IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 01-2012-CA-001346 DIVISION: J

GAINESVILLE CITIZENS CARE, INC.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CITY OF GAINESVILLE d/b/a GAINESVILLE REGIONAL UTILITIES,

Defendant,

and

GAINESVILLE RENEWABLE ENERGY CENTER, LLC,

Intervenor.

DEPOSITION OF: ROBERT HUNZINGER

DATE: November 30, 2012

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- 1 ROBERT HUNZINGER
- 2 was called as a witness and, having been first duly sworn,
- 3 was examined and testified as follows:
- 4 MS. LAHART: Good afternoon, Mr. Hunzinger. I have
- 5 a small preliminary matter to take care of before we
- 6 start your deposition.
- 7 THE WITNESS: Please do.
- 8 MS. LAHART: Ms. Beatty, would you explain why it
- 9 is that you need to use a recording device?
- MS. BEATTY: Well, "A," I have trouble writing, but
- I also have some learning disability kinds of things,
- 12 and taking notes is difficult for me.
- MS. WARATUKE: Well, she needs our consent in order
- to do it, but I'm not agreeing to it, and quite frankly,
- we have the court reporter taking it down and making a
- 16 tape anyway. So I don't want the recorder used.
- MS. BEATTY: Okay.
- MS. WARATUKE: Thanks.
- 19 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 20 BY MS. LAHART:
- Q. Mr. Hunzinger, would you tell me about your
- 22 educational background?
- 23 A. College.
- 24 Q. Uh-huh.
- 25 A. I graduated in 1982 from the University of Illinois

- 1 with a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering.
- Q. Did you go to graduate school?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. What was your first job out of college?
- 5 A. I worked for a company called Illinois Power
- 6 Company, and the job was in Champaign, Illinois. It was an
- 7 assistant area engineer, as I recall.
- 8 Q. Approximately how long did you work there?
- 9 A. I was in that job for about two-and-a-half years.
- 10 Q. What was the job that you held prior to coming to
- 11 work for GRU?
- 12 A. Most recently?
- 13 O. Uh-huh.
- 14 A. Would you like me to go through the whole --
- 15 O. No, just --
- 16 A. -- sequence of jobs?
- 17 Q. -- just the job you had right before you came to
- 18 work for GRU.
- 19 A. Okay. I was working most recently, or most
- 20 recently prior to coming to GRU, for Prairie State Energy.
- O. Where is that?
- 22 A. They -- that is a power plant that was being built
- 23 southeast of St. Louis, and I was actually working in
- 24 downtown St. Louis, and then, at a certain point, they
- 25 changed their offices to Fairview Heights, Illinois, as I

- 1 recall.
- Q. Did you move to Fairview Heights, Illinois?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. When did you apply for the position at GRU?
- 5 A. Best of my recollection, I applied for the position
- 6 I currently hold at GRU in the fall of 2007.
- 7 Q. Is the position that you applied for the position
- 8 that you currently hold?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And what is that position?
- 11 A. My current title is general manager of Gainesville
- 12 Regional Utilities.
- Q. Did you interview for the position?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 O. Do you recall when the interviews were?
- 16 A. The interviews were in December of 2007.
- 17 Q. When were you offered a job?
- 18 A. I believe the City Commission decided at some point
- 19 in December of 2007 that I was the successful candidate, and
- 20 so it would have been shortly after that.
- Q. Do you recall when your first day of work was?
- 22 A. My first day here I think was early March of 2008.
- 23 Perhaps the 3rd.
- Q. At the time that you came to work for GRU, had an
- 25 RFP already been made for the biomass plant?

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. Were you asked about the biomass project during
- 3 your interviews?
- 4 A. I don't recall specifically.
- 5 Q. What were your first activities when you became the
- 6 general manager?
- 7 A. Well, I spent a lot of time trying to get to know
- 8 the people that I would be working with, becoming familiar
- 9 with the city and personnel relative to the city that I would
- 10 interact with, going around meeting with employees, employee
- 11 groups. Things like that.
- 12 Q. Between December of 2007 and when you started the
- job in 2008, did you have any contact with anyone from
- 14 Nacogdoches?
- 15 A. Between December of 2007 and March of 2008?
- 16 Q. When you started the job at GRU.
- 17 A. No.
- 18 O. When were you first introduced to Jim Gordon?
- 19 A. I believe I first met Mr. Gordon in June of 2008,
- 20 personally.
- 21 O. Would the answer be the same for Len Fagan?
- 22 A. Yes. I believe the first time I met Mr. Fagan
- in-person would have also been in June of 2008.
- Q. Same for Al Morales?
- 25 A. I'm not sure that Mr. Morales was at the meeting in

- 1 June of 2008 where I met Mr. Fagan and Mr. Gordon, but if
- 2 not, I would have met Mr. Morales sometime after that.
- 3 Q. And what about Josh Levine? Did you also meet him
- 4 first at that June 2008 meeting?
- 5 A. No. As I recall, Mr. Levine was not involved in
- 6 the project until approximately September of 2008.
- 7 Q. Who was involved in ranking the binding proposals
- 8 for the award of the contract?
- 9 A. I think based on your question earlier relative to
- 10 this, the proposals or the request for proposals had already
- 11 been reviewed or received by GRU prior to when I came to work
- 12 here.
- 13 O. Uh-huh.
- 14 A. And I believe that primarily Mr. Bachmeier and Mr.
- 15 Regan would have been the individuals that were reviewing the
- 16 various proposals they had received.
- 17 Q. Who assigned the ranking? Who was it that decided
- 18 that Nacogdoches was Number 1, and Covanta was Number 2, and
- 19 whatever was Number 3?
- 20 A. Uh-huh. I believe, ultimately, the City Commission
- 21 approved the methodology that resulted in the rankings that
- 22 you mentioned.
- Q. But who made the recommendation to the City?
- A. I was just arriving at that time, and some of the
- 25 first commission meetings that I attended, I believe I would

- 1 have ultimately sponsored, perhaps, those recommendations.
- Q. So it's your testimony that you're the one who
- 3 decided that Nacogdoches was the top ranked bidder?
- 4 A. I believe that one of the first meetings I came to
- 5 at the City Commission, one of the topics considered by the
- 6 City Commission was the information that would go into the
- 7 rankings. I believe the City Commission approved the various
- 8 portions that would feed into the ultimate ranking to
- 9 determine the qualifications, whatever.
- 10 As I recall, after that at a subsequent meeting,
- 11 once those had been established, the information was then --
- 12 and this may have been before I actually arrived too. I
- 13 can't quite remember if that was just before or just after I
- 14 had gotten there.
- But certainly the Commission approved the
- 16 determinants, and then GRU staff would have matched the
- 17 various proposals with those determinants, and then what fell
- 18 out, I think, was the rankings that you suggested with
- 19 Nacogdoches coming out on top.
- 20 Q. When you came aboard, was Nacogdoches already --
- 21 had they already been selected as the top bidder?
- 22 A. They may have. I don't recall for sure.
- 23 Q. After the City Commission ratified the selection of
- 24 Nacogdoches, and authorized you to negotiate, was there a
- 25 formal bid award?

- 1 A. Could you repeat that, please?
- Q. After the City Council voted to accept the
- 3 Nacogdoches RFP, was there a formal bid award?
- 4 A. I don't think the City Commission formally accepted
- 5 a particular bid proposal. I think my recollection is that
- 6 based on the determinants, and that Nacogdoches came out as
- 7 the top ranked project, my recollection is that the City
- 8 Commission then authorized the general manager, which would
- 9 be me, to negotiate and execute a contract with the top
- 10 ranked bidder.
- 11 O. So was there a bid award?
- 12 A. I think it's likely that in a public meeting, the
- 13 City Commission approved that Nacogdoches would have been the
- 14 top ranked entity. I don't think the language of a bid award
- 15 would be proper.
- 16 Q. Okay. So is there anything in writing that
- 17 notified Nacogdoches that they had been selected?
- 18 A. Well --
- 19 O. That you're aware of?
- 20 A. There certainly would have been written notes from
- 21 the City Commission meetings, which are public record.
- Q. Right. My question is, was there any letter from
- 23 either the Chair of the City Commission or from yourself that
- 24 said -- notified Nacogdoches that they had been selected as
- 25 the top ranked bidder? I'm sure they knew already, but I'm

- 1 just wondering if there's any paper documentation.
- 2 A. Well, they certainly would have been more than
- 3 likely watching the commission meeting.
- 4 As far as paper documentation, I don't recall
- 5 specifically if there was or not.
- 6 Q. Mr. Hunzinger, after the City selected Nacogdoches,
- 7 and directed you to negotiate a contract, did you ever seek
- 8 legal advice regarding whether the team that you selected,
- 9 whether their negotiations would be subject to the Sunshine
- 10 Law?
- 11 A. Not that I recall.
- 12 Q. Were there any draft versions of the Power Purchase
- 13 Agreement submitted to the commissioners for their review?
- 14 A. I believe the commissioners were all made available
- 15 of the final version of the contract. I don't recall if
- 16 there were intermediary versions made available to them.
- 17 Q. So as far as you recall, the only version of the
- 18 Power Purchase Agreement that the city commissioners were
- 19 given was the final agreement?
- 20 A. The city commissioners all had access to the final
- 21 Power Purchase Agreement.
- Q. Was that before or after you had signed it?
- 23 A. The Power Purchase Agreement was signed contingent
- 24 upon approval by the City Commission. So I believe our last
- 25 negotiating meeting with American Renewables would have been

- 1 approximately April 17th --
- Q. Uh-huh.
- 3 A. -- of 2009. As I recall, the City Commission
- 4 meeting was May 7th, 2009. I would have met with individual
- 5 commissioners in between those dates. I believe the contract
- 6 was signed April 29th, 2009. So it's possible that some
- 7 commissioners may have seen a version dated prior to 2009,
- 8 but I believe they all certainly had access to the 2009
- 9 version for sure.
- 10 Q. How were the risks associated with the draft
- 11 GRU-Nacogdoches Power Purchase Agreement identified?
- 12 A. I don't quite understand your question there. You
- 13 had a question about a draft Power Purchase Agreement. We
- 14 actually do have a signed Power Purchase Agreement.
- 15 Q. Prior to being -- it being signed, was there any
- 16 analysis of risks to GRU based on entering that contract?
- 17 A. Throughout the negotiations, I would have reviewed
- 18 a number of various risks associated with the contract.
- 19 Q. You reviewed them by yourself?
- 20 A. I had a lot of assistance from individuals or other
- 21 groups of individuals that provided information and analysis,
- 22 perhaps research, perhaps some financial analysis or
- 23 technical information based on their particular subject
- 24 matter of expertise. I would have taken all that input
- 25 received in formulating a decision that may have been based

- 1 on risk, may have been based on some other parameter. But at
- 2 no time during that would I have delegated any responsibility
- 3 for decision-making.
- 4 O. Of course not.
- 5 Did you receive recommendations from those people
- 6 on your staff regarding risk?
- 7 A. At various times, I would have received
- 8 information. In some cases, it may have been in the form of
- 9 a recommendation. It may have been in the form of just
- 10 information.
- 11 Q. What outside sources were consulted regarding the
- 12 financial impacts of this contract on the community?
- 13 A. Could I ask you what you mean by outside sources?
- 14 O. It means sources outside of GRU.
- 15 A. Excuse me. There were a few instances where
- 16 certain consulting firms would have provided input.
- Q. Do you recall those -- the names of those firms?
- 18 A. The consulting firms could have included Black &
- 19 Veatch, Haddad Consulting. It may have included R.W. Beck.
- 20 It possibly included Burns & McDonnell. Those are ones that
- 21 come to mind right now.
- Q. How about Goldman Sachs? Were they ever consulted?
- A. Consulted in what way?
- Q. Regarding anything to do with the biomass project.
- 25 A. Goldman Sachs was not involved, as I recall,

- 1 relative to the Power Purchase Agreement.
- 2 Q. My question was a little broader than that. Were
- 3 they consulted regarding anything related to the biomass
- 4 project?
- 5 A. I don't know. We had various bond resolutions and
- 6 bond issues in process at various times since I've been here.
- 7 I don't recall if Goldman Sachs would have been an
- 8 underwriter on a bond deal that may have been in parallel or
- 9 coincident with the negotiations relative to the Power
- 10 Purchase Agreement.
- 11 As far as I recall, they were not involved in
- 12 anything relative to the Power Purchase Agreement.
- 13 Q. My question that I asked you earlier about outside
- 14 sources, specifically related --
- 15 A. Oh, sorry.
- 16 Q. -- specifically related to financial impacts, of
- 17 the four firms that you listed --
- 18 A. Uh-huh.
- 19 O. -- which were consulted regarding the financial
- 20 impacts of the Power Purchase Agreement?
- 21 A. It's possible that all of them might have been.
- Q. Who was responsible for hiring these consultants
- and negotiating their scopes of work?
- A. At GRU, our purchasing policies are such that
- 25 individuals have certain authority --

- 1 Q. Uh-huh.
- 2 A. -- up to a monetary value, and depending on what
- 3 the purpose of the consultant might be, some individuals have
- 4 authority to retain those within those limits.
- 5 Q. Okay. Well, let me ask the question again. Among
- 6 these four consultants, who at GRU was contracted with any of
- 7 them or decided to contract with any of them?
- 8 A. As I said, individuals have certain spending limits
- 9 and authority limits. Relative to those four, I can give,
- 10 perhaps, one example. Mr. Haddad or Haddad Consulting -- I'm
- 11 not sure what the firm name is --
- 12 O. Uh-huh.
- 13 A. -- would have fallen within the monetary limits of
- 14 Mr. Regan, for example. So that would have been well within
- 15 the normal purview of Mr. Regan's job.
- 16 Q. So Mr. Regan is the one who authorized a contract
- 17 with Mr. Haddad?
- 18 A. Relative to a certain aspect of information that
- 19 Mr. Haddad might have provided, Mr. Regan would have been
- 20 able to, if the contract fell within certain spending limits,
- 21 to do that.
- Q. What about Black & Veatch? Did Mr. Regan also
- 23 oversee their involvement in the project?
- 24 A. Black & Veatch, as I recall, was involved in
- 25 assisting in the needs determination for the project, and a

- 1 lot of that work was before the Public Service Commission.
- 2 Depending on the amount of dollars relative to that
- 3 engagement, some of that may have fallen under Mr. Regan's
- 4 purview as per the purchasing policies. Some of it I may
- 5 have had to sign off on. I don't recall specifically.
- 6 Q. What role, if any, did R.W. Beck have?
- 7 A. R.W. Beck, as I recall, had a relatively limited or
- 8 minor role. Their role probably related to information
- 9 perhaps related to market indexes. I don't recall exactly
- 10 for sure.
- 11 Q. And again, would a contract with R.W. Beck have
- 12 been something that Mr. Regan signed off on?
- 13 A. Again, if the contractual value was within a
- 14 certain spending authority limit, Mr. Regan would have or
- 15 could have been able to sign off on that.
- 16 Q. So that's yes?
- 17 A. As I said, within a certain spending limit.
- 18 Q. Do you recall having signed off on any consulting
- 19 agreement with R.W. Beck that related to the Power Purchase
- 20 Agreement?
- 21 A. I don't recall.
- Q. Do you know what role Burns & McDonnell had, if
- any, in consulting on the Power Purchase Agreement?
- 24 A. I don't recall specifically they had a particular
- 25 role.

