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Hays, Kansas & Russell, KS v Edwards County, Kansas & Kansas Water Transfer Act

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5	Kansas 67206; Daniel J. Buller, Foulston Siefkin	5	
6	LLP, 7500 College Boulevard, Suite 1400, Overland	6	
7	Park, Kansas 66210; and Donald F. Hoffman and	7	Certificate of Reporter548
8	Melvin J. Sauer, Jr., Dreiling, Bieker & Hoffman	8	
9	LLP, 111 West 13th Street, Hays, Kansas 67601.	9	CITIES' EXHIBITS
10	Also present were Toby Dougherty and Jami Buck.	10	EXHIBIT FIRST
11	City of Russell, Kansas appears by its	11	NUMBER REFERENCED
12	attorney, Kenneth L. Cole, P.O. Box 431, Russell,	12	Number 1-54505
13	Kansas 67665. Also present was Jon Quinday.	13	Number 1-92232
14	Water PACK and Edwards County appear by	14	Number 1-102233
15	their attorneys, Charles D. Lee and Myndee M. Lee,	15	Number 1-127234
16	Lee Schwalb LLC, 7381 West 133rd Street - Second	16	Number 1-144235
17	Floor, Overland Park, Kansas 66213.	17	Number 1-164259
18	Division of Water Resources appears by	18	Number 1-182256
19	their attorney, Kate Langworthy, Kansas Department	19	Number 127322
20	of Agriculture, 1320 Research Park Drive,	20	Number 135236
21	Manhattan, Kansas 66502. Also present was Lane	21	Number 255355
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3	NUMBER REFERE	ENCED	3	those technical issues resolved. So we can
4	Number 801477		4	go ahead and go back on the record now and
5	Number 802478		5	pick up where we left off yesterday. So
6	Number 803479		6	we'll just go back on the record with
7	Number 804479		7	Mr. Dougherty's testimony. Mr. Traster,
8	Number 805474		8	we'll let you continue that.
9	Number 806476		9	One additional thing that I caught going
10	Number 1341276		_	
11	Number 1343246		10	through my notes from yesterday, when we did the public comment hearing, we were on
12	Number 1788542		11 12	the record for that, and then we had the
13	Number 2245			,
14	Number 2475		13	filing for any of those comments that were
15	Number 2575		14	submitted by mail, so I will just go ahead on the record now and note that those will
			15	be admitted to the record as well so those
16	Number 2600		16	
17	Number 2602529		17	will be part of the official record in this
18	Number 2611529		18	matter. So all those public comments that
19	Number 2613529		19	were filed and having been received by the
20	Number 2617529		20	chief engineer will be admitted.
21	Number 2619472		21	MR. TRASTER: Thank you, Your Honor.
22	Number 2623529		22	TORY D. DOLIGHERTY
23	Number 2626529		23	TOBY R. DOUGHERTY,
24	Number 2650529		24	having previously sworn or affirmed, was
25	Number 2653496		25	examined and testified as follows:
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1	So it's a it's a sign of relative retail	1		this is Exhibit?
2	health how many people from outside of your	2		MS. BUCK: 1-92.
3	community are coming to your community to shop.	3		MR. TRASTER: I'm sorry?
<b>4</b> Q	And for the record, this covers starts with	4		MS. BUCK: 1-92.
5	2022 and goes back over to 2015, and you're	5	В	Y MR. TRASTER:
6	consistently in the upper four or five?	6	Q	1-92 at PDF page well, my version is cut off.
7 A	Yeah, we are typically consistently in the top	7		4480. And, Mr. Dougherty, I'd like for you to
8	five. We have dropped down periodically, but	8		take a look at the second paragraph, second full
9	we've been very consistently in the top five.	9		paragraph, can you tell us what that says or
10 Q	How important is water, having an active water	10		what that read it?
11	supply to maintaining that?	11	A	Could you zoom in, please. As may be seen in
12 A	It's very important. What this shows is the	12		figure 1, the potential maximum daily demand
13	City of Hays has a disproportionate retail	13		projected for the City of Hays system is about
14	sector to our population. So we have a retail	14		6.4 million gallons per day while treatable
15	sector, shopping, restaurants, hotels, other	15		capacity of the supply system currently stands
16	other types of retail endeavors, that that	16		as 5.3 MGD, a deficiency of 1.17 MGD. In our
17	are beyond what our population could normally	17		opinion, the probability of demands exceeding
18	support. So we have to have water for those	18		available supply capacity sometime during the
19	entities.	19		remainder of 1977 or during 1978 is extremely
20	I mentioned yesterday we have two travel	20		high. If such conditions are experienced before
21	plaza developments in the works because we are	21		additional supply capacity is available,
22	located along I-70, and with each one of those	22		reservoir storage will be quickly depleted to
23	travel plazas, you're going to have restaurants,	23		the danger point with regard to fire protection
24	hotels, a truck stop in one, possibly an auto	24		and water restrictions will have to be imposed.
25	travel plaza in the other, and and all of	25	Q	Okay.
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1	those are going to have water requirements.	1	A	And I believe this is from 1977, a study in
2 Q	But they're also going to have additional sales?	2		1977.
3 <b>A</b>	They'll have additional sales and they'll	3	Q	I believe you're right. The first page of the
4	generate sales tax for the City of Hays and the	4		study indicates that it's dated July 5th, 1977.
5	State of Kansas, and Hays Hays is very	5		MR. TRASTER: Why don't we pull up
6	dependent upon sales tax. We are I still	6		the next one, whichever one you have handy
7	think we are the only city in Kansas that	7		there, Jami.
8	doesn't levy a property tax for the general	8		MS. BUCK: 1, dash, 102.
9	fund. Our general fund is supported by sales	9		MR. TRASTER: 1 dash what?
10	taxes. We've leveraged our position as a retail	10		MS. BUCK: 102.
11	shopping hub, and so this sector is very	11	В	Y MR. TRASTER:
12	important for us, along with the 6.8 percent	12	Q	102. And that's Bates number 4917. And,
13	that the State of Kansas collects on every	13		Mr. Dougherty, I direct your attention to the
14	dollar of retail sales.	14		top of the page, the first incomplete paragraph,
15 Q	During opening statements, it was noted that you	15		the last sentence, can you read that?
16	weren't aware of or couldn't remember any	16	A	For example, a deficit for Hays begins to show
17	studies that showed that Hays needed water. Do	17		in 2020, and this increases from a deficit of
		1		2

23 A I have.

you recall that?

that Hays needs water?

Have you been able to find studies, remember

MR. TRASTER: Jami, let's pull up

whichever one is next, you can pick. So

studies that you -- that do, in fact, indicate

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20 Q

19 A I do.

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Jami.

is?

.3 million gallons per day in 2020 to 1.47

And this is Exhibit 1-102 and Bates

21 Q Let's go to the first page of that document,

million gallons per day in 2040. This analysis

was repeated for each public water supplier.

number 4903, can you tell us what this document

Page 234 Page 236 This was a draft environmental report that 1 water out of Kanopolis Reservoir via the Post Burns & McDonnell did for the Corps of Engineers Rock Rural Water District, and that would be 2 2 when the Corps was in the beginning stages of a with the possibility of purchasing Post Rock 3 3 4 study to determine if there was possible 4 **Rural Water District.** 5 reallocation of water in Wilson Reservoir for **5** Q And when -- what time frame? 6 municipal usage. That study was subsequently 6 A This was 2006. 7 never completed. 7 Q Let's skip down to the second page of that 8 Q That study what? 8 document. In the last line -- actually, it's 9 A It was never completed. 9 the third page and last line in that section, But at that time -- and the date is August 2010? can you read that? 10 Q 10 11 A Yes. At that time, the Corps was in the process It says, based on these needs, Hays has a 11 A 12 of determining if there could be a reallocation 12 projected water supply deficit beginning in the year 2020. Modifications to the Smoky Hill 13 completed. 13 14 Q But the rate -- the allocation was never 14 River wellfield improvement plan may result in a 15 completed, is that your testimony? 15 water supply deficit even sooner. It was not, the study was never funded formally. MR. TRASTER: What's the next 16 A 16 17 O Okay. Let's take a look at 1-127. And I guess 17 document? we ought to look at the first page to get -- to 18 MS. BUCK: 135. 18 identify the document first. What is this MR. TRASTER: 135. Why don't you 19 19 pull that up then. That's not the document 20 document, Mr. Dougherty? 20 21 A This is a Water Supply Alternative Review for 21 I have. the City of Hays and Russell performed by 22 BY MR. TRASTER: 22 23 Bartlett & West in, I believe, 2003. The point is that you had several studies that And generally what -- what was the conclusion? are -- that have shown that you have a need? 24 Q 24 25 A There is a graph in the charts -- or there's a 25 A Correct. Page 235 Page 237 But you didn't need the studies to know you had graph in the document that shows -- if you could 1 O 1 2 zoom in, Jami. 2 a need? 3 Q Let's zoom in to the Bates page so I can put it 3 A No, and it was -- it was why I was reluctant to -- first of all, I hadn't reviewed the record on the record. 4 4 5 A So I believe those lines are -- could you zoom 5 so I couldn't recall a specific study during my 6 in, Jami, please. I believe those lines are 6 deposition, but it was why I was even reluctant 7 safe yield and water rights. The total water 7 to indicate that we had a study that stated we rights are on the top dotted line, the safe needed additional water because the need was 8 8 9 yield is the bottom dotted line, and then there 9 implied, and I didn't want to get impeached if I are growth projections moving forward that show stated that we had a study that says the words 10 10 11 Hays' growth exceeding the safe yield, in this 11 Havs needs more water if that study didn't say 12 case around 2010 in the conservative estimate 12 13 and then 2022 it looks like in the other 13 Q When you say it's implied, it was apparent, I estimate, and then water rights in subsequent 14 14 mean, it was not --15 vears. When I say it's implied, we wouldn't have been 15 A looking at Kanopolis or Cedar Bluff or Wilson or 16 Q All right. It's Bates page 5840. 16 MR. TRASTER: What do we have next, 17 17 any other water source if we didn't need 18 Jami? additional water supply. 18 19 **MS. BUCK:** 1-144. 19 O What factors led the governing bodies of Hays 20 BY MR. TRASTER: 20 and Russell to vote to develop the R9 Ranch? 21 Q And can you go to the first page, what is this There was a series of events that started in 21 A 22 document, Mr. Dougherty? 22 2010. So we had -- we've talked earlier about 23 A This was a study from Burns & Mac where we had 23 the expansion of the Smoky Hill wellfield, the looked at, or Burns & McDonnell for the record, project that took place in 2009, and -- and 24 24 25 where we had looked at the possibility of taking 25 going back almost 20 years before that, there

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1	was a lot of faith placed in the benefit that	1	A	Okay.
2	enlarging the Smoky Hill wellfield would	2		I don't think we've covered that.
	provide.	3	_	So in in 2008 we had three main options on
3	-			the table, Kanopolis, the R9 Ranch, and Wilson
4	And 2009 that project was completed, and	4		
5	2011, '12, and '13, the drought, as we discussed	5		Lake. And we did a series of investigations in
6	yesterday, really demonstrated to us that we	6		the mid '90s up until or mid 2000s up until
7	were overoptimistic in how much benefit that	7		2008 that looked at the possibility of
8	wellfield would provide during times of drought.	8		purchasing water in Kanopolis. We looked at
9	Again, it performed better than it did in the	9		Kanopolis on its own, building an intake,
10	'90s, but it wasn't a matter of adding several	10		building the infrastructure; we looked at
11	years of supply on to our our projections, it	11		Kanopolis with buying Post Rock Rural Water
12	was just a matter of a much shorter period.	12		District and using their right-of-way and
13	When that drought happened, there was a	13		infrastructure. Kanopolis dropped off the table
14	couple things, but let me go back to 2008. So	14		when the yield estimate was halved by the by
15	in 2008, we were still considering Kanopolis	15		the by the Corps of Engineers.
16	Reservoir. Essentially we had three main	16	Q	What's that mean?
17	sources we were considering. When I say we,	17	A	All reservoirs have a yield, how many million
18	I'm I'm including Russell in this because we	18		gallons a day or acre-feet can be yielded by the
19	have been joined in our search for water for	19		reservoir. And these numbers may not be
20	many years.	20		correct, but I think the yield estimate was
21 Q	So let me stop you there for a minute 'cause I	21		halved, it went from 13 1/2 million 13
22	don't think we've really discussed that, you	22		million gallons per day to 6 1/2 million gallons
23	know, in any detail.	23		per day. And I know at the time that happened
24 A	Okay.	24		in 2008 there were more water right applications
25 Q	And I don't want there was a public wholesale	25		on file than water rights available, and there
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25 Q Sorry to take you off track there but --

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So the Corps of Engineers instituted a reallocation study that began in 2009. In 2010, the study was continuing but it -- it never really got to a defined scope, the Corps was still trying to figure out what they needed to

study. The Burns & Mac report was part of that analysis of trying to determine what they needed to study.

