility for the University 14 of Rochester or Rochester Institute of Technology. We prepared conceptual plans and 15 cost estimates to this effect. Among the various cost estimates completed as we were 16 17 assessing options for the Property was an estimate to demolish all of the buildings on the Property. Because of the extensive asbestos abatement required, the total cost estimate to 18 demolish the buildings was in the neighborhood of \$3 million, including the cost of 19
- 21 Q: What is the current status of the Property?

asbestos abatement.

- 22 A: After assessing our options for the Property, we determined that our plans would not
- work out with either university, and that it may instead be more attractive for use as high

end office space. Because such a use is not part of our core business, we decided to market the Property targeted to developers focused on the professional office space market. In February 2014, 4545 East River Road, LLC entered into a contract (the "Contract") to sell the Property to an entity associated with Rainaldi Brothers, Inc. ("Rainaldi"). The Contract was to close in August 2014 when we learned that the Property was under consideration as a site for Substation 255 and the associated transmission lines in this proceeding. Because of the uncertainty regarding the fate of the Property, we agreed with Rainaldi to extend the time to close until August 2014 with the closing solely contingent upon a determination that the Property would not be a site for Substation 255 or its associated transmission lines.

The Impacts on the Property if Alternatives 9 or 20 are Selected

- 12 Q: Have you reviewed the scope of proposed Alternatives 9 and 20 for the location of Substation 255 and the associated transmission lines?
- 14 A: Yes.

- 15 Q: How would the Property be impacted if Alternative 9 is selected?
- A: Alternative 9 requires the destruction of the buildings on the Property, thus eliminating any value to the Property for development.
- 18 Q: How would the Property be impacted if Alternative 20 is selected?
- 19 A: While Alternative 20 does not appear to require the destruction of the buildings, the
 20 proximity of Substation 255 to the buildings and entrance to the campus and the
 21 proximity of the transmission lines to the buildings will aesthetically detract from the
 22 Property, and could make it unsuitable for Class A office space, so the Property will be
 23 significantly devalued.

1 Q: What will be the impact if a decision regarding Alternative 9 and 20 is delayed past

2 August 2014?

3 A: Our substantial investment in the Property will remain in limbo until there is a resolution

regarding Alternatives 9 and 20. If there is no resolution regarding Alternatives 9 and 20

by August 2014, the Contract will be cancelled and, as I understand the plans of Rainaldi,

the opportunity to redevelop the Property and bring hundreds of jobs to the site will be

7 lost.

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8 Q: Does this conclude your testimony?

9 A: Yes.

Dated: May 9, 2014

/s/ Ernest John Del Monte

ERNEST JOHN DEL MONTE

EXHIBIT A TO ALLEN AFFIDAVIT DATED JUNE 25, 2014

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Case No.: 11-T-0534

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF JAMES ALLEN

Dated: May 9, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

James Allen and Judith Hook

By: /s/ Jason S. DiPonzio, Esq.
Jason S. DiPonzio, Esq.
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Rochester, NY 14614

Q. Please describe your interest in the RARP proceedings.

erty is denoted on Exhibit A with the letters "A-H."

- A. Judith Hook (my wife) and I are the owners of 2292 Scottsville Road, Town of
 Chili, Monroe County. I submit this rebuttal testimony to refute claims that property owned by
 my wife and I is vacant or abandoned farmland, and also in opposition to the selection of Alternate Sites 9 and 20 for the location of a substation in the Rochester Area Reliability Project and
 specifically, the routing of transmission lines (the "9/20 Transmission Route") through property
 owned by my wife and me. A copy of map showing our property in relation to the proposed 9/20
 Transmission Route, with our property borders highlighted, is attached as **Exhibit A**. Our prop-
 - Our land has been improperly characterized as vacant or abandoned. This mischaracterization has been used in several subsequent submissions in these proceedings, significantly underestimating the negative impact of the 9/20 Transmission Route.
 - We purchased our property in 2010 with the intent of developing a center for sustainable farming, ecology and food systems as well as to build our home. The proposed 9/20 Transmission Route through our property would prevent us from achieving our planned use for the property, and we would incur significant financial loss as a result of the financial investment we have made for the development we have done over the past 4 years. In addition, we are highly concerned for our neighbors, as the proposed 9/20 Transmission Route would have significant impacts upon a large number of residents in the area, in contrast to the currently certified plan.
- Q. Please describe the process under which you and your wife identified your property for purchase.