- 1 Q. So it would be your testimony that you don't know
- 2 whether they had a consultant contract that related to the
- 3 power purchasing agreement, or not?
- 4 A. I believe that's correct. I don't recall
- 5 specifically if Burns & McDonnell provided consulting
- 6 information relative to the Power Purchase Agreement.
- 7 Q. Who was the principal spokesperson for the -- on
- 8 the team for GRU during the Power Purchase Agreement's
- 9 negotiations?
- 10 A. During the negotiations, Mr. Regan was primarily
- 11 our contact, or the GRU contact. However, Mr. Cole from
- 12 Orrick also was kind of the keeper of the documents.
- Q. Who was the principal spokesperson on the team for
- 14 Nacoqdoches?
- 15 A. Well, my recollection is that it changed initially.
- 16 I think it was a gentleman named Ari Mervis, and then
- 17 approximately September, I think Josh Levine was the primary
- 18 contact.
- 19 O. Was Josh Levine also the primary contact for GREC?
- 20 A. I don't recall when a change from Nacogdoches to
- 21 GREC might have taken place, but in general, we were dealing
- 22 with the same people throughout the negotiation of the Power
- 23 Purchase Agreement.
- Q. Who authorized and commissioned the team for GRU to
- 25 hold Power Purchase Agreement contract discussions with

- 1 Nacogdoches?
- 2 A. Well, ultimately I was responsible for any
- 3 decisions that came out of any individual or any team -- if
- 4 you want to call that -- discussions that we had with
- 5 Nacogdoches.
- 6 0. Who authorized the team?
- 7 A. If you want to say who authorized the team, I would
- 8 say me.
- 9 Q. Were there ever internal meetings of just GRU team
- 10 members?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 O. Did Mr. Cole have conference calls that involved
- 13 just the GRU team members?
- 14 A. I think it was -- I would say that Mr. Cole was a
- 15 member of the team, if you want to call it that, that would
- 16 have assisted me in decision-making, and it's very likely
- 17 that when we had internal meetings, whether that be in-person
- 18 or on the phone, that Mr. Cole participated with us.
- 19 Q. Was Mr. Cole the only member of the team that
- 20 wasn't an actual employee of GRU?
- 21 A. I believe that would be correct.
- 22 Q. Were agreed-upon draft documents initialed by
- 23 either of both parties to track the agreement of the
- 24 provisions under discussion?
- 25 A. As I recall, initially both parties, and both

- 1 parties being either Nacogdoches and/or GREC and GRU,
- 2 initially may have been keeping their own individual versions
- 3 of an agreement or parts of individual versions, and so it
- 4 became fairly clear fairly quickly that that should be
- 5 centralized.
- 6 So at some point, at least from our standpoint, I
- 7 believe Mr. Cole and Orrick would have filled that role.
- 8 Q. When Nacogdoches submitted a draft document, would
- 9 it have gone directly to Mr. Cole?
- 10 A. In general, the way the process worked with the
- 11 Power Purchase Agreement, we had a number of discussions
- in-person, and that's where a majority of the discussions
- 13 relative to terms and conditions of the Power Purchase
- 14 Agreement would take place, where GREC or Nacogdoches would
- 15 be involved, and of course, we would. So a lot of the
- 16 information would have came out of meetings like that that
- 17 were jointly discussed at those particular meetings.
- 18 There may have been times where suggested language
- 19 from either Nacogdoches or GREC would have been sent to Mr.
- 20 Cole, and if that happened, then whatever version of that
- 21 draft we were up to at that time, Mr. Cole would have
- 22 distributed that to myself and other individuals such as Mr.
- 23 Regan, Mr. Stanton, Mr. Bachmeier, Mr. Manasco, and so we
- 24 would all review that, of course, and if there was any
- 25 particular changes that would be discussed, and ultimately I

- 1 would determine whether the suggested changes -- if we hadn't
- 2 discussed those prior with Nacogdoches -- should stay in, or
- 3 should be modified, or changed, or removed, or whatever.
- 4 Q. You said you would decide that. How was it
- 5 communicated to Mr. Cole that you were approving or
- 6 disapproving any particular change?
- 7 A. Well, as I said, Mr. Cole would distribute the
- 8 whatever draft version there was. And that would be
- 9 discussed. I would get input from the individuals I
- 10 mentioned. We may have a discussion about it.
- But ultimately, you know, the final draft language
- 12 that went in there, everybody would have reviewed it, given
- input, suggestions, and then ultimately I would have had to
- 14 say agree with that, don't agree with it, or whatever.
- Q. When you would say I agree with that, I don't agree
- 16 with that, how did you say that? Was that over the phone?
- 17 Was that in an e-mail?
- 18 A. Well, internal to our team, it could have been as
- 19 simple as saying to Mr. Regan or Mr. Manasco or Mr. Stanton,
- 20 or whoever that I agree with that language. They may have
- 21 mentioned or got back with Mr. Cole relative to that. It
- 22 could have been in a conference call where all of us were on
- 23 the same discussion. It could have been in a personal
- 24 meeting where we were all under the same discussion looking
- 25 at the language.

- 1 O. Did you ever have any individual conversations with
- 2 Mr. Cole?
- 3 A. More than likely I did.
- 4 Q. Do you recall any?
- 5 A. I don't recall any specifically. This -- these
- 6 discussions would have taken place over the course of a year,
- 7 roughly --
- 8 Q. Do you ever recall having a --
- 9 A. Could you -- mind if I finished?
- 10 Q. Of course not.
- 11 A. In various forms, such as phone or in-person. So I
- 12 had a number of conversations with Mr. Cole.
- 13 O. Individual conversations?
- 14 A. They may have been individual. They may have been
- 15 in the context of a team discussion.
- 16 Q. Do you recall any individual conversations?
- 17 A. I believe there were some individual conversations
- 18 that took place relative to meetings we had.
- 19 Q. Were they in-person or on the phone?
- 20 A. Could have been both.
- 21 O. You don't recall?
- 22 A. If you're asking me to point out a specific date,
- 23 it is hard to do that. It's very likely that I had
- 24 discussions with Mr. Cole. Many times, if Jonathan came to
- 25 Gainesville for meetings, internal meetings with us, we'd go

- 1 out for supper or dinner. Certainly would have had
- 2 individual discussions with Mr. Cole during that time.
- 3 Q. Do you recall the substance of any of those
- 4 conversations?
- 5 A. Well, more than likely, most of the substance of
- 6 the conversations would have dealt with -- well, first of
- 7 all, could have been personal-type things.
- 8 Q. Mr. Hunzinger, I really don't want you to tell me
- 9 what it could have been about. If you don't remember, please
- 10 just tell me I don't remember.
- 11 A. More than likely, those discussions --
- 12 Q. Mr. Hunzinger, I don't want --
- 13 A. -- would have pertained to terms and conditions of
- 14 the Power Purchase Agreement.
- 15 Q. Do you remember any specific conversation with Mr.
- 16 Cole individually about any term of the Power Purchase
- 17 Agreement?
- 18 A. Mr. Cole provided information relative to renewable
- 19 energy sources, renewable contracts, the value of renewable
- 20 energy credits.
- 21 O. Do you --
- 22 A. I can recall some discussions with him relative to
- 23 those topics.
- Q. What discussions do you recall?
- 25 A. Discussions such as the value of renewable energy

- 1 credits.
- Q. When you discussed the value of renewable energy
- 3 credits with Mr. Cole, where were you?
- 4 A. I can't say specifically where I may have been when
- 5 I talked to Mr. Cole about that topic.
- 6 Q. Do you recall if it was a face-to-face conversation
- 7 or over the phone?
- 8 A. More than likely it was a face-to-face
- 9 conversation, but it could have also been by phone.
- 10 Q. Mr. Hunzinger, in Mr. Regan's deposition, he used a
- 11 term that I had not heard before. It was interspace
- 12 bargaining. Did you participate in interspace bargaining?
- 13 A. Could I ask you to be more specific? I didn't
- 14 quite understand what you said.
- 15 Q. What I said was that when I deposed Mr. Regan, and
- 16 you were here, I asked Mr. Regan about the negotiation team
- 17 meetings, and he told me, "We did something called interspace
- 18 bargaining." Do you know what interspace bargaining is?
- 19 A. You said interest-based bargaining?
- 20 Q. Interspace bargaining, at least that's what the
- 21 deposition transcript is -- says.
- MR. DEE: Counsel?
- MS. LAHART: Yes.
- MR. DEE: I thought it was interest-based, as in my
- interest and your interest, as opposed to interspace. I

- saw the transcript, and I scratched my head trying to
- 2 figure out where that came from, but I think it was a
- 3 typographical error.
- 4 MS. LAHART: Interest-based bargaining. Thank you,
- 5 Mr. Dee. That might help speed things along here.
- 6 BY MS. LAHART:
- 7 Q. Do you know what interest-based bargaining is?
- 8 A. I do know what interest-based bargaining is as
- 9 opposed to interspace bargaining.
- 10 Q. Could you explain it?
- 11 A. And I thought that's what he said, so.
- 12 Q. Could you explain it to me?
- 13 A. Well, at least at GRU in negotiations with our
- 14 union -- which is the CWA, or the Communications Workers of
- 15 America -- some years ago, both sides entered into what they
- 16 call interest-based bargaining. So mutual interest
- 17 bargaining, if you want to say that. But as opposed to being
- 18 more confrontational, this is more interest-based to try to
- 19 reach a settlement, for example, with the union negotiations.
- Q. How did interest-based bargaining play out in terms
- of negotiating the Power Purchase Agreement?
- 22 A. Well, I don't exactly know what Mr. Regan meant
- 23 when he mentioned that term relative to the discussions. I
- 24 could only talk about my role in the discussions.
- 25 Q. You can only talk about your role in the

- 1 discussions, so you wouldn't be able to tell me about what
- 2 other people did that were participating in the discussions?
- A. I can't tell you what Mr. Regan may have meant by
- 4 the term interest-based bargaining as he viewed the
- 5 discussions.
- 6 Q. Well, in your opinion, were -- the negotiations
- 7 that took place, was a mutual interest-based negotiating
- 8 technique used?
- 9 A. I can tell you what my goal for the negotiations
- 10 were relative to the Power Purchase Agreement. The
- 11 Commission, in their action, authorized me to negotiate and
- 12 execute a Power Purchase Agreement. My goal in negotiating
- 13 was to try to get the best long-term deal for the customers
- 14 of GRU.
- 15 O. Did any of the members of the GRU team meet with
- 16 city commissioners in your absence regarding the Power
- 17 Purchase Agreement?
- 18 A. Once that the Commission authorized me in May of
- 19 2008 to negotiate an executed agreement, I don't recall any
- 20 specific instances where staff would have discussed any
- 21 particular components of the Power Purchase Agreement without
- 22 my being present.
- Q. During the negotiation meetings, how were
- 24 disagreements between the parties resolved?
- A. Well, as you can imagine, there were a number of

- 1 items in areas of discussion in something that takes a year
- 2 to come to a conclusion. If a particular item -- well, first
- 3 of all, an item would be discussed, and individuals would
- 4 give input to that particular discussion. If a resolution
- 5 could be reached relative to that discussion, it would be
- 6 done so, and at least from our standpoint, from the GRU
- 7 standpoint, ultimately I would have to approve of any
- 8 agreement or language relative to that. If there was an
- 9 issue that, for whatever reason, wasn't appearing that it
- 10 would be settled or reach an agreement, a lot of times those
- 11 issues would be set aside to be discussed again at a later
- 12 time, perhaps after more information.
- 13 Q. You say individuals would give input. Did the
- 14 individuals on your team give input only to you, or did they
- 15 also provide input to the team members of the other party?
- 16 A. The negotiations, at least the face-to-face
- 17 negotiations, general format would have been discussion of a
- 18 particular topic or an issue around the table. So it was a
- 19 somewhat free-flowing discussion, at least to try to get all
- 20 the items or flush out the areas of interest relative to that
- 21 particular topic.
- 22 Q. So were individual subjects or individual items
- 23 that would be included or not included in the Power Purchase
- 24 Agreement deliberated in these meetings?
- 25 A. They were discussed, and each party would give

- 1 their view relative to whatever topic we were discussing. If
- 2 you want to call that deliberations, perhaps that might be
- 3 accurate. However, ultimately whatever was discussed had to
- 4 get put into language that made it into the version of the
- 5 draft PPA at that time, and then that would be distributed.
- 6 Everybody would look at that again, and at least I can tell
- 7 you from our standpoint how we looked at that. Then
- 8 everybody would look at the latest draft language, comment on
- 9 it, see if that's what was discussed at the meeting, whether
- 10 or not that was something that GRU and I could approve or
- 11 not. So there were many iterations of topics that were
- 12 discussed.
- 13 Q. Did all of the members of the GRU team participate
- in crafting language for the agreement?
- 15 A. At various stages, there were probably a lot of
- 16 different individuals that, based on their area of technical
- 17 expertise or subject matter expertise, would have had input
- 18 to language.
- 19 Q. So were there GRU staff that had input that were
- 20 not on the team?
- 21 A. I would say there could have been, and I guess I
- 22 don't understand what you mean by team at this point. How
- 23 are you defining team?
- Q. I would say Mr. Regan, Mr. Stanton, Mr. Cole,
- 25 Mr. Bachmeier, yourself. Am I leaving anybody out?

