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18 Deposition Duces Tecum, beginning at 9:12 a.m. on 18	
19 the 8th day of March, 2019, at the State of Kansas 19 Mr. Aaron Oleen	
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3		3	were marked for identification.)
4	Certificate 98	4	LANE LETOURNEAU,
5		5	of lawful age, produced, sworn and examined on
6			behalf of Equus Beds Groundwater Management
7	WITNESS		District #2, deposes and says:
8	ON BEHALF OF EQUUS BEDS GROUNDWATER	8	MR. ROLFS: Okay. I think, then, we'll
	MANAGEMENT DISTRICT #2: PAGE	9	go around and enter appearances. I'll start with
10	LANE LETOURNEAU	10	the people on the phone. Brian?
11	Direct-Examination by Mr. Rolfs 8	11	MR. MCLEOD: Brian McLeod for the City of
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15		1	District.
16		16	MR. ROLFS: Tessa?
17	EXHIBITS		
1		17	MS. WENDLING: Tessa Wendling with the
1		18	Intervenors.
1	No 1 Notice to Take Deposition	19	MR. ROLFS: Okay. And then here in the
20	Duces Tecum 7	20	room we have
1	No 2 DWR's Responses to Intervenor's	21	MS. BOESE: Tim Boese, Equus Beds GMD2.
22	First Interrogatories 7	22	MR. ROLFS: And I'm Leland Rolfs
	No 3 DWR's Responses to GMD2's Second	1	representing the District.
24	Set of Interrogatories 7	24	THE WITNESS: I am Lane Letourneau, the
25	•	25	water appropriation program manager for the Kansas
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1	No 4 DWR's Responses to GMD2's First	1	Department of Agriculture's Division of Water
2	Request for Admissions 7		Resources.
3	No 5 DWR's Responses to GMD2's Second	3	MR. OLEEN: Aaron Oleen, staff attorney
4	Set of Request for Admissions 7	4	with the KDA.
5	No 6 DWR's Amended and Supplemental	5	MS. MURRAY: Stephanie Murray, staff
6	Response to Interrogatory No. 16 of	6	attorney with the KDA.
7	GMS2's Second Set of Interrogatories 7	7	MR. ROLFS: Okay. Thank you.
8	No 7 CV for Lane Letourneau 10	8	DIRECT-EXAMINATION
9	No 8 Wichita Aquifer Storage and	9	BY MR. ROLFS:
10		10	Q. Just to start off, we'll just talk about
П	Recovery (ASR) 16 No 9 ASR Permit Modification Proposal,	1	some basic deposition protocol. We need you to
12	** 1 . 10		answer your questions out loud, verbally, yes or
	Updated Outcome-Based Goals 16	13	
14	No 10 Correspondence dated June 1, 2018 with attachments 82	1	of thing.
15	with attachments 82	15	
16	•	1	As you're aware, the purpose of the court
17	•	16	reporter is to take a transcription of this
11	•	17	particular interview.
18	•	18	And if some question I ask you is not clear,
19	•	19	just ask me to rephrase it. I'm anticipating in
20	•	20	an hour, or so, we'll take a break and see where
21		21	The man of the point in thing, me had to the terms
22		22	55
23		23	Now, I have had six documents marked for this
24		24	deposition, the Subpoena, your Answers to the
25	•	25	First Interrogatories, the Second Interrogatories,
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LANE LETOURNEAU Page 9 1 the First Request for Admission, the Second 1 can't remember now how many -- I was on over 300 2 Request for Admission, and then the Amended Answer 2 wells, I believe, in those years. The one -- the 3 to the Second Interrogatories, specifically, Item 3 one -- I -- there's one year in here that I did not put on here, is when I worked for Frontier 4 16. 5 And so I need you to identify the -- I guess Tire and Auto in Salina, because the oil field had 6 I should have pulled the copy or -- I guess you gone down, and I didn't think a tire technician can look at the top one, but I need you to was relevant to this work. And then -- then I identify that you're the person that signed -- not went to work for the -- at that time, it was 9 the Subpoena, but the other documents. Is -- this Kansas Board of Agricultures, Division of Water 10 is your signature on these --10 Resources. I was a hydrologist I in the new application to the change unit. And then the 11 A. Okay. O. -- documents? There are five copies water use report program took off a year later, 12 and I was considered the water use coordinator. 13 there of each of them, so you don't have to -14 (THEREUPON, an off-the-record discussion 14 O. Uh-huh. 15 A, '88 to -- well, '89, then, to 2006, and 15 was had.) 16 that position grew then to the compliance and 16 MR. ROLFS: Sorry, I should have pulled enforcement water use, and then the certificate 17 17 one copy off of each. unit. And then when Tom Hunsinger (spelled 18 THE WITNESS: Yeah, this -- this is fine. 18 phonetically) resigned. I became the program 19 Fine, long as nobody's in a hurry, we're good. manager over the Water Appropriation program in 20 BY MR. ROLFS: 21 21 O. So you signed all - the last -- latter 2006 to present. 22 O. Uh-huh. So this was -- when you were in 22 five of the documents? 23 23 A. Correct. I -- those were documents that the water use, that was in response to the 24 I had signed. Legislation in '80 -- was it '88 that --Q. All right. Did you bring a CV or a 25 A. 1987, Legislation gave us the civil 25 Page 12 Page 10 1 resume in accordance with the Subpoena? 1 penalty authority, then, to collect annual water A. Yes. Who do I hand it to? ² use reports, and then we implemented that, then, 2 3 3 in 1988, because water use is always a year

MR. OLEEN: We'll give one to the 4 reporter, and she can mark it. MR. ROLFS: Yeah, that would be number 7. (THEREUPON, an off-the-record discussion was had; WHEREUPON, LETOURNEAU Deposition Exhibit 8 No 7 was marked for identification.) MR. ROLFS: I guess it will be a little hard for you on the phone to look as this, but 10 it's been labeled Exhibit No. 7 to these 11

13 BY MR. ROLFS: Q. And so, basically, I just want to know 14 15 about your education and work experience, if you'd fill me in on that? 16

17 A. I've got a Bachelor of Science degree in geology from Fort Hays State University. 18

Q. Okay. 19

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A. Right out of college, I was -- what the 20 21 title was, I was an open hole and cased hole

22 engineer for Great Guns Perforating and Logging 23 out of Hays. I logged open hole for lithology and

24 fluid content, and then cased hole, I perforated

25 the casing to allow for the oil to come in. I

4 behind, and so, correct, that's when that position -- a couple of positions came out of that 6 Legislation, and the water use coordinator was one of them, and a data entry clerk was part of that. 8 O. So that's when water use reporting really 9 became mandatory --10 A. Correct. 11 O. -- for the first time. 12 A. Uh-huh. 13 O. Okay. So currently, you're water appropriation program manager, then, and do generally -- could you generally describe your 16 duties? 17 Just a second. 18 MR. ROLFS: Is everybody on the phone 19 able to hear? 20 MR. MCLEOD: I am. 21 MR. ROLFS: Okay. 22 MS. WENDLING: Yup. 23 MR ROLFS: All right. 24 MR. STUCK.Y: I am. 25 MR. ROLFS: That's -- just want to make



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	1	sure you're not in the dark out there.	1	boiling it down.	$\ $
	2	THE WITNESS: Yeah. So the water	2	Q. So you're talking about the Burns &	Н
				McDonnell report?	П
		appropriation program manager basically is the	4	A. Yes. I'll be clear. It's the Burns &	Ш
Н		supervisor over new app the new application	5	McDonnell, ASR permit modification proposal that	Ц
H		unit, the certificate unit, the change application unit, the water use, and compliance and	6	we receive that's dated March 12, 2018.	П
		enforcement unit, and then also over the four	7	MR. ROLFS: Okay. I suppose we should	
		·	8	mark those.	Ш
	9	field offices, and then the one regional office. Our field offices are located in Topeka,	9	MR. OLEEN: Yeah.	Н
]].		Stafford, Stockton, and Garden City, with a	10	BY MR. ROLFS:	П
Ш	11	satellite office in Parsons that is supervised by	11	Q. Do you have extra copies?	
ш	12	our Topeka field office.	12	A. I don't have an extra copy, but	П
Ш	13	BY MR. ROLFS:	13	MR. OLEEN: We'll just mark these.	ľ
Ш	14	Q. You said regional (sic) office?	14	THE WITNESS: Okay.	П
Ш	15	A. We call it the satellite office or	15	MR. OLEEN: You can get copies of	
11	16	Q. Oh, okay.		these	Ш
Ш	17	A regional office. Yeah, satellite	17	THE WITNESS: I can give them to him,	ľ
Ш	18	Q. It's the same thing.	18	yeah.	ŀ
Ш	19	A. Yes.	19	MR. OLEEN: elsewhere.	
	20	Q. Okay.	20	THE WITNESS: How do you	
	21	A. Yeah, Yeah, it's what's a single-person	21	MR. ROLFS: Well, if he needs to refer to	
11	22	office in Parsons.	22	them	
	23	Q. Uh-huh. All right. Well, thank you.	23	THE WITNESS: I'm going to probably refer	
	24	In preparation for this deposition, what	24	to them.	
	25	generally, what documents did you review?	25	MR. ROLFS: we probably want to go	
		Page 14		Page 16	1
	1	A. Quickly reviewed the Interrogatories that	1	through them just a little bit.	
11	2	we prepared, I reviewed correspondence back to the	2	MR. OLEEN: Sure.	
		Groundwater Management District when they had sent	3	MR. ROLFS: And we need a copy for the	
$\ $	4	in some questions, and that's that's pretty	4	court reporter, also, so	
	5	much it, yeah.	5	MR. OLEEN: Why don't you mark this one	
Н	6	Q. Okay. Did you bring any other documents	6	as	
		today that have been generated or you have relied	7	THE REPORTER: 8.	ł
Н	8	on since discovery closed?	8	MR. OLEEN: 8, and this one as 9.	١
$\ $	9	A. The it's an excerpt out of the	9	THE REPORTER: Okay.	
- 1 - 1		discovery things, because when you because when	10	MR. OLEEN: And off the record.	
-11		I'm getting a lot of questions	11	(THEREUPON, an off-the-record discussion	
-11	12	Q. Uh-huh?	1	was had; WHEREUPON, LETOURNEAU Deposition Exhibits	
ш	13	A I summed up two items. You folks	1	No 8 and No 9 were marked for identification.)	
ш	14	,,	14	BY MR. ROLFS:	
	15	up, I want you to be able to see these.	15	Q. Okay. So we're going to agree, and it's	1
	16	Q. Okay.	16	•	
-14	17	A. It's some bullet points that we put	17	discovery, and if we're talking about "ASR," we're	
-11	18	together about the project. And this has this	18	talking about Aquifer Storage - Aquifer Storage and Recovery; if we talk about "AMCs," we're	
- 1 1		hasn't changed since prior to the public meeting we held. And then when I get questions, when we	19 20	talking about accumulated (sic) maintenance	
1 1		hear the extravagant quantities coming from the	21		
		basin, I pulled out from the proposal a table that	22		
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basin, I pulled out from the proposal a table that
 was provided to us in the proposal given to us