- 1 A. My wife and I have long been concerned with sustainable ecology, farming and food sys-
- 2 tems. We are the co-leaders of Slow Food Rochester, part of an international organization devot-
- 3 ed to sustainable, healthy food systems.
- 4 Over a decade ago, we starting looking for land on which to build a house and communi-
- 5 ty resource that focuses on reconnecting to the land and the food we eat. We hired Ben Falk, au-
- 6 thor of *The Resilient Farm and Homestead*, to help with site selection and preliminary site plan-
- 7 ning. Upstate New York has rich, diverse landscapes of great natural beauty that has a long tradi-
- 8 tion of farming on fertile lands in the Genesee River valley.

9 Q. When did you purchase your property?

- 10 A. In April 2010, we purchased a 100 acre parcel of property (the "Property") in the Town
- of Chili along with Patricia Albanese and Fred and Susan Hagen as tenants in common. In July
- 12 2012, we received subdivision approval from the Town of Chili Planning Board, in order to sub-
- divide the Property into three (3) separate lots. The Property was known as River Farms Subdi-
- vision. A copy of our subdivision application to the Chili Planning Board is attached as **Exhibit**
- 15 **B.** Minutes of the Chili Planning Board meeting of July 10, 2012 are attached as **Exhibit C**. In-
- deed, a member of Chili Planning Board expressed his support for our project, stating that "this
- is going to preserve a very beautiful spot in the Town of Chili." See **Exhibit C**, p. 6.
- In November 2012, each of the parties was deeded one of the lots of the River Farms
- 19 Subdivision.
- 20 Q. Please describe the features of your property.
- 21 A. The Allen-Hook parcel of the River Farms Subdivision consists of approximately 31
- acres and can be described as being "dumbbell-shaped." The westernmost portion of the parcel

- 1 contains approximately 20 acres, and the easternmost portion of the property consists of 10 heav-
- 2 ily wooded acres bordering the Genesee River. See **Exhibit A**.
- We recognize the uniqueness of this place and have chosen to maintain our roots in this
- 4 region. Each place has its own unique possibilities, and this property, while it was previously in a
- 5 state of neglect, has an inherent beauty that could be restored and enhanced. Over the past 4
- 6 years, we have invested many hours and significant expense in this restoration process.

7 Q. What is your overall development plan for your property?

- 8 A. It is our intention to build our home on the Property, as well as an Innovation Center to
- 9 devote to sustainable organic farming, ecology and food systems. To this end, we hired Michael
- 10 Singer Associates (michaelsinger.com), an internationally known design firm focusing on site-
- specificity and ecological regeneration, to do an initial master plan for the property, exploring the
- educational potential of the home and experimental farm. We refined our goals to educate about
- 13 resilient, regenerative farming practices, with special emphasis to reach families and children
- living in the Rochester area.
- The River Farms property is an ideal fit for these goals as it has great potential for sus-
- tainable farming while maintaining ecological diversity including forest and wetlands, yet re-
- mains accessible to Rochester for our educational and community programs. A copy of the mas-
- 18 ter plan for the site showing the eventual array of activities we will develop is attached as **Exhib**-
- 19 **it D**.