- 1 A. Okay.
- 2 MS. BEATTY: Hoffman.
- 3 MS. LAHART: Mr. Hoffman?
- 4 BY MS. LAHART:
- 5 O. Is Mr. Hoffman on the team?
- 6 A. Mr. Hoffman provided some financial analysis very
- 7 late in the PPA discussions.
- 8 Q. But he didn't participate in the deliberations that
- 9 were had -- that had -- you had with the other party?
- 10 A. As I said, I think Mr. Hoffman was very late in the
- 11 -- in the PPA negotiations, and really provided more just, as
- 12 I said, analysis.
- 13 Q. What did he provide analysis of?
- 14 A. Primarily the financial value of the contract.
- I need to go back and answer one of your prior
- 16 questions. I don't think you allowed me to answer it.
- 17 Q. Well, if I didn't allow you to answer a question, I
- 18 assure you it wasn't deliberate, Mr. Hunzinger. By all
- 19 means.
- 20 A. I think that you asked were -- did anybody, other
- 21 than the team members mentioned, that you mentioned
- 22 specifically -- and for clarity, I'll try to repeat those.
- 23 That would have been Regan, Stanton, Manasco, Bachmeier,
- 24 Hoffman, and myself. You mentioned if anyone --
- Q. And Mr. Cole.

- 1 A. And Mr. Cole. If anyone else may have provided
- 2 language to the PPA, or suggested language. That certainly
- 3 could have been the case through either Mr. Regan,
- 4 Mr. Stanton, Mr. Manasco, Mr. Bachmeier, or myself.
- 5 Most generally, they probably would not have been
- 6 talking directly to Mr. Cole, but as mentioned, those
- 7 individuals were subject matter experts, if you want to say
- 8 that, to provide information, and at certain times, they may
- 9 have talked to other members of GRU to get specific
- 10 information to run a concept by them. And then ultimately,
- 11 that information would have been put into the PPA after
- 12 discussion of either within the group individually of GRU or
- 13 with myself got into the PPA language.
- 14 Again, that draft would be distributed for review,
- and ultimately, I would have had to either approve the
- 16 language or concept, or not.
- 17 Q. What reviews were provided by GRU's legal counsel
- or the Gainesville City Attorney's Office during the ongoing
- 19 discussions among the parties?
- 20 A. Mr. Manasco would have provided legal input
- 21 relative to any legal aspect of the contract.
- Q. Does Mr. Manasco work for the City Attorney's
- 23 Office?
- A. Mr. Manasco's title was utilities attorney. I
- 25 believe that he technically worked for the City Attorney, at

- 1 that time, Mr. Radson. However, on a daily basis, Mr.
- 2 Manasco was housed in the GRU administration building in an
- 3 office adjacent to mine, and effectively, all his work was
- 4 for utility issues.
- 5 Q. Was Mr. Radson aware of the legal review that was
- 6 conducted by Mr. Manasco?
- 7 A. Mr. Manasco had weekly meetings with Mr. Radson as
- 8 a part of his job, just to keep the City Attorney informed.
- 9 I believe that Mr. Manasco would have informed Mr. Radson of
- 10 any particular legal issues that would have risen to the
- 11 level of the City Attorney.
- 12 Q. Other than Mr. Radson, are you aware of any GRU
- 13 employees that were made aware of the legal reviews that were
- 14 conducted by Mr. Manasco?
- 15 A. Well, certainly I was, and any member of the GRU
- 16 negotiating group. If there was a legal issue that, perhaps,
- 17 went into a boundary of operations or some other issue
- 18 relative to the PPA, that would have been discussed.
- 19 Q. Who was it that selected Mr. Cole to provide
- 20 counsel to the negotiating team?
- 21 A. Well, Orrick, who Mr. Cole works for, based out of
- 22 New York, is our bond counsel, and has been for a number of
- 23 years, and Mr. Cole joined the group. I don't recall
- 24 specifically if -- if that would have been suggested by
- 25 Mr. Manasco or, perhaps, someone from Orrick, since we

- 1 interacted with Orrick quite often.
- Q. Was Mr. Manasco considered one of the members of
- 3 the negotiating team?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 O. Was Mr. Cole considered one of the members of the
- 6 negotiating team?
- 7 A. Yes.
- Q. Did the GRU team or any team member use any
- 9 documents, either modified or in their original form, that
- 10 they received directly or indirectly from Austin Energy to
- 11 develop or produce any documents related to the Nacogdoches
- 12 Power Purchase Agreement?
- 13 A. That's a very long question.
- 14 Q. I know. It's not a very good question either. Let
- 15 me see if I can do better; if I can simplify it a little.
- Did the GRU team or anyone on the team use any
- 17 documents from Austin Energy in developing the Power Purchase
- 18 Agreement? Is that better?
- 19 A. To the best of my knowledge, no.
- Q. Okay. Did you make personal notes of the
- 21 discussions that were held with Nacogdoches or with American
- 22 Renewables?
- 23 A. At times, it's likely that I had taken notes.
- Q. Did anybody read or review your personal notes of
- 25 those discussions?

- 1 A. Generally, those notes were taken for my purposes.
- Q. Did you keep them in a notebook or were they, like,
- 3 on a legal pad?
- 4 A. Typically, they'd be on a pad, something like this
- 5 (indicating).
- 6 Q. What would you do with them after the meeting?
- 7 A. Well, sometimes they would be kept, perhaps, in a
- 8 file. Sometimes I'd look at the notes and pitch them, if
- 9 there wasn't anything necessarily pertinent there. I'd
- 10 review them, and then, perhaps, dispose of them. Sometimes
- 11 put them in a file.
- 12 Q. From what I can tell by the numerous e-mails that I
- 13 have had the pleasure of reading in the last few weeks, it
- 14 looked like Mr. Bachmeier was generally the person tasked for
- 15 the GRU team of keeping minutes or notes. Is that correct?
- 16 A. I think Mr. Bachmeier took notes at quite a few of
- 17 the meetings.
- 18 Q. Did other GRU team members make personal notes of
- 19 the discussions?
- 20 A. I believe that some of the other team members would
- 21 have taken down personal notes.
- Q. Did you ever read or review their personal notes?
- 23 A. Generally, we would -- we, being the team -- if
- 24 Mr. Bachmeier, for example, took notes of a meeting, he would
- 25 distribute his version of the notes that we would review.

- 1 Q. Did you provide status reports, either written or
- 2 verbal, regarding the progress of the negotiating team to any
- 3 member of the City Commission?
- 4 A. I believe that during the course of the year
- 5 negotiation period, as I met with commissioners on an
- 6 individual basis, which was fairly routine, that occasionally
- 7 some of them would ask how the discussions were going, in a
- 8 general sense.
- 9 Q. Did you ever have any conversations with the City
- 10 Commission as a whole between May of 2008 and May of 2009,
- 11 regarding the Power Purchase Agreement?
- 12 A. I don't recall in a public forum discussing this
- 13 topic in a whole. Now there could have been instances where,
- 14 at some point in a meeting, a commissioner may have asked how
- 15 are the negotiations going, or something very general, and of
- 16 course the answer would have been very general too, that, you
- 17 know, maybe we -- we met last week, or we're going to meet in
- 18 the following week, or something like that. Or discussions
- 19 are still ongoing.
- 20 Q. Did you provide status updates to any other
- 21 Gainesville -- City of Gainesville charter officer?
- 22 A. If the question is status updates relative to the
- 23 Power Purchase --
- 24 Q. Yes.
- 25 A. -- negotiations or discussions? I don't recall

- 1 talking to any particular charter officer relative to those
- 2 discussions. Again, it may have been some general
- 3 conversation that just said, hey, negotiations are ongoing,
- 4 if they would have asked a question along those lines.
- 5 Q. Do you know if any other members of the team
- 6 provided status updates on the negotiations to the City
- 7 Commission?
- 8 A. As I said, I don't think that would have taken
- 9 place in a public forum, and I'm not aware of any other
- 10 specific particular meetings.
- 11 Q. If I understood your earlier testimony correctly,
- 12 the city commissioners only saw the final version of the
- 13 Power Purchase Agreement? They didn't -- they weren't
- 14 provided prior -- prior versions as they were under
- 15 negotiation? Is that correct?
- 16 A. I think it's correct that the commissioners had the
- 17 opportunity to review the final version of the Power Purchase
- 18 Agreement.
- 19 O. So there were no changes made to the Power Purchase
- 20 Agreement after it was provided to the City Commission?
- 21 A. I think I'm going to have to ask you to clarify
- 22 that question.
- Q. Okay. You said that the city commissioners had an
- 24 opportunity to review the contract before they voted to
- 25 ratify it. What do you mean that they had the opportunity?

- 1 A. When either I or Mr. Regan -- Mr. Regan and I, I
- 2 believe as a team or two people, as opposed to
- 3 individually -- now, I may have talked to the commissioners
- 4 individually, but if Mr. Regan talked to them, I believe I
- 5 was always with him during that time -- we would have
- 6 discussed the major tenets of the agreement, went through
- 7 that with the various commissioners on an individual basis,
- 8 and at that time, we, I, had a version, the signed version of
- 9 the contract available for them to review, or if they didn't
- 10 feel comfortable reviewing it then, could -- we could have
- 11 given them a copy at some other time that they could review.
- 12 Q. So when you met with the individual commissioners,
- 13 did you hand them a copy of the signed agreement?
- 14 A. I believe that we had a copy of the agreement with
- 15 us, typically, and --
- 16 Q. Well, one copy, or did you bring the commissioners
- 17 their own copy?
- 18 A. Each commissioner had the ability to receive an
- 19 individual copy, if they so chose.
- Q. How did they have the ability to receive an
- 21 individual copy? Would that be by asking you for a copy when
- 22 you came to the meeting?
- 23 A. It would have either been by reviewing the one that
- 24 we brought with us, or if they wanted to review it outside of
- 25 the meeting, they would have requested a copy, and we would

- 1 have either left that copy there with them, or provided them
- 2 one shortly thereafter.
- Q. Do you recall any of the commissioners asking you
- 4 for a copy?
- 5 A. I believe that some commissioners did.
- 6 Q. Which ones?
- 7 A. I don't recall specifically. Commissioner Hawkins,
- 8 for example.
- 9 Q. Do you remember providing Mr. Hawkins a hard copy
- 10 of the contract?
- 11 A. I believe I do.
- 12 Q. Was it a redacted copy, or was it an unredacted
- 13 copy?
- 14 A. The version that the city commissioners had access
- 15 to was an unredacted version of the contract.
- 16 Q. When you met with the commissioners individually,
- 17 did you show them PowerPoint presentations?
- 18 A. As I recall, I went ahead and I met with the
- 19 commissioners prior to the May 7, 2009 meeting. We discussed
- 20 the various major tenets of the contract, any changes that
- 21 may have taken place relative to the negotiations versus the
- 22 initial proposals received, and in that, there could have
- 23 been parts of a PowerPoint agreement (sic) that would have
- 24 been shared. Whether or not we had the whole agreement at
- 25 that time, I don't recall.