And then in 2011, the Corps pulled the plug on the reallocation study. I actually went to Washington, D.C. and lobbied the Corps of Engineers to continue the study and was flat out told our efforts are on flood control right now, not -- not water supply.

15 Q So you were in Washington, D.C. at a meeting16 room someplace?

17 A I was in a conference room with several members
 18 of the Corps of Engineers headquarters
 19 advocating for them to put funds available for
 20 the study and was turned down.

So then the drought of '11, '12, and '13 hit and we quickly realized the vulnerability of the Smoky Hill wellfield. And when we came out of that in 2014, that left the R9 Ranch as the one viable option that was there and we owned

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1 A Yes, and it was approved by the Russell City2 Council as well as the Hays City Commission.

3 Q I would direct your -- pull up 760, Jami,

4 please, Exhibit 760.

Can you identify this document, please.

6 A This is the cover page of a document called The
7 Journey, and I think this was created around
8 2018. This was created by the Hays Daily News
9 staff in -- in Hays, and the reason for this is
10 we had filed the change applications, we had

we had filed the change applications, we had gone far enough through the change application

process, we had an idea of what we thought the

Master Order was going to look like, the Master
Order was to be coming out shortly, and Hays and

15 Russell realized that this has been a long

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The actual process to develop the R9 was a long journey, and we needed a way to concisely inform our residents, as well as anybody else who wanted to know why Hays and Russell are unique and -- and what we have gone through to look for water, we could put something together in a fairly concise, glossy type document.

So we had several thousand of these printed up, they ran in two different Sunday editions of

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the water rights. And so the governing bodies

of Hays and Russell in 2014 signed a joint

3 interlocal agreement and then directed me to

- 4 develop the R9 Ranch, and we have been at it
- 5 ever since.
- 6 Q When you say they directed you, that was in
- 7 conjunction, then, with the City of Russell,
- 8 wasn't it?
- 9 A Right, there are a couple different documents
   that were adopted, one was the resolution by our
   governing body, the Hays City Commission. That
   was a resolution identifying the R9, and I
- believe you showed that as an exhibit yesterday,
  and -- and directing me to begin the process to
- develop it as a municipal water source. The
- other was a joint interlocal agreement that they
- adopted jointly with the City of Russell that
- spells out the legal arrangement between the two
- cities during the regulatory development and
- then once the water project is actually
- 21 developed.
- **22** Q Is that an interlocal cooperation agreement?
- 23 A Yes.
- **24** Q And it was approved by the -- by the attorney
- **25** general's office?

- the Havs Daily News, I know they ran in more
  - than -- more than one Sunday edition of the
- 3 Russell Record, and -- and I know they were
- 4 distributed to lots of different entities around
- 5 northwest Kansas, and we still -- we still hand
- 6 them out once in a while.
- 7 Q So can you describe, can you tell us a little
- 8 more about it, I mean, what's in this journey
- **9** that's so important?
- 10 A So within The Journey, it -- it sort of spells
- out why -- it talks about Hays and Russell's
- existing sources, it -- it talks about why those
- sources are more susceptible to drought. We --
- we talk about what's going on with the
  - regulatory process because change application
- processes are something that most people aren't
- 17 familiar with and the water transfer process had
- never been undertaken. We -- we talk about why
- the R9 is -- is our most long-term, sustainable,
- viable asset, and then we discuss all of the
- 21 alternatives that we had looked at in the past.
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- And then we have sort of a little -- a little narrative with each, and I'm not sure if
- we listed everything we looked at but we had a
- 25 pretty decent list of what we looked at with a

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1 2	about Russell and Hays' conservation efforts	1 2		Hays to help alleviate their their water problems.
3	too.		Q	And Russell?
4 Q			A	Yes, and Russell.
5	there's that list.		0	And it's dated in December of 2003, correct?
6	So without I mean, this describes some		A	I believe so, yes.
7	of the basis or some of the reasons for	7	_	Jami, let's skip down to sort of the summary, I
8	rejecting, in short	8	_	think it's 96408.
9 A		9		So, Mr. Dougherty, this this summarizes
10 Q		10		the options that the Water Office was suggesting
11	over the years? I direct your attention, then,	11		in December of 2003?
12	to to these boards here. One of it's		A	Correct.
13	Exhibit 1343, there are two pages to that		Q	Can you tell us a little bit about each one?
14	exhibit. Can you tell us a little bit about		A	The first option they recommend was to modify
15	those two documents?	15		the Hays wellfield, and that was the Smoky Hill
16 A	The two pages contain the same information,	16		wellfield, and we did make that modification in
17	they're just displayed and presented in a	17		2009. The second modification was to utilize
18	different manner. So the visual on the right is	18		the remediation wells to assist in water supply
19	a time line visual that plots on a linear time	19		issues, and those are the remediation wells we
20	line the years that years and periods that	20		discussed yesterday, and so we are following
21	Hays and/or Hays and Russell and/or Russell were	21		that recommendation.
22	looking at different sources of supply.	22	Q	But you were already doing that in 2003, were
23 Q	Starting in the 1970s?	23		you not?
24 A	Starting in the 1970s. Actually starting '69	24	A	Correct. The third recommendation is to
25	with the City of Hays or Russell looking at	25		purchase water rights, and and that's
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1	Landon Creek. And then on the left, the	1		we'll go to two parts because they were
2	information's displayed in block periods by year	2		suggesting we purchase water rights in the Big
3	so you can get a sense that there really wasn't	3		Creek wellfield alluvium the Big Creek
4	a time we weren't looking at something, if you	4		alluvium as well as the Smoky Hill alluvium.
5	look at and there were some years we were	5		The problem the Cities found in exploring both
6	looking at lots of different items.	6		of those is there aren't a lot of water rights
7 Q	Sure. So at the in the last few years, the	7		in those alluviums. The water rights that are
8	last year or two somebody said this worked	8		there are relatively small and isolated, and
9	better. Okay. So there's only one one	9		most importantly they haven't been for sale. So
10	option being reviewed in the last two or three	10		the idea of us and to date, we have never had
11	columns, so what option is that?	11		the opportunity to buy on the open market a
12 A	That would so this chart ends in 2014, and	12		water right in that area. So
13	that was Wilson Reservoir. And that was, as I	13	Q	You could have condemned them?
14	mentioned before, that was the the last	14	A	I don't think that would be a very popular
15	option that dropped off of the list before the	15		choice by the governing body.
16	governing bodies decided to move forward with	16	Q	It isn't very popular to go to the ranch either,
17	the R9.	17		but, I mean, the reality is that condemnation is
18 Q	I think we're going to come back to Wilson in a	18		an option but it's a difficult one?
19	bit but let's look at 2575, Exhibit 2575, Jami,	19	A	It's a very difficult option, and it needs to
20	please.	20		provide an immediate benefit. These water
21	Can you identify this document?	21		rights, I don't know if they provide an
22 A	This is a letter from the or a proposal from	22		immediate benefit of substance. As I said,
23	the Kansas Water Office, I believe the	23		they're they're pretty small in quantity.
24	director's name was Clark Duffy, and the	24		Once you apply the consumptive use calculations,
0.5	director had a few anagostions for the City of			varius sains to loss same water and and the

director had a few suggestions for the City of

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you're going to lose some water, and -- and the

Page 250 Page 252 1 geographic footprint of the collection system to 1 Q So --And then number 5 is Hays purchase or lease a 2 try to collect these water rights and draw water 2 A would just be cost prohibitive. And, again, portion of Russell's Cedar Bluff water right, 3 3 4 Hays would be forced to condemn in order to get 4 and I think that ties directly into the previous recommendation. That -- that would allow us to 5 access to the water rights. So that was 5 6 explored, but it just, it never came to 6 possibly utilize some of that -- some of that 7 7 benefit by leasing some of Russell's water fruition. 8 Q Scrolling down, there's -- are the KU farm water 8 rights, but, again, the problem with that is 9 rights there part of that? 9 Cedar Bluff is not a reliable -- reliable source Yeah, they're part of that, they were on the 10 A 10 of water. Smoky Hill alluvium upstream. Number 6 is develop a reservoir release 11 11 12 Q And then the -- okay. 12 plan. That was actually completed in 2004 with So then there's a recommendation to -- to the Cedar Bluff operations agreement with the 13 A 13 purchase rights below Cedar Bluff Reservoir and 14 14 State of Kansas. 15 retire the rights, theoretically then we could 15 Number 7 is evaluate necessity of modifying 16 get more flow in our wellfield; we actually did the Intensive Groundwater Use Control Area. I'm 16 17 explore that possibility, the benefit is 17 not sure really what that one was, how you would extremely small in that. 18 modify the IGUCA. 18 And some of those water rights are surface water And then the last one is Wilson Lake. And 19 Q 19 20 rights, aren't they, some of the water rights in 20 it says, add Wilson Lake into the state water 21 along the -- along the Smoky? 21 marketing program to secure additional water for I -- I believe they are. Those are a very low the area, and that never happened. We explored 22 A 22 23 benefit because there's typically not enough 23 Wilson Lake until it was taken off the table by flow in the -- in the Smoky to provide a surface the federal government. 24 24 25 water right with adequate water. And then 25 Q Okay. So -- and I think we'll talk about Wilson Page 251 Page 253 Lake here in a little bit. So that 2575 is a 1 the -- there's a recommendation to develop a 1 pipeline between Schoenchen and Pfeifer 2 2 series of alternatives that were considered wellfield. And we discussed yesterday the and -- and many of them done, the ones that were 3 3 release of water from Cedar Bluff and how if the feasible you did? 4 4 5 alluvium is dried out it takes a lot of water to 5 A Absolutely, absolutely. 6 saturate the alluvium to get to Hays' wellfield, 6 O Tell us about, was there a plan to do some 7 7 and if we have a depression in our wellfield a big -- the water banking in Big Creek, and if so 8 lot of that water will stop, so the -- the what is water banking? 8 9 theory behind this is if there was an 9 A There was a discussion of Big Creek water 10 interconnect between the two wellfields, water banking on more than one occasion from the, 10 11 could make it to our wellfield and then be 11 possibly even the '80s, into the '90s, and then 12 transported to Russell via pipeline versus ending in 2000. Water banking is the concept 12 13 stream channel which could possibly save some of -- in Big Creek is the concept of piping some 13 effluent upstream and discharging that effluent 14 water. 14 15 O Was that done? 15 back into Big Creek, letting the water go back 16 A It was not. through the wellfield and then hopefully helping 16 17 17 Q That would have been a Russell project if it recharge the aquifer. 18 happened, I assume? 18 And so that was investigated several 19 A It -- it would have been. There would have had 19 different times by a couple different 20 to have been, you know, an agreement, but I'm 20 engineering firms over the years, and I -- I don't remember the exact year, but it was -- it 21 not sure it was viable given the cost and the 21 22 uncertainty if there's going to be water 22 was mid 2000s when that was determined that 23 available in Cedar Bluff when it is necessary to 23 that's probably not going to be a viable option use, so I'm not sure it would be worth the 24 24 25 investment. 25 O So as I understand it, there's no new water,