24 3/12 of '18. And so those are the documents that

25 I refer to when I am talking to people, just

Q. - anybody in KDA, or anybody you have --

25 contractors or consultants you may be relying on,

3/8/2019 Page 17 Page 19 1 so it's a broad "vou." 1 and Phase II? Now, if we're talking about aquifer, of A. Yes. course, we are talking about the Equus Beds 3 Q. Okay. So -- okay. Now, concerning the 4 current project, who have you discussed that issue 4 Aquifer. 5 MR. ROLFS: It's E-C -- E-O-U-U-S. with in the -- who have you discussed, personally, BY MR. ROLFS: with the "big you"; who -- who have you discussed the ASR project with, with other DWR or KDA O. Generally, as far as Phase I and Phase II employees? 8 of the ASR project, were you involved in that at 8 9 A. Well, David Barfield, chief engineer; all back when that was approved? 10 A. No. I -- no. I -- I was -- I mean, I 10 Chris Beightel, program manager of the Water 11 Management Services; Doug Schemm, who's a --¹¹ was working for the Division of Water Resources, 12 processes new applications in the Water 12 but it was other staff that were -- that was doing Appropriation program; Ginger Pugh, who is part of 13 the processing. Water Management Services; Jim Bagley, who's now 14 O. Okay. 15 15 retired, but was part of the Water Management A. I mean, I was aware -- I was aware that Services; Sam Perkins, modeler in Water Management 16 it was happening, but... Services; Aaron Oleen; and Kenny Titus, who was 17 17 O. Uh-huh. our chief legal counsel; and then Robert Large, 18 MR. OLEEN: If I could interject, Lee, you just said "you," and I know you meant --19 who now -- was our chief legal counsel at the time 20 of some reg changes that now works for K-State: 20 MR. ROLFS: Oh. 21 21 Ken Kopp, who processed the first part of Phase I, MR. OLEEN: -- I know you meant the Lane now works for the Kansas Rural Water Association. 22 "you." Maybe if you mean a broader "you," it 23 23 would be better to say "DWR" --O. Uh-huh. 24 24 A. Those are the folks that I can think of. MR. ROLFS: Okay. MR. OLEEN: -- or "KDA." 25 25 Q. Uh-huh. Now, who -- who have you spoken Page 20 Page 18 1 1 with this project outside, say, from City of MR. ROLFS: All right. I can do that. 2 MR. OLEEN: And "you," "you" will just 2 Wichita, who -- who all have you chatted with down 3 mean "Lane Letourneau" in this deposition. there as terms of officials and consultants? 4 BY MR. ROLFS: 4 A. Okay. 5 MR. OLEEN: And if -- Lee, when you say 5 O. Most of the time, we'll probably be "project" --6 referring to the broad "you" --6 7 7 A. Yeah. MR. ROLFS: Uh-huh. 8 Q. -- the royal "you." 8 MR. OLEEN: -- can you clarify that. 9 9 MR. ROLFS: Proposal, Wichita proposal. A. Well, I -- I took it -- I took that "you" THE WITNESS: The -- this current 10 10 as Lane. 11 11 O. Okay. So you, you, personally, didn't proposal? 12 have any involvement back when that was -- did 12 BY MR. ROLFS: 13 -- are you familiar with the Orders that were 13 O. The current proposal. 14 issued ---14 A. Okay. I have not talked to Ken -- oh, I 15 15 need to go back, then. I wasn't quite clear on A. Yes. 16 that question. So I have not talked to Ken Kopp O. -- back then? 17 A. I am familiar with the Orders. 17 about this new proposal. I have not talked to Robert Large about this new proposal. 18 Q. And even though you weren't involved in 18 19 O. Uh-huh. 19 issuing those at the time; is that --20 20 A. So, of course, David Barfield, Chris A. Correct. 21 Beightel, Sam Perkins, Doug Schemm, Ginger Pugh, 21 Q. -- correct? 22 22 Jeff Lanterman, and now Aaron Oleen and Kenny A. Yes.



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23 Titus I think on this current proposal, just to be

As far as -- now moving on to the city,

Are you familiar with the MOUs --

Q. -- that were entered into back in Phase I

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Yes.

- 1 talked with Alan King, Joe Pajor, Don Henry, Mike
- ² Jacob. As far as the consultants, Brian Meier,
- Daniel Clements and Paul McCormick.
- O. Okay. What, generally, have those 5 discussions entailed?
- 6 A. Well, in the very beginning of this proposal, it would be seeing Joe like at a Kansas Water Authority meeting.
- Q. Uh-huh.
- 10 A. And this stems back to the 2011 and '12
- 11 drought. And an unin -- we -- We -- I got to
- 12 tell this story a little bit. We took a call from
- southwest Kansas, the Southwest Kansas Irrigation
- Association, Kirk Heger, was the president. Kirk
- 15 -- what had happened was they -- with the
- 16 efficiency of center pivot, Kirk was telling me
- 17 they now were double-cropping, and they needed
- 18 seven to nine inches on their wheat that year.
- 19 And they got into corn, and these guys are
- 20 sophisticated enough that they knew they needed
- 21 about another 50 acre-feet to finish their corn.
- 22 O. Uh-huh.
- 23 A. And I get off the phone with Kirk Heger, 24 and David Barfield, Chris Wilson, who was the deputy secretary at the time, and myself were

O. Uh-huh.

3 the 1993 water level.

A. And Joe Pajor had talked to me about the

1 Wichita -- then Dale Goter, in the Capitol, caught 2 me and said that Wichita was concerned then about

- 6 1993 water level, and that's what got the
- discussion started, then. We learned that the
- 1993 water level was not read at the appropriate
- 9 time of year. And so we have made modifications
- to the current permits, and that's when I became
- 11 involved. I actually signed those Findings and
- 12 Orders that adjusted those water levels in the
- 13 current project permits.
 - Q. I'm sorry, I'm not following. You adjusted the levels how?
- 16 A. Well, there is a level footage level
- in the aguifer that is in each one of these
- 18 permits --
- Q. Right. 20 A. -- that lays out the minimum index cell
- 21 level.

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- Q. Uh-huh. Okay.
- 23 A. And if the water is drawn below that
- minimum index -- index cell level, then the City
- 25 of Wichita cannot obtain their recharge credit

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- ¹ called to the Capitol to talk with the president of the Senate, Steve Morris --
 - Q. Uh-huh.

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- A. And Senator Morris was talking about a 5 legislative change to try to get these guys that
- additional 50 acre-feet of water.
- On the way back from the Capitol, we were
- saying, we need to come up with something, and so we determined the drought term permit, which was
- exceeding the quantity in '11 and borrowing it 10
- 11 from '12, 2012.
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- Q. Oh. A. So they had a two-year -- I'm sorry, they 14 had a two-year quantity to operate with. Well, we
- 15 didn't know that the drought was going to prolong.
 - Q. Uh-huh.
- A. And so Legislation even changed then to 17 18 the multi-year flex account statute, and then
- Senator Morris played a big role, then, in 19
- 20 forgiving the '11 overage if people went from a
- drought term permit into a multi-year flex 21
- 22 account.
- 23 Now, the drought progressed to the east, and
- an unintended consequence of that intense use
- those two years drew the aguifers down. And

- 1 that they have put in. And so the city was very ² concerned about those levels, and that -- like I
- 3 said, I tell that story just because that's what
- got us talking about the changes. So now --Q. So in '93, the -- or in 2011 and '12,
 - water dropped below that '93...
 - A. I don't believe it dropped below the '93
- level, but it sure got the city talking about it.
 - Q. Okay. Got close.
 - A. Yeah, it got close, I believe.
- 11 Q. And they were saying, we've got extra 12 credits, and we can't take them if that level stays there.
- A. And we've got recharge credits, and if 15 the -- if it's drawn below that level, then we
- can't obtain our recharge credits.
- 17 Q. Okay. The credits wouldn't go away; it 18 would just have to wait until it came back up 19 above --
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 Q. -- that '93 level?
 - A. Correct. And I don't know -- I don't --
- 23 I'm not aware that it grew, it -- that it got
- 24 below that; I just know that it raised concerns to
- 25 the city.



- Q. Uh-huh. Okay. So that's how all this got started. 3
 - A. Correct.
- 4 Q. Okay. So what other conversations have 5 you had with the city after that?
- A. Well, I mean, we -- we started the conversations about the '93 level, we fixed it in 8 the current permits.
- Q. So the index level has already been 10 lowered in -- in the permits; is that what you're 11 saving?
- 12 A. I don't know if they've -- I don't know 13 if they've all been lowered. That's one thing I 14 didn't -- I didn't prepare and review.
- 15 Q. Okav.
- 16 A. I know they've been corrected.
- 17 O. So the index level has been changed in 18 existing permits to allow them to take the credits 19 from the lower level than it was before?
- 20 A. I don't know if they're all lower, or
- 21 not.
- 22 O. Some?
- 23 A. Some -- some probably would be.
- 24 Q. Okay.
- 25 A. But I'm not -- I'm not a hun -- I'm not a

- Q. Well, let's just take a hypothetical.
- ² Say that before all this happened, the index level was 100 feet.
- A. Okav.
- 5 Q. And -- but that was based on measurements during the summer --
 - A. Correct.
- 8 Q. -- or that sort of thing?
 - A. (Witness nods head.)
 - Q. And so you changed -- fundamentally
- changed and said, okay, we're going to measure -we're going to look at the measurement of where
- 13 the water is in January, or some -- is that
- 14 correct?