- 1 MR. DEE: Excuse me. You said had the whole
- 2 agreement. Did you mean the whole PowerPoint?
- 3 A. Oh, I'm sorry. Yes. I would have meant the --
- 4 relative to the question from Ms. LaHart, portions of the
- 5 PowerPoint presentation.
- 6 Q. What portions?
- 7 A. Well, as I just mentioned, more than likely, they
- 8 would have been the major tenets of the contract, any
- 9 changes. There's probably some risk information. We may
- 10 have well had the whole PowerPoint presentation. It would
- 11 have been in development, so that sometimes information gets
- 12 distributed to the Commission as backup, and it just depends
- on when we met with any particular individual commissioner
- 14 versus when the backup was submitted. So my point is, that
- 15 the presentation may have been evolving, and that we may not
- 16 have had the complete presentation that ultimately ended up
- 17 being given to the Commission at the May 7th meeting, but it
- 18 certainly had the major components of that when we talked to
- 19 them.
- 20 Q. You said you discussed the tenets of the agreement
- 21 and major changes. What, in your mind, were the major
- 22 changes?
- 23 A. Well, the final Power Purchase Agreement, as
- opposed to, perhaps, the request for proposal that would have
- 25 been received approximately a year sooner, one change would

- 1 have been an extension of the contract length to 30 years
- 2 from 20. There may have been pricing differences.
- 3 Q. You don't know if there were pricing differences
- 4 between the RFP and the final contract?
- 5 A. I believe that the final contract pricing structure
- 6 was more than the initial request for proposal.
- 7 Q. Okay. Those are the only major changes?
- A. I'm not sure if there were major changes relative
- 9 to fuel. It was still a biomass fuel source, so that didn't
- 10 appear to change much.
- 11 O. What about the fact that the contract is with a
- 12 different entity than had provided the RFP? Did you consider
- 13 that a major change?
- 14 A. I believe that change was discussed with the
- 15 Commission, and they were made aware that the Power Purchase
- 16 Agreement was with GREC, LLC.
- 17 Q. When did you have conversations with the Commission
- 18 about the change from Nacogdoches -- Nacogdoches to GREC?
- 19 A. To the best of my recollection, that was certainly
- 20 brought out in the presentation in May of 2007 -- or excuse
- 21 me -- May 7th, 2009, and with individual commissioners prior
- 22 to that.
- Q. When you say prior to that, do you mean in the
- 24 month prior to that? Six months prior to that?
- 25 A. Well, it could have been either. Certainly, once

- 1 we reached an agreement with -- on the Power Purchase
- 2 Agreement final terms, as we discussed that information with
- 3 the individual commissioners, or as I discussed that
- 4 information with the individual commissioners, or Ed and I,
- 5 we would have made them aware -- they would have been made
- 6 aware that the Power Purchase Agreement was with GREC, LLC.
- 7 So certainly very close to the May meeting after the initial
- 8 discussions. It may have also been the case, during the year
- 9 prior, the year of negotiations, some individual
- 10 commissioners may have requested or asked about how the
- 11 discussions were going. I may have indicated to them that
- 12 the party we were discussing with changed from Nacogdoches to
- 13 GREC, LLC. I don't recall for sure.
- Q. So you didn't ask the City Commission whether they
- 15 wanted you to continue negotiating with a different entity?
- 16 A. I don't recall asking the City Commission as a
- 17 body.
- 18 O. Did you ask the individual members, or did you
- 19 unilaterally make the decision that it was okay to negotiate
- 20 with a different entity?
- 21 A. There may have been individual commissioners that
- 22 were aware of a difference in -- from Nacogdoches to,
- 23 ultimately, GREC, LLC. As I indicated, I don't think that
- 24 that information would have been discussed or talked about at
- 25 a public meeting relative to the entire commission. So as I

- 1 said before, we -- the individuals we were negotiating with
- 2 effectively remained the same.
- 3 Q. So it was your decision to continue to negotiate
- 4 with a different entity?
- 5 A. Well, it was certainly my decision to continue
- 6 negotiations with the individuals we had been initially
- 7 discussing a Power Purchase Agreement with. At some point
- 8 during the negotiations, I don't recall which point that
- 9 might have been, the structure of the LLC apparently changed.
- 10 So we would have continued discussing with those individuals
- in whatever capacity they were at that time.
- 12 Q. So you didn't think it was important that the
- 13 entity that had made the proposal be the entity that you
- 14 signed a contract with?
- 15 A. I believe that, initially, Nacogdoches was made up
- of two entities. As I recall, those entities were EMI, which
- 17 I believe was Mr. Gordon's company, and a company called
- 18 BayCorp. I believe that's one word. At some point during
- 19 the discussions, those two entities still were involved, and
- 20 that they may have informed us that there was another entity
- 21 involved.
- O. Is that American Renewables?
- 23 A. No. I believe the other entity would have been
- 24 called TYR Energy. T-Y-R Energy. So from my standpoint, we
- 25 were certainly negotiating with an entity that the majority

- 1 of the people were the same.
- Q. So, in your opinion, it wasn't important to sign a
- 3 contract with the same entity that had submitted the
- 4 proposal?
- 5 MS. WARATUKE: I'm going to object to the question.
- 6 Asked and answered, but you can go ahead and do it
- 7 again.
- 8 A. Yeah. I really don't have an opinion on how
- 9 important that was or not. As I indicated, we were
- 10 negotiating with, effectively, the same individuals that we
- 11 had started discussing the Power Purchase Agreement with.
- 12 Q. Do you know if it was important to any of the
- 13 individual commissioners?
- 14 A. I don't recall that any of the individual
- 15 commissioners had any concern over that issue.
- 16 Q. Which commissioners do you recall discussing the
- 17 change in entity from Nacogdoches to GREC with? Let me try
- 18 and ask that without ending in a preposition.
- 19 With which commissioners did you discuss the change
- 20 from Nacogdoches to GREC?
- 21 A. Well, as I said, at some point, especially close to
- 22 the May 7th, 2009 meeting, that would have been -- more than
- 23 likely would have been discussed with all the commissioners.
- And I would probably further go on to add that the
- 25 entire Power Purchase Agreement was -- I signed it contingent

- on the approval of the City Commission. So when the
- 2 Commission voted seven to nothing, unanimously, in May of
- 3 2009, to approve the contract, they certainly were aware of
- 4 what was contained in the Power Purchase Agreement.
- 5 Q. Does Nacogdoches, LLC still exist? Nacogdoches
- 6 Power, LLC?
- 7 A. I don't know.
- Q. I'd like to talk to you about the -- the so-called
- 9 back-out clause or termination for convenience clause. Was
- 10 it your decision to -- to remove that provision from the
- 11 draft contract? I know I saw early versions of the draft
- 12 contract that had a draft termination for convenience clause
- in it, and then --
- 14 A. Uh-huh.
- 15 Q. -- there was subsequent contracts, drafts of the
- 16 contract that did not. Was it your decision to remove that
- 17 provision?
- 18 A. I would say that since I had ultimate approval and
- 19 authority over the terms and conditions of the Power Purchase
- 20 Agreement, that you could say that I was the one that made
- 21 the decision to have that clause removed from the contract or
- 22 to allow it to be removed from the contract. It certainly
- 23 was in the context of the discussions and the negotiations in
- 24 total for the Power Purchase Agreement. So it may not have
- 25 been as simple as whether this should stay in or not. It was

- 1 in the context of a number of different things that were
- 2 being negotiated at the time.
- 3 Q. But ultimately, it was your decision, and you take
- 4 responsibility for the elimination of the power -- of the
- 5 back-out clause?
- 6 A. I think, as general manager that signed the
- 7 agreement, I probably have that ultimate responsibility.
- 8 Q. Okay. Did you seek input from the City Commission
- 9 on that decision?
- 10 A. Relative to the termination for convenience clause,
- 11 I do not believe that that issue was discussed in general in
- 12 a public forum of the City Commission. I may have discussed
- 13 with particular individual commissioners that particular
- 14 topic during the course of the discussions over that year's
- 15 period.
- 16 Q. You don't recall whether you ever discussed the
- 17 elimination of the termination for convenience clause with
- 18 any of the board members individually or commission members
- 19 individually?
- 20 A. I think I just said that I possibly discussed that
- 21 topic with individual commissioners.
- Q. Which individual commissioners did you possibly
- 23 discuss that topic with?
- 24 A. It's possible that it would have been discussed
- 25 with Mayor Hanrahan, and perhaps Commissioner Donovan, as

- 1 Commissioner Donovan seemed to be particularly interested in
- 2 that topic and Mayor Hanrahan seemed -- typically had
- 3 expressed the most interest throughout the discussions on how
- 4 they were proceeding in a general sense.
- 5 Q. Other than the Mayor and Commissioner Donovan, did
- 6 you discuss the removal of the back-out clause with any of
- 7 the other individual board members -- commission members?
- 8 A. I may have. I don't recall specifically.
- 9 Q. What did Mayor Hanrahan say about the removal of
- 10 the back-out clause?
- 11 A. If I could add to my prior answer just a little
- 12 bit?
- 0. Of course.
- 14 A. And then I'll try to get back to that question.
- 15 The -- again, the Power Purchase Agreement was
- 16 approved by the City Commission, so I signed it contingent on
- 17 approval by the City Commission. So certainly the City
- 18 Commission, relative to the time the contract was signed, was
- 19 informed that the termination for convenience clause was not
- 20 in the final version of the PPA that I signed.
- 21 So in that respect, all of them would have been
- 22 informed of that prior to voting and approval to the May 2009
- 23 meeting.
- Q. Okay. So are you changing your answer that it was
- 25 you who decided not to or decided it was okay to remove the

- 1 back-out clause?
- 2 A. I don't think I'm changing my prior answer. I'm
- 3 just saying that, at some point, the Commission ultimately
- 4 approved the contract.
- 5 As the discussions of the particular items relative
- 6 to the Power Purchase Agreement negotiations went on, I would
- 7 have had that responsibility to make the determination
- 8 whether or not that clause would have stayed in the Power
- 9 Purchase Agreement.
- 10 Q. And as you recall, the only two commissioners you
- 11 discussed it with were Mayor Hanrahan and Commissioner
- 12 Donovan?
- 13 A. Specifically, but I could have discussed it with
- 14 others. I do know that I discussed that topic with all of
- them, as I said, when either I or Ed Regan and I met with the
- 16 commissioners prior to the May 7th, 2009 meeting after the
- 17 final contract negotiations were concluded.
- 18 Q. Are you certain that you discussed it with
- 19 Commissioner Donovan?
- A. Pardon?
- 21 Q. Are you certain that you discussed it with
- 22 Commissioner Donovan?
- 23 A. I believe that that topic was discussed
- 24 individually with each commissioner prior to the May 2009
- 25 meeting.

- 1 O. Didn't Mr. Donovan ask about that particular clause
- 2 in a subsequent meeting and say that he didn't recall having
- 3 discussed it with you?
- 4 A. What subsequent meeting would you have been
- 5 discussing?
- 6 Q. At a subsequent city commission meeting.
- 7 A. Do you know when that might have been?
- 8 Q. May of 2009?
- 9 MS. BEATTY: December. December of 2009.
- 10 BY MS. LAHART:
- 11 O. December of 2009.
- 12 A. Do you have any specific information I could look
- 13 at relative to that question?
- Q. Not with me, no.
- 15 A. I can't comment specifically on Mr. Donovan's
- 16 recollection. I can only give you my recollection.
- 17 Q. Okay. Was it your decision to abandon the 20-year
- 18 contract term in favor of a 30-year contract term?
- 19 A. Well, I don't know if I'd agree with your term
- 20 abandon. Perhaps I would use the term change from a 20-year
- 21 contractual agreement to a 30-year contractual agreement; and
- 22 yes, ultimately I would say that that decision would fall
- 23 upon my shoulders.
- Q. From whom did you receive input on that decision?
- 25 A. That decision would have been involved in the

- 1 overall pricing structure of the contract. So there were
- 2 probably a number of other negotiating items wrapped up in
- 3 the extension of the contract length. Certainly, input would
- 4 have been provided from various team members mentioned before
- 5 to help me reach a decision on ultimately whether or not the
- 6 contract terms should go from 20 to 30 years.
- 7 Q. Did you get input from any of the city
- 8 commissioners?
- 9 A. I don't recall specifically getting any input from
- 10 the commissioners relative to that topic.
- MR. MCDERMOTT: At a good time, you know, maybe we
- can take a little comfort break. So your -- at a good
- 13 time.
- MS. LAHART: No time like the present.
- 15 (Thereupon, there was a recess at 3:09 p.m., and
- the deposition reconvened at 3:19 p.m.)
- 17 BY MS. LAHART:
- 18 Q. Mr. Hunzinger, I'd like to ask you about another
- 19 change from -- from when the RFP was accepted versus when the
- 20 contract was executed, and that is the -- the \$39 per
- 21 megawatt hour fixed capacity charge.
- That \$39 per megawatt hour fixed capacity charge
- 23 was not included in the final contract; correct?
- A. Can I see what you're referring to?
- 25 Q. No.

- 1 A. I'm going to need you to repeat that question. I
- 2 didn't follow that.
- 3 Q. Okay. It's my understanding that the request
- 4 for -- let's say, RFP, I think, request for production. The
- 5 proposal, the binding proposal that was accepted by the City
- 6 Commission contained a representation from Nacogdoches that
- 7 they would provide the power at \$39 per megawatt hour. Is
- 8 that not correct?
- 9 A. I'm not familiar right now with the contents of the
- 10 RFP.
- 11 Q. Was there a price increase from the RFP to the
- 12 final contract?
- 13 A. I believe I indicated before that one of the
- 14 changes that I recall relative to the RFP was that the price
- 15 did increase.
- 16 Q. And in fact, it increased by more than 25 percent
- 17 per megawatt hour; did it not?
- 18 A. I'm not sure about the number, 25 percent you
- 19 quoted. It seems to me that I recall that, depending on
- 20 whether or not there was either a production tax credit, or
- 21 an investment tax credit, or what ultimately ended up being
- 22 applied to the contract, which was a stimulus grant,
- 23 effectively, a 1603 grant, I don't think the 25 percent
- 24 necessarily is the correct number. I'd have to go back and
- 25 check. So I'm not sure.