20 Q. What specific uses do you intend to develop?

- 21 A. We plan to develop a center for educational activities concerning sustainable agriculture.
- 22 Sustainable agriculture is the act of farming using principles of ecology, both satisfying human
- 23 food needs which enhancing environmental quality and ecological resilience, and minimizing the

1 use of non-renewal resources. An article published by the University of California at Davis Sus-2 tainable Agriculture Research and Education Program providing more background on sustainable 3 agriculture is attached as Exhibit E. 4 Specifically, we have begun to develop the infrastructure for the following: 5 a. Productive homesite; 6 b. Pastures; 7 Demonstration gardens; 8 Arboretum/food forest; 9 Herb gardens: 10 Greenhouses; f. 11 Organic community gardens; 12 Animal barns; h. 13 i. Innovation Center with Classroom barn; 14 Hazel nut orchard; 15 Organic berry crop and asparagus fields; 16 Fields dedicated to experimental organic field crops; 1. 17 m. Chestnut grove; 18 n. Duck pond and irrigation pond. 19 What development activities have you engaged in thus far at the property? Q. 20 At the start of this process, we were facing land that had been abandoned for more than a A. 21 decade, and the fields and forests were significantly compromised by overgrowth of invasive 22 species. We hired EDR (Environmental Design and Research) to perform a detailed land analysis 23 and wetland delineation that was subsequently approved by the DEC, the Army Corp of Engi-

- 1 neers and the EPA. A copy of the wetland delineation report is attached as **Exhibit F**. With our
- 2 neighbor, Fred and Susan Hagen, we built a 2200' new driveway to provide access to both our
- 3 properties. We have spent the past two years clearing out invasive species, reseeding pastures,
- 4 and planting new trees, mostly native to the region. We have made great steps towards bringing
- 5 the land back to life with biodiversity of plants and insects, and restoring animal habitat. We
- 6 have purchased over 300 trees for planting the arboretum and food forest.
- We also hired local architects Chris and Amanda Constanza, of 9x30 Design, who spe-
- 8 cialize in energy efficient, environmentally sustainable, healthy buildings, and spent a year de-
- 9 signing a house that serves the goals of the property. While designed as a farmhouse, it has a
- 10 kitchen and large meeting space specifically designed for community events, a green roof, and is
- 11 constructed using insulated concrete forms that enable highly efficient climate control by storing
- passive energy. It will use geothermal heating/cooling, and have extensive solar panels to pro-
- vide most of the electricity needs.
- 14 Q. Aside from the subdivision approval received from the Chili Planning Board, what
- is the status of any other municipal approvals you require?
- 16 A. The site plan for the construction of the home was submitted to the Town of Chili in De-
- 17 cember 2013. In April 2014, the town engineer for the Town of Chili submitted final comments
- and it is anticipated that final site plan approval will be issued this month. The building plans are
- ready to submit to the town's building department, and we have a contract with Tallo Construc-
- 20 tion to build the house.
- 21 Q. When do you plan to commence construction at the property?
- 22 **A.** We originally planned to start building the house in early summer. But now these plans
- are on hold during the pendency of the proceedings before the Public Service Commission. If

- 1 Alternate 9/20 is selected and the 9/20 Transmission Route comes through our property, we will
- 2 have to abandon our plans and the property, at considerable financial loss.

3 Q. What financial investment have you and your wife made in developing this proper-

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- 5 A. Thus far, we have spent approximately \$333,100 in the development of the Property,
- 6 broken down as follows:

7	Land Purchase	\$124,000
8	Legal Fees	\$5,100
9	Design Services	\$52,500
10	Equipment (tractor, sawmill, for land remediation, etc.)	\$44,500
11	Construction of 2200' Access Road	\$16,500
12	Development (clearing, trees, repairs)	\$ 90,500
13	Total Development Cost	\$333,100

14 Q. How would the proposed 9/20 Transmission Route generally affect your develop-

ment plans for your property?

- A. The proposal to install high voltage power lines through our property is incongruous with all of our incentives to purchase the property. Not only have we invested significant financial resources in purchasing and improving the property, and but we have also spent countless hours of work and study in designing the site and home.
- 20 If the alternate 9 or 20 is accepted, and the 9/20 Transmission Route traverses our property, then the carefully planned Arboretum/Food Forest, irrigation pond, berry crops fields and 22 trees planted in the recent years will need to be sacrificed for two sets of transmission towers and 23 lines. Because these man-made structures are incongruous with the mission and setting of our