Page 254 Page 256 1 it's just using -- reusing some and Okay. Just one moment. I apologize for the 2 recirculating it. Is that fair? 2 delay here. The Cedar Bluff Reservoir is Yes. And so there's a couple reasons why -- why 3 A 3 upstream, and it's a reservoir that holds water. 4 we determined that it wasn't a viable option 4 Can you --5 forward. So one of the main reasons is is we 5 Let's take a look, Jami, at Exhibit 1-182, 6 could never get a -- a clear answer from KDHE on 6 please. 7 7 how much we would have to treat the water to put Can you tell us about this document, 8 it upstream. So we have a discharge permit for 8 please. 9 our wastewater treatment facility that is point 9 A Can you zoom in on the title? This is -specific, and at that time it was based off of **MR. LEE:** Your Honor, if I may pause 10 10 11 the treatment capabilities of our wastewater 11 here for a moment. We've tried being 12 facility. 12 patient, and I think we have, about the And so to move the water, the discharge 13 13 issue of Mr. Dougherty characterizing 14 upstream, that created a secondary discharge 14 documents that are presented on the screen. 15 point, and KDHE was suggesting that we may have 15 It is best evidence rule alive and well 16 that the document is the document. His to put in some advanced treatment, but they 16 17 really wouldn't give us a clear answer on what 17 characterization of the document doesn't 18 that treatment was going to be. And they wanted 18 add anything, and he's not an expert, he's more firm designs for the project, and we would 19 19 said that several times, he's not a 20 go back to them and say, we aren't going to 20 hydrologist, he's not a geologist, so if 21 spend hundreds of thousands or more in --21 the document needs to be tendered into 22 million in design until we know what we're going 22 evidence, which contingently it has been, 23 to have to treat for. So it was kind of a 23 that's great, but for him to say, well, 24 circular -- circular argument here. 24 this is what this document means, that's 25 25 In the end -- I mentioned yesterday we have inappropriate. Depending on what the --Page 255 Page 257 1 some nonconsumptive use water rights, some 1 what your ruling is on that, we would like 2 consumptive use water rights, and so the benefit 2 to lodge a continuing objection to that 3 we could get by the water banking was only our 3 line of questions. MR. TRASTER: Let me just -- I 4 consumptive use water rights. So the Big Creek 4 5 water rights would have to be made whole, we --5 thought I asked him to identify the 6 we couldn't continue to reuse all of our Big 6 document. I didn't realize that I asked 7 7 Creek water and then deny Russell or any him to tell us what it means or what it --8 8 downstream users that water that we had a I was just going to ask him what it says. 9 right -- a duty to put back into -- into the 9 I -- I didn't realize I asked him to -- to issue opinions about what it is, what the 10 aquifer. 10 11 So one of the things that happened as we 11 document does, I missed that. 12 had spent several years exploring water banking 12 **MR. LEE:** I think the question is 13 is we continued to invest in our effluent water 13 what is this about. MR. TRASTER: Then I withdraw my 14 program and -- or reuse water of our effluent 14 15 for irrigation. So when we first started the 15 question. concept of water banking, we didn't use any of PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. Well, 16 16 17 17 that'll take care of that, then. Rephrase our water for effluent use. By the time we 18 stopped considering Big Creek water banking, we 18 it and we'll move on. 19 were irrigating a golf course, we had a sports 19 BY MR. TRASTER: 20 complex in the planning stages, we knew we were 20 Q Will you identify this document, please. 21 A This is a letter from Clark Duffy to Kathy 21 going to have demands from Fort Hays State 22 University and other users, and we could see 22 Greenlee, the chief of staff in the governor's 23 that portion of -- of that effluent that could 23 office, regarding municipal water supply issues be beneficial for banking being utilized 24 24 for Hays and Russell. 25 elsewhere and so it was taken off the table. 25 O And the top paragraph says what?

Page 258 Page 260 1 A It says, The Kansas Water Office supports the 1 Water Office, the Department of Wildlife and proposal to create a Governor's Task Force on 2 Parks, Secretary Hayden was part of that, 2 Cedar Bluff Reservoir. However, we strongly 3 Secretary Mike Hayden was part of that. I 3 4 feel that the use of water in the reservoir for 4 believe the Division of Water Resources was part 5 municipal water supply is not an appropriate 5 of that group as well. 6 topic for the task force to consider. The 6 We actually went to the property, toured 7 7 the property, and were discussing the primary reason is that the reservoir will not 8 provide a sustainable amount of water for 8 possibility of the City buying the actual 9 municipal use by Hays and Russell and thus there 9 acreage, along with the water rights, retiring is really no water available for such a the water rights for downstream credit in the 10 10 11 discussion. 11 Smoky Hill wellfield, and then leasing the 12 Q Jami, can you go down to page -- Bates page 12 property back to the State to use as a public use area, to wildlife and parks. So the memo 13 13 14 And this graph and then the description, 14 that you see is what Burns & McDonnell created 15 what does the description below indicate, 15 as an analysis of that. Mr. Dougherty? The two things that led to the -- for us 16 16 This is a graph that shows the reservoir inflow 17 A 17 walking away from this option is the water from the Smoky Hill River upstream, and could rights that were available, there were about 18 18 19 you zoom in a little bit on the text, please, 700 acre-feet of water rights that were actually 19 20 Jami. It says, Analysis of the hydrology of the 20 available there. Burns & Mac determined that 21 lake shows that Cedar Bluff Reservoir cannot 21 based off of the aquifer saturation that we 22 keep up with evaporation from the surface of the could see a realization of 5 to 25 percent of 22 23 lake during extended periods of time. 23 those water rights, you know, downstream. So is that something that the City relied on in 24 Q 24 But more importantly for the State to 25 deciding not to go to Cedar Bluff? 25 purchase property or be involved in a property Page 259 Page 261 1 A Yes. 1 purchase there has to be a -- there's an 2 Q Let's go to Exhibit 1-164. Can you identify 2 appraisal system that takes place, and I believe it's three appraisals, it may just be two; but 3 this document, please. 3 This is a memo from Burns & McDonnell to the the State had done an appraisal on the property 4 A 4 public works director at the time, Brenda and determined it was worth a million dollars 5 5 6 Herrman, regarding the evaluation of the water 6 and the owners wanted \$6 million for it. So we 7 7 rights for Cedar Bluff Cattle Feeders. had to politely decline the offer, and it was 8 Q And it's dated? 8 never brought up again. 9 A It's dated June of 2008. 9 Q So you mentioned Kanopolis before, I think you 10 O And what -- Cedar Bluff, where is Cedar Bluff 10 covered that, didn't you, you covered what 11 Cattle Feeders located? 11 needed to be said about Kanopolis? 12 A Cedar Bluff Cattle Feeders is a small feedlot Yeah, I think I did. 12 A with some water right -- some irrigation and So the Kickapoo Indians had an option on the 13 13 Q stock watering water rights immediately below 14 14 table at one point? 15 Cedar Bluff Reservoir. And I believe it was 15 A The Kickapoo Nation had a consideration on the late 2007, possibly early 2008 we were -- the table, and I cannot recall the exact year, late 16 16 17 '90s, early 2000s; actually it's probably on the City was contacted by a Realtor indicating that 17 chart. It would be '98 is when we have it on 18 the property may be for sale. So we contacted 18 19 the State of Kansas to determine if there was 19 the chart, '98, '99, and it was called the 20 any interest in pursuing the possibility of 20 Pikitanoi concept. purchasing the property, and this goes back to 21 21 And so the Kickapoo Nation had access to 22 Mr. Duffy's memo about securing water rights in 22 federal funds, and there was a high-level

the alluvium.

So there was an investigation in early 2008

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24 25 feasibility that was conducted about the

possibility of taking Missouri River water to

supply the Kickapoo Nation with water. But

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1		understanding the cost of such a project, the	1		Judy Sargent and Hannes Zacharias, who are those
2		Kickapoo Nation rightly determined that it might	2	:	people?
3		be better off to try to find more users for the	3	A	Judy Sargent was the Russell city manager at the
4		water, and they reached as far as Hays to	4	:	time, and Hannes Zacharias was the Hays city
5		determine if there was interest in getting a	5	;	manager at the time.
6		system big enough to justify a cost.	6	Q	And there are several names up there that I
7		The the State of Kansas was actually	7		recognize, but what I I noticed others
8		involved in this, and I believe probably because	8		present, Mr. John Bird?
9		it had the potential of significant federal	9	A	Yes, and John Bird was the city attorney at the
10		dollars that could be associated with such a	10	ı	time.
11		project, but the project never got beyond the	11	Q	So who I noticed that Lavern Squier's name is
12		conceptual stage. But we had expressed an	12		on there, who was he?
13		interest in being a part of it if it ever if	13	Α	Lavern Squier was a former economic development
14		it ever moved forward.	14		person, and then he was also the staff person
15	Q	So the Kickapoo Indian Reservation, is it close	15	;	for the wholesale water supply district when
16		to Hays?	16		they actually had a staff and some assets.
17	A	It is not, it is in northeast Kansas.	17	Q	He was he was very involved in this process
18	Q	North of Topeka?	18	1	of looking for water at that time, was he not?
19	A	Yes.	19	A	Yes, yes, he was as a the water district was
20	Q	So then you'd of had to build a pretty long	20	1	sort of leading the efforts for both cities.
21		pipeline?	21	Q	And he was leading the water district?
22	A	Correct.	22	Α	And he was leading the water district, yes.
23	Q	So I direct your attention to Exhibit 545, can	23	Q	So let's scroll down, this is Exhibit 535 and
24		you identify that document?	24	:	let's scroll down to the next page, I think, and
25	A	These are the minutes of the Hays City	25	;	let's get the page number here. There we go.
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1		Commission meeting from December of 2000.	1		So can you expand that, Jami, so we can see it?
	Q	Well, scroll down, Jami, maybe I've given you	2		Have you reviewed this document, it's the
3		the wrong one. I have. Strike that.	3		page, Bates page 19354, 19354?
4		So why would you look for or be involved in	4	A	Yes, I have reviewed this document.
5		a project that would have to bring water from	5	Q	Without I mean, you can read it or summarize
6		northeast Kansas all the way to Hays?	6		it, either way, but the content?
7	A	• •	7	Α	The the section on the page is discussing the
8		water, and knowing that, we were contacted by	8	;	review of the Kickapoo Tribe proposal and
9		the group that was looking to put a project	9	)	consider an appropriate course of action. And
10		together to see if we could possibly be part of	10	1	then in the second paragraph, it says, Mr. Bird
11		a larger larger statewide water supply	11		urged the board to carefully consider the
12		project.	12		Pikitanoi Rural Water Project and all proposals
13	Q	You were looking for any source that you	13	;	that come forth as opportunities until
1 1	_	could that might be viable?	1 1		thoroughly examined and deemed unaccentable. He

- could -- that might be viable? 14
- In -- in the late '90s, there were a lot of 15 A options still on the table at the time and a lot 16 17
- of things being considered. 18 Q There's -- this is the document I thought I was
- 19 asking for but I -- can you identify this
- document? 20
- 21 A I believe this is the minutes of the Public
- Wholesale Water Supply District Number 15 22
- 23 meeting from February 25th of 1999.
- So the public wholesale water supply district 24 Q
- 25 had members and -- ex officio members, including

- 14 thoroughly examined and deemed unacceptable. He
- noted that such considerations of all projects 15
- is important in a water transfer hearing. He 16
- also noted that considering opportunities does 17
- 18 not mean that the board's resolve is changing
- 19 direction but that the board is considering all
- 20 options.
- So let's scroll down to the next page at the 21 Q
- 22 top. And can you either read or summarize what
- 23 happened next?
- Mr. Hammerschmidt noted that the current 24 A proposal has only limited exposure to the board 25

Page 266 Page 268 1 and that the proposal is to study water needs in 1 they were financed with USDA loans and were 2 Kansas. The board further discussed the having a hard time paying those loans back. 2 They had water losses of upwards of 40 percent 3 proposal. Mr. Hammerschmidt made a motion that 3 4 **Public Wholesale Water Supply District Number 15** 4 some years. And so we had a discussion with 5 participate in the special study as proposed by 5 USDA about the possibility of either acquiring 6 the Kickapoo Tribe and the Northeast Kansas 6 Post Rock outright or acquiring it for the debt 7 **Rural Water Districts.** 7 or possibly having the debt forgiven with us 8 O And did the City of Hays or the public wholesale 8 acquiring Post Rock, and we hired a company 9 water supply district and/or Russell actually 9 called Ranson Financial which does financial participate in the study? investigations for cities and counties. 10 10 Yes. 11 Q Can you spell that 'cause I don't think it's --11 A 12 Q Or in the discussion? 12 A R-A-N-S-O-N is -- is the company, and I believe they are still in business. Ranson did a 13 A 13 14 Q There's a similar source that's an equally 14 financial calculation and determined that using 15 distant source in southwest Kansas that was also 15 Post Rock as a vehicle, they were in such bad considered even though like this one it was a financial shape we were better off considering 16 16 17 long ways away, the -- there was water rights 17 Kanopolis without Post Rock than with Post Rock. 18 west of Garden City were proposed, can you tell 18 And that was 2006-ish, I think, and then it was us a little bit about that? just a couple years later Kanopolis got pulled 19 19 20 A The -- in reviewing the record, I found that the 20 off the table when the yield estimates were 21 City had received contact in the '90s, I forget 21 reduced. the exact year, it's in our chart, but it would 22 O Has -- have Hays and Russell looked at the 22 23 be the South Side Ditch Association, received a 23 Saline River? Hays and Russell have looked at the Saline River 24 letter from a Realtor representing water right 24 A

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there were several thousand acre-feet that could 1 possibly be on the table, and I believe they 2 3 were surface water rights. And I could find no further correspondence on that, but it was 4 5 noteworthy enough that they kept it in the file. 6 Q You've already told us that Post Rock was --7 that Kanopolis was off the table and -- but in 8 the course of that, there was also a discussion 9 about actually buying, I think, buying the Post 10 Rock Rural Water District. Is that a fair 11 characterization? 12 A Correct. 13 Q Did you have -- what happened with that? So Kanopolis was evaluated two ways, one was 14 A 15 building an intake and building a collection system, a water collection system to -- to Hays 16 17 and Russell, but Post Rock Rural Water District 18 has an intake, they have water rights, so the 19 framework is in place to be expanded. They also 20 have easements to almost 15 miles west of 21 Hays -- I'm sorry, east of Hays, and -- and for 22 a project that large, land acquisition, easement 23 acquisition is a very strong component of that.