- 1 Q. The proposal contemplated a fixed price rather than
- 2 an index that would allow for future cost increases. Is that
- 3 correct?
- 4 A. The final agreed-to PPA does have a fixed
- 5 component. There's a component called the non-fuel energy
- 6 charge that is actually fixed in time for the entire 30-year
- 7 length of the contract. So it will be the same. That
- 8 component will be the same in Year 29 as it is the first year
- 9 the unit goes into operation. That's one of the big
- 10 advantages of the contract, that GRU is not subject to
- 11 escalation of that particular contract cost over time, and
- 12 therefore, does not have the inflation risk.
- 13 Q. There's a provision in the contract that says that
- 14 fixed costs could be further increased over the life of the
- 15 contract in the event of changes in laws or regulations that
- 16 result in increased cost to run the biomass plant. Is that
- 17 correct?
- 18 A. I believe I do recall a provision in the contract
- 19 that may be titled something along the lines of Change of
- 20 Law. The intent of that section would be, for example, that
- 21 if there were more stringent environmental regulations that
- 22 might be implemented by a governmental authority, that the
- 23 contract allows that issue to be discussed among the parties
- 24 to see if any adjustments need to be made to the price, and
- 25 the price could go up or down depending on the regulatory

- 1 initiative at the time.
- 2 Additionally, if there are change of law provisions
- 3 that are beneficial to GRU, for example, we would certainly
- 4 be discussing with the other party to make sure that we got
- 5 the benefit of those.
- 6 Q. Did you and Pegeen Hanrahan have any conversations
- 7 about biomass prior to you beginning your position at GRU?
- 8 A. As I said before, I don't recall during the
- 9 interview process with the City Commission whether or not
- 10 biomass was a topic or a question or not. Pegeen Hanrahan
- 11 was the mayor at that time, and so that answer would apply to
- 12 her as well.
- 13 Q. Did you and Karen Johnson have discussions or
- 14 communications about the biomass project when you began
- 15 working for GRU?
- 16 A. Well, Karen Johnson was the general manager just
- 17 prior to when I arrived.
- 18 O. Uh-huh.
- 19 A. Ms. Johnson would have been involved in the
- 20 analysis that led up to the request for proposals that we
- 21 talked about earlier. I'm -- it's very likely that Ms.
- Johnson would have, when I got to work here, talked to me
- 23 about that process up to that point.
- Q. Did she stay on during your transition?
- 25 A. As I recall, Ms. Johnson stayed employed by the

- 1 City or GRU -- I can't recall which one -- but she was here
- 2 for a short period after I arrived. I -- best I recall, it
- 3 was a two- to three-month-type period.
- 4 However, generally, Ms. Johnson wasn't involved in
- 5 utility work. She was doing some special projects relative
- 6 to the city commission, committee organization, cleaning up
- 7 various things relative to that. I did have the opportunity
- 8 to talk to her any time I wanted to, however.
- 9 Q. Now, you previously talked about meeting
- 10 individually with the commissioners prior to the May 7th,
- 11 2009 meeting where they voted to accept the contract. What
- 12 documents were the commissioners given in those individual
- 13 meetings?
- 14 A. The meetings that Mr. Regan and I or myself had
- 15 with the individual commissioners prior to the May 2007 --
- 16 excuse me -- May 7th, 2009 meeting, as discussed before,
- 17 would have included going through some information relative
- 18 to the PowerPoint presentation that would have been given at
- 19 that particular May 7th meeting. So whatever stage of
- 20 information we would have had relative to that. Highlighting
- 21 changes in the contract, major tenets in the contract, et
- 22 cetera. The commissioners also would have had -- I would
- 23 have had with me a copy of the unredacted contract, as
- 24 mentioned earlier, and they certainly would have either had
- 25 the ability to look at it during that meeting, or if they so

- 1 desired, get a copy subsequent to the meeting to review.
- 2 Q. Is there any memorandum summarizing the contract or
- 3 the changes to the contract?
- 4 A. I think the best summary of the contract would have
- 5 been in the presentation, the PowerPoint, presented at the
- 6 May 7th, 2009 city commission meeting.
- 7 Q. So I'm not trying to beat a dead horse. I just
- 8 want to make sure I understand. When you met with the
- 9 individual members, you had a copy of the contract. Some of
- 10 them wanted a copy of it, then some of it did not -- some of
- 11 them did not?
- 12 A. As I recall, I did have a copy of the contract with
- 13 me. Some commissioners may have looked at it at that time.
- 14 Some may have requested that I either leave that copy or
- 15 provide them another copy after the meeting that they could
- 16 review.
- 17 Q. Other than Mr. Hawkins, do you recall any of the
- 18 commissioners asking for a copy?
- 19 A. I don't recall specifically, but I'm pretty sure
- 20 that Mr. Donovan had a detailed copy or an unredacted copy,
- 21 and it's very possible that other commissioners also
- 22 requested copies. I just don't recall at this time.
- Q. And other than the contract and the PowerPoint
- 24 presentation, there was no backup that was provided to the
- 25 commissioners?

- 1 A. Backup in -- as in what?
- Q. Written. Written documentation.
- A. To the best of my recollection, most of the
- 4 discussion was based on what would ultimately become the
- 5 PowerPoint presentation and the contract itself, the PPA.
- 6 Q. Why was the cost of the contract redacted?
- 7 A. Pardon?
- 8 Q. Why was the cost of the contract redacted?
- 9 A. As I recall, the -- GREC or Nacogdoches, at that
- 10 time -- I'm not sure when -- but the other party requested
- 11 that certain portions of the contract be redacted.
- 12 Q. Including what it was ultimately going to cost GRU
- 13 in repairs?
- 14 A. As I recall, pricing of the -- pricing terms in the
- 15 contract were initially redacted.
- 16 Q. Because GREC asked that they be?
- 17 A. My recollection is that the other party requested
- 18 the information to be redacted, which, as I -- from a
- 19 layman's standpoint, not being an attorney, is something that
- 20 is permissible under state statutes.
- Q. Did you seek legal advice from Mr. Manasco or Mr.
- 22 Cole regarding that?
- 23 A. I did have discussions with Mr. Manasco about that
- 24 topic.
- Q. And did he indicate to you that that was acceptable

- 1 under the public records law?
- 2 A. Mr. Manasco would have indicated to me that that is
- 3 something permissible under state statutes. I can't comment
- 4 whether that is under the particular open records law or not.
- 5 I would also believe that Mr. Manasco would have discussed
- 6 this with the City Attorney.
- 7 Q. At any point, did you challenge the redaction of
- 8 the contract?
- 9 A. Mr. Manasco and I would have had some discussion on
- 10 this item. In the end, I -- this would have been more of a
- 11 legal issue that I would have relied on advice from
- 12 Mr. Manasco, and then based on his advice, would have taken
- 13 that into account, since I'm not an attorney.
- 14 O. When was the decision made to increase the term of
- 15 the contract?
- 16 A. What do you mean by increase the term of the
- 17 contract?
- 18 O. To -- the duration of the contract was extended
- 19 from 20 years to 30 years. When was the decision to do that
- 20 made?
- 21 A. The decision to increase the term of the contract
- 22 from 20 to 30 years would have been sometime during the
- 23 negotiations, which would have occurred between June -- late
- June of 2008, up until April 17th, 2009. I can't tell you
- 25 specifically in that time frame when that might have changed.

- 1 Q. Do you recall whether it was early in the
- 2 negotiation process? In the middle? Towards the end?
- 3 A. I don't recall specifically.
- 4 O. How was that decision made?
- 5 A. As I mentioned before, I think the term or the
- 6 length of the contract would have been related to other items
- 7 of the contract, such as pricing.
- 8 Q. When was the contract actually signed by you?
- 9 A. I believe the date on the Power Purchase Agreement
- 10 was April 29th, 2009.
- 11 Q. So you signed it on April 29th?
- 12 A. To the best of my recollection, that's correct.
- Q. Where were you when you signed it?
- 14 A. More than likely, I was in my office.
- 15 O. You don't recall?
- 16 A. It would have -- I would have either been in my
- 17 office or Mr. Manasco's office.
- 18 Q. Do you recall who was present when you signed it?
- 19 A. I believe that Mr. Manasco was present.
- Q. Why did you sign the agreement before the city
- 21 commission meeting?
- 22 A. As I mentioned in prior responses, I signed the
- 23 Power Purchase Agreement, final version, and it was --
- 24 there's a clause in the agreement that -- subject to approval
- of the City Commission. So I signed it subject to the

- 1 ultimate approval or disapproval of the City Commission.
- Q. I understand that. My question is, why didn't you
- 3 wait until after the city commission meeting to sign it?
- 4 A. During the course of the discussions and the
- 5 negotiations with GREC, I had informed them at some point
- 6 prior to the end of the discussions that the contract would
- 7 be subject to approval by the City Commission, and that I
- 8 could sign it given that qualification.
- 9 Q. Okay. You still haven't answered my question,
- 10 which is why did you sign it before you went to the City
- 11 Commission? I understand that it was signed subject to
- 12 ratification by the City later, but why did you sign it prior
- to going to the City Commission? Why couldn't the execution
- of the contract wait until the City Commission had ratified
- 15 it?
- 16 A. I suppose the execution could have waited.
- 17 However, when we completed the discussions and the
- 18 negotiations, and it reached a mutually acceptable contract,
- 19 I guess I didn't see any reason that it couldn't be signed,
- 20 and then subject to the approval of the City Commission,
- 21 which was a clause in the contract. So if the City
- 22 Commission wanted to not approve the contract, they certainly
- 23 had that right, and my signature would not have amounted to
- 24 anything.
- Q. Was anyone from GREC present when you signed the

- 1 contract?
- 2 A. As I recall, no.
- Q. Did you -- did you sign it first? Or did they?
- 4 A. I don't recall specifically.
- 5 Q. Did you approve the presentation that Ed Regan gave
- 6 to the City Commission?
- 7 A. Which presentation that Mr. Regan gave to the City
- 8 Commission?
- 9 Q. The one he gave on May 7th, 2009.
- 10 A. I would have had input to what Mr. Regan presented,
- 11 and would have approved the information before it was
- 12 presented.
- 13 Q. Did GREC participate in creating the PowerPoint
- 14 presentation?
- 15 A. I don't believe GREC had any input to the
- 16 PowerPoint presentation that Mr. Regan presented at the May
- 17 7th, 2009 meeting.
- 18 Q. Did they have any involvement in the presentations
- 19 that were given on April 28th and May 12th of 2008?
- 20 A. Well, as I mentioned earlier, I was just becoming
- 21 or I had just arrived in Gainesville at that time. I don't
- 22 believe that GREC had any input to the PowerPoint
- 23 presentations that GRU, maybe, necessarily gave, although
- 24 GREC would have provided the proposals to someone at GRU or
- 25 the City that would have been used at some point or analyzed

- 1 relative to that.
- MS. BEATTY: Just for clarity.
- 3 BY MS. LAHART:
- 4 Q. Did you have any conversations with Karen Johnson
- 5 prior to applying for the general manager position?
- 6 A. I do not believe I had any discussions with Ms.
- 7 Johnson prior to applying for the general manager's position
- 8 at GRU.
- 9 Q. Given that GRU anticipates no future generating
- 10 capacity in the immediate future to maintain reserve margin
- 11 requirements, can you explain why a 100-megawatt biomass
- 12 facility was selected?
- 13 A. GRU -- at GRU, we have a number of different
- 14 generating units of various ages, and some of the units are
- 15 more efficient than others. Some of the units are
- 16 base-loaded units. Some of the units are peaking units. So
- 17 the premise of your question relative to capacity is not a
- 18 valid premise for a question that could be answered.
- 19 Q. Why was a 100-megawatt biomass facility selected as
- 20 opposed to a 50-megawatt facility?
- 21 MR. DEE: Just for the record, I'm going to
- interpose an objection to this and probably lots of
- other ones that have already gone past on the grounds
- 24 that they have absolutely nothing to do with whether
- 25 there was a violation of the Sunshine Law. I have not

- objected, because I understand that the Plaintiff in
- 2 this case is interested in these issues, and I'm happy
- 3 to accommodate their desire to get information about
- 4 those issues, but I would object to the form of the
- 5 question on the grounds that it's totally irrelevant.
- 6 BY MS. LAHART:
- 7 Q. Okay. You still have to answer it.
- 8 A. And your question was why was a 100-megawatt --
- 9 Q. Why a 100-megawatt biomass facility versus a 50 or
- 10 a 75?
- 11 A. Well, the 100-megawatt facility, as I recall, was
- 12 chosen because in one -- partially, you get economies of
- 13 scale with a larger facility. So, for example, the
- 14 infrastructure required to build a 50-megawatt plant is
- 15 nearly identical to the infrastructure needed to build a
- 16 100-megawatt plant. The incremental cost in building a
- 17 larger unit would be a larger boiler size, for example,
- 18 perhaps a larger turbine, perhaps a larger generator. So the
- incremental cost to upsize to 100 megawatts from 50 isn't all
- 20 that great. So that was one consideration that would have
- 21 been made. Another consideration from GRU's standpoint, as I
- 22 recall, was likely that in the future, given the age of some
- of our units, and the uncertainty of environmental
- 24 regulations, that we would be needing future capacity. So
- 25 given what I just indicated about the incremental cost

- 1 relative to increasing the size of a biomass facility, it's
- 2 very likely that that incremental capacity cost for a
- 3 baseload generating unit that happens to burn biomass as a
- 4 fuel as opposed to coal or gas would have been relatively
- 5 inexpensive.
- 6 Q. Did you ever testify before the PSC regarding the
- 7 biomass plant?
- 8 A. I did not testify during the needs determination
- 9 before the PSC.
- 10 Q. Do you agree with Ed Regan's representation to the
- 11 City Commission that a back-out clause is usual for a
- 12 contract like this?
- 13 A. I don't know the basis for your question. I can't
- 14 speak as to what Mr. Regan may have been referring to.
- 15 Q. Have you ever negotiated a contract like the Power
- 16 Purchase Agreement before?
- 17 A. In my 30-plus years of prior utility experience,
- 18 which included investor-owned utilities, municipal utilities,
- 19 and cooperative utilities, I've been involved in various
- 20 discussions of coal contracts, power purchase agreements,
- 21 rates, many types of contractual agreements.
- Q. When it became clear that the presence of a
- 23 termination for convenience clause was a deal breaker with
- Nacogdoches or with American Renewables, as it may have been
- 25 at that time, why did you not begin negotiations with

- 1 Covanta?
- 2 A. Could you clarify the question relative to your
- 3 premise that it was a deal breaker?
- 4 Q. At some point, you ceased negotiations regarding a
- 5 termination for convenience clause.
- 6 A. (The witness nodded his head.)
- 7 Q. You did that because it was -- why don't you tell
- 8 me. Why did you do that?
- 9 A. As I recall, and I think as one of your questions
- 10 earlier mentioned, the termination of convenience clause was
- in the negotiation discussions for some period, perhaps up
- 12 until maybe through December of 2008, somewhere in that time
- 13 frame, which would have been more than halfway through the
- 14 discussions.
- 15 Your question as to why the termination of
- 16 convenience clause may have been removed or not continued in
- 17 the negotiations, I think there's, as I mentioned before,
- 18 there were a lot of various items being discussed relative to
- 19 the negotiations. This was one of them. One of many. So I
- 20 think you have to look at it in the whole context of the
- 21 discussion of the PPA, and what terms should be in the PPA,
- 22 and what terms shouldn't be in the PPA.
- One concern that I do recall relative to the
- 24 termination for convenience clause expressed by the other
- 25 party was that it might make -- the ability to terminate the

- 1 contract unilaterally, from GRU's standpoint, at any time up
- 2 until the notice to commence, which is effectively when the
- 3 project would get financing or when construction would be
- 4 about to start, could be an issue relative to financing the
- 5 project. So that's one example there.
- 6 From our standpoint, GRU's standpoint, GREC had put
- 7 a fairly sizable penalty, if you want to say that.
- 8 Q. Wasn't the penalty \$50 million?
- 9 A. I don't recall ultimately what it ended up being,
- 10 but it was a sizable number, and when you're in a contract,
- 11 you want -- when you're discussing a contract, on one hand,
- 12 you don't want to, perhaps, put a clause in the contract that
- 13 might hamstring you down the road or might limit your
- 14 options. And in this case, there was a sentiment in the
- 15 community and within the Commission that, after years of
- 16 discussion, a biomass plant, renewable energy source, was the
- 17 chosen means of future generation capacity for the city and
- 18 for the utility.
- I was tasked with the job to negotiate and execute
- 20 a contract. I certainly did the negotiations portion. The
- 21 contract was brought back for final approval of the
- 22 Commission, and it didn't make a lot of sense in some portion
- 23 to have a rather large monetary penalty that might accrue
- 24 against the utility if, for whatever reason, we got to a
- 25 point where the contract would be voided or not go forward.