- 1 sustainable farm master plan, we will be forced to abandon the project, and we will ultimately
- 2 need to sell the property at great financial loss. Our significant investment of time and energy
- 3 cannot be replaced.
- To be clear, the power lines eliminate the possibility of realizing our plans for the proper-
- 5 ty. We can expand on this along a number of dimensions.
- 6 Q. What environmental impacts to your property would result from the 9/20 Trans-
- 7 mission Route?
- 8 A. We have spent two years clearing out fields overgrown with invasive species, restoring
- 9 the soil, and planting a wide range of trees, mostly native to the region. This lays the groundwork
- for all our experimental and educational programs. It is completely incongruous to develop our
- program and realize our dreams with power lines running through it, and a large swath of land
- 12 cleared permanently to provide access that eliminates the possibility of our planned irrigation
- pond, food forest and a number of our berry/nut orchards.
- Additionally, the use of herbicides to maintain the right of way is completely inconsistent
- with us having an organic farm, and eliminates at least another 100 feet of land on either side of
- 16 the right of way from organic production.
- 17 Q. What personal economic impact would you suffer as a result of the 9/20 Transmis-
- 18 sion Route?
- 19 A. We could never recoup the cost of building our home, as the type of people interested in
- 20 the green, energy efficient home would never buy such a house a few hundred feet from major
- 21 power line structures. As a result, we would be forced to abandon the building of our house after
- 22 the great expense in developing the site and preparing it for site plan approval, completing the
- building plans and contracting with builders.

Q. Are there impacts to the community that you foresee resulting from the 9/20

2 Transmission Route?

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- 3 A. There would also be a significant negative economic impact to the community. The
- 4 Town of Chili would lose significant tax revenue as the land would most likely revert to lower
- 5 valued "abandoned fields," as it was classified when we purchased the property. In addition, the
- 6 many millions of dollars that RGE estimates to be the additional cost for the route through our
- 7 property would add to the utility bills of everyone in RGE's service area.
- 8 The impact is much greater than the loss of our property. Our immediate neighbor, the
- 9 Hagens, have similar goals to us and plan a sustainable farming operation that would also be
- 10 highly synergistic with our operation. The proposed route would destroy both.
- The destruction of our property would also result in the loss of an opportunity to provide
- educational resources in the community. We are planning a unique educational program and re-
- source for the community, with our focus on growing, farming, and preparing food. This will be
- lost if the power lines are routed through our property. This loss will deliver a devastating blow
- to our goals, as we have been working over the last ten years, to identify an appropriate farming
- site that is compatible with our educational program and goals. In fact, we already sold our farm
- land in the Naples area, which was our alternative site for such a farming/education program.
- With most of the land near Rochester taken for housing subdivisions or large-scale field crops,
- 19 there is little opportunity to find an alternate site for our educational goals in close proximity to
- 20 Rochester.
- 21 Q. Do you have any final comments on the routing options that are being considered?
- 22 A. It is very puzzling to us that a new route for the transmission lines is proposed in options
- 23 9/20 when there is an already approved, certified route that clearly minimizes overall impact on

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AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES ALLEN

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF MONROE) ss.:

I, James Allen, being duly sworn, depose and say:

- 1. I am one of the owners of 2292 Scottsville Road, Town of Chili, Monroe County. I have appeared in the above proceedings as an interested party.
- 2. On May 12, 2012, pre-filed testimony (the "Pre-Filed Testimony"), which consisted of 10 pages and incorporated 6 exhibits, was filed on my behalf. A copy of the Pre-Filed Testimony is attached as **Exhibit A**. The 6 exhibits were subsequently identified as Hearing Exhibits 59-64 in this matter.
- 3. I hereby adopt the Pre-Filed Testimony, together with Hearing Exhibits 59-64. I affirm under penalty of perjury that the Pre-Filed Testimony, together with Hearing Exhibits 59-64, is true and correct. I further request that these documents be admitted into the record as though stated orally at the hearings conducted in these proceedings.

James Allen

Sworn to before me this 25th day of June 2014.