Post Rock Rural Water District was having

some financial difficulties in the early 2000s,

owners of the South Side Ditch Association,

the '70s up until 2011. And to characterize the 1 2 Saline River, north of Hays the water quality is 3 not too bad, north of Russell it is very salty. There are some water rights along the Saline 4 5 River, but they are -- they are few and far 6 between and they are developed. There are no 7 new water rights being developed in that area. 8 So what -- what all these investigations 9 ran into was the idea of acquiring enough water rights to make the investment necessary to 10 11 create a wellfield that's going to be viable enough to satisfy the investment. I mean, you 12 13 would have to acquire virtually all of the water rights, which means if there's not a willing 14 15 buyer and a willing seller, then condemnation is

going to be required.

many times over the years from as far back as

And then those water rights are subject to droughts because the Saline River does become very drought susceptible, especially the further west you get. There are minimum daily streamflow requirements that are imposed on those water rights, so even if you were to acquire those water rights, if it was a time of drought, those water rights could be shut off due to downstream minimum daily streamflow

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Page 270 Page 272 1 requirements. And so each time the Cities 1 system that would be required. And then when 2 looked at Smoky -- at the Saline River they 2 Big Creek alluvial starts drying up, they would would quickly -- quickly walk away. 3 be subject to the same pressures as our existing 3 4 O A new water right in that area would be subject 4 wellfield. to minimum desirable streamflow requirements? 5 Q Have there been any -- has there been 6 A That's correct. 6 investigation of using -- building pipelines or 7 7 O Not -- not all existing water rights would be going into the Ogallala west of Hays, in Graham, 8 subject to it; is that correct? 8 Trego Counties, other areas than that? 9 A Not all existing water rights but some existing 9 A There were several investigations that took place in the '90s. We -- we used a gentleman 10 water rights. 10 11 Q Okay. So tell us -- tell us a little bit about named Bob Vincent that had a company called 11 12 Round Mound Reservoir. 12 Groundwater Associates to do a lot of exploring 13 A Round Mound Reservoir was a conceptual reservoir 13 for potential water. It was noted that there on Big Creek west of Ellis that was part of this 14 14 were a couple smaller water rights for sale in 15 Pick-Sloan program, which was a large federal 15 Graham County that appeared to be decent water 16 program in the '60s to build impoundment 16 and they were part of the Ogallala aquifer, but 17 reservoirs in western part of the United States. 17 they were small, and it was determined that the So this was a Bureau of Reclamation's ability to gather enough water rights to make a 18 18 19 study. There was a feasibility report produced 19 viable project was going to require condemnation 20 in 1971 that discussed the possibility of 20 'cause there was no history of sale. 21 building Round Mound Reservoir for two reasons, 21 The same thing happened in Trego County. for water supply and for flood control. And it 22 22 Trego County went a step further, and there was 23 was a rather extensive report, and it 23 actually some test wells drug -- dug in Trego 24 specifically mentions that Hays could benefit 24 County, and it was determined that in order to 25 25 from municipal water in that -- from that gather enough water, it was going to require Page 271 Page 273 1 reservoir. 1 condemnation to -- to do so. There was a discussion with Trego County 2 The study never got past the feasibility 2 3 stage. There was no formal study after that. 3 Rural Water District, which right now Trego So we have a study from the Bureau -- or from **County Rural Water District has infrastructure** 4 4 5 the Bureau of Reclamation stating that it could 5 that surrounds two sides of Hays, and they 6 happen and this is what it could look like and 6 hadn't expanded that far to the east yet, so 7 7 there was discussion in the early 2000s, I where it could go and this is the benefit it 8 could provide, but it never received any formal 8 believe, with Trego County Rural Water District 9 federal funding after that. 9 about them obtaining more supply, working on a And for the record, that study is Exhibit 2475. joint project with Hays to provide -- to help 10 Have there been any discussions -- you've 11 build their infrastructure to Hays and then help mentioned the Big Creek water banking but just 12 supply us with water. And that was quickly met alluvial -- additional quantity from the Big 13 with some local opposition in Trego County and Creek alluvium? 14 killed. 15

10 Q 11 12 13 14 15 A Yes, there are -- the water rights in the Big Creek alluvium are very scattered. There are 16 17 some privately held water rights in Big Creek. 18 They're small of quantity and they are very 19 scattered and there is really no history of them 20 coming for sale. And so they kind of suffer from the same 21 22 issue as the Smoky Hill water rights, we would 23 be forced to condemn, it would be extremely cost 24 prohibitive to build the infrastructure to 25 gather the water due to the large collection

And I do want to add one thing about the Ogallala investigations. The Ogallala is a nonrenewable resource, and so anything we would have purchased out there, we would have been mining groundwater. There are a number of other places that you looked, and I don't know whether to lump them together or treat them separately, so -- because they may have some characteristics that are similar and they may have some distinctions so I'm -- you looked in Walnut Creek, Pawnee River,

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Page 274 Page 276 1 the Middle Ark River around Great Bend, are 1 MR. TRASTER: Thank you, Your Honor, 2 those related in some way, or were they -- I 2 appreciate your indulging me. As I said, I 3 mean, can you cover them together, or do they 3 don't think I have much more but ... 4 need to be separate? 4 BY MR. TRASTER: I can cover them in -- in two tranches. So 5 A 5 Q So, Mr. Dougherty, you indicated -- you made several comments about Wilson Reservoir as an 6 Pawnee River, Walnut Creek first, there are 6 7 irrigation rights south of Hays in the -- in the 7 option that was explored, that the Cities have Pawnee River, Walnut Creek area, there is an 8 8 explored. And I would note that your time line 9 IGUCA in the Walnut Creek area, and so those 9 in -- you know, on Exhibit 1343 is -- has a -water rights are limited by an IGUCA. We've you told us that the Wilson Reservoir was the 10 10 11 done a couple of investigations there, and to last option considered, but there are a number 11 12 summarize the investigation, there are water 12 of -- it's been looked at a number of times over rights there, there are no water rights for the years, and we've actually seen a couple of 13 13 sale, there is not a history of water rights for studies, some of the earlier studies. Tell us 14 14 15 sale, and there is definitely not a history of 15 about -- I will show you on the screen here 16 enough water rights being for sale that would Exhibit 1341, can you identify that document? 16 Yes, this is an application for 8,000 acre-feet justify a economically feasible project. And 17 17 A 18 so, again, we would be forced to condemn. And of water rights in Wilson Reservoir by the 18 the same could be said for the Pawnee River 19 Cities of Hays and Russell. 19 20 Q 20 area. And the date on that is what, if you know? And 21 In the '90s, there was also some 21 I think the date would be at the bottom. 22 exploration by Mr. Vincent and others about --There's a stamp at the bottom of the page. 22 23 and they would refer to them either the -- the 23 A The date is 1997. 24 Middle Ark subbasin or the Big Bend area, and it 24 Q Actually, there's a date to the -- to the left 25 was all the Arkansas River area from Great Bend 25 of that that's earlier. Page 275

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down towards the R9 Ranch. And the conclusion 1 along that area was there are water rights 2

3 available, there is good water down there, there

is not a history of sales, and -- and anything 4

that does come for sale could be very spotty. 5

6 And so it kind of suffered from the same -- same 7

fault as a lot of our others.

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But I would say that there was one property that did come for sale on the open market with a lot of water rights in a contiguous area, and that was the R9 Ranch, and the City bought it in 1995 and sold Russell an 18 percent stake.

MR. TRASTER: I don't have a lot more, but I need a small -- a short break.

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** All right. Why don't we take a break until 10:45.

MR. TRASTER: Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: So we'll take a

short recess, we'll resume at 10:45.

(Thereupon, a recess was taken;

whereupon, the following was had.)

22 PRESIDING OFFICER: We should be all 23 set now. I've got the camera mic un-muted,

so I will go ahead and go back on the

record and pick back up.

- 1 A You'd have to zoom in, please.
- Okay. Well, it's August 22nd, 1991. 2 Q
- 3 A Okay.
- 4 Q That would be the original filing date. It was
- refiled in '77 (sic), but the original priority 5
- 6 date would be that original 1991 filing date.
- 7 Why was that not pursued?
- 8 A Wilson was studied on several different
- occasions. In fact, in 2005 we had a design 9
- concept report prepared by Burns & McDonnell 10
- that determined what type of intake would be 11
- required, what type of treatment, what type of 12
- 13 distribution capability would be required,
- probable cost estimates, and there are several 14
- 15 references in the record to independent and
- comparative cost estimates, either Wilson alone 16 17
  - or Wilson compared to other sources.

The problem with Wilson that it suffered 18

19 from all along and ultimately led to its

20 dismissal as a viable source is there's no water

allocated for municipal use. So in the mid 21

22 '90s, there was a report produced by the Corps

23 of Engineers. I mentioned the Bureau of

Reclamation before that controls Cedar Bluff 24

Reservoir, the Corps of Engineers controls

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Formal Hearing - Vol. 2 Edwards County, Kansas & Kansas Water Transfer Act Page 278 Page 280 1 Wilson Reservoir and so they actually own the 1 all, you have to purchase enough storage to 2 reservoir. And so there's references in the 2 yield the water rights. And so the Cities would '90s to the Corps of Engineers acknowledging 3 3 have had to purchase a layer in the lake 4 that there could be a feasibility study 4 outright, and then we would have the ability 5 conducted and Wilson could be a municipal water 5 theoretically to produce the water rights if the 6 supply if water was reallocated for municipal 6 water is available in that layer. 7 7 O So you had an application for 8,000 acre-feet, 8 In 2009, that reallocation study was 8 so all you'd need is a storage of 8,000 9 actually funded, the beginning of it. The Corps 9 acre-feet, right? spent two years working on that. There was a --I think you need storage in excess of that 10 10 A 11 there was no final work product that I'm aware because you have to be able to yield the 11 12 of of the study, but I know Burns & Mac 12 8,000 acre-feet. Complicating the issue -and -- and I want to reiterate what ended Wilson 13 submitted a environmental assessment as part of 13 14 that, and that was one of the exhibits we looked 14 as a possibility is there is no water available 15 at earlier. 15 for municipal use. But then in 2011, the Corps of Engineers 16 Q Sure. 16 17 A 17 indicated that there were no further funds So it doesn't matter how much we would want to budgeted for the reallocation study. So we develop Wilson Lake, there's no water there. 18 18 lobbied the Corps of Engineers, we asked our But complicating the evaluation of Wilson Lake 19 19 20 legislative delegation to lobby the Corps of 20 is two factors. You mentioned the storage. 21 engineers. I met with the Corps of Engineers 21 Right now the State of Kansas owns the majority headquarters staff in Washington, D.C., and it of storage in most reservoirs, it's part of 22 22 23 was made very clear to me that there was no 23 their Kansas Water Marketing Program. And so the Water Office director indicated 24 water -- there is not going to be a reallocation 24 25 25 to me that it was their intent to purchase the study because their efforts were tied up in Page 279 Page 281 storage, and then Havs and Russell would be 1 flood control and flood mitigation projects. 1 So the reallocation study, right before 2 2 obligated to essentially lease that storage on 3 they pulled the plug on it, there was a public 3 an annual basis in order to yield our 8,000 meeting in Russell where the Kansas Water Office 4 4 acre-feet of water rights. 5 staff and Corps of Engineer staff informed an 5 So we would have to pay a certain amount to 6 audience of several hundred people essentially 6 the Kansas Water Office every year in order to 7 7 what a reallocation study is, what they would be have the privilege to pull our 8,000 acre-feet 8 looking at, what they would try to ensure 8 of water rights out. Now, that was going to 9 wouldn't happen if they looked at a reallocation 9 cost us more than purchasing storage outright, 10 study, and that was pretty much the only but the Water Office did have the history behind 10 11 11

appreciable result from a public standpoint of 12 13 So as I mentioned before, the Corps of 14

Engineers pulled the plug on funding in 2011, 15 and then the drought hit, and then subsequently the R9 was identified. 16 17 Q So assuming -- assume a reallocation, you have a 18 water right -- you have an application for a 19 water right, in other words a water -- the

20 ability to store water if you had a -- if you had storage, but would you have had to -- would 21 22 you have had to buy one of those layers that

23 you've talked about? Well, there's a couple different ways you can 24 A 25 acquire water rights in a reservoir. First of

them of purchasing that storage, and we -- we know we probably would have been forced to take part in the Kansas Water Marketing Program.