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- A. Correct.
- 16 Q. And we're going to say, if the water 17 level in January hasn't gone below that, you can
- still pump the credits; is that what you're
- saving?
- 20 A. Well, I'm -- what I'm saying is, we
- 21 corrected it -- so say it was a hundred based on a
- reading in July --
 - O. Okav.
 - A. -- but it was a hundred -- it was 95
- 25 based on a reading in January --

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- 1 hundred percent sure on that.
- Q. So when you say "corrected," that means 2 3 you...
- A. And to go back, it was my understanding
- 5 that those levels were established based on a
- 6 static water level that was not January 1.
- Q. Right.
- A. And so we -- and it was Tara, I can't 8
- remember -- I can't remember Tara's last name, in
- 10 our -- in the Water Management Services, and I
- 11 believe she worked GMD2, and Daniel Clements. And
- 12 I think he might have been on staff with GMD2 at
- 13 the time. And they made the appropriate
- 14 corrections to that index cell level. And then
- 15 that became a Findings and Order, then, that I
- 16 signed.
- 17 Q. Okay. So the - the Order related not to
- 18 just overall generally lowering the index level,
- 19 but to change the time of year that it was
- 20 measured at?
- 21 A. It created -- it changed the foot amount
- 22 based on a January 1 reading.
- 23 O. Okay.
- 24 A. I don't know how to -- I don't know how
- 25 to --

- Q. Uh-huh.
- 2 A. -- we adjusted it to 95.
 - O. Okay. So it could have gone up or down?
 - A. Correct. Yes. And I didn't review that
 - to see what -- which way they went.
 - Q. Okay.
- 7 A. (Witness nods head.)
 - Q. All right. So then how did the
- discussions continue with the city and your 9
- consultants after that?
- 11 A. Well, at the time, there was -- I mean,
- 12 the city then came to us and said, regardless of
- 13 the level, if we put the credit in, and it didn't
- 14 -- it doesn't impair anybody, we would like to be
- 15 able to obtain the credit.
 - Q. Okay.
 - A. Also, they had a group of new
- 18 applications that they wanted to change to where
- 19 they could obtain credits from. They were just
- 20 recharge wells.
- 21 And so, at the time, we were talking about
- 22 two items, and then as the meetings progressed,
- they brought up the Aquifer Maintenance Credit --
- Q. Okay. 25
 - A. -- Proposal.



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1 Q. Uh-huh.

A. And -- yeah, so that's basically -- it

was when -- we would meet, it would be Chief

Engineer Chris Beightel, sometimes Sam Perkins,

5 Jim Bagley would attend --

O. Uh-huh.

A. -- and myself. And then we started

8 bringing Ginger Pugh along, you know, as she was

being trained into Jim Bagley's position.

Q. Uh-huh. Okay. So then, ultimately, this 11 resulted in the proposal you said March 12th -what was the --

A. 2018.

14 Q. 2018. Have you had conversations with 15 the chief engineer about -- well, you have had

conversations with the chief engineer about the 16

17 proposal, Wichita proposal. Generally, what

18 opinions has the chief engineer expressed about

the proposal? 19

20 A. Yeah. I mean, in all of our meetings --21 David Barfield was part of every meeting, except

for the monthly status meetings that Susan Metzger

and myself would just have with the city just to

see -- Susan Metzger, at the time, was the

25 assistant secretary with the Kansas Department of

1 the minimum index cell level, we were --

O. Talking about Rule and Regulation change?

3 A. Yes.

Q. What reg number is that?

5 A. It's in the definitions, 5 -- 5, 1... 6

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A. I'm sorry, yeah, 5-1-1.

MR. OLEEN: Off the record here.

9 (THEREUPON, an off-the-record discussion

10 was had.)

THE WITNESS: It's K.A.R. 5-1-1(uu).

12 BY MR. ROLFS:

O. Small "U"s?

14 A. Oh, small "U".

MR. OLEEN: Subsection uu.

16 THE WITNESS: Okay. Subsection uu.

MR. OLEEN: She can't see what we're

18 saying.

19 THE WITNESS: Okay. Right. And I've

20 never called it "Subsection uu," so now I know,

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22 MR. OLEEN: Okay.

23 BY MR. ROLFS:

24 Q. And that -- could you read that

25 definition?

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Agriculture. And we would just have these status

-- what happens with the Division of Water

3 Resources, things can tend to languish, because

we've got so many high-priority things going.

So Susan wanted to keep this project on track.

Q. Uh-huh.

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A. And so we would just have a stat --

monthly status meeting, and you folks have been

10 provided all of those meeting dates, just to see

11 -- where they'd be 15 minute or a 30-minute

12 meeting, just to see if we were on track. David

13 Barfield was not part of those; all of the other

14 meetings, David was part of.

15 Q. Okay. How many meetings would you 16 estimate that --

17 A. I don't know.

Q. -- David was a part of?

19 A. I didn't review that. And I know we've

20 provided all the meetings to you.

21 Q. All right. Generally, what opinions has 22 the chief engineer expressed about this proposed

23 -- proposal?

24 A. Well, in the beginning -- well, and then

25 also, as far as we -- when we changed the rule on

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A. "Minimum index level" means 20 feet above

2 the bedrock elevation or an alternatively-proposed

3 minimum elevation for storage within a basin

4 storage area, or if the basin storage area is

subdivided, a smaller subdivided area.

Q. So the effect of that would be to cut off 7 diversion of credits when there's 20 feet of water

left in the aquifer, then, essentially?

A. Or an alternative proposed minimum

10 elevation for storage.

11 Q. Okay. And was there real change relating

12 to the date that that measurement would be taken

13 on? You said you changed it from mid-year to

January; is that in the Regulation itself or...

A. Not that I'm aware of.

Q. Okay.

17 A. But we'd want to do a static water level

18 in January.

19 Q. Right. Yeah. That's with the normal

water level measurement program. 20

21 A. And add to this story, we -- we were

22 hearing of the potential of an aquifer storage and

23 recovery project out near Dairy Farmers of America

24 at Garden City. They were going to have a ton of produced milk, turning milk into powdered milk,

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1 and they were going to have water left over. And

- ² it was too much water for the City of Garden City
- 3 to use, especially in the wintertime, because it's gray water.
- 5 Q. Uh-huh.
- A. And Garden City currently is using it to
- irrigate their ball fields, and their parks, and
- things, but they don't -- didn't need it in the
- wintertime. And there was thought of about -- of
- 10 an aquifer storage and recovery there.
- 11 Q. Uh-huh.
- 12 A. Well, in the overall aquifer --
- 113 O. Uh-huh.
- 14 A. -- is -- is why there was the 20 feet
- 15 above bedrock elevation, is the thought there.
- 16 And then David Barfield thought like for the
- 17 Equus Beds there, that's why he put in there an
- 18 alternative lead proposed minimum index elevation,
- and wanted to deal with other parts of the state
- 20 with a permit condition, like we've done in the --
- 21 in the current ASR. 22
 - Q. Uh-huh?

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amendment.

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Q. Okay.

BY MR. ROLFS:

was had.)

THE REPORTER: The current what?

THE WITNESS: Sorry about that.

O. So what other ASR Regulations were

A. -- aware of. Yeah. I don't think so. I

O. Uh-huh. Back in the 5-12 -- 5-12-1

series -- let's see if I've got mine here. Any of

A. Well, yeah. It was amended April --

amended April 29, 2016, but I'd have to review the

amended, but I could probably -- I could probably

(THEREUPON, an off-the-record discussion

figure it out, but off the top of my head, I don't

Q. All right. But somewhere in 5-12-1,

13 okay. Our book showing K.A.R. 5-12-1, as was

A. I don't -- I don't recall what was

recall what was amended, Lee.

- 24 THE WITNESS: In the current ASR?
- 25 THE REPORTER: Yeah.

BY MR. ROLFS:

A. None that I'm --

don't recall any other ones.

Q. Nothing else?

- 1 there was an amendment?
 - A. Based on --
 - Q. -- made relating --
- 4 A. Yeah, based on the date.
 - Q. Uh-huh. And that would have been relating to the index level?
 - A. I don't know. I'd have to look.
- Q. Okay. Other opinions that have been
- expressed by the chief engineer concerning the
- Wichita proposal? What about statements
- concerning functional equivalent?
- 12 A. Okay. Yeah, I can speak to that. In the
- 13 very beginning, when the city proposed the AMC, we
- actually asked ourselves the question, along with
- the city, if the rules should be changed to define
- an Aquifer Maintenance Credit.
 - O. Uh-huh.
- 18 A. We also -- in the very beginning, we were
- 19 not going -- I don't know. We weren't going to
- 20 allow the AMC. We didn't have a name for them
- 21 yet, because there's the concern of the passive
- 22 recharge credit. And that's when the city -- Dave
- 23 Stause (spelled phonetically), I recall him, he
- 24 worked for Burns & McDonnell, and in other
- 25 projects that David worked on, they had things

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- 1 considered an in-lieu-of credit, passive recharge
 - ² credit. And Dave was actually asking us, at that
 - 3 time, for these passive recharge credits, for
 - water taken from Cheney Reservoir, that the city
 - 5 should get credit for water taken from Chenev
 - 6 Reservoir, because they were not pumping the Equus
 - Beds well field. And we said "no" to that.
 - 8 Q. Okay.
 - 9 A. Now, though, when the city -- al -- the
 - city also learned a lot from the drought in '11
 - and '12, and how to operate Cheney. 11
 - Q. Okay.

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- 13 A. Because prior, my understanding the city
- was about 50/50 at Cheney Reservoir, 50 percent
- 15 Equus Beds. When the drought of '11 and '12 hit,
- well they noticed that Cheney was evaporating as
- fast as they were using it, so they felt like they
- 18 needed to base-load off of Cheney before they lost
- 19 it from evaporation.
 - Q. Okay.
- A. Well, then the Equus Beds, they reduced 21
- 22 the use of the Equus Beds, which created recovery
- 23 of the...
- 24 Q. Uh-huh. 25
 - A. And so they also learned that it wasn't

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- 1 -- these are my words, that the ASR, 20 years of
- operation, they noticed that it really wasn't
- solid for a water supply, that they -- and so
- that's when they turned and wanted the ASR, then,
- 5 to become a drought -- a drought mitigation,
- drought project, whatever they could do to get
- themselves -- they wanted to use it get themselves
- through a drought.
- Q. When you say "not a solid water supply." 10 what do you mean, not accumulating enough water in
- the credits? 11
- A. They couldn't accumulate enough water 12
- 13 because the Equus Beds well field was up, we were
- 14 a drought, they weren't getting the flows from the
- Little Ark that they thought that they would be 15
- 16 getting.

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- O. Uh-huh?
- A. And when I say the "Little Ark," that's 18
- 19 the Little Arkansas River, so -- yeah, and so they
- 20 thought, well, this -- we try to modify this,
- 21 then, to a drought tool instead of a water supply
- 22 tool.

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- 23 O. Okay.
- 24 A. And that's my words. I mean -- (witness
- 25 nods head.)