AMY Q. RICHARDŞON Notary Public, State of New York No. 01RI5045153

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1	the community, no matter which site is eventually chosen for the substation. The substation site			
2	for option 7 does result in the loss of some 10-11 acres of farmland, and there may be an argu-			
3	ment for moving it across the river. Even if that was decided, however, reusing the existing			
4	transmission corridor clearly minimizes cost and impact. Because the new lines could be aligned			
5	with the existing towers so that they minimize the obstacles for using heavy farming equipment,			
6	the impact of the transmission route 7 to the Krenzer's farming operation is minimal. They are			
7	currently able to farm within a few feet of the existing transmission towers, and this would not			
8	change. In contrast, the proposed 9/20 Transmission Route would destroy the possibility of de-			
9	veloping 30 acres of sustainable farming focusing on biodiversity, a development that greatly			
10	enhances the farming character of our area, as appropriate for the Chili Agricultural Conserva-			
11	tion District.			
12	Furthermore, there are virtually no new environmental or viewshed impacts by reusing			
13	Transmission route 7. The land would continue to be planted in corn as it is now, and the new			
14	poles would pass through land already impacted by the main transmission lines. In contrast, the			
15	9/20 Transmission Route would destroy over half a mile of natural riparian environment along			
16	the Genesee River, and greatly impact the rural farming character of our immediate Scottsville			
17	Road neighborhood. Route 7 would be a better option no matter which of the proposed substa-			
18	tion locations is chosen.			
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20 21	/s/ James Allen James Allen			

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Administrative Law Judge: Hon. Eleanor Stein

Pre-Filed Testimony of:

Deborah M. Biedenkopf Vice President Finance and Development Living Communities, LLC 50 Fairwood Drive Rochester, New York 14623

- DEBORAH M. BIEDENKOPF declares under penalty of perjury:
- 2 Q: Please state your name, employer, position, and business address.
- 3 A: My name is Deborah M. Biedenkopf. I am the Vice President for Finance and
- 4 Development of Living Communities, LLC, located at 50 Fairwood Drive, Rochester,
- New York 14623. Living Communities, LLC is the developer, owner and operator of the
- Rivers Run ("Rivers Run") senior living community located on 30 acres of land on or
- adjacent to Fairwood Drive along the Genesee River off of East River Road in the Town
- 8 of Henrietta.
- 9 Q: What is the purpose of your testimony?
- 10 A: To provide testimony on behalf of Rivers Run opposing the transmission line routing for
- 11 Circuits 940 and 941 proposed under Alternative 9 and Alternative 20 because of its
- detrimental impact on Rivers Run and surrounding residential communities.
- 13 Q: Please describe the Rivers Run community.
- 14 A: Rivers Run is a locally owned and operated senior living and lifelong learning
- community in collaboration with the Rochester Institute of Technology ("RIT"). Rivers
- Run offers Independent Living and New York State Department of Health Licensed
- Enriched Living to seniors. Rivers Run is zoned for residents age 55 and over and
- responds to the Town of Henrietta Comprehensive Plan to offer quality housing for
- seniors, including NYS Department of Health licensed assistive services. Rivers Run is
- also a New York State Department of Health-licensed "Adult Care Facility." As part of
- 21 the Rivers Run collaboration with RIT, Rivers Run is also the site of the 630-member
- Osher Lifelong Learning Institute ("Osher") and the RIT Boat House, utilized by the
- college crew team.

- 1 Q: What types of housing is offered at Rivers Run and what is its current status?
- 2 A: Rivers Run offers homes for sale ("Cottages") and apartments for lease. There are
- 3 currently 43 Cottages sold and owner occupied, and 21 Cottage units remaining to be
- sold. The 82-unit apartment building is 70% occupied and marketing towards 100%
- 5 occupancy.
- 6 Q: What would be the impact on Rivers Run if either Alternative 9 or Alternative 20 are
- selected as the routing for transmission line Circuits 940 and 941?
- 8 A: The transmission line routing for Circuits 940 and 941 associated with Alternatives 9 and
- 9 20 passes as close 300 feet from the Rivers Run residences. As a result, it would disrupt
- the health, safety and quality of life of Rivers Run senior residents and visitors, and
- Osher students, many of whom have medical conditions that could be negatively affected
- by the proposed transmission route. As noted at the public hearing, some of the Rivers
- Run residents expressed concern about the impact of the transmission line on the
- operation of their personal medical devices, such as pacemakers.
- 15 Q: How would the selection of either Alternative 9 or Alternative 20 for the Circuit 940 and
- 16 941 routing impact the Rivers Run business?
- 17 A: Because of the concerns of current and potential residents related to the proximity of the
- proposed transmission lines, the mere consideration of Alternatives 9 and 20 has already
- had, and if chosen is expected to have additional, detrimental impacts on the value of
- 20 Rivers Run. Potential buyers of the remaining 21 Cottages are already postponing their
- 21 purchasing decisions because of the uncertainty. Current Cottage owners are worried
- about the resale value of their homes. At the apartment building, we are experiencing a
- slowdown in interest due to consumer concerns about safety and the visual impact of the