- 1 So it didn't make a lot of sense that we would want to
- 2 penalize ourself at some point in the future relative to the
- 3 contract.
- Q. But if the City hadn't voided the contract, there
- 5 wouldn't have been any penalty. So what was the harm in
- 6 including the termination for convenience clause?
- A. As I said, I think that, from that standpoint, the
- 8 termination of convenience clause was perhaps unnecessary
- 9 relative to the other contract terms.
- 10 Q. And is that the reason that you did not begin
- 11 negotiations with the second ranked bidder?
- 12 A. The Commission, upon the direction to negotiate a
- 13 contract with Nacogdoches in May of 2008, at the May 12th
- 14 meeting, authorized me, as the general manager, to negotiate
- 15 and execute a contract. There was also an addendum, as I
- 16 recall, to the motion, and the minutes reflect this from that
- 17 meeting, that indicate that to include in the negotiations a
- 18 termination for convenience clause, if -- and that may not
- 19 quite be the proper language at the end, we definitely -- I
- 20 definitely included in the negotiations that clause, as you
- 21 indicated, since it was in the discussion drafts all the way
- 22 up to virtually the first of the year. So I felt that I had
- 23 sufficiently included what direction I was given from the
- 24 City Commission. That was discussed at length with the other
- 25 party relative to that, and then ultimately, as mentioned

- 1 earlier, the Commission was informed that ultimately it did
- 2 not make the final version of the draft, and it was approved
- 3 by them.
- 4 Q. So if I'm correct, you understood your marching
- 5 orders from the City Commission to be to try and get that
- 6 clause in, but if not, that was okay, as long as you tried?
- 7 A. Well --
- 8 MS. WARATUKE: I'm going to object to the form of
- 9 the question. I think it's been asked and answered, but
- 10 go ahead and answer it again.
- 11 A. What I -- what I believe my answer -- and I'll try
- 12 to repeat it for clarity -- is, that the minute meeting notes
- 13 from May 12th, 2008, directed me to negotiate and execute an
- 14 agreement with Nacogdoches Power, and as I recall, the
- 15 minutes also show from that meeting that the GM was directed,
- 16 myself was directed, to include in the negotiations a
- 17 termination clause.
- During the course of the negotiations, there was a
- 19 lot of time spent in the discussions relative to the
- 20 termination for convenience clause, and ultimately, it did
- 21 not make the final version of the Power Purchase Agreement,
- 22 but as I indicated, it was in the draft versions for quite a
- 23 ways into that process, and also, ultimately, the City
- 24 Commission was informed that it was not in the final draft,
- 25 and that they did approve the contract in the final form that

- 1 you see today.
- Q. Okay. You keep referencing the minutes of the
- 3 meeting. I've read the minutes of the meeting, but I've also
- 4 watched the videotape, and it seems to me that the Board
- 5 voted unanimously to direct you to include that in the
- 6 contract, a termination for convenience clause.
- 7 Did you not think that that was an important
- 8 provision to the Commission?
- 9 MS. WARATUKE: I'm going to object to the form of
- 10 the question. Go ahead and answer it, if you can.
- 11 A. Again, as I said, I certainly took the direction of
- 12 the City Commission very seriously. The minutes of the
- 13 meeting are the official record of the meeting. I certainly
- 14 did what I was directed to do, and if you would like me to go
- 15 through my prior answer, I would be glad to do that.
- 16 Q. It's not necessary.
- 17 A. Thank you.
- 18 Q. Mr. Hunzinger, you've told me repeatedly that the
- 19 city commissioners were informed that this termination for
- 20 convenience clause was not in the final contract, but they
- 21 voted to approve it anyway. That's your testimony?
- 22 A. As I said, the final version of the contract that
- 23 was signed -- that I did sign and was subject to the approval
- 24 of the City Commission did not have -- did not contain a
- 25 termination for convenience clause; yes.

- 1 Q. Are you not able to say yes or no?
- 2 A. I don't like words being put in my mouth.
- Q. Okay. Although the city commissioners were
- 4 informed that the termination for convenience clause was
- 5 eliminated, was not part of the final contract, were the GRU
- 6 ratepayers informed of that before the City Commission
- 7 ratified the agreement?
- 8 A. I don't recall specifically if that topic was
- 9 discussed in the -- in the general open session or not.
- 10 Q. Did you discuss with Mayor Hanrahan the removal of
- 11 the back-out clause?
- 12 A. As I indicated before, we talked -- Ed Regan and I,
- or I -- specifically talked with each commissioner relative
- 14 to the termination of convenience clause not being in the
- 15 final contract, and Mayor Hanrahan, as one of the seven
- 16 commissioners, would have also received that information;
- 17 yes.
- 18 Q. Do you recall having any conversations with her
- 19 regarding that the removal of the back-out clause, prior to
- 20 when the contract was fully negotiated -- in other words, did
- 21 you speak with her about it prior to April 17th of 2009?
- 22 A. I believe, as I said before, and it would have to
- 23 be subject to reviewing the transcript, I believe I indicated
- 24 that Mayor Hanrahan may have been one commissioner that was
- 25 curious about the contract in general, and that that may have

- 1 been a discussion or topic that I would have talked with her
- 2 about; yes.
- 3 Q. Do you have any specific recollections of
- 4 conversations with her about the removal of the back-out
- 5 clause other than when you were presenting her the final
- 6 contract?
- 7 A. Well, as I mentioned, certainly at the time of the
- 8 final contract, she was one of the seven commissioners I
- 9 would have talked to. I think I just said that in the year
- 10 of negotiations, Mayor Hanrahan would occasionally ask
- 11 questions relative to the contract, and how the discussions
- 12 were going. It's very possible that at some times -- some
- 13 time during that period, I would have mentioned to her that
- 14 the termination for convenience clause, for various reasons,
- 15 was not in or would not be in the final version of the
- 16 contract.
- 17 Q. So the answer to my question is, you have no
- 18 specific recollection of having discussed the back-out clause
- 19 with Mayor Hanrahan prior to when the contract had been
- 20 finalized?
- MS. WARATUKE: Object to the question. Asked and
- 22 answered. Go ahead.
- 23 A. Yeah. That's not what I said. I think, if you'd
- 24 like for me to repeat something I've already answered at
- 25 least twice --

- 1 Q. I don't want you to repeat your answer. I just
- 2 want you to answer the question that I have actually asked,
- 3 which is, do you remember talking to her about it, or not?
- 4 A. I believe I've indicated that --
- 5 O. I know that it's possible. I know that it's
- 6 likely. Do you remember discussing it with her or not?
- 7 A. As I said before, and I'll try to repeat this
- 8 again, I believe that that would have been a topic that Mayor
- 9 Hanrahan may have asked about. I cannot give you a specific
- 10 date on when those discussions may have occurred. I
- 11 typically met with Mayor Hanrahan on a weekly basis. So
- 12 during the course of one year of negotiations, and recall,
- this was four years ago now, or more than four years ago, to
- 14 the best of my recollection, which I've already told you,
- 15 that was a topic that was likely mentioned to Mayor Hanrahan.
- 16 Q. Okay. I didn't ask --
- 17 A. I don't know how much more clear I can be.
- 18 Q. Well, you could say, yes, I remember discussing it
- 19 with her, or no, I don't. I mean, that would be much more
- 20 clear. I didn't ask you about any specific dates. I'm not
- 21 asking you if it was a face-to-face conversation or who was
- 22 wearing what. The only question that I've asked you, Mr.
- 23 Hunzinger, that you have not answered is, do you recall
- 24 whether you had a conversation -- let me finish my question,
- 25 and then I'll let you object --

- 1 MS. WARATUKE: I was just stopping him.
- 2 BY MS. LAHART:
- 3 O. -- do you recall having a conversation with the
- 4 Mayor regarding the elimination of the back-out clause prior
- 5 to when the contract was in its final form?
- 6 MS. WARATUKE: And, Marcy, I don't mean to get
- 7 sideways with you; okay? I don't think he's trying to
- 8 be difficult. You're entitled to ask the question, and
- 9 you're entitled to ask the question in any way you want,
- but he's entitled to answer the question in any way he
- wants, to the best of his ability, and that's what he's
- doing. And we can really sit here all day and do this,
- but if you think there's something inappropriate about
- what he's doing, then take it up somewhere else, but I
- think he's doing just fine here, without being
- 16 difficult.
- 17 MS. LAHART: Okay. All I'm asking for --
- MS. WARATUKE: And again, I'm going to object to
- 19 the form of the question. Asked and answered.
- 20 MS. LAHART: All I'm asking for is a yes or no.
- MS. WARATUKE: Well, sometimes you can't get a yes
- or no, because it's not an accurate answer.
- MS. LAHART: You either remember something, or you
- don't.
- 25 A. I think I've already answered your question.

- 1 Q. All right. Did you discuss --
- 2 A. Three times, at least.
- O. Well, I think you didn't answer it three times, at
- 4 least. Let's move on; shall we?
- 5 A. Thank you.
- 6 Q. What discussions do you recall having with
- 7 Commissioner Lowe regarding the removal of the back-out
- 8 clause?
- 9 A. As I mentioned, either Ed Regan and I, or I,
- 10 myself, had discussions with each individual commissioner
- 11 prior to the May 7th, 2009 meeting relative to the major
- 12 tenets of the contract. One of the items we would have
- 13 discussed would have been that there -- in the final version
- of the contract, there was not a termination clause. That
- 15 would have also been discussed with Commissioner Lowe.
- 16 Q. Do you have any specific recollections about any
- 17 conversation?
- 18 A. I think I just answered your question.
- 19 Q. Did you discuss with Commissioner Mastrodicasa --
- 20 am I saying that right --
- MS. BEATTY: You got it.
- 22 BY MS. LAHART:
- 23 Q. -- about the removal of the back-out clause?
- A. Would you like to cover all five other
- 25 commissioners at once, or would you like to do this

- 1 individually?
- Q. I'd just like you to tell me yes or no.
- A. As I have indicated, either Mr. Regan and I, or
- 4 myself, individually, talked with each individual
- 5 commissioner on the major tenets of the contract.
- 6 Q. That sounds like a yes.
- 7 A. One of the items that we discussed would have been
- 8 the termination of convenience clause did not make the final
- 9 version of the contract. So since Mastrodicasa was a city
- 10 commissioner at that time, she would have been informed of
- 11 that decision, and it would have been discussed with her.
- 12 Q. Do you recall what she had to say on the topic?
- 13 A. I do not recall what her specific comments might
- 14 have been.
- 15 Q. Okay. Do you recall what Commissioner Henry had to
- 16 say on the topic?
- 17 A. I do not recall what specific comments Commissioner
- 18 Henry may have had relative to the fact that the termination
- 19 clause was not in the final version of the contract.
- 20 Q. Do you recall Commissioner Henry having anything to
- 21 say about the Power Purchase Agreement?
- 22 A. I believe Mr. Henry -- Commissioner Henry, as I
- 23 recall, was interested in what rate impact there may be
- 24 relative to the Power Purchase Agreement.
- 25 Q. Do you recall what, if anything, Commissioner

- 1 Donovan had to say about the removal of the back-out clause?
- 2 A. I don't recall what specific questions he may have
- 3 had at that meeting. However, I do suggest that you go back
- 4 and watch a meeting from April 15th, 2010, where Mr. Donovan
- 5 had questions of me in a public meeting, and I think I
- 6 answered that question, and I believe you'll get his response
- 7 there.
- 8 Q. Do you recall what, if anything, Commissioner
- 9 Hawkins had to say regarding the removal of the back-out
- 10 clause?
- 11 A. I don't remember specifically what Commissioner
- 12 Hawkins' comments may have been relative to the fact that a
- 13 termination clause was not in the final version of the
- 14 contract.
- 15 Q. Do you recall what, if anything, Commissioner Poe
- 16 had to say regarding the removal of the back-out clause?
- 17 A. Again, I do not remember what specific comments
- 18 Commissioner Poe may have had relative to the termination
- 19 clause not being in the final version of the contract.
- Q. Is it true that a late payment owed to the City of
- 21 Gainesville by the City of Alachua was waived in exchange for
- them supplying the reclaimed water to GREC?
- 23 A. There is no truth to that statement.
- Q. Okay. Did you make public statements to the effect
- 25 of one of the benefits to GRU customers is that it would not