The second complicating issue is Wilson is more expensive than the R9 when we were doing the direct cost comparisons. There were a couple cost scenarios to where the initial investment may have been cheaper at Wilson just because the lengths of the pipeline were shorter, but the water in Wilson Lake is highly saline, it takes reverse osmosis right off the bat or desalination to treat, and so the -- the ongoing costs in Wilson are significantly higher than the R9 Ranch. So even if water were to become available in Wilson Lake, I -- I doubt if

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1		it would have been the choice I would have	1		requested upon such terms, conditions, and
2		recommended simply because it would have been a	2		limitations as the presiding officer deems
3		longer or a higher cost, longer term.	3		necessary for the protection of the public
4	Q	Would would it have indicated the Water	4		interest of the State as a whole, end quote.
5		Transfer Act?	5		And I find that somewhat instructive that it's
6	A	It would because it's in excess of 35 miles.	6		talking about the public interest of the State
7	Q	Mr. Dougherty, I don't have any further	7		as a whole. So my question is can you think of
8		questions at this time.	8		any scenario or circumstances where the amount
9		PRESIDING OFFICER: All right.	9		of that should be approved for allowable as a
10		Mr. Cole?	10		transfer should be reduced to protect the public
11		MR. COLE: Thank you, Your Honor.	11		interest of the State as a whole?
12		• •	12	A	I cannot.
13		CROSS-EXAMINATION	13	O	I have no other questions.
	В	Y MR. COLE:	14	~	PRESIDING OFFICER: Mr. Lee?
	Q	Mr. Dougherty, good morning.	15		MR. LEE: Thank you, Your Honor. If
16	-	Good morning.	16		you'll indulge us for just one moment, Your
17		And I have very little here, but you are a	17		Honor.
18	~	co-applicant in this proceeding with the City of	18		PRESIDING OFFICER: Thanks for your
19		Russell seeking a transfer of water; is that	19		assistance there.
20		correct?	20		MS. LANGWORTHY: Yeah.
	٨	Correct.	21		MS. LEE: Yeah, thank you.
21 22		And you testified on your direct as to the	22		Wis. LEE. Tean, mank you.
	Ų	application itself. Just for summary purposes,			CROSS-EXAMINATION
23 24		it seeks the transfer of 6,756.8 acre-feet per	23	D	Y MR. LEE:
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25		year with a limitation of 48,000 over a ten-year	25	Q	Your Honor, may it please the tribunal,
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1		period, which equates to a 4800 acre-feet per	1		Mr. Dougherty, good morning.
2		year rolling average. Is that a fairly accurate		A	Good morning.
3		summary?		Q	The I want to review with you a number of
4	A	That's correct.	4		things that you've talked about during your
5	O	Okay. Did you attend the public comment hearing	5		direct examination and correct what I suspect
6	~	in Hays?	6		are simply misstatements on your part during
	Δ	I did.	7		that process. I want to start with page 154 of
8		And during that public comment hearing, did you	8		your deposition.
9	V	have opportunity to hear some commenters suggest	9		PRESIDING OFFICER: Now, Mr. Lee,
10		that perhaps they have no objections to the	10		correct me if I'm mistaken here, I don't
11		transfer, it's more the quantity that is their	11		believe that the deposition has been filed
11 12		concern?	12		in this case
13	٨	I did hear that.			MR. LEE: You're right, Your Honor.
13 14		Okay. And I don't know if you're familiar with	13 14		PRESIDING OFFICER: is that
	Ų	this or not, but there is a Kansas statute that			
15 16			15		correct? Now, it's fine, you can still
16		provides that the presiding officer has some	16		cite to it, I just want to make sure we
17		fairly limited authority to reduce the allowance	17		don't have an exhibit to need to refer to.
18		on a transfer. Have you seen that statute	18		MR. LEE: We actually have the
19		before?	19		original here.
20		I have.	20		PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay.
21	Q	And I just want to just want to quote it for	21		MR. LEE: Would you like us to hold
22		you here briefly, it's 82a-1504, and it provides	22		on to it in the interim or
23		in part that The presiding officer, this is a	23		PRESIDING OFFICER: You can for now,
24		quote, The presiding officer may order approval	24		and if you want to admit part of that as an
25		of a transfer of a smaller amount of water than	25		exhibit

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1	MR. LEE: Okay.	1		need the entire water right now that we can take
2	PRESIDING OFFICER: we can	2		from the ranch. So, in fact, it was not
3	address that.	3		truncated, was it?
4	<b>MR. LEE:</b> Thank you, Your Honor.	4	A	I'm not sure the context you're asking for.
5	<b>PRESIDING OFFICER:</b> Do you have the	5		It's not truncated there, but you have truncated
6	page number of that deposition identified	6		that statement for your benefit in the past.
7	here? I just want to make sure that if	7		You have left the word "now" off.
8	there is some part of an exhibit there, the	8	Q	Are you looking at this deposition that I'm
9	record is clear at this point.	9		looking at?
10	MR. LEE: Thank you, Your Honor.	10	A	I am.
11	MR. TRASTER: I can't hear you, Your	11	Q	And what does it say, read it?
12	Honor, I'm sorry.	12	A	It says, We certainly don't need the entire
13	PRESIDING OFFICER: I'm sorry, I	13		water right now that we can take from the ranch.
14	forgot to turn that microphone back on. I	14	Q	And so was that truncated in the sense of what I
15	was asking Mr. Lee if he had I had not	15		asked you?
16	seen that deposition filed as an exhibit,	16	A	No.
17	so if we could make sure that we identified	17	Q	You went through a series of questions,
18	an exhibit number and not just the page	18		Mr. Dougherty, about water needs that you would
19	number of that deposition.	19		recall, I'm sure?
20	BY MR. LEE:	20	A	Yes.
21	Q So, Mr. Dougherty	21	Q	And you indicated during that, and, again,
22	MR. LEE: Thank you, Your Honor.	22	_	talking about the deposition questioning that
23	BY MR. LEE:	23		somehow you were misled or confused about the
	Q Mr. Dougherty, you were asked yesterday about	24		question that you were asked. Do you recall
25	the issue of whether Hays needed all the water	25		that?
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2	The question is, Has the City ever paid	2	utilize for municipal purposes right now?
3	anyone to provide a report about the future	3	The question, I think my question was
4	water needs of the City of Hays?	4	specifically about what is available to the City
5	And your response to that is Possibly.	5	right now, and to the extent that you're talking
6	My question is, But you don't recall?	6	about inaccessible water rights, then we don't
7	The answer is, Without reviewing the	7	need to talk about that.
8	record, I can't recall off the top of my head.	8	Your answer is, Okay. So could you restate
9	And my question is, And so would you	9	your question then?
10	consider that to be unimportant information?	10	The question was, Do you believe that the
11	Your answer to that is, I'm saying without	11	City of Hays requires access to more water than
12	knowledge of the specific document you're	12	is available to it presently?
			The answer is Yes.
13	referring to, I can't make a judgment on its importance.	13	
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15	My question, Well, I'm not talking about	15	that?
16	the importance of a particular document, I'm	16	And your answer is, Because I don't feel
17	talking about the concept. Do you think that	17	our existing sources are adequate during times
18	the concept of the future water needs of the	18	of drought.
19	City of Hays is important in conjunction with	19	The question is, And is that only a
20	the water transfer application?	20	personal opinion?
21	The answer is, I think water future needs	21	Answer: I'm here in my personal capacity
22	is very important, especially when you take into	22	as city manager, so it's my opinion.
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2	the testimony.	2	PRESIDING OFFICER: All right.
3	MR. TRASTER: There were a couple	3 ]	BY MR. LEE:
4	lines, or a line or two that were skipped	4 (	
5	past, I'm sure it was inadvertent. I'm	5	you think that?
6	not	6	The answer is, Because I don't feel our
7	MR. LEE: We can start over.	7	existing sources are adequate during times of
8	MR. TRASTER: What?	8	drought.
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10	MR. TRASTER: I just it was in	10	personal opinion?
11	the middle of the previous page. I'm not	11	The answer is, I'm here in my personal
12	accusing you of skipping anything on	12	capacity as city manager, so it's my opinion.
13	purpose, Mr. Lee, I just noted that	13	The question is, Have you ever received a
14	MR. LEE: Well, let's go back.	14	report from any source that says that the City
15	MS. LEE: Yeah, I've been reading	15	of Hays needs access to more water than it
16	along and he's not skipped anything, but	16	presently has? The question responding to an
17	where do you want to	17	objection is, Since 2003?
18	MR. TRASTER: And I could be wrong,	18	The answer is, We submitted a report as
19	it happens.	19	part of our prefiled testimony that showed
20	MR. LEE: Let's go back to the	20	during times of exceptional drought and decadal
21	middle of the previous page.	21	drought our existing sources are woefully
22	MS. LEE: Okay.	22	inadequate
23	MR. LEE: And what's that?	23	Question: And what was
24	MS. LEE: And why do you think that?	24	The answer is, which would indicate that
25	PRESIDING OFFICER: Mr. Traster?	25	we need additional water sources.
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2	PRESIDING OFFICER: If Mr. Lee	2	that information?
3	offers that entire deposition transcript as	3	The answer is, Paul McCormick who is a
4	an exhibit so that exhibit would then be in	4	hydrologist with Burns & McDonnell.
5	the record	5	And the question is, Aside from
6	MR. TRASTER: Yes, I understand but	6	Mr. McCormick with Burns & McDonnell, have you
7	also	7	ever received any other information that
8	PRESIDING OFFICER: would you	8	suggests that the City of Hays needs access to
9	MR. TRASTER: the transcript	9	more water than it has presently?
10	would be I could be wrong, but I I	10	I would have to review the record. I can't
11	thought there was a line or two that was	11	think of anything off the top of my head.
12	skipped, and if not, I'll apologize, I	12	Question: So you don't recall?
13	will.	13	Answer: I don't recall.
14	PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay.	14	So let's go back to page 88, if we may, to
15	MR. TRASTER: But if we're going to	15	the part that you were asked about yesterday.
			The question that's asked in the deposition,
16	read it into the record, we ought to read	16	The question that's asked in the deposition,
	read it into the record, we ought to read the whole thing.	16 17	What about the next paragraph that says the
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1	to the conclusion that it needed more water?	1	And the answer is, We have received reports
2	And the question is, And if you have no idea,	2	that show with various population growth
3	then just tell me.	3	scenarios what the water demand could possibly
4	And the answer is, I'm not here to speak	4	be with those growth scenarios. But back to my
5	for the City of Hays, I can speak to my role as	5	original statement, our existing sources are
6	city manager.	6	inadequate and they are entirely inadequate
7	The question, Yes, you are, you are the	7	during times of drought for our existing our
8	city manager.	8	existing citizens right now. So this isn't
9	The answer is, As the city manager, the	9	about future, this is about right now not being
10	determination was already made when I arrived in	n <b>10</b>	adequate.
11	2005 that we needed more water.	11	Question: Well, I don't really think you
12	Question: And so I take it from your	12	want to tell me that the City of Hays has never
13	testimony that you don't have any opinion at	13	gotten any professional advice about future
 14	this point about whether the City of Hays needs	14	needs, and my question is whether there are
15	more water?	15	entities or individuals who are qualified to
16	The answer is, I would like to point out	16	provide that sort of advice that have been
17	that I stated earlier in my testimony that our	17	consulted?
18	existing sources, I feel, are inadequate.	18	Answer: I think you're going to have to be
19	And the question is, And why do you feel	19	more specific. If you have a specific report
20	they are	20	that you're referring to, I'd be happy to
20 21	The answer is, And I stand by that	21	comment if I have knowledge of it.
21 22	-		Question: Yes, well, tell me about the
22 23	statement.	22	specific reports that addressed the need, the
	Question: Why do you feel they're	23	<u>.                                      </u>
24	inadequate?	24	future needs of the City of Hays.  Your answer is, off the top of my head, I
25	Because I've seen our existing sources dry	25	Tour answer is, our the top of my head, I
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1	up during times of drought in 2011, 2012, 2013,	1	can't tell you specific reports that have
2	and I understand how susceptible they are to	2	addressed water needs.
3	drought.	3	So is it still your sense that somehow you
4	Question: And so if the water supply in	4	didn't understand what we were talking about
5	the City of Hays, Mr. Dougherty, is inadequate,	5	there?
6	is the City of Hays only relying on your opinion	_	there.
		6 A	You were asking if I could recall specific
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7 8	on that?	7	reports and I couldn't, I had not reviewed the
8	on that?  The answer is, It's my belief that it's	7 8	reports and I couldn't, I had not reviewed the record at the time. I was under oath, I was
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1		then, there's not a needs statement that is	1	Q	So they're part of your records for decades, but
2		included with the WTA application, correct?	2	_	you can't tell me at the time whether there's
	A	I believe there's several reports, several that	3		been a water needs study when you're under oath,
4		we cited today that were attached to the water	4		right?
5		transfer application.	5	Α	I can't tell you a specific study.
6	_	And you consider those to be water needs	6		You weren't asked about a specific study, you
7		applications or water needs reports?	7		were asked about any study?
8		I believe them showing reports that our existing	8	A	I was asked if there was a study determining
9		sources are inadequate and that we need water.	9		that Hays needed more water, and I don't know if
10		Is there any report, and I'm sure you know this,	10		I had a study that made that determination.
11	_	Mr. Dougherty, is there any report that is		Q	And you still don't, do you?
12		included with the water transfer application		A	I can't tell you without reviewing the record.
13		that says in the future the City of Hays needs	13		Okay. You certainly don't have a study that
14		this much water?	14	_	says that in the future you need X amount of
15		I would have to review the record.	15		water, right?
16		I'm sure you do. Let's look you recall as		A	We have studies showing our, as we alluded to
17		part of your deposition that you were provided	17	1.	today, we have studies showing that we have
18		what's called an errata sheet, do you not?	18		future water demands, we have current water
	A	I do.	19		demands, we have maximum daily demands, we have
20		And this is it, the court reporter sent this to	20		population growth projections, and there are
21	_	you, it related to your June 8th of 2023	21		various lines that cross, meaning our water
22		deposition, and you actually go through and make	22		sources are inadequate.
23		four corrections indicating, of course, that you	23		Well, I understand what you're saying, but what
24		have, it appears, carefully read the deposition,	24	_	you have, you've referenced reports, some of
25		correct?	25		which, for example, were from the 1990s that say
23	1	concer:	23		which, for example, were from the 1990s that say
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1	Α	Correct.	1		that the City of Hays will need more water, but
2	Q	And if one then scrolls down from that a little	2		they don't say how much more water, right?
3		bit, you then certify under oath that you've	3	A	I couldn't tell you without looking at the
4	:	read your deposition in the above case and	4		specific study.
5		request the above changes be made, none of which	5	Q	So you don't you looked at them probably last
6		have anything to do with what we've just been	6	_	night, didn't you?
7		talking about, correct?	7	A	I looked at a couple of them last night.
8		Correct.	8	Q	And you can't you know, that's escaped you?
9	Q	So you had an opportunity after your deposition	9	_	I don't have an eidetic memory.
10		to go and review the records if you were unsure,	10	Q	The Cities, Mr. Dougherty, are seeking in the
11		right?	11	_	application to transfer 6,756.8 acre-feet
	A	Unsure of?	12		annually from the R9 Ranch, right?
13		Whether there were water needs studies that had	13		That's correct.
14	_	been commissioned by the City of Hays?	14		And the City of Hays in
	A	I was corrected to review the deposition to	15	_	Actually, I would like to clarify that. Up to
16		determine if there were misstatements or things	16	_	6,756 acre-feet.
17		that needed to be corrected.	17	Q	Fair enough. If the application is approved on
18		And did you go back after the deposition and	18	~	the face of the application, then you would have
19	_	look to see if a water needs study had been	19		authority to do that, right?
		nook to see if a water needs study had been	20		We could not the refer that much become me have