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- 1 quantity of water that is stored in the basin
- 2 storage area and that is available for subsequent
- appropriation for beneficial use by the operator
- of the Aguifer Storage and Recovery system.
- 5 O. Okay. And to do this, what was the basis 6 for how they were going to get this extra water -extra credit water?
 - A. They now -- the city has the
- infrastructure to pump the aquifer to a level that
- if water is available from the Little Ark River it
- can be treated and stored. That becomes a
- recharge credit. And now that they've got that
- 13 infrastructure ---

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- 14 O. So you're talking about physical wells 15 along the Little Ark have the capacity to put real 16 water into the aquifer?
 - A. Yeah, so...
 - O. Is that correct?
- A. Surface -- it's a surface water intake --19
- 20 O. Okay. So --
- 21 Yeah. Uh-huh.
- 22 O. Correct.
- 23 A. That can take high flows from the Little
- Ark River, treat it and inject it, as long as
- 25 there's space in the aquifer.

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- O. Okay.
- 2 A. So...
- 3 Q. And how was this going to be a drought tool? 4
- 5 A. Well, by accumulating more credits into
- the Equus Beds well field so they could get them
- through eight years of a one-percent drought. And
- the -- now, this -- after several meetings and
- visiting with them, we felt the AMC was in a
- functional equivalent of a physical recharge
- credit. And so we -- Robert Large, our chief
- 12 legal counsel at the time, he did a review and
- 13 asked the city's attorneys to do a review, and I
- 14 don't know who did it on the city's behalf, but we
- made a determination that an AMC is a recharge
- credit. And recharge credits are defined in
- 17 K.A.R. 5-1-1. And I'll get that definition for 18
- you.
- 19 Q. Okay. Well, might as well turn to that
- 20 and...
- 21 A. Okay.
- 22 Q. That's Subsection mmm, I believe?
- 23 A. Yep.
- 24 Q. Is that -- and could you read that?
- 25 A. Let me -- recharge credit means the

- 1 Q. Okay.
- 2 A. If there's not space in the aguifer, the
- only place that they can put water is in a basin.
- It's a recharge basin.
 - Q. Uh-huh.
- A. There's no -- there's no upper limitation
- on the water level to put water in the recharge
- 8 basin.

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- 9 Q. And that's -- that's a surface storage
- 10 reservoir or --
- 11 A. Surface storage.
 - Q. Is it a recharge basin?
- A. It's a recharge basin. 13
- 14 Q. So it's a surface reservoir that leaks
- 15 into the aquifer, basically?
- 16 A. Yeah, correct. Uh-huh.
- 17 Q. All right. So ...
- 18 A. It's my understanding that that's the
- only place that they were able to put water in. 19
 - Q. Uh-huh.
- 21 A. So when I say that there might not be an
- upper limit, I need to review that. But whenever
- the aquifer's full, that was the only place they
- 24 put water in.
- 25 Q. Okay.



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2 Q. And when you say "the aquifer is full," 3 what does that mean?

A. That it's at a -- the maximum -- let me 5 get the -- there is a maximum index level and a 6 minimum index level.

Q. You're referring to the Regulations 8 there?

9 A. K.A.R. 5-1-1(ss) and (uu). And I know 10 there's a ten-foot limit, because we don't want to 11 float basements out of the ground.

Q. Okay.

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13 A. And when it's at a maximum index level, 14 they can't put water into the aquifer.

15 O. And that's in -- found in Subsection ss?

16 A. Correct.

O. And that says -- oh, could you read that?

18 A. Oh. "Maximum index level" means the 19 maximum elevation for storage within a basin storage area or, if the basin storage area is

21 subdivided, a smaller subdivided area.

22 Q. Okay. And then (uu), was that the other 23 one?

24 A. Correct. And (uu) is: "Minimum index 25 level" means 20 feet above the bedrock elevation 1 been made yet --

Q. Okay.

A. -- so...

Q. So, basically, who decided that the AMC was a functional equivalent of a recharge credit?

A. Well, a group of us. David Barfield. I

mean -- what -- here --7

Q. Was this a proposal from the city?

A. This is a proposal from the city. And

when -- when it was proposed to us, right now, the

city can pump the aquifer down to replace it,

then, with water taken from the Little Ark.

O. Uh-huh.

A. So when -- when we talked about it, it's 15 like, why make the city pump the level down just

16 to replace it with --

Q. Okay.

18 A. -- Little Ark? We felt it was better

management of the aquifer to go into a one-percent 19

drought with the aquifer full.

O. Uh-huh.

A. In our mind, this is about managing the

23 aquifer full.

Q. Okay.

25 A. And also, it -- I heard from the

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Page 42 1 or an alternative proposed minimum elevation for

2 storage within a basin storage area, or, if the

basin storage area is subdivided, a smaller

subdivided area.

O. Uh-huh. So that's one we've looked at 5 6 before.

Correct.

O. So, basically, somewhere below the 9 surface, say, ten feet to keep it out of

10 basements, that's --

A. Correct.

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Q. -- the full part of the aquifer, and then 12 13 the bottom's 20 feet above bedrock; is that --

A. Yeah.

15 Q. -- what you're saying?

16 A. Correct. But this one is -- this one is

17 not 20 -- there -- the minimum index level in the

18 Wichita ASR is well above 20 feet.

19 Q. Okay.

A. Yeah.

Q. Approximately how much?

22 A. I don't know. I know, based on this

proposal, there -- the aquifer is still going to 24 be 80 percent full based on this proposal, if all

25 the changes are approved. No -- no changes have

1 consultants that it's better on the aquifer if you

don't pump it out and replace water. It's -- it's

3 -- leaving the water in state is better on the

4 aquifer.

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O. Uh-huh. Okay. So did the city propose 5

-- were they the ones that proposed this idea of 7 the functional equivalent, or was that an idea

originating from DWR?

THE REPORTER: From the what?

MR. ROLFS: DWR. I'm sorry. 11 A. Well, it was a proposal from the city.

BY MR. ROLFS:

13 O. Okay.

14 A. You know. Yeah. (Witness nods head.)

15 O. All right. Now, has DWR concluded that

any changes in laws or regulations are necessary 17 to implement the city's proposal?

A. Right. We -- we felt that the -- the

19 AMCs were a recharge credit, and that's as far as

we took it, Lee. I mean, we -- our attorney at

the time reviewed it, and maybe even Kenny some.

22 I don't know. But we gave it some sincere review

23 and felt that an AMC is a recharge credit.

24 Q. Okay.

A. We are not opposed to changing

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Q. Right.

3 A. -- yeah, at all, but we felt that an AMC

was a recharge credit.

Q. Uh-huh. Now, going back to Phase I and 6 Phase II of the project, I mean, in that

particular case, in order to get recharge credits,

8 physical water was taken from the Little Ark.

9 treated and injected, or put in recharge pits, and 10 went physically into the aquifer, Equus Beds

11 aquifer; is that correct?

A. That's correct.

O. And then, at some later time, the city was allowed to withdraw those credits, minus some losses, to put in for municipal use; is that --15

A. Correct. Yes.

O. -- the way the original program worked?

18 A. And even the AMC proposal, I call it

19 "leaky," the AMC proposal has leaky credits, also.

20 Q. Right. Okay. So in other words, if they 21 put in 100 acre-feet, every year, a certain amount 22 of that goes away, as far as leakage?

A. Correct.

O. Okay.

A. Correct.

A. Correct.

A. Uh-huh.

Q. Okay.

24 Q. Okay.

25 A. And the leakage is based on the modeling

O. So each cell leaks a certain amount?

Q. Not -- they don't all leak the same

O. Wherever that leaky water goes.

think go a few more minutes; is that okay?

Q. So like to explore a little more about

you saying is that the city, by not pumping water

19 this functional equivalent. So what I'm hearing

21 that they are legally entitled to pump, they are

going to get a credit that they can withdraw at

A. Well, it's the equivalent as if the city

25 has pumped the aquifer down, and that's the part

Q. Let's see, how are we doing on time here?

1 and the proximity to the river --

A. -- basically, so...

A. That's correct.

amount back to the river or --

Q. -- evaporate or --

A. It's whatever, yeah.

A. I'm -- I'm here.

23 some later time; is that --

1 they are not doing --

Q. Uh-huh.

A. -- okay, to -- and surface water is

available from the Little Ark River.

O. Uh-huh.

6 A. And because the city has not pumped and

created the hole that they could have done, then

when they take that surface water directly to

9 town, that's when they get the Aquifer Maintenance

10 Credit. It's because they did not create the

11 hole.

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O. Uh-huh.

13 A. But the functional equivalent, in my 14 mind, is they could have done it. They could have

created the hole to put that water in, and that's

16 the part that they didn't do.

O. Okay.

18 A. And in our mind, Lee, it was how to

19 manage the aquifer full so when we go into a

drought the aquifer is full, and everybody

21 benefits from that.

O. So, in essence, the city's proposal is,

23 we take water when it's available from the Little

Ark, surface intake, treat it, send it to the

25 city, use it, and don't pump our physical recharge

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1 credits for our water rights.

2 A. Correct. Uh-huh.

3 Q. And we -- the city wants to get some

credit for doing that.

A. Correct.

O. But you could require them to put the

7 water in the aquifer, then take it back out so they have space, and then --

A. That's correct.

10 Q. -- you're trying to avoid that step, is

11 what you're saying.

12 A. We are trying to avoid the step just to

13 pump a gallon to replace it with a gallon. That

14 that was our thoughts.

15 Q. Okay. But what the city's doing is

16 sending this water, this surface water, from the

17 Little Ark to the city directly, and they're using

it for municipal use --

A. Correct.

Q. -- is that right?

21 A. Yes.

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22 Q. But at the same time, they're proposing

you get an equal credit for recharge, so they're

doing -- they're wanting two things at the same

time; is that -- am I understanding that correct?

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- A. Well, they're taking it directly to town
- 2 instead of looping it through the aquifer first --
 - Q. Right.
- 4 A. -- basically, yeah.
- 5 Q. Uh-huh. But they're -- they're using it 6 for municipal use --
 - A. Yes.
- 8 Q. -- and the city.
- 9 A. Yes.
- Q. And at the same time, with the same -11 really, the same water, they're getting a recharge
 12 credit.
- A. (Witness nods head.)
- 14 O. Okav.
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. All right. Now, in evaluating the city's
- proposal, I'd just like to talk a little bit about
 what DWR has done to evaluate the city's proposal.
- 19 A. Okay.

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Q. Uh-huh?

- Q. Have -- has the -- have you, the "big
- 21 you," done any independent research to evaluate
- 22 the city's proposal?