- 1 cost us a penny -- the biomass plant would not cost us a
- 2 penny until the electricity was flowing?
- 3 A. I don't recall making that specific statement.
- 4 Q. Do you know whether Mr. Haddad was given a redacted
- 5 copy of the binding proposal, or whether he was aware of the
- 6 contract price?
- 7 A. I'm not aware of what contract Mr. Haddad might
- 8 have seen. However, since I believe Mr. Haddad was asked to
- 9 review the contract and give us some advice, Mr. Haddad
- 10 probably looked at a version that included the pricing, or
- 11 was aware of the pricing.
- 12 Q. Do you know how much Mr. Haddad was paid for his
- 13 services?
- 14 A. I do not.
- 15 Q. How were the results of the Haddad reports used in
- 16 the negotiations?
- 17 A. The information that Mr. Haddad provided would have
- 18 been just another source of information relative to myself
- 19 and other team members as we analyzed the contract.
- Q. Did you give or show the city commissioners the
- 21 Haddad reports?
- 22 A. To my knowledge, I did not provide any of the
- 23 Haddad reports to the City Commission.
- Q. Did you tell the commissioners that the Haddad
- 25 reports showed that construction prices had actually gone

- 1 down rather than up?
- 2 MS. WARATUKE: I'm going to object to the form of
- 3 the question. Go ahead and answer it, if you can.
- 4 A. I have no specific knowledge of the information in
- 5 the question that you just asked at this time.
- 6 Q. Is it your testimony that you don't think the
- 7 Haddad report showed that construction prices had gone down?
- A. If you have information you'd like me to review,
- 9 I'd be glad to review that. At this time, I don't -- I don't
- 10 have any information relative to that question.
- 11 Q. So it is your understanding or you would deny a
- 12 statement that the Haddad reports showed the construction
- 13 prices had decreased since the RFP had submitted -- been
- 14 submitted?
- MS. WARATUKE: Objection.
- 16 A. I don't have any information relative to the Haddad
- 17 reports that you're referencing.
- 18 Q. Did Mr. Haddad express an opinion that GRU was not
- 19 using an accurate cost adjuster?
- 20 A. I have no specific knowledge of the contents of
- 21 that question.
- Q. Were the Haddad reports provided to GREC?
- 23 A. I do not believe the Haddad reports would have been
- 24 provided to GREC.
- Q. Whose decision was it to provide the Haddad reports

- 1 to the Public Service Commission in a redacted format?
- 2 A. I don't recall if the Haddad information was
- 3 provided to the Public Service Commission or not.
- 4 O. When you met with the individual members of the
- 5 City Commission, did you discuss the increase in price to the
- 6 City?
- 7 A. Could I ask you to clarify increase to the price to
- 8 the City from what?
- 9 O. From the RFP.
- 10 A. I believe that when Mr. Regan and I, or I,
- 11 discussed the final version of the contract with the City
- 12 Commission, that we would have discussed the pricing
- 13 implications of the contract.
- 14 Q. Were you solely responsible for the decision to
- 15 negotiate an increase in the price that the City Commission
- 16 had previously approved?
- 17 A. As I mentioned earlier in response to a number of
- 18 similar questions, I had the ultimate authority on what terms
- 19 and conditions were in the Power Purchase Agreement, so any
- 20 ultimate pricing decisions or conditions that were
- 21 contained -- are contained in the final Power Purchase
- 22 Agreement would be my responsibility. That is correct.
- MS. LAHART: Let me take five minutes.
- 24 (Thereupon, there was a recess at 4:08 p.m., and
- 25 the deposition reconvened at 4:18 p.m.)

- 1 BY MS. LAHART:
- Q. As tedious as this is, I'm going to hand you some
- 3 documents. Most of them I'm not even going to have questions
- 4 about. I'm just going to ask you to authenticate them,
- 5 meaning identify what they are for the record. And this
- 6 makes Mr. Dee really bored, so I'm going to do this as
- 7 quickly as I can.
- I think some of these are already exhibits to other
- 9 depositions, but I think the fastest way to do this is just
- 10 to do it.
- 11 So I'm going to hand you an e-mail, dated March
- 12 30th, 2008, from Mr. Bachmeier. You are cc'd on it. Could
- 13 you identify that for the record?
- MR. MCDERMOTT: Are we going to start with 48 on
- 15 these?
- MS. LAHART: Sure.
- 17 MR. MCDERMOTT: Okay. It's just easier.
- 18 MR. DEE: And I'm sorry. Did you say June 30th?
- 19 MS. LAHART: Yes. That's the date of the e-mail.
- MR. DEE: Thank you.
- 21 (Thereupon, Plaintiff's Exhibit Number 48 was
- 22 marked for Identification.)
- 23 BY MS. LAHART:
- Q. Can you identify the document for the record? Is
- 25 it an e-mail that you received?

- 1 A. I'm not through looking at it, if you don't mind.
- Q. I'm sorry. I'm just trying to get Mr. Dee on the
- 3 road.
- 4 A. What you've handed me appears to be an e-mail from
- 5 Mr. Bachmeier to a number of individuals, one of which I am
- 6 included, that would be notes from, based on the title, the
- 7 Nacogdoches Power and GRU meeting that occurred on June 27th,
- 8 2008.
- 9 MS. WARATUKE: So that's going to be 48, then,
- 10 Shawn?
- 11 THE COURT REPORTER: Yes
- MS. WARATUKE: Okay.
- 13 BY MS. LAHART:
- 14 Q. How was it that poor Mr. Bachmeier got delegated
- 15 the task of being the note keeper?
- 16 A. I don't recall specifically how Mr. Bachmeier ended
- 17 up being kind of a note-taker for us, but he seemed to do a
- 18 really good job.
- 19 Q. The next document I'm going to hand you we'll mark
- 20 Exhibit 49. It is a July 30th, 2008 e-mail. And if you
- 21 could do the same thing.
- 22 (Thereupon, Plaintiff's Exhibit Number 49 was
- 23 marked for Identification.)
- A. Well, what you've handed me appears to be, based on
- 25 the title notes, an e-mail with an attachment that contains

- 1 notes from a meeting of Nacogdoches Power and GRU on July
- 2 29th, 2008, of which I was present.
- Q. Thank you. We'll skip the next one. I'm going to
- 4 hand you a document. It's an e-mail from Mr. Jonathan Cole
- 5 to Josh Levine dated November 21st, 2008. It says.
- 6 (Reading) "Josh, attached, please find a revised
- 7 draft of the GRU/GREC PPA. The attached black line shows
- 8 changes from the draft previously circulated by you. You
- 9 will note that we moved some sections around. Moved text
- 10 will show in the black line as green italics text. Note that
- 11 this draft remains subject to GRU's further comment and
- 12 review. We look forward to discussing this draft with you."
- In the course of negotiating this agreement when
- 14 Mr. Cole would send out an e-mail like this, would you have
- 15 reviewed the attachment prior to him sending it?
- 16 A. If you don't mind, I'd like to look at the document
- 17 --
- 18 Q. Oh, absolutely.
- 19 A. -- first before you ask any questions about it.
- Q. Your counsel has a copy there.
- 21 A. So what was your question?
- Q. My question is, did you review that draft before
- 23 Jonathan Cole forwarded it to Josh Levine?
- 24 A. I don't know if I specifically reviewed the draft
- 25 in question here, but I can tell you generally how this

- 1 process worked.
- 2 Q. Okay.
- A. As I mentioned before, earlier in the discussion or
- 4 the deposition today, changes relative to -- any changes that
- 5 were made relative to draft versions of the PPA typically
- 6 were distributed within GRU. Individuals had the ability to
- 7 comment. And whether they -- those comments may have been
- 8 discussed with me prior to or after the changes got made in
- 9 the draft. Certainly, at a point, I would have had input and
- 10 either approved or not approved language that ultimately made
- 11 it into either that particular draft or the next draft of the
- 12 contract version.
- Q. Okay. Thank you. That will be Exhibit Number 50.
- 14 (Thereupon, Plaintiff's Exhibit Number 50 was
- 15 marked for Identification.)
- 16 BY MS. LAHART:
- 17 Q. This is a December 23rd, 2008 e-mail. Your
- 18 attorney can give you a copy of it.
- 19 MS. WARATUKE: This one?
- MS. LAHART: Yes.
- MS. WARATUKE: Okay. I just had some extra ones at
- the top of mine, which is why I was confused.
- MS. LAHART: Yeah. I'm not going to make all of
- them exhibits. Trying to keep you on your toes, Liz.
- MS. WARATUKE: I thought we were using different

- ones, which is why I wasn't looking, but now I'm on
- 2 track, I think.
- 3 BY MS. LAHART:
- 4 Q. Can you identify this document for the record?
- 5 A. Could I ask, to make sure that I'm looking at the
- 6 same one you are, how many pages are in your document?
- 7 Q. Not a very trusting soul; are you? Here, I'll give
- 8 you my copy. You can compare it. The only difference is
- 9 that I've highlighted the good part on mine.
- 10 A. Okay. Thank you.
- MR. DEE: Can you identify the date and the heading
- so that I can follow along too?
- MS. LAHART: Tuesday, December 23rd, 2008, 4:38
- 14 p.m.
- 15 MS. WARATUKE: 4:38? See, I have a 4:49.
- MS. LAHART: Well, you're looking at --
- MS. WARATUKE: Oh, right. Because he's looking at
- 18 mine.
- 19 MS. LAHART: -- the next one.
- MS. WARATUKE: Okay. Got it.
- 21 A. All right. So what was the question?
- Q. Would you identify the document for the record?
- 23 A. I will try as soon as I've finished looking at it
- 24 here.
- 25 Q. Take your time.

- 1 A. This appears to be an e-mail from Mr. Levine to the
- 2 GRU negotiating team, which would include Mr. Regan, myself,
- 3 Mr. Stanton, Mr. Bachmeier, and Mr. Manasco, and Mr. Cole.
- 4 The subject appears to be Mr. Levine attaching a revised
- 5 version of the PPA or an updated version relative to
- 6 information items discussed at a, what I think was, a
- 7 person-to-person or an in-face meeting on December 8th and
- 8 9th in Gainesville.
- 9 Q. What I wanted to ask you about was the last two
- 10 sentences in the first paragraph. It says:
- 11 (Reading) "Jonathan Cole has already reviewed this
- 12 to make sure that I have captured everything, as well as add
- 13 some clarification on shut-down language, confidentiality,
- 14 survivability, and some other definitions. Jonathan has made
- one new suggestion, which I did not accept, but have included
- 16 as a comment in Section 25.1.3."
- 17 Is that suggestion that Jonathan made something
- 18 that you would have -- he would have run by you before he
- 19 communicated it to Nacogdoches?
- 20 A. I don't know what Section 25.1.3 refers to. I'd be
- 21 glad to look at that, but again, I can tell you in general
- 22 that when -- how this worked relative to GRU is that any
- 23 changes made to the PPA were typically discussed beforehand
- 24 with the group, with the team, of which I would have been
- 25 involved, and of which they would have gotten my concurrence

- 1 or not, or my approval or not. In this particular case, I
- 2 don't know if this was a minor change, as for a wording
- 3 change, or I just -- at this time, I don't know what Section
- 4 25.1.3 is without looking at it. I'd be glad to try to look
- 5 that up if you have a copy of the contract.
- 6 Q. I do. It happens to be Exhibit 1.
- 7 MS. WARATUKE: You might need to go back to the
- 8 beginning --
- 9 THE WITNESS: Yeah.
- 10 MS. WARATUKE: -- and see what section it's dealing
- 11 with.
- 12 THE WITNESS: All right.
- 13 A. Well, okay. So this e-mail has a reference of
- 14 December 23rd, 2008. I'm not sure that Section 25.1.3 that
- 15 was discussed at that time was the Section 25.1.3 that
- 16 ultimately made it to the final contract.
- 17 Q. Okay.
- 18 A. There could have been adjustments there. In
- 19 addition, in reading the e-mail, it says that Jonathan made a
- 20 suggestion of which I don't know what that suggestion was,
- 21 since there's no detail. It could have been a very minor
- 22 suggestion of which Mr. Levine did not accept. He indicates
- 23 he's included as a comment in a certain section of the
- 24 contract. I see no comments relative to this final document.
- 25 Q. Okay. So it wouldn't be unheard of for a member of

- 1 the GRU negotiating team to suggest languages -- language or
- 2 make suggestions to the other side without running those
- 3 suggestions by you first?
- 4 A. I think I've answered that, in general, that would
- 5 be very atypical of how the process worked, and that the
- 6 typical process would have been that any draft revisions
- 7 would have been discussed either individually with members of
- 8 the GRU team, and again, I would reiterate that that team
- 9 would be Mr. Cole, Mr. Stanton, Mr. Regan, Mr. Manasco,
- 10 Mr. Bachmeier, or that, as a group, including myself, those
- 11 individuals, and I would have discussed various changes prior
- 12 to going into a draft revision. That would have been a more
- 13 typical way that draft changes were made from one version to
- 14 the other.
- Regardless of how the changes were made in a draft,
- 16 ultimately that draft would then be redistributed to the team
- 17 members of GRU, including myself, and I assume the other
- 18 party, GREC, for review, and perhaps additional changes or
- 19 modifications based on how it fit in the overall structure of
- 20 the contract, of which ultimately I would have had the
- 21 approval on what language was reflected in the final terms
- 22 and conditions of the PPA.
- 23 Q. I understand that you had approval of the final
- 24 language. Did you have approval of all of the suggested
- 25 changes that were made by your staff?