21 A I did not.

for decades.

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prepared on behalf of the City of Hays?

22 Q And so where did these documents today come from

that you characterize as water needs studies?

These documents have been part of our records

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20 A We could not transfer that much because we have

**23** Q Okay. Well, so reasonable needs is an important

consideration, then, as part of the Water

allow us to transfer that much.

Transfer Act process, right?

a reasonable-needs determination that wouldn't

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1 1	A Not as part of the Water Transfer Act process,	1		MR. LEE: There are in the
2	as part of the Water Appropriations Act.	2		regulations which is what the question was.
3 (	Q Okay. So if it's part of the Water	3		MR. TRASTER: But the question was
4	Appropriations Act, which it is, do you think	4		whether there's anything in the Water
5	that you would be limited under the Water	5		Transfer Act itself, and there's nothing in
6	Appropriations Act not to have any limitations	6		there about needs. There are some there
7	imposed by the Water Transfer Act?	7		are some regulations about what it takes to
8 /	•	8		file and complete applications, but it's
	Okay. Do you know why the Water Transfer Act	9		not a Water Transfer Act requirement.
10	regulations require you, require you to provide	10		MR. LEE: Well, Your Honor, the
11	a reasonable-needs analysis as part of the	11		regulations implement the Water Transfer
12	application?	12		Act, and that's the question that's pending
13	MR. TRASTER: Object, Your Honor,	13		on the floor.
14	calls for a legal conclusion.	14		PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. I'll
15		15		sustain the objection, rephrase the
16	a reasonable needs	16		question so that it accurately reflects
17	MR. LEE: Hold on.	17		you're asking him about the statute or
18	PRESIDING OFFICER: All right.	18		regulations, which one you're asking about.
19	Mr. Lee, do you have a response?	19	B	Y MR. LEE:
20	MR. LEE: Well, Your Honor, if	20	Q	Mr. Dougherty, do you know why the Water
21	but for the fact that and Mr. Dougherty	21	_	Transfer Act implementing regulations require
22	has testified as a lawyer for six hours	22		that the application include a future water
23	during this proceeding, I suppose one might	23		needs analysis?
24	countenance that objection, but the he	24	A	I do not.
25	has repeatedly said this is what this	25	Q	And do you know why your application did not
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1	means, this is what this regulation means,	1		include one?
2	this is what this document means, and my	2	A	I would have to review my application to
3	question is only do you know why the	3	Q	To determine that?
4	there is a requirement for a needs analysis	4	A	To determine if something was included or not
5	as part as part of the WTA process.	5		that addressed that.
6	MR. TRASTER: Calls for a legal	6	Q	That's not my question. Let me represent to you
7	conclusion.	7		that it was not included. So do you know why it
8	PRESIDING OFFICER: All right. I'm	8		was not included?
9	going to sustain the objection, why don't	9	A	I am not going to speculate on that because I
10	you rephrase your question, ask him as a	10		would have to review the application to see if
11	layperson if he knows what it means, and	11		anything met that requirement.
12	we'll just correct it that way.	12	Q	No, you don't understand my question. I'm
13	BY MR. LEE:	13		telling you that it doesn't include a water
14 (		14		needs analysis, I'm asking you if you know why
15	the Water Transfer Act regulations require that	15		that is true?
16	the application include a future water needs	16	A	I do not.
17	analysis?	17	Q	Hays, Mr. Dougherty, in 2020 used
18 /		18		1792 acre-feet, am I correct about that?
19	to see if there's a requirement for future needs	19	A	I would have to review the water use reports to
20	analysis.	20		determine usage.
21 (	- ·	21	Q	If Mr. Hamilton said that, would you accept that
22	A I would have to look at the water	22		as the right figure?
23	MR. TRASTER: I object, there's	23	A	Again, I would have to review; Hays uses
	nothing in the Water Transfer Act about	23 24		approximately 2,000 acre-feet on an annual
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1	$\circ$	And that's been consistently the case in recent	1		entitled to the approval of 6,756 acre-feet of			
	Q	years?	1 2		water			
2								
	A	1 / 0		Q	I am not for municipal use?			
4	Q	So if you say that it uses in general		A	•			
5		2,000 acre-feet per year, then the City of		Q	I am not. I'm asking you whether you believe			
6		Russell, I think, uses about 1,000 acre-feet; is	6		that the Cities are entitled to approval of an			
7		that right?	7		amount of water that exceeds the reasonable			
	A	I can't speak for the City of Russell's exact	8		needs?			
9		usage, but I do believe it's around or slightly		A	I'm not going to answer that question.			
10	_	in excess of 1,000 acre-feet.	10		MR. LEE: Your Honor.			
11	Q	So the combined application on behalf of the two	11		PRESIDING OFFICER: Well, you're			
12		Cities would be coming from Cities that in	12		asking him for an opinion, why don't you			
13		recent years cumulatively, between the two of	13		clarify for the record if you're asking			
14		them, have used 3,000 acre-feet per year,	14		him what capacity you're asking him to			
15		correct?	15		offer that sort of opinion as to what his			
16		Correct.	16		belief is.			
17	Q	And so the application is for the authority to	17		Y MR. LEE:			
18		use up to 7,000 acre-feet, correct?	18	Q	Well, I would offer I would ask you to offer			
	A	•	19		your opinion as the city manager for the City of			
20	Q	You have a good memory about figures like that,	20		Hays and the person who has been presented as			
21		so some things you can remember and some things	21		the witness for the City of Hays as being			
22		you can't?	22		presumably the most knowledgeable about the			
23		Apparently.	23		application in terms of its holistic sense?			
24	Q	About the application?	24	A	You asked me about water in excess of reasonable			
25	Α	Apparently.	25		needs. I would like to know your definition of			
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2		because I can't predict the future.	2	Q	Okay. Well, let's just focus on my definition.
3	Q	And if you had a reasonable-needs analysis, then	3		Would it not be the case that if you had a
4	_	that would assist you, would it not?	4		reasonable-needs analysis, meaning a study to
5	A	If the reasonable-needs analysis could predict	5		predict how much water the Cities would need in
6		the future, I guess, but we don't know what's	6		the future, that you would be better able to
7		going to happen in the future.	7		know how much water the Cities would need in the
8	Q	What do you think a reasonable-needs analysis is	8		future?
9		intended to do?	9	A	I don't think so.
10	A	I would like to I don't know what a	10		And do you have a reason for that?
11		reasonable-needs analysis is.	11	_	Again, because I think it's hard to predict the
12	0	Never heard of it?	12		future.
13	_	In conjunction with the Master Order, there was	13	0	And isn't that what a reasonable-needs analysis
14		a reasonable-needs limitation, but I'm not sure	14	~	is designed to assist with?
15		what you're referring to by reasonable-needs	15	A	I'm not going to speculate, again, on your
16		analysis.	16		definition of a reasonable-needs analysis. Our
17	0	Well, a reasonable-needs analysis would predict	17		needs are immediate and we have future needs
18	~	the amount of water that the applicant would	18		that are uncertain and variable.
19		need in the future. Is that understandable	19	0	So you don't know pardon me. You don't know
20		enough?	20	V	what your future needs will be?
21	A	Okay.	21	Δ	I can't state exactly what our future needs will
22		And so if you had a reasonable-needs analysis,	22		be. Our existing sources are inadequate.
23	V	using that definition, you would have a better	23	$\circ$	Okay. Can you state approximately what your
24		idea of what your needs are in the future,	24	Q	future needs are going to be?
25		correct?	25	Δ	I cannot.
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	3		retained as an expert by the Cities? Yes.		A	I know what I believe a decadal drought is.
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		A	I think you would have to be more specific on	6		decline to 800 acre-feet per year resulting in
	7	0	what you're asking me to trust.	7		devastating losses to the City. Do you know
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		A	I again, I think you would ask me to		A	I believe he is referring to the amount of water
	10		ask me a specific portion of his testimony you	10	0	that we could actually produce in a given year.
	11	0	would like me to exhibit trust in.	11	Q	And so he is his conclusion is 840 acre-feet
		Q	So are there I take it there must be parts of	12		per year during a decadal drought, right?
	13		Mr. Hamilton's testimony that you have reviewed	13		Yes.
	14		and don't agree with?	14	_	Okay. Do you agree with that number?
	15	A	I have viewed Mr. Hamilton's testimony, I have	15	A	That is the number that is pulled from the
	16	0	not committed it to memory.	16	0	wellfield yield report from our
	17	Q	So if you have reviewed it and did not agree	17	_	Okay.
	18		with some of it, do you think that would have	18		other expert.
	19		stuck with you?	19	Q	And, in fact, let's look at that, that's
	20		Possibly, yes.	20		slide 3. This is what you just referenced, the
	21	Q	And possibly or yes?	21		McCormick wellfield yield report, right?
	22		Possibly, yes.		A	It's part of it, correct.
	23	Q	So let's look at a part of Mr. Hamilton's expert		Q	And in the column under decadal drought, it has
	24		report. We're looking at the Hamilton expert	24		at the bottom a total number of 840 acre-feet
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2 A		2	Q	
3	you'll have to be more specific.		A	•
4 Q			Q	•
5	basically states to the Cities that R9 is not a	5	_	yield?
6	viable option. Do you recall that?	6	A	I would have to review the report to tell you
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9	R9 would produce, and this is in the '90s around		Ā	I believe I've seen this report.
10	the time that the Cities were considering	10	Q	<u>-</u>
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13	that?		_	I cannot recall that.
14 A			Q	
15 Q		15	_	premised on a projected 2 percent population
16	believe, is it not?	16		growth rate, right?
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20	Black & Veatch where they were discussing a	20		I'm
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22	you recall that?	22	`	Mr. Dougherty, while we look for that document.
23 A	•	23		MS. LEE: It's pulled up now, sorry.
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1	upon a 2 percent projection, right?	1		say that it is premised in terms of population
2 A		2		growth on a 2 percent rate?
3 Q	•		A	What is stated is a regurgitation of what was in
4	incorrect, wouldn't we, that population growth	4		the Master Order with a reasonable-needs
5	estimate?	5		analysis which puts a cap on Hays and Russell's
6 A		6		water sources.
7 Q		7	Q	Let's go back and look at it again. So the
8	attorneys, hire a woman whose name is Ms. Haase?	8		question that's being answered here,
9 A	· •	9		Mr. Dougherty, is, If applicable, the population
10 Q	·	10		projections for any public water supply system
11	testimony. This is from, and I apologize for	11		that will be supplied by the water transfer and
12	the mispronunciation of Ms. Haase's name, she is	12		the basis for those projections, so would you
13	asked the question, What is the purpose of your	13		agree that I read that correctly?
14	direct testimony?	14	A	Yes, sir.
15	Her answer is, My opinions are set forth in	15	Q	And it shows below that in the highlighted part
16	detail in my expert report, but in general, my	16		the 2010 population and the 2017 population
17	testimony relates to Hays' population	17		estimates are from the U.S. Census. Population
18	projection.	18		projections for 2026 and 2036 are based on
19	The question is then, In summary, what did	19		2 percent annual population growth as approved
20	you conclude?	20		by the chief engineer. So that's using a
21	The answer is, I conclude within a	21		2 percent figure for population growth, is it
22	reasonable degree of professional certainty that	22		not, in response to the question, If applicable,
23	an estimated growth rate of 1 percent annually	23		population projections for any public water
24	over the next 10 to 20 years is likely for the	24		supply system that will be supplied by the water
25	City of Hays.	25		transfer and the basis for those projections?
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1	So I'm assuming since that's the Cities'	1	A	It is using a 2 percent population growth
2	expert that you agree with that number?	2		estimate as approved by the chief engineer as
3 A		3		part of our reasonable-needs limitation as part
4 Q	_	4		of the Master Order development.
5	is overstated by two, right?		Q	Well, let's let's go back to the question
6 A		6	_	that sort of started this colloquy. Is
7 Q		7		2 percent not twice as much as 1 percent?
8	differ.		A	Yes.
9 A		9		And so does not the application use a population
10	reasonable-needs limitation authorized by the	10	_	growth that is two times what your expert says
11	chief engineer which is a cap on our existing	11		is the reasonable expectation?
12	water sources.	12		They are different applications of population
13 Q		13		projections, meant for different outcomes.
14	does it not	14		Which one is right?
15 A		15	_	I don't know.
16 Q		16		So
17 A		17	_	I can't predict the future.
18	part of the reasonable-needs limitation.	18		Okay. So Ms. Haase could be wrong too, I take
19	Ms. Haase was asked to weigh in on the potential	19	_	it?
20	of Hays experiencing future growth.		A	It's possible, yes.
21 Q			Q	And she could be wrong up or she could be wrong
22	application says something other than what it's	22	_	down, correct?
23	saying?		A	Correct.
24 A			Q	One of the things that you talked about, and
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25 Q Does it not say, does the WTA application not