proposed routing for Alternatives 9 and 20. The bottom line is that should either

2 Alternative 9 or 20 actually be chosen for the transmission line routing for Circuits 940

and 941, there would be a significant negative impact on the Rivers Run community and

4 the viability of Rivers Run as an enterprise.

5 Q: Does this conclude your testimony?

6 A: Yes.

Dated: May 23, 2014

s/ Deborah M. Biedenkopf

DEBORAH M. BIEDENKOPF

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AFFIDAVIT OF DEBORAH M. BIEDENKOPF

STATE OF NEW YORK) COUNTY OF MONROE) s.s.:

DEBORAH M. BIEDENKOPF, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

- 1. I am a party to this proceeding on behalf of Living Communities, LLC, the owner and operator of the Rivers Run senior living community located adjacent to Fairwood Drive along the Genesee River off of East River Road in the Town of Henrietta.
- 2. Annexed to this Affidavit is my Pre-Filed Testimony, sworn to May 23, 2014 and consisting of three pages, filed in this proceeding. I prepared the answers to the questions posed in my rebuttal testimony. I make no changes to my Pre-Filed Testimony.
- 3. I swear that my Pre-Filed Testimony is true, and allow that Testimony and this Affidavit to be submitted into the record as if stated orally at the hearing in this proceeding.

DEBORAH M. BIEDENKOPF

Sworn to before me this 23 day of June 2014

Jotary Public

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3	And as their affidavits will come
4	in, we will mark those as Exhibits Eighty-three,
5	Eighty-four and Eighty-five. Mr. Eckhaus?
6	MR. ECKHAUS: Your Honors, I
7	think circulated a an index exhibits. Are you
8	planning to when those come in circulate a an
9	updated index?
10	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Yes, thank
11	you, Mr. Eckhaus. And that reminds me as well that
12	we have numerous exhibits that we have marked
13	today, for which we do not have electronic versions
14	which will need to be supplied by the responsible
15	party who introduced them.
16	If my notes are correct, for
17	Exhibit Forty-two, which was originally which
18	was a prefiled exhibit by RG&E, the version we
19	worked from here at the hearing has handwritten
20	further corrections.
21	And, so, RG&E will owe us an
22	updated corrected version of Exhibit Forty-two.
23	In addition RG&E supplied Exhibit
24	Seventy-one during the cross of Mr. Fingado and the
25	land use panel, which was a map of the Alternative

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2	Twenty site, using the conservation easement route
3	dated June 13th, 2014.
4	RG&E is also responsible for
5	supplying us with sorry strike that.
6	Exhibit Seventy-four I think has
7	been supplied to the reporter, but I guess it does
8	need to be supplied to the judges.
9	Exhibit Seventy-four is the
10	witness qualification testimony which I understand
11	consists of a a single document.
12	RG&E is also responsible for the
13	map which was marked as Exhibit Seventy-six during
14	the cross of the environmental panel. That's
15	another map dated June 13th that I believe shows
16	shows further detail of Site 7 with the
17	conservation easement route, and is a map of the
18	wetlands and water courses around Alternative
19	Seven.
20	Yes, RG&E also introduced
21	Exhibits Seventy-eight and Seventy-nine.
22	Seventy-eight was a two-page form of RG&E's
23	standard easement agreement.
24	And Exhibit Seventy-nine was the
25	deed to the property North Milewood Road. And I