- 1 A. That was certainly the intent.
- 2 MS. LAHART: Okay. Could I have this marked as
- 3 Exhibit 51?
- 4 (Thereupon, Plaintiff's Exhibit Number 51 was
- 5 marked for Identification.)
- 6 BY MS. LAHART:
- 7 Q. Would you look at the next document in Ms.
- 8 Waratuke's stack? Would you like to look at my copy to make
- 9 sure it's the same?
- 10 A. If you could tell me how many pages it is, we might
- 11 be able to...
- 12 Q. Six.
- 13 A. I have six pages here.
- Q. Okay. Can you identify this document?
- 15 A. This is going to take a while. It looks like a
- 16 string of e-mails.
- 17 Q. You don't have to be real specific.
- 18 A. But you never know what may be contained.
- 19 This document appears to be a string of rather long
- 20 e-mails between various individuals related to the various
- 21 issues related to the Power Purchase Agreement that had been
- 22 discussed at prior meetings, and it's kind of an information
- exchange.
- Q. Do you agree with me that you're not even copied on
- 25 several of these e-mails?

- 1 A. As I said, this appears to be a number of different
- 2 e-mails that are informational relative to some of the tenets
- 3 of the agreement. It looks like I'm copied on at least one,
- 4 maybe more, of the e-mails.
- 5 Q. Well, let's look at the very last one in the
- 6 string, December -- Tuesday, December 23rd, 2008. Mr. Levine
- 7 says to Mr. Regan:
- 8 (Reading) "In terms of your suggestion about
- 9 prepaid through a third party conduit, we will be open to
- 10 discussing any possibility that would work for both parties
- and allow us to get the deal done on the most favorable terms
- 12 to both parties."
- It looks to me like there is negotiation between
- 14 Mr. Regan and Mr. Levine that's copied on a lot of folks, but
- 15 you're not included. Am I misunderstanding this e-mail
- 16 somehow?
- 17 A. Is the e-mail you're referring to the one on Page
- 18 1?
- 19 O. Yes.
- 20 A. Okay. The way I read what you've just
- 21 characterized there is more of just an information item that
- 22 this is something that could be considered, and that there
- 23 would be a lot more work required, a lot more negotiation or
- 24 discussion required between both parties, GREC, LLC and GRU,
- 25 before anything like this would even be considered to be put

- 1 in the Power Purchase Agreement's terms and conditions. This
- 2 appears to me to be a very very preliminary mention of this
- 3 topic.
- 4 Q. Okay.
- 5 (Reading) "We can definitely provide you with a
- 6 non-fuel energy charge, as well as a fixed O&M charge that
- 7 are fixed with no escalation."
- 8 That's a very tentative statement?
- 9 A. You were referring to the second paragraph in your
- 10 prior question. If you have another question on the first
- 11 paragraph, I'd be happy to try to answer that too. You
- 12 didn't have a -- yours was a statement, not a question.
- MS. LAHART: Can you read the question back?
- 14 (Thereupon, the court reporter read back the
- 15 previous question.)
- 16 BY MS. LAHART:
- 17 Q. Question mark.
- 18 A. Now moving to the first paragraph, I stand
- 19 corrected on your question. Reading the first paragraph,
- 20 which has two -- three sentences, it appears -- and let me
- 21 read this all so that it's in the record here. It looks to
- 22 be an e-mail from Mr. Levine to Ed Regan.
- 23 (Reading) "Hello, Ed. Dated Tuesday, December
- 24 23rd, 2008, 4:49 p.m. I believe you are away until January
- 25 5th, and we can discuss in further detail at that time, but I

- 1 wanted to respond to the e-mail you sent on Friday afternoon.
- 2 We can definitely provide you with a non-fuel energy charge
- 3 as well as a fixed O&M charge that are fixed with no
- 4 escalation. We will provide this in addition to rates that
- 5 escalate."
- I think the background on that three-sentence
- 7 paragraph is this: This would have followed up face-to-face
- 8 meetings in December I believe that were held in Gainesville.
- 9 I believe the dates were December 8th and December 9th.
- 10 One of the items that was likely discussed at that
- 11 meeting was whether the pricing should be at an escalating
- 12 basis, or whether it should be fixed over time. This appears
- to be Josh's response to Ed that they will work on a pricing
- 14 methodology that will, in addition to providing cost
- 15 escalation pricing, will also provide a fixed pricing over
- 16 time, as we discussed earlier in the deposition, relative to
- 17 the non-fuel energy charge. That's how I'm reading this
- 18 topic.
- 19 And this is also something that, relative to the
- 20 contract, I felt was a very important part of the contract to
- 21 have pricing fixed over a term, and not subject -- subject
- 22 GRU ratepayers and customers to an escalating price with the
- 23 risk of all the inflation that could be subject to GRU
- 24 customers. So this was a way to fix that cost over time and
- 25 not subject our customers to inflation, whatever that might

- 1 be, over a 30-year time period. So that's the basis and the
- 2 background for this paragraph as I read it.
- 3 Q. Okay. Thank you.
- 4 MS. LAHART: It will be Exhibit 52.
- 5 (Thereupon, Plaintiff's Exhibit Number 52 was
- 6 marked for Identification.)
- 7 A. And I might add that I was in the -- obviously in
- 8 the December 8th and 9th meetings where the pricing would
- 9 have been discussed, and was the individual that wanted to
- 10 see fixed pricing over the term relative to escalation.
- 11 Q. Okay. That's good to know. Can we move on to the
- 12 next document? I have three pages.
- 13 A. By some coincidence, so do I.
- 14 Q. Happy coincidence.
- 15 This is an e-mail from Mr. Bachmeier to Mr. Levine
- 16 and the rest of the team.
- 17 A. Uh-huh.
- 18 Q. Dated Monday, December 29th, 2008. Mr. Bachmeier
- 19 says to Mr. Levine:
- 20 (Reading) "Attached is my latest version of the
- 21 Stand-by Supplemental and Startup Power Agreement."
- 22 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. "I separated it from Jonathan's latest PPA draft to
- 24 more easily work on it."
- 25 A. Uh-huh.

- 1 Q. My question is, did you review that version before
- 2 it was transmitted to Mr. Levine?
- A. Okay. If I can, I'd like to finish looking at the
- 4 other page.
- 5 Q. Take your time.
- 6 A. Be glad to.
- 7 MS. LAHART: I only have four left, David.
- 8 MR. DEE: Thank you.
- 9 MR. MCDERMOTT: Let's make that a composite
- 10 exhibit.
- 11 A. Okay. As you suggested, this appears to be an
- 12 e-mail from Mr. Bachmeier, dated December 29th, Monday, 2008.
- Q. Do you think I would have misrepresented that to
- 14 you, Mr. Hunzinger?
- 15 A. I don't have any comment on that.
- 16 Q. Very diplomatic of you.
- 17 A. At 4:04 p.m.
- And so this is to Mr. Levine from Mr. Bachmeier.
- 19 And what Mr. Bachmeier is forwarding here is the Stand-by
- 20 Supplemental and Startup Power Agreement. That agreement is
- 21 effectively when GRU is selling power to GREC for their use
- 22 in plant startup, or perhaps when the plant -- when their
- 23 unit is not online or in the process of their unit coming
- 24 online, they will be taking power from the GRU system. So
- 25 the agreement that's being referenced here is effectively

- 1 when we're selling, when GRU is selling, power to the plant,
- 2 the GREC biomass facility.
- 3 So it appears to me what Rick has done is just
- 4 simply split that out of the last draft version, which Mr.
- 5 Cole distributed at some point prior to this e-mail, and I
- 6 can virtually assure you that I would have reviewed and
- 7 looked at the Stand-by Supplemental and Startup Power
- 8 Agreement, because I remember discussions about that
- 9 particular agreement.
- 10 So I think he's just saying that he has separated
- 11 that out so that it's not such a voluminous document to look
- 12 through, and it's a much smaller item that can be looked at
- individually, and then it will ultimately go back into, as I
- 14 recall, the Power Purchase Agreement, and it might have been
- 15 an appendix in the Power Purchase Agreement.
- 16 Q. Okay. So it's your testimony or is it your
- 17 testimony that you reviewed Mr. Bachmeier's work product
- 18 before it was sent out on Monday, December 29th, 2008, at
- 19 4:04 p.m.?
- 20 A. I believe that, relative to what he's calling the
- 21 Stand-by Supplemental and Startup Power Agreement, I would
- 22 have had the ability to review that document at some point
- 23 prior to this.
- Q. Okay. Would there be an e-mail from Mr. Bachmeier
- 25 transmitting it to you, and another one back from you saying

- 1 I'm okay with this, go ahead and forward it?
- A. Mr. Bachmeier's office was relatively close to mine
- 3 on the same floor, as were Mr. Regan's and Mr. Manasco's and
- 4 Mr. Stanton's. This also could have been something we talked
- 5 about where he stopped by my office. I might have stopped by
- 6 his. I can't tell you why there's no e-mail that might say
- 7 that, but I do recollect discussions on the Stand-by
- 8 Supplemental and Startup Power Agreement.
- 9 Q. But you couldn't point to any document in which you
- 10 approved this Monday, December 29th draft?
- 11 A. I don't have access to that information right now.
- 12 I would ask, if you have that information, I'd be glad to
- 13 review it.
- MS. LAHART: It would be Exhibit 53.
- 15 (Thereupon, Plaintiff's Exhibit Number 53 was
- 16 marked for Identification.)
- 17 MS. LAHART: Let's get the next one.
- MS. WARATUKE: You skipped the January 7th, '09?
- 19 MS. LAHART: Yeah.
- MS. WARATUKE: Okay.
- MS. LAHART: I've heard all I need to know about
- the Stand-by Supplemental and Startup Power Agreement
- 23 now.
- MS. WARATUKE: Oh, I think we need more.
- 25 THE WITNESS: I'm glad I could provide you an

- 1 education.
- 2 MR. DEE: So which document are we making as
- 3 Exhibit 54?
- 4 MS. LAHART: I'm not sure we're going to mark one
- 5 at all, Mr. Dee. I'm just trying to wrap things up over
- 6 here.
- 7 MS. WARATUKE: Right now we have the 1/26/09
- 8 e-mail. Is that the one you have?
- 9 BY MS. LAHART:
- 10 Q. Mr. Hunzinger, I'm just going to ask you to
- 11 identify the next document for the record.
- 12 A. Okay. This document is from Mr. Levine, dated
- 13 April 14th, 2009, 10:21 a.m., to a number of individuals,
- 14 including myself, Mr. Regan, Mr. Bachmeier, Mr. Stanton, Mr.
- 15 Hoffman, Mr. Cole, Mr. Manasco, Mr. Fagan, Mr. Schef Wright,
- 16 Mr. Gordon.
- 17 It appears to be Mr. Levine's summary of items
- 18 prior to our last face-to-face meeting with GREC that are
- 19 still outstanding, and need to be discussed at that
- 20 particular meeting, and it looks like it's a summary of items
- 21 relative to what we would have discussed or were potentially
- 22 going to discuss at that last face-to-face meeting.
- Q. Okay. Thank you.
- 24 MS. LAHART: That's Exhibit 53?
- THE COURT REPORTER: 54.

- 1 MS. LAHART: 54.
- 2 (Thereupon, Plaintiff's Exhibit Number 54 was
- 3 marked for Identification.)
- 4 BY MS. LAHART:
- 5 Q. Can you identify this document for the record?
- 6 MS. LAHART: It's the last one, Mr. Dee.
- 7 A. This document appears to be an e-mail from
- 8 Mr. Manasco to Mr. Radson, the City Attorney, the subject of
- 9 GRU Revised Ground Lease. It's dated April 15th, 2009, at
- 10 10:42 a.m.
- And in the message, Skip is sending to Mr. Radson,
- 12 apparently, the latest version of the lease, and
- unfortunately, it looks like he had been in the hospital,
- 14 that is, Mr. Manasco. It appears like, to me, this relates
- 15 to the lease, proposed lease of property at Deerhaven to GREC
- 16 for their plant site, which had been under discussion for
- 17 some time, of which I would have been aware of in discussions
- 18 with Mr. Manasco.
- 19 Q. Of course he would have. All right. If I could
- 20 take a couple of minutes to chat with Ms. Beatty, I think
- 21 I'm --
- 22 A. That was exhibit what?
- Q. Oh, I'm sorry. Good question. Exhibit 54?
- 24 THE COURT REPORTER: 55.
- 25 MS. LAHART: 55.

- 1 (Thereupon, Plaintiff's Exhibit Number 55 was
- 2 marked for Identification.)
- 3 MS. LAHART: Thank you, Mr. Hunzinger.
- 4 (Thereupon, there was a brief recess at 4:57 p.m.,
- and the deposition reconvened at 4:58 p.m.)
- 6 CROSS EXAMINATION
- 7 BY MS. WARATUKE:
- 8 Q. If I could just have that last exhibit. I think it
- 9 was Exhibit Number 55. I just want to ask you a couple of
- 10 questions about this document.
- 11 Exhibit -- Plaintiff's Exhibit 55 references a --
- 12 it's entitled "A Revised Ground Lease"? Is that correct?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Okay. Was this a separate agreement from the
- 15 purchase power agreement?
- 16 A. Yes. As I recall, the lease is a separate document
- 17 that was not included as part of the PPA.
- 18 Q. Okay. And what is the ground lease for?
- 19 A. The lease document would reflect terms and
- 20 conditions of a lease agreement between GRU and GREC, LLC
- 21 that would allow GREC to construct the biomass facility on
- 22 property owned by GRU, but leased to GREC over some period of
- 23 time.
- Q. So this is property owned by GRU at Deerhaven,
- 25 whereby GRU is leasing that actual ground to GREC to build

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the power plant on it?
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               That is correct.
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               MS. WARATUKE: That's all I have.
               MS. LAHART: No followup.
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                               Did you want to -- and we'll read.
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               MS. WARATUKE:
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               (Thereupon, the deposition concluded, whereupon,
          Mr. Dee ordered the original transcript, and Ms.
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6	I, SHAWN E. FLECK, RPR, certify that I was
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