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this relates to the question of water needs,

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1 Mr. Dougherty, you testified, and we've seen	1 Q	It's also true, is it not, Mr. Dougherty, that
this in other places, that the R9 project is	2	the Cities have at this point not secured any
3 going to be developed in phases; is that	3	rights-of-way for the necessary pipeline?
4 correct?	4 A	We have not.
5 A That's the intent.	5 Q	In terms of paying for the project, one of the
6 Q And you said yesterday that that is, at least in	6	things you said, and I think this is at least
7 part, because the Cities do not need all the	7	close to a quote, that the Cities have a
8 water, right?	8	substantial amount of money in the water sales
9 A Correct.	9	tax account. Is that is that consistent with
10 Q Okay. Let's talk a little bit about the cost of	10	your testimony yesterday?
the project and financing of it. The I think	11 A	Correct.
we'll hear about this from one of your experts,	12 Q	What's the figure?
but the current cost estimate for the capital	13 A	
expenditures for the project are in excess of	14	\$45 million.
15 \$130 million, right?	15 Q	Okay. And the the cost of the project,
16 A Correct.	16	again, is going to be about 138 million
17 Q And that estimate is exclusive of operating and	17	projected; is that right?
18 maintenance costs, true?		I couldn't tell you, I think 134 sticks in my
19 A Correct.	19 A	memory.
20 Q It's also the case that at some point down the	20 Q	Okay. And it is true, is it not, that the City
21 road the City will need to construct a water	20 Q 21	has never obtained a water impact or water
	22	rate impact analysis?
22 treatment plant? 23 A Incorrect.	22 23 A	We have.
		You have?
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1		analysis?	1		that somehow what the Cities were planning to do
2	A	We have not because we do not have it's our	2		would exhaust the resources of the R9 Ranch?
3		intent to build the project without affecting	3	A	We have no intention of exhausting the
4		rates. If there are future costs that O&M	4		resources, it's a sustainable source.
5		costs that could affect rate, we don't know what	5	Q	And so that would be particularly true if less
6		they are yet because the project has not been	6		water was approved than the amount of water
7		designed. That would take place after the	7		you're seeking?
8		project has been designed to a point where we	8	A	If less water were to be considered, we might
9		could determine what those costs were and how it	9		not be following the water transfer process.
10		would affect rates.	10	Q	Well, but my question is if if at
11	Q	Who is Kim Rupp?	11		4800 acre-feet per year you're confident that
12	A	Kim Rupp is the finance director.	12		you won't exhaust the resources at the R9 Ranch,
13	Q	And how long has he been the city finance	13		that certainly would be true if that figure was,
14		director?	14		to pick a number, 2,000 acre-feet, right?
15	A	I believe since 2007.	15	A	Correct.
16	Q	And you would recall, I think, that he during a	16	Q	And in terms of the financing piece of this,
17		city commission meeting, when the cost of the	17		Mr. Dougherty, the City hasn't gone very far
18		project was estimated to be \$66 million,	18		down the road in terms of that analysis. Is
19		provided an estimate that water rates would	19		that a fair statement?
20		increase by 70 percent?	20	A	Could you be more specific?
21	A	I believe you have mentioned something before to	21	Q	Sure. You haven't consulted bond counsel, for
22		that effect, but I would have to see the exact	22		example, right?
23		minutes to be specific.	23	A	We have not. We have consulted with the KDHE
24	Q	Okay. But you're not disputing that?	24		state revolving loan fund, and we have done a
25	A	No.	25		consultation with the EPA through their WIFIA
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1	Q	Okay. So I take it sort of as an overarching	1		financing program.
2		matter, Mr. Dougherty, that you or perhaps the	2	Q	And do you have any commitments?
3		City at large thinks that if you don't get the	3	A	We have letter we have actually a commitment
4		amount of water that you're seeking here and get	4		from the state revolving loan fund, we're on
5		something less than that, or nothing at all of	5		their intended use plan, and we have a
6		course, but if you get something less than that,	6		commitment for funding from them.
7		that you can't finance it, is that a correct	7	Q	In what amount?
8		understanding of your opinion?	8	A	\$100 million for the wellfield and 34 million
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- 9 A I say my opinion is it would -- it could be
- 10 difficult to finance the project if the source
- 11 of water, the quantity of water does not exceed
- 12 the life span of the infrastructure.
- So what would be -- I guess you just have to 13 Q
- elucidate for me, why is the life span of the 14
- 15 structure contingent upon how much water is
- going to be approved? 16
- 17 A Because I don't think we want to build
- 18 infrastructure that is not beneficial in the
- 19 future, and if we don't have enough water to
- 20 satisfy future needs and we have to build
- redundant infrastructure to another water source 21
- 22 that's quite a distance away, that means we're
- 23 going to have possibly competing payments for
- 24 infrastructure.
- 25 O So you're not saying, I don't think, that --

- 9 for the -- or 100 million for the wellfield, 34
- 10 for the pipeline.
- **11** O And is that a document that's part of the
- 12 record?
- 13 A It's a document we only received a couple weeks
- 14
- **15** O Will you produce that for your lawyers?
- 16 A I can.
- 17 Q And in terms of that document -- and what should
- 18 I call it?
- 19 A I would call it the state revolving loan fund.
- 20 O Okay. In the case of the state revolving loan
- 21 fund, what sort of contingencies are entailed?
- 22 A I couldn't tell you because all we did is make
- 23 an application for funding and were notified
- 24 that we are eligible for funding. But all of
- the paperwork would have to be filed once the 25