O. Uh-huh.

- A. Well, the way the division -- the Water
- 24 Resource is set up, we used to call them Technical

A. -- we've got the appropriation program,

Services, now it's Water Management Services --

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- 1 out. And Bagley, very good at that stuff, also.
- 2 And so when they -- they would review it, and then
- 3 basically say it seemed reasonable, you know,
- 4 whatever the information we were getting seemed
- 5 reasonable.
- Q. Okay. You don't know whether they were just looking at outputs or whether they were --
 - A. I don't know.
 - Q. -- going into the model code, or...
- A. I don't know what level of review they
- 11 did.

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- Q. Did they ever run the model?
- A. I don't know.
- 14 Q. Okay. Did DWR do any independent data
- 15 collection regarding evaluating Wichita's
- 16 proposal?
 - A. No.
- Q. Did they test wells, check any other kind
- 19 of measurements out there?
- A. No. We didn't do any well testing. If
- 21 there was some water level measurements out there
- 22 that we take quarterly or on the annual water
- 23 level, we would have done that, but I'm not sure
- 24 if there are any of those.
 - Q. That's just part of the normal well

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- measurement program?
- 2 A. Correct.
- 3 Q. Okay.
- 4 A. Correct? And an approved -- to add, you
- 5 know, an approved model coming in to us, stamped
- 6 off by Paul McCormick, or Burns & -- anybody at
- 7 Burns & McDonnell, we're going to consider that
- 8 some pretty solid work.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- A. And then with -- and then -- I am so
- 11 impressed with David Barfield and Sam Perkins, and
- 12 I very much trust their judgment on this type of
- 13 work --
- 14 O. Okay.
- 15 A. -- so...
- Q. Do you know what literature they reviewed
- 17 regarding the model, or anything?
 - A. I -- I don't know.
- Q. So the city proposed the model based on
- 20 their expertise, and basically DWR staff reviewed
- 21 it or reviewed the outputs?
 - A. Correct. Reviewed the proposal.
 - Q. And you're not sure if they ran it, or
- 24 **not.**

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25 A. Huh-uh.

3 who reviews the applications --O. Uh-huh. A. -- making sure they're in the proper 6 form, appears to be reasonable. And then we did have Jim Bagley review the modeling, or the modeling outputs, or whatever Jim does on that. Now, this is a model that's already been approved 10 for accounting, and things, so we -- I know we 11 wouldn't have picked the model apart --12 Q. Uh-huh. 13 A. -- but... 14 O. So there is a big difference between 15 reviewing the model and just looking at the 16 outputs -17 A. Yeah. 18 O. -- but you're not sure? 19 A. I'm not sure what Jim did, yeah. 20 Q. Okay. 21 A. And I know David was -- okay. I know our 22 chief engineer, David Barfield, understands models

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A. Sam Perkins understands models inside-

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Q. And did they -- did DWR do any other type 2 of simulations or...

3 A. I can speak to my program, no; I don't

4 know what the other program, did.

MR. ROLFS: Okay. Why don't we take a 6 short break here.

THE WITNESS: Okay. Yeah.

MR. ROLFS: Go off the record.

(THEREUPON, a break was taken.)

10 BY MR. ROLFS:

11 Q. Okay. I'm going to shift gears here a 12 little bit, talk a little bit more about the 13 process.

14 As far as the city's proposal, did the city 15 file any applications with the Division of Water

16 Resources to implement that proposal?

17 A. There were applications that were filed to -- to change the authority -- to modify the

authority on some existing wells. The city has

20 pulled those applications. There is no change 21 application required to modify permit conditions,

22 because a change application under the law can

change three things: Point of diversion, place of

use, and use made of water. And these are permit

25 condition changes. So that was just a request to

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Q. Are you talking about under new applications, that conditions can be imposed --3

A. I need to --

Q. -- new permits?

A. -- need to look. Do you have -- I'm --5

have you found it yet, Lee?

O. Well, 712 talks about imposing conditions 8 as necessary, but that's talking about a new application. Is that what you're referring to?

A. I don't know yet. Okay. It's 711a talks about express conditions of appropriations.

12 That's 82a-711a.

MR. ROLFS: Small "A", no parentheses.

THE WITNESS: Okay. And I don't -- I'm 14

15 -- I'm not seeing --

16 BY MR. ROLFS:

O. And -- and 712 has similar --

18 A. Okav. I --19

O. -- language?

20 A. I think I was thinking about something ²¹ else, so...

22 O. And prior to the 708b being enacted in, let's see, '57, whenever -- the details of these 23

things are starting to escape me --

A. Sure.

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1 us. We felt that the chief engineer has the

2 authority to change permit conditions with the

3 Findings and Order.

O. Okay. Now, you're talking about K.S.A. 82a-708b --5

6 THE REPORTER: Say it again; say the

7 number again? 8 MR. ROLFS: K.S.A. 82a-708b, no 9

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Q. So you're talking about under 708b, there 12 are only three things that you can apply for and have changed under the Water Appropriation Act --13

A. Correct.

15 Q. -- is that --

A. Yes. Correct.

17 O. And in the Water Appropriation Act, 18 there's actually no other express authority for

19 anything else under a water right to be changed;

20 would that be correct?

21 A. Well, let me -- I need to check the

22 statute on --

23 O. Sure.

A. -- the conditions. There is a statute 24

25 that talks about conditions.

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Q. -- after ten years. Yeah, '57. There

² was no authority to make changes to water rights

expressly set forth in the Kansas Water

Appropriation Act prior to that time, and then, in

5 '57, it added the ability to change those three

6 items; is that correct?

A. Correct. Yeah. As far as I'm aware.

O. Okay. But you're saying there's a distinction between making other kinds of change

-- what kind of changes do you make to water 11 rights or permits without a change application

12 being filed; can you give me examples?

13 A. You know, we will -- the Findings and

14 Orders, we will divide a water right based on a

15 determination of interest from the applicant. 16

Q. Uh-huh?

17 A. We issue Findings and Orders to correct

locations. We'll issue Findings and Orders -- we

-- we'll do reductions in point of diversion,

20 place of use, and --21

THE REPORTER: Point?

THE WITNESS: Point of diversion. Sorry.

23 Place of use, quantity. We will do meter

²⁴ requirements. We will add conditions for a meter

requirement. Those are the thing -- I'm just

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A. No.

change regs --

3/8/2019 LANE LETOURNEAU Page 57 Page 59 1 thinking about what comes ---1 sorry. BY MR. ROLFS: 2 THE REPORTER: Regs. O. Uh-huh. 3 3 BY MR. ROLFS: 4 4 A. -- across my desk and I sign. Q. Now, when you do a change application, 5 Q. Yeah. Under what type of situation would certain things have to be shown in order to get 6 you be issuing a reduction of a water right? that approved; who is the burden of proof on --A. Say that there's a large place of use and A. How the statute's crafted, it says: The a landowner no longer wants to pay the taxes on applicant must demonstrate it's the same local that property, or there's a ownership change, and 10 source of supply, and it will not impair, and it's 10 they -- the owners agree that they want to reduce 11 the acres from that, or there'll be a person in the public interest. O. Okay. Also, there's -- there's some 12 that'll have multiple wells, and one well is no 13 consideration in the minimum stream flow when you 13 longer being used, and just to tidy up the water 14 right --approve a change application, it goes into effect, 15 O. Uh-huh? the minimum stream flow; is that -- would you --16 would that be something you would look at? A. -- basically, we'll do a reduction. 17 17 A. Looking at the change application statute O. So if there are overlaps, and they want 1.8 18 very quickly, I don't see the minimum desirable to -stream flow requirement, but if it was changing a 19 A. Split them up? 19 Q. -- clean the water rights, then you might 20 permit with an authority post June of 1984 -21 Q. Uh-huh? 21 issue a reduction? 22 22 A. -- that permit condition does not go A. Yeah, to tidy up a water right, I call 23 it. 23 away. 24 O. So there are certain things you can do 24 O. Okay. All right. As far as this proposal, the city's proposal here, have there 25 without filing a change application and certain Page 58 Page 60 1 things that you do need... 1 been any evaluations done to look at the public 2 ² interest, the impairment, that sort of thing; A. (Witness nods head.) Q. Now, these things that you talked about 3 has -doing with the Findings and Order, do those have 4 A. Yes. 5 any major impact on the water right itself? O. Okay. Well, and where would that be? A. It can --A. Well, when we looked at the proposal, we 7 7 -- it's -- it's just -- now that it's been pared Q. Okay. 8 A. -- you know. I mean, I think the -- it down to the -- moving the -- moving the index cell 9 -- it -- that potentially it could, but... level and Aquifer Maintenance Credits, we didn't see a large change. We saw this as just another Q. Okay. So, you know, if they reduce the 10 11 quantity in half, that certainly would have a way to accumulate recharge credits, as the city 12 can already do. major impact on the water right, but what about 13 13 expanding water rights with your Findings and Q. Uh-huh. 14 Order; does that happen? 14 A. If there is room in the aguifer that --15 A. No. No, and I don't -- no. ¹⁵ and water is available from the Little Ark, then 16 the city will put in the physical recharge Q. Okay. 117 A. (Witness shakes head.) credits; if they don't, then they will not 18 Q. So it couldn't give somebody more 18 accumulate an AMC. Q. Uh-huh. 19 quantity or --19

A. And then we felt it was in the public 21 interest to start with a more full aquifer going

22 into a drought.

Q. Uh-huh. Okay.

24 A. That was our thought process. 25

Q. Okay. Any other considerations

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Q. - greatly expand their acres? I mean, 22 you can expand them a little bit based on the

THE REPORTER: On the change?

MR. ROLFS: Change regulations. I'm

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1 concerning public interest?

- A. The -- the city's agreed that -- and
- we're going to write it in as a permit condition.
- that if impairment did occur, I don't know if I
- have an example with me, that they were going to
- either operate the well field differently so
- impairment did not occur or satisfy the domestic 8 use.
- 9 O. Uh-huh.
- 10 A. So...
- 11 Q. I think in your answer to our Second
- 12 Interrogatories you talked about that the city's
- expressed a willingness to have some permits --
- 14 conditions imposed to comply with Phase I and 15
- Phase II?
- 16 A. Correct.
- 17 O. And when you're -- is that what you're 18 talking about here now?
- 19 A. Yeah, the -- currently, the -- that, well 20 the city doesn't want to do any modifications to 21 Phase I ---
- 22 Q. Okay.
- 23 A. -- is my understanding. They still want to mitigate the salt plume by that operation of 25 Phase I.