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2	think that's my full list of what we are owed by
3	way of exhibits from RG&E.
4	Mr. Evans, I believe you will
5	need to follow up with an electronic version of
6	Exhibit Seventy-two which was introduced through
7	the cross examination of the need panel.
8	It was a Democrat and Chronicle
9	article regarding the ownership of Ginna dated
10	April 1, 2014.
11	Exhibit Seventy-three was also
12	introduced during the cross of the RG&E need panel
13	that was a document labeled N.E.R.C. Implementation
14	Plan for Project 2010 through '17 and referred to
15	the definition of the B.E.S.
16	And then, Mr. Evans, you
17	introduced Exhibit Eighty during the cross
18	examination of the Ag and Markets witness, Mr.
19	Saviola, which was a map, a two-page map dated June
20	17th. And Exhibit Eighty-two, which was introduced
21	during the cross of the Department of Public
22	Service engineering panel which was a seven-page
23	printout taken from the RG&E website.
24	Do you have all that, Mr. Evans,
25	and can supply that to us by e-mail?

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2	MR. EVANS: I'll let Mr. Bennett
3	respond.
4	MR. BENNETT: Your Honor, we put
5	all those exhibits on a C.D. that I gave to the
6	court reporter earlier today.
7	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Oh, even
8	better.
9	MR. BENNETT: There's a few on
10	there that we end up not using, but all the ones
11	that we did introduce are on that C.D.
12	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: And all of
13	them are and I'm sorry, that's on the disc that
14	you gave the court reporter?
15	MR. BENNETT: Yes, your Honor.
16	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Is that the
17	same disc with the testimony that you gave the
18	court reporter?
19	MR. BENNETT: Two separate discs
20	your Honor.
21	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Oh,
22	wonderful.
23	So we can just get the the
24	disc with the exhibits on it from the court
25	reporter and we will take care of the exhibits.

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         Thank you very much.
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                           MR. BENNETT: Thank you, your
         Honor.
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                           A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: That leaves,
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         Mr. Kanyuck, I'm not sure -- we -- Exhibit
         Seventy-five is the stipulation. I don't think we
         have an electronic version that contains all the
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         signatures.
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         I'll get that --.
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                           A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: So if you
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         could follow up with that and that can be -- the
         easiest thing is to have it e-mailed to us to the
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         judges. We can take care of -- of getting that put
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         into the record. And the last outstanding exhibit
         that I think I'm aware of is Exhibit Eight-one
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         which was introduced by D.P.S. staff as their
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         environmental panel was being crossed, which was a
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         copy of an -- an e-mail transmission from the
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         Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic
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         Preservation to Witness Powell.
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                           MS. MORENO: Yes. And that was
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         provided on a disc to the court reporter separate
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from the testimony.

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2	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: So, again,
3	Ms. Court Reporter, if we could have that disc from
4	you. She gets the testimony. We get the exhibits.
5	A.L.J. PHILLIPS: I and then
6	that's the only thing left are the affidavits
7	which no, those come from other parties.
8	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: All right.
9	And then the remaining, as I say, Exhibit Numbers
10	Eighty-three, Eighty-four and Eighty-five will be
11	reserved for the affidavits accompanying the
12	testimony of the witnesses who were not present
13	today.
14	MR. KANYUCK: Your Honor, were
15	those were you planning to put those on the
16	on D.M.M.?
17	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Yes.
18	MR. KANYUCK: So we'll be able to
19	get that from there.
20	A.L.J. LIEBSCHUTZ: Yes. Yes.
21	We will try to get those on the
22	record as soon as possible. And you're providing
23	them on discs today is wonderful, in making our
24	task very easy or following up with e-mails to us
25	will suffice for those that couldn't be anticipated

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2	and brought	on a disc today.	
3		Do we have anyth	ning further that
4	needs to be	addressed today?	
5		With that we wil	l thank you all
6	very much.	The hearing is conclud	led. The record
7	is closed.	We are adjourned.	
8		(The hearing cor	ncluded)
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