- 1 statutes and regulations on water quality. And
- 2 we're aware that municipalities have to meet a
- pretty high standard because of public safety, and
- that would be a Health & Environment --
 - Q. Okay.
- 6 A. -- under Health & Environment's
- authority. 7
- Q. So is DWR thinking about imposing 9 conditions on any approval that they have to get
- appropriate KDHE, Kansas Department of Health & Environment, approval before they can go forward?
- A. That's a good thought, I mean, putting
- 13 that condition in. I mean, the city has to do it,
- anyway, so as a permit condition, I think that
- 15 would be a good thought.
 - Q. Uh-huh.
- 17 A. You know, the final -- to add to -- I'm
- 18 glad you said that, Lee. The final decision on
- 19 all of this has not been made yet, and all of the
- 20 tidy -- tidied-up permit conditions that we can
- all agree to, if this even happens, I'm sure
- 22 that's a good -- that's a good suggestion.
 - Q. Uh-huh. But right now, there are no new
- 24 applications pending to implement this proposal;
- 25 is that correct?

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O. Uh-huh.

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- 2 A. And Phase II, yes, I believe it's in an
- 3 MOU that they will satisfy domestic use if
- 4 impaired, and if the city felt that it would be
- stronger as a permit condition, so that's --
- 6 O. Okav.
 - A. -- why we would write that in there.
- O. So they suggested that as a specific
- 9 permit condition to add to protect domestic users?
- 10 A. Correct.
- Q. Are there any other conditions that 11 12 they've suggested adding?
 - A. Not that I'm aware of.
- 14 Q. Okay. Has DWR done any studies 15 concerning how this proposal by the city would 16 affect water quality?
- 17 A. DWR has not.
- 18 Q. Has the City of Wichita?
- 19 A. Surely the city and the consultants have
- 20 done -- with the -- I don't know -- you know what,
- 21 I don't know if the quality is part of the model.
 - Q. Okay.
- 23 A. And I know that there -- that Health &
- ²⁴ Environment, Kansas Department of Health &
- 25 Environment, they have got the regulations --

- 1 A. Correct.
- 2 Q. And there are no change applications
- pending to implement this proposal; is that
- correct?
 - A. Absolutely correct.
- 6 Q. Okay. Let's see here. You have answered
- a number of questions. I just have to go back
- here to figure out whether I missed any, or not.
- Are -- is DWR considering how recharge credits can
- 10 be accumulated and withdrawn; is that a --
- 11 considered to be a fundamental change in the water
- 12 rights?

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- 13 A. No. I don't see that as a fundamental
- 14 change in the water right. It's a -- the AMC is
- 15 another method for a recharge credit, but it's
- just a recharge credit, just like a physical 16
- 17 recharge credit.
 - Q. Uh-huh.
 - A. That's -- that's as far as we took it.
- 20 Q. Uh-huh. So you're viewing this more
- 21 along the line of, this is something you can do
- with the Findings and Order without requiring a
- 23 change application --
 - A. Yes.
- 25 Q. -- or a new application?

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A. Correct. That's -- that's correct. This

- ² is changing permit conditions, and we feel that
- 3 we've got the authority to modify a permit
- condition to add --
- 5 Q. Uh-huh.
- 6 A. -- an AMC as another type of recharge 7 credit.
- 8 Q. Okay.
- 9 A. Actually, you know, we've got -- to
- 10 implement it, it would be prob -- just how we
- 11 change the accounting --
- 12 Q. Uh-huh.
 - A. -- so...
- 14 O. See, you've covered so many of these 15 things, I just have to buzz through here for a
- 16 minute --

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- 17 A. Yeah.
- 1.8 O. -- and look.
- 19 A. You're absolutely fine.
- 20 O. On your First Request for Admission.
- 21 question -- Item 2, you indicated that: No source
- water will enter the aquifer except some may enter
- 23 into the basin storage area by gravity, depending
- 24 on how the city manages the recharge basin. 25
 - So if they're sending this water directly to

- 1 environment.
 - O. Uh-huh.
 - A. And we start getting calls from people
 - 4 that do have water in their basements, and they
 - say the city is actually flooding -- the city --
 - the city gets calls, I know Groundwater Management
 - District #2 gets calls, and we get calls.
 - Q. Uh-huh.
 - A. And so I don't know -- I have not
 - 10 actually talked to the city about how they're
 - going to manage that if AMCs are approved.
 - 12 Q. So you're saying at the same time they 13 can be sending water to the city and recharging it 14 into the aquifer?
 - 15 A. By the basin stor -- in the basin storage 16 area, yes.
 - 17 Q. Okay. But not through the injection 18 wells.
 - 19 A. Correct. The aguifer would be to full to use the injection wells.
 - 21 Q. Okay. But it could be getting -- doing 22 two things at the same time, sending water to the
 - 23 city and recharging -- getting physical recharge credits from putting water in directly and --
 - THE REPORTER: From what?

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1 the city, I'm not clear how water might enter the basin storage area.

- 2 A. The -- if it -- if there was no water
- going to the basin storage area, then no source
- water would be put into the ground.
- Q. So this depends -- it's saying here, it 7 depends on how the city is managing the recharge basin, and I don't understand that --
- 9 A. Okay.
- 10 Q. -- part of...
- 11 A. When we answered these Interrogatories,
- we had not gotten into detail with the city
- on what they're going to do with the recharge
- 14 basin --
- 15 Q. Uh-huh.
- 16 A. -- right now. Because, as I brought up
- 17 earlier, when the aquifer is so full but they
- 18 had water available, that's where they put that
- 19 water --
- 20 Q. Okay.
- 21 A. -- the recharge water. I don't know if
- 22 they're going to keep doing that, or not if the
- 23 AMC proposal is approved. I don't know if it's
- 24 better for -- because what happens, when folk --
- ²⁵ when -- when that happens, it's a pretty wet

MR. ROLFS: Physical recharge credits,

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3 THE REPORTER: What did you say at the

4 end? You said a few more words. I'm sorry.

MR. ROLFS: Oh. And sending water

directly to the city at the same time. 7 THE WITNESS: And -- and -- and Lee, we

8 haven't worked out that fine detail yet --

9 BY MR. ROLFS:

Q. Okay.

- A. -- because like I said, I don't know how 12 the city wants to manage that -- that recharge
- basin if AMCs are available, just because of the
 - environment out there.
 - Q. Uh-huh.
- 16 A. But I -- technically, if approved, I
- 17 think it could happen.
- 18 Q. Uh-huh. So the -- just to go back over a
- little bit, DWR hasn't done anything to evaluate 20 the physical recharge capacity; you're relying on
- 21 the city for determining what that is?
 - A. The -- we -- we've relied on a re -- I
- 23 don't have it with me, but it's a USGS report, I
- believe, that shows the capacity in the aquifer to
- 25 take recharge credits when the aquifer was at the

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¹ '93 level.

- Q. Uh-huh?
- 3 A. Now, I don't -- I mean, but -- I know
- that's what we would have -- that's what we looked
- at. And when I say "we," it would be our
- 6 technical services.
- Q. So you haven't done any independent 8 analysis of that, then?
 - A. No, because it's an approved model.
- 10 Q. As far as the five percent initial loss 11 on putting AMCs into the aquifer, how was that 12 determined?
- 13 A. The city brought us a proposal, and it 14 was -- it was an average loss over the entire well field. Some -- it was more closer to the river, 15
- 16 five of them inland and three to the out -- I'll
- 17 call it to the outside of the river when I'm
- 18 looking at the well field.
- 19 Q. But that's based on what's going on with 20 the actual physical recharge credits, correct? 21
 - A. That's my understanding.
- 22 Q. Okay. But you've performed no 23 independent analysis of that?
- 24 A. Jim, I know our tech services, David 25 Barfield, did. I'll call them our "modeling

1 comment that you were talking about the city was

- ² wanting to use this as a drought proposal in terms
- of using these AMCs during a time of drought; is
- that correct?
 - A. That's correct.
- 6 O. Now, would the city be allowed to use these AMC credits any other time, other than
- during a drought?
- 9 A. Yeah, we haven't worked -- we haven't got
- that all -- part worked out yet, but as of today,
- yeah, it's a recharge credit like any other one.
- We've not talked to the city yet about any types
- of limitations when they -- when they would use
- 14
- 15 O. So they could use them at any time under 16 the current proposal?
- 17 They could use a recharge credit any
- 18 time, correct.
- 19 Q. Okay. Now, I believe DWR has indicated 20 that the lowering of the minimum water level index
- 21 was, I think, quote, not significant compared to
- 22 the practical saturated thickness of the aquifer,
- unquote. Because it would still be 89 percent
- full across the project area; is that correct?
 - A. That's as far as we took it, Lee,

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group" looked at it and felt it was reasonable.

- 2 O. Okay. Now, the 120,000 acre-feet cap on credits, was that proposed by the city, then?
- A. That is proposed by the city. And
- 5 currently, they don't have a cap. It's based --
- that -- if it -- it would be 120, based on --
- 120,000 acre-feet based on the USGS model. So
- without even talking about that number, the
- current storage capacity would be that based on
- 10 the model. The city proposed 120 based on that
- 11 model as the cap.
- 12 Q. Uh-huh. Okay. But DWR didn't do any 13 independent analysis of that?
- 14 A. We looked at the USGS tables, the USGS 15 model tables.
- 16 Q. GMD2 Regulation 5-22-7b, Subsection b-7, 17 exempts artificial recharge from the city field 18 calculations?
- 19 A. Correct.

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- 20 Q. And when that Regulation was put in 21 place, wasn't that based on the scenario where actual real water was being put into the aquifer
- 23 for recharge, not AMC credits?
- 24 A. Yes, that -- that's correct.
 - Q. Okay. I believe someplace I saw a

1 correct.

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- 2 Q. Okay. And what was the basis for that
- conclusion; do you know?
- A. The fact that the -- the aquifer was still 80 -- you know, over 80 percent full. I
- mean, like I said, that's as far as we took it.
 - O. Okav.
 - A. Yeah.
 - Q. Based on the model.
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 O. Okay. Have you reviewed any of the
- 12 District's expert reports yet?
- 13 A. I have scanned Tim's; I haven't had time
- 14 to look at the other ones yet.
- 15 Q. Uh-huh. Does that change your opinion at 16 all about whether this is a not significant
- 17 reduction?
- 18 A. Not -- I didn't really get into the
- 19 details on that, so I haven't --
 - Q. Okay.
- 21 A. -- I haven't -- no, I haven't --
 - Q. Okay. Let's see, we've covered that.
- 23 Let's talk about your Amended Answer to
- 24 Interrogatory -- second set, No. 16. Trying to
- understand for sure how this is going to work.

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Is it -- this is talking about the 19,000

² acre-feet per year.

A. Okay.

Q. So is it DWR's position that the city 4 could withdraw up to 19,000 acre-feet per year

without impairing anybody or prejudicially and unreasonably affecting the public interest; is

that kind of where you are at this point?

A. Yes. Currently, the city, if we've done our numbers right, has 19,000 acre-feet authorized

11 for recharge credits, if they've accumulated those recharge credits. And so if they had 19,000 in --

13 in their account, they could withdraw 19,000,

14 but...

15 Q. Uh-huh. So this is a per-year 16 limitation, not a forever limitation?

17 A. I'd have to review that. I think it's --

18 I think it's an annual quantity --

19 Q. Okay. 20

A. -- so...

21 Q. If they had accumulated 120,000 acre-feet

22 of credits, they could roughly divert them in six years. They could keep on diverting 19,000 acre-

24 feet a year for six years and divert them all; is

25 that --

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¹ Year No. 3, and it rounds up to 60,000 acre-feet.

² So when we looked at this, we -- we didn't think

3 the city would take their 40,000 and an additional 19,000 every year. So we -- yes, they would have

that 120 banked if they ever get to that amount --

O. Uh-huh.

7 A. -- but their proposal doesn't show them

diverting that much.

And then, also, we haven't got this far yet,

10 but we would want to limit that quantity to the city's overall quantity from all -- from Cheney,

their well field, and their well fields in this --

well field in town.

14 O. I'm not familiar with those tables of city demand assigned to Equus Beds and the ASR.

That excludes the demand on Cheney, so --

17 A. Correct.

O. -- is that right?

19 A. Correct. But -- but Cheney's all -- this

20 -- this table is an entire matrix of their use

from Cheney, and the Equus Beds well fields, and

22 ASR.

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23 O. Uh-huh.

A. This is a whole matrix, so...

25 Q. Okay. So -- yeah. The next one down is

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-- is "Demand assigned to Cheney"? 1

2 A. Correct.

3 O. Okav.

4 A. This table is pretty important to us as

we move this proposal forward.

Q. So out of that 59,000 and -- roughly

60,000 acre-feet demand in Drought Year 3, only

19,000 of that could come from recharge credits;

is that what you're saying?

10 A. Correct. As of right now, they've got

11 19,000 approved.

12 O. So the way the proposal is currently laid out, though, they could go in and take \$19,000 ---

14 19,000 acre-feet of credits every year during this

15 entire period if they had it in the bank?

A. Correct.

17 Q. Okay.

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A. We don't have those limitations and

19 things pinned down yet.

20 Q. Okay. And -- thank you. And if I'm

21 understanding correctly, it would take no

22 modifications to any permits, or new applications,

23 or new -- or change applications to do this; is

24 that -- that's DWR's current position, is that --

A. That's -- that's correct.

A. Well that's not the proposal. I mean, yeah --

3 Q. Okay.

A. I mean, technically, yes, but the -- I've

5 got to find the -- the -- what's Exhibit No. 9 --

Q. Okay.

7 A. -- is a table right out of their

proposal. And I can -- I'll give you my proposal. 9

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Q. Uh-huh.

11 THE WITNESS: Tim, it's Page 25 of the 12

13 But we've -- technically, yes, but when we're 14 looking at Table 2-3 --

15 BY MR. ROLFS:

16 Q. 2-3?

A. -- 2-3, sorry, that talks about 17

18 simulation results for the one percent drought?

19 Q. Uh-huh.

A. So when we've reviewed this, if you go 20 21 down to, "City demand assigned to the Equus Beds

22 well field and ASR," it's the one, two, three,

23 fourth down --

24 Q. Right.

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MR. OLEEN: I'll object. Just -- I think 2 it's ambiguous. What do you mean by "this," Lee? Could you clarify that? BY MR. ROLFS:

5 Q. That the city could withdraw up to 19,000 6 acre-feet of credits, combination physical recharge and AMCs, in any one year without any changes to existing water right permits or filing any change applications. 10

A. That's correct.

O. Okay. And I think you mentioned earlier, 12 DWR hasn't contemplated putting any limitations on when the city could use its AMC credits or...

A. We've con -- we've thought about it; we just haven't worked that out --

Q. Okay.

17 A. -- worked that out as part of this 18 proposal yet. We, first of all, need to see if it 19 gets approved before we start putting in those 20 types of details.

21 Q. Uh-huh. Okay. In your second set -- in 22 our Second Set of Interrogatories, you answered in 23 No. 17 that basically there was no -- the chief 24 engineer had no information that the proposed 25 lowering of the minimum index levels would be

1 A. No. No.

2 Q. Now, there's -- some of the comments I read during discovery where there were -- DWR said that they didn't feel that water quality would be negatively impacted by the accumulation of AMCs.

I guess my question would be, and I think 6 7 we've talked about this a little already, was, will water quality be negatively impacted by the withdrawal of those AMCs? I think those are two different things, and... 10

 It would not be affected any differently than a well operating.

13 O. Okay. But if more water was being 14 withdrawn, that -- because of the AMCs, that could 15 change that, right?

16 A. It could potentially, but we don't know 17 if more water will be withdrawn just because of 18 the AMCs. It's just a -- it's just a recharge 19 credit.

20 Q. Okay. Now, the accounting method, it's 21 my understanding DWR says they're not going to change the accounting method for the ASR program, 23 but -- except to add a new type of recharge

24 credit; is that correct?

A. That's correct.

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unreasonable and would negatively affect the public interest; is that correct?

A. That's correct.

MR. OLEEN: Do you know which -- which number you're referring to?

MR. ROLFS: No. 17 in the Second Set of Interrogatories.

MR. OLEEN: We got them here, so let's -let's read them.

MR. ROLFS: Sure.

THE WITNESS: (Witness complies.)

BY MR. ROLFS:

Q. All right. Have you reviewed the District's expert reports on this topic?

A. I haven't had time yet, so...

Q. Okay. And you've talked about multi-year flex accounts for irrigators. Has the city proposed or contemplated using multi-year flex accounts for its water rights?

20 A. I think -- not to us. I mean, I think 21 it's been brought up to them --

O. Uh-huh.

23 A. -- but...

24 Q. But there's no proposal on the table

25 right now?

Q. Okay. Let me see here. At the hearing, 2 is -- I guess let's talk about who's -- who's --3 who, from DWR, the "big you," who will be testifying at the hearing? A. That's a good question. I know I will on

behalf of the appropriation program. I don't know yet, because I -- I -- I've got be honest, we haven't talked to David Barfield about this at all

since all this started --

Q. Okay.

11 A. -- so I don't know what his plans are for 12 witnesses. I know we -- I mean, if it gets pretty 13 technical, I imagine our program would want Doug 14 Schemm --

Q. Okay.

16 A. -- because Doug has done most of the work on these latest applications. Jeff Lanterman, our water commissioner from the Stafford field office. 18

Q. So are you familiar with what they will 19 20 be testifying about at a hearing?

21 A. Well, it would only be like for if -- if some technical questions came up that I couldn't 23 answer that your side would need the answer to, 24 we'd want one of those other folks to talk about 25 it.



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	1	Q. Now, are any DWR people going to make	1	MR. OLEEN: If there's people on the
		recommendations at this hearing as to whether this		phone that have some now, they can go.
	3	program ought to be approved, or not?	3	MR. ROLFS: All right. Let's see.
	4	A. Well, that's a good we haven't talked	4	Tessa, do you have any questions?
	5	about that, Lee. No, we have not talked about	5	MS. WENDLING: I do not have any
ļ	6	with with yeah.	6	questions. Thank you.
	7	Q. Are they going to issue any opinions from	7	MR. ROLFS: Let's see.
	8	these witnesses about the whether the pro	8	MS. BOESE: Brian McLeod.
	9	the proposal to the city of Wichita is going to be	9	MR. ROLFS: Brian, do you have any
1	LO	approved, or not?	10	questions?
1	11	A. We haven't talked about that, either.	11	MR. MCLEOD: I don't.
:	12	You know, we	12	MR. ROLFS: Okay. Dave?
11	13	Q. Well, you got two weeks.	13	MR. STUCKY: I think you've asked the
:	14	A. I know. We got two weeks. We haven't	14	questions for us, so no.
:	15	talked about that yet. Actually, we haven't got	15	MR. ROLFS: Okay. I guess we're back to
		the details down in the	16	you, Aaron.
Ш	17	Q. Uh-huh.	17	MR. OLEEN: Okay.
Ш	18	A in the hearing. You will hear in the	18	CROSS-EXAMINATION
11		hearing about everything you heard today, so	19	BY MR. OLEEN:
11	20	Q. So right now, you don't know if any	20	Q. Mr. Letourneau, what we've been
11		expert opinions or recommendations will be made by	l .	talking today about the proposal. At this point,
		DWR at the hearing?		DWR has not made any official decisions about this
11	23	A. I don't know that yet.		proposal; is that correct?
11	24		24	A. That's correct.
ш		MR. ROLFS: Okay. Let's see. I think	25	
$\ \cdot$	45	we're getting pretty close here. Why don't we	25	Q. In fact, isn't that part of why we are
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Ц	1	take about a 15-minute break? I want to consult	1	engaging in this hearing process now?
11		with some people, and	2	A. Yes.
	3	THE WITNESS: Absolutely.	3	Q. Have, you personally, as an agent of DWR,
	4	MR. ROLFS: and and let's see, what		ever told any Wichita official that this proposal
		time are we at, 11:05?		will be approved?
	6	How long do you think, Jim?	6	A. No. We we but, you know, I would
Н	7	THE REPORTER: Do you want to be off the		have said that this seems reasonable to move
		record or do you want this on the record?		forward, but I can't a person in my position
	9	MR. ROLFS: I was going to tell them how		can't tell somebody that it will be approved.
.		long we're going to take a break here. 15	10	
		minutes?	1	Q. To your knowledge, has any DWR official
Ш				told any Wichita official that this proposal will
ш	12	MS. BOESE: I think so.		be approved?
11	13	MR. ROLFS: Okay. That would bring us	13	A. Not to my knowledge. I mean, nobody's
ш		back here at 11:20.	14	1014 1110 11110 1110 1110 1110 1110 111
11	15	THE WITNESS: Okay.		approved.
Ш	16	MR. ROLFS: See if we can wrap it up.	16	2 , 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Ш	17	(THEREUPON, a break was taken; WHEREUPON,	1	correct?
11		LETOURNEAU Deposition Exhibit No 10 was marked for	18	A. Correct.
11:		identification.)	19	
	20	MR. ROLFS: Okay. We're back on the	20	considering the issues related to this proposal,



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24 considering these issues?

A. That's correct. It's been a team of us.

A. Yes. He's -- he was part -- part of the

Q. Has the chief engineer also been

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21 record. We've done such a good job answering

22 questions, we don't have any more questions, so

25 anybody else ask questions, clarifying questions?

Do you want to go first or do you want to let

23 turn it over --

1 meetings.

- 2 O. Who else is part of the chief engineer's
- 3 team?
- 4 A. Now that we've split up, or now -- or --
- 5 or when we -- or when we were meeting?
- 6 Q. Well, the chief engineer is the presiding 7 officer, right --
- A. Correct.
- 9 Q. -- for this -- for the hearing regarding 10 this matter.
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 O. And he has employed the assistance of
- 13 Chris Beightel to assist him; is that right?
- 14 A. Correct. Chris Beightel, Kenny Titus and
- 15 Sam Perkins --
- O. And --16
- 17 A. -- are on David's side.
- 18 Q. And did you already explain what Chris
- 19 Beightel's expertise is with DWR?
- 20 A. Well, he's a electrical engineer, I
- 21 believe Chris is, and yeah, he's the program
- 22 manager for Water Management Services.
- 23 Q. And what does Water Management Services
- 24 do as a program, as -- as different from your 25 appropriation program?

- 1 me after you've read it to the point that you are familiar with that, if you are.
 - A. I -- yes, I'm familiar with it.
- 4 Q. Okay. Is that a letter that you've seen 5 before?
 - A. Yes. This is the letter I've seen
- 7 before.
 - O. I want to direct your attention to an
- attachment to that letter on -- on the -- the
- 10 letter is two pages, correct, front and back? 11
 - A. Correct.
- 12 Q. And then so the third page is an 13 attachment, and at the top it says: Responses to
- 14 GMD2 legal/policy questions and comments, right? 15
 - A. That is correct.
- 16 Q. I want to direct your attention to the 17 third paragraph down after the question, where it
- says, "The city's current ASR project."
 - Do you see that paragraph?
 - A. I do.

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- Q. Will you please read that paragraph?
- 22 A. The city's current ASR project has been
- 23 approved pursuant to K.A.R. 5-12-1, et seq., with
- appropriate terms and conditions to protect the 25 public interest and prevent impairment. The ASR
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- 1 A. Well, we've blended a lot now, but there
- 2 -- they dominate the interstate water issues, all
- 3 of the technical modeling, the -- they run the
- 4 Theis equations for us when we've got questions,
- kind of the -- they are the more technical arm of
- the division.
- Q. And you mentioned Sam Perkins with DWR?
- 8 A. (Witness nods head.)
- 9 Q. Is that a yes?
- 10 A. Yeah. Yes.
- 11 Q. Is he part of Water Management Services?
 - A. Sam's part of Water Management Services.
- 13 Q. To your knowledge, have Chris or Sam been
- involved in considering issues related to the 14 15 proposal?
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- A. They have been, yes.
- 17 Q. I'm handing you what has been marked as
- Deposition Exhibit No. 10 now. Just take a minute 18 19
- to review that. 20
 - MR. OLEEN: For the folks on the phone,
- 21 this is a letter dated June 1, 2018 that Chief
- 22 Engineer David Barfield sent to the GMD2 Board of
- 23 Directors.
- 24 BY MR. OLEEN:
- 25 O. Just take a look at that, and then tell

- 1 approval documents include provisions for making
- ² changes to the ASR accounting procedure. Since
- 3 the proposed changes are not new water, simply
- 4 another way to accrue recharge credits, these
- changes would be made pursuant to existing
- authority. 7
 - Q. Do you agree with that statement?
- 8 A. Regarding the AS -- regarding the AMCs, 9
- 10 Q. Is - is that rationale why the Division
- of Water Resources is still considering the ASR
 - proposal, even though there are no pending
- application documents? 13 14
 - A. Yes, that's correct.
- 15 Q. With respect to this letter as a whole,
- do you agree with its contents? And if you need
- 17 time to review it in greater detail, we'll take
- 18 it?

- 19 A. No, I -- I am very familiar with the
- 20 letter, and I do agree -- I do agree with the
- concept.
 - Q. With its contents?
- 23 A. Content, yeah. Sorry.
- 24 Q. Does this letter contain DWR's official
- 25 position, to the extent there is one, with respect

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1 to the subjects that the letter addresses?

- A. Yeah. Our position is that the proposal 3 was reasonable enough to move forward in the 4
- 5 Q. And -- and so "reasonable enough," you've just said, but the Division of Water Resources has not yet determined whether the proposal is reasonable enough to approve; is that right?
- A. Correct. Yeah, we wanted the hearing 10 process to take place.

11 MR. OLEEN: I don't have anything 12 further.

13 MS. BOESE: Can -- can Lee and I consult 14 for five minutes?

MR. OLEEN: Sure. Yup.

MR. ROLFS: We'll make it quick.

(THEREUPON, a break was taken.)

REDIRECT-EXAMINATION

19 BY MR. ROLFS:

- 20 Q. Exhibit 10, as you indicated, this letter 21 is written by the chief engineer; is that correct? 22
- A. Correct. 23 Q. And if you go to the third paragraph in

24 the first page, it says: As envisioned, the AMCs should serve the public interest by facilitating

1 -- these were draft permits for existing water 2 rights plus the 30 new apps?

A. The -- well, I need to -- let me review these. I know this --

O. Okav. Sure.

A. -- this is a draft Findings and Order to amend the terms and conditions --

Q. Okay.

9 A. -- of -- of the existing ASR Phase II permits. And see if I can -- okay.

11 Q. But then further back, there's a draft 12 actual permit?

13 A. Correct. Draft, June 1 of 2018, Example 14 proposed individual approvals (sic) for one of the new applications.

Q. Okay.

17 A. Correct. To speak to that, I don't know 18 if it's confident enough to draft these, but when we've -- we've learned with a couple of complicated projects that we've worked on that 21 people like to see examples in front of them.

O. Okay.

A. But these are clearly marked "draft," but 24 then it's -- they're good documents to work off 25 of. And that way, people actually know what we're

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1 fuller aquifer conditions without allowing the use of new or unappropriated water.

That sounds fairly positive, that he thinks 4 it should be in the public interest; is that the way you read it?

6 A. Yes. Correct. Q. Okay. And, in fact, he must have had enough I guess confidence in this proposal that he went ahead, and I guess it would be on Page 3 of 10 the exhibit, physical Page 3, there's a draft 11 permit for implementing the program. 12

Now, this is for the water rights that were 13 withdrawn, right?

A. Yes.

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Q. So they're no longer under consideration. But at the time he wrote this letter, he --

MS. BOESE: I think they're actually --18 can I clarify? Those are actually included, the permits that were withdrawn, and also the existing permits, and the initial Order for Phase II.

MR. ROLFS: That's correct.

MS. BOESE: They're included there.

23 Would you all -- I mean, I want to -- I --

24 BY MR. ROLFS:

Q. Is that -- is that correct, the -- these

¹ working off of.

2 MR. ROLFS: Okay. I have no further 3 questions.

4 MR. OLEEN: One more.

MR. ROLFS: Okav.

6 **RECROSS-EXAMINATION**

7 BY MR. OLEEN:

8 O. Also at this letter, this Deposition Exhibit 10, we -- Mr. Rolfs asked you about some

10 phrasing involving AMCs and public interest.

I want you to read the last -- on the last 12 paragraph on the first page, would you please read 13 the first two sentences?

A. The last paragraph? And this is a letter 15 signed by David Barfield, so this is coming from 16 David Barfield's person.

I do believe that the public process is

18 important in considering these changes. There may

19 well be additional terms and conditions that will 20 improve the accounting of AMCs or other changes

21 that will better serve the public's interest.

O. So the chief engineer has not decided --

23 if we are -- if -- let me -- let me start over.

24 Now that you've read that sentence, that --25 those two sentences would seem to indicate that

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1 the chief engineer has not decided that AMCs do or	1 AFFIDAVIT
² do not, in fact, serve the public interest; is	2 .
3 that correct?	3 STATE OF:
4 A. That's correct.	4 COUNTY/CITY OF:
5 Q. Because he says that there may be other	5 .
6 terms and conditions that may improve their	6 Before me, this day, personally appeared,
7 accounting or other changes that will better serve	7 LANE LETOURNEAU, who, being duly sworn, states that
8 the public's interest, right? He says that,	8 the foregoing transcript of his/her Deposition, taken
9 right?	9 in the matter, on the date, and at the time and place
10 A. That's correct.	10 set out on the title page hereof, constitutes a true
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MR. ROLFS: I have nothing further.	12 the attached Errata Sheet, if changes or corrections
We are off the record.	13 were made.
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1	CERTIFICATE	
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	I, Jill A. Whetter, a Certified Court	
6	Reporter, Commissioned as such by the	
	Supreme Court of the State of Kansas, and	
	authorized to take depositions and	
9	administer oaths within said State pursuant	
	to K.S.A 60-228, certify that the foregoing	
	was reported by stenographic means, which	
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15	and accurate transcript of the same.	
16	I further certify that I am not related	
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3	STATE OF KANSAS:
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6	Before me, this day, personally appeared,
7	LANE LETOURNEAU, who, being duly sworn, states that
8	the foregoing transcript of his/her Deposition, taken
9	in the matter, on the date, and at the time and place
10	set out on the title page hereof, constitutes a true
1.1	and accurate transcript of said deposition, along with
12	the attached Errata Sheet, if changes or corrections
13	were made.
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15	- Fang Blowneau
16	LANE LETOURNEAU
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18	SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this
19	day of March , 2019 in the
20	jurisdiction aforesaid.
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2	RE: APPINO & BIGGS
3	REPORTING SERVICE, INC.
4	FILE NO.: 53129
5	CASE: CITY OF WICHITA'S PHASE II AQUIFER STORAGE
6	AND RECOVERY PROJECT IN HARVEY & SEDGWICK COUNTIES
7	DEPONENT: LANE LETOURNEAU
8	DEPOSITION DATE: 3/8/2019
9	To the Reporter:
10	I have read the entire transcript of my Deposition taken in the
11	captioned matter or the same has been read to me. I request that
12	the following changes be entered upon the record for the reasons
13	indicated. I have signed my name to the Errata Sheet and the
14	appropriate Certificate and authorize you to attach both to the
15	original transcript.
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