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1	project was designed and before it would be bid.	1	Hays. And the statement, and it's worth
2	The application, I believe, was based off of the	2	reading, says, Hays currently uses a variety of
3	4800 acre-feet on an annual basis, plus future	3	methods to encourage and maintain conservation.
4	benefit.	4	For example, the City has installed
5 Q	Well, let's be sure we're talking about the same	5	high-efficiency fixtures in all city-owned
6	thing because I asked you about a commitment,	6	properties. Is that correct?
7	you just said that you are eligible. I think	7 A	Yeah.
8	there's a difference, is there not?	8 Q	It uses treated effluent from its municipal
9 A	What I'm saying is we have been notified that we	9	sewage treatment plant for irrigation purposes,
10	are eligible for funding, we have been selected	10	allocating approximately 25 percent of the
11	for funding. But that's not a commitment; a	11	treated water to irrigate local outdoor
12	commitment is a contract based off of firm	12	recreational facilities. Is that correct?
13 14	terms, based off of an amount. Right now we have been notified that we are eligible to	13 A	As an average, some years it can be more. Okay. To discourage excessive water use, the
	_	14 Q	City has adopted increasing block water rates
15	receive funding up to this amount, with a	15 16	•
16	certain amount of loan forgiveness, but the		that penalize excessive water uses; is that correct?
17	details have to be worked out once the project	17	
18	is further down the road.	18 A	Yes.
19 Q	Okay. So when I use the word commitment, do you	19 Q	Hays also offers various incentives to its
20	know what I'm talking about?	20	residents to promote water conservation,
21 A	I'm not sure.	21	including free low-flow showerheads and faucet
22 Q	The I think the best way for our purposes is	22	aerators, rebates for high-efficiency
23	to say has somebody contractually told you that	23	appliances, and rebates for converting irrigated
24	they will lend you \$130 million?	24	turf grass to water-efficient, drought-tolerant
25 A	I'm not sure I can make that statement right now	25	landscaping. Is that correct?
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1	Page 339 without reviewing the records.	1 A	Page 341 Yes.
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1	A	Meaning at the time it was. I don't know what	1		anything in the future.
2		other codes cities have adopted since then.	2	Q	So as an example, a meatpacking plant is
3	_	Okay.	3		probably not on the list. Is that is that
4	•	MR. TRASTER: Can we have can we	4		fair?
5		have some identification what document that	5	A	I think that depends on the conservation
6		is being referred to, is this is it an	6		measures they could put in place.
7		exhibit, what is this?	7	Q	Okay. Well, you at least have been quoted as
8		MR. LEE: This is the Hamilton	8	_	saying you're not looking to recruit water
9		report.	9		intensive industries, so is that is that
10		MR. TRASTER: Thank you.	10		I'm not looking for you to have a global a
11	B	Y MR. LEE:	11		globe to look forward to make that
12	Q	So it's true we just reviewed these conservation	12		determination, I'm talking about right now?
13		measures, and it's the City's intent to keep	13	A	I have stated that that is not our intent by
14		those conservation measures in place whether the	14		developing the R9 as a project.
15		water transfer application is approved or not,	15	Q	So if this project is is approved, then the
16		right?	16		engineering fees that will accrue to Burns &
17	A	Correct.	17		McDonnell are in the neighborhood of \$8 million;
18	Q	And along those lines, it's also true that the	18		is that right?
19		City is not looking to dramatically increase the	19	$\mathbf{A}$	Burns & McDonnell was awarded a \$8 million
20		City's water usage, right?	20		design contract for the wellfield and pipeline
21	A	I can't answer that.	21		project.
22	Q	Well, let's look at Exhibit 11. And if we can	22	Q	Which that, of course, is contingent upon
23		make that just a little larger. You're quoted	23		whether the R9 project moves forward, right?
24		here, Mr. Dougherty, saying that we're not	24	A	The contracts?
25		looking to dramatically increase our water use.	25	Q	Yes.
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1		So actual quote?	1	A	They are not.
	A	Could you give me the context of this document,		Q	So they may be paid even if the project doesn't
3		please.	3		move forward?
4	Q	Sure, go back up to the top.		A	They are paid to design a project.
	A	Can you tell me the publication and the year?		Q	And so if it's not approved, do you plan to go
6		Well, I think that the publication is The	6		ahead and design the project?
7		Climatewire, and the publication date is		A	Design is being taking place right now.
8		July 15th, 2022 at 7:04 a.m.	8	Q	Okay. So the would the is that to any
9	A	Thank you.	9	`	degree contingent upon approval of the water
10	Q	So is the City looking to dramatically increase	10		transfer?
11	_	water use?	11	A	You mean the contracts themselves?
12	A	Dramatically is a subjective statement. I am	12	Q	Do you have any ability to say to Burns &
13		not looking to dramatically increase the City's	13	-	McDonnell, you need to stop because we can't
14		water usage, and I don't believe any city	14		transfer any water?
15		commission currently or staff is looking to	15	A	I would have to look at the contracts, I'm
16		dramatically increase the City's water usage.	16		not
17	Q	And it is also true, I think, Mr. Dougherty,	17	Q	Do you think that you do?
18		that even if the project is approved, the City	18	$\mathbf{A}$	I would have to look at the contracts, I'm not
19		is is not looking to recruit a water	19		speculating on that.
20		intensive industry?	20	Q	Would you have gone into negotiation with them
21	A	I can't tell you what future city commissions or	21		typically and said, we don't care whether we get
22		economic development may recruit. I can just	22		the Water Transfer Act application approved, we
23		tell you the temperament is that we have avoided	23		will have you design the project?
24		water excessive industries in the past, and so	24	A	It was assumed we were doing the project, and we
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1	ready to bid when we finished the water transfer	1	MS. LANGWORTHY: I have nothing,
2	process.	2	Your Honor.
3 Q	So I guess I guess it's conceivable, then,	3	PRESIDING OFFICER: Do you have any
4	the City is on the hook one way or the other	4	redirect for your witness?
5	whether the transfer application is approved or	5	MR. TRASTER: I will have some
6	not?	6	redirect, Your Honor.
7 A		7	PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay.
8	contract is for services performed. So,	8	MR. TRASTER: Should we take a break
9	theoretically, if we ask them to stop performing	9	for some lunch?
10	services, then we could stop. But, again, I	10	PRESIDING OFFICER: Well, I guess my
11	would have to review the contract for a specific	11	next question was how much redirect do you
 12	answer to that.	12	have? If you've got five or ten minutes,
13 Q		13	let's just get it done and then
14 14	would suggest that there's insufficient	14	Mr. Dougherty is done, he doesn't have to
15	workforce in Hays as we speak to even provide	15	worry about coming back to the witness
16	current job requirements. Is that a fair	16	stand after lunch. If it's going to be
10 17	statement?	17	more than that, this is a good time to go
17 18 A		18	ahead and take a break then.
16 A 19 Q		19	MR. TRASTER: I actually need a
19 Q 20	to you but I can also just quote it to you, the	20	little time, I don't know exactly how much
20 21	City contracted with RDG Planning & Design for a	21	time it's going to take. I would imagine
21 22	2022 housing study. Do you recall that?		it would take 10 or 15 minutes, maybe
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23 A		23	longer.
24 Q		24	PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. All
25 A	That was correct.	25	right. We'll give you a little bit of time
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1 Q	And she has a statement in that report that	1	to get your questions ready, we'll go ahead
2	says, the City has experienced a significant	2	and take a break. Why don't we come back
3	labor shortage and a slow construction market	3	at 1:30 and pick up the hearing at that
4	since 2013 resulting in a significant pent-up	4	point, then.
5	demand. So that's consistent with your	5	MR. TRASTER: Thank you, Your Honor.
6	observation that there's there's not enough	6	PRESIDING OFFICER: Thank you.
7	workers as it is in the City of Hays?	7	(Thereupon, a lunch recess was
, 8 A	• • •	8	taken; whereupon the following was
9	construction market was more related to housing.	9	had.)
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2	PRESIDING OFFICER: All right.	2		looking at the possibility of a multidecadal
3	MR. LEE: And then separately we had	3		drought.
4	made a request to Mr. Dougherty for a copy	4	Q	So let me stop you there. So does the City need
5	of what he referred to as the eligibility	5		a so if there's a decadal drought, the need
6	determination from the State, don't know if	6		is in the future, but can you when you
7	we can get a copy of that or not.	7		when you reach that point, will you be able to
8	MR. TRASTER: I we did not	8		instantly have water, how how will you get
9	discuss that over the noon hour. We will	9		water at that point?
10	certainly take that up and and make a	10	A	Well, we would have to build a pipeline and
11	decision about I presume it's public	11		develop a wellfield on the property in order to
12	record and that you're entitled to it, but	12		transport the water to Hays and Russell.
13	I haven't seen it so I don't want to say,	13	Q	So when you're planning water resource needs,
14	yeah, you can have it without at least some	14		you have to look to the future, don't you?
15	ability	15	A	Exactly. We bought an asset in the R9 Ranch
16	MR. LEE: Just let us just let us	16		that came with water rights, and Hays and
17	know.	17		Russell need to know that those water rights are
18	<b>MR. TRASTER:</b> We will do that.	18		available, the full bulk of the asset we bought,
19	PRESIDING OFFICER: All right. Any	19		we need to know those water rights are available
20	other matters to address before	20		in the future for future generations to use.
21	MR. LEE: No, Your Honor, thank you.	21	Q	But you don't have the bulk, the full bulk, you
22	PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay.	22		only you bought 7700 acre-feet plus
23	MR. TRASTER: Thank you, Your Honor.	23		irrigation rights?
24	PRESIDING OFFICER: Mr. Traster, you	24	A	Right.
25	may go ahead with your redirect.	25	Q	And that got cut back?
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## REDIRECT EXAMINATION 2 BY MR. TRASTER:

- Mr. Dougherty, during your cross-examination by
- Mr. Lee, he kept asking you about need and what 4
- 5 your need is and have you done a study and what
- 6 do you need. And you kept telling him that you
- 7 don't -- can't predict the future, but I never
- 8 heard, and I could be wrong, but I never heard
- 9 him say, you know, by when? In other words, I
- 10 didn't know -- I couldn't tell whether he was
- 11 asking you whether you need the water now or you 12 need it in 10 years, 20 years, 50 years, I just
- 13 didn't understand his question, and so I'm
- 14 asking you about what your needs are and what
- 15 you believe your needs are in -- now and how you
- 16 might -- how your -- how you think about what
- 17 your needs are going forward?
- 18 A Our needs right now are, one, to shore up our
- 19 existing sources which are inadequate during a
- 20 drought. Depending on the severity of that
- drought equates to need. I can't tell you what 21
- 22 drought is going to happen when and therefore
- 23 how much I would need that our sources wouldn't
- 24 produce right now, but I know our sources are
- 25 inadequate, and so I'm assuming worst-case

- That number was cut back to 6756 by consumptive 1 A
- 2 use regulations and then further cut to the
- 3 ten-year rolling average which we agreed to with
- the Division of Water Resources. 4
- 5 O Okay. You knew going in that you were going to
- 6 lose some quantity for the reasonable -- for the
- 7 consumptive use?
- 8 A That's correct.
- 9 O And you have no objection to that?
- 10 A No.
- **11** O I mean, that was -- that was a known?
- 12 A We initially objected to the ten-year rolling
- average, but we then agreed to it, so, yes, we 13
- 14 have no objections to it in practice.
- **15** O What -- when you objected to it, what were your 16 objections?
- 17 A Our objections were twofold. The first
- objection was we didn't believe that the 18
- 19 Division of Water Resources had the legal or
- 20 regulatory right to further reduce our water
- 21 rights below consumptive use calculations.
- 22 Q In other words, from the 77 plus for irrigation
- 23 down to 6756, that was -- you agreed but you
- 24 didn't -- you didn't think you could reduce it
- further. Is that accurate? 25

Page 354 Page 356 1 A Correct. Consumptive use regulations are put in 1 Q So when you -- when you are planning for a place to ensure that future use of the water drought, you -- you need to know how much --2 2 rights do not potentially consume more water your need is based on the quantity you're going 3 3 4 than there is existing use. 4 to need in this future unknown drought, and in Kansas typically you're -- you're aware that 5 Q Okay. 5 6 A They are put in place to protect adjacent water KDHE -- excuse me, DWR looks about 20 years out 6 rights. So we did not feel that the chief 7 for municipal planning, correct? 7 8 engineer had the legal authority to impose the 8 A Correct. 9 ten-year rolling average on us. 9 Q And has that -- does that -- is 20 years a A further reduction from what you knew was reasonable time limit for Hays and Russell? 10 Q 10 coming. Okay, go ahead. Not for this project. 11 11 A 12 Q 12 A Correct. So the second item -- and in the end, For any project? we gave up on that, we agreed to it because we Theoretically, I think 20 years could be a 13 13 A wanted to use the property sustainably and had decent planning horizon if an entity had very 14 14 15 no intention of using it in an unsustainable 15 rapid access to available water that they could 16 manner. incrementally increase without lengthy legal 16 delays and significant cost, then 20 years could 17 But the second reason why we were opposed 17 18 to it is because we assumed that would then be 18 be an adequate planning horizon. 19 Q 19 the starting point for somebody else to further Well, but I guess what I'm asking is whether 20 20 years is a reasonable planning horizon for reduce what we could utilize from the property. 20 the City of Hays and the City of Russell? 21 And -- and we felt like we were making a huge 21 22 concession by agreeing to the ten-year rolling 22 A It is not. 23 average. It's my understanding there are not 23 O Because? 24 A water right owners lining up willing to reduce Because we -- our existing water sources are not 24 25 their water rights by 28 percent voluntarily, 25 adequate. We are spending a lot of money on Page 355 Page 357 and -- and -- and we knew that there would be this, we are susceptible to droughts on the High 1 1 people that would use that as a starting point Plains, and we know the droughts are going to 2 2 to ratchet our rights down further. happen, it's just a matter of when and -- and 3 3 You knew that, you predicted that? the duration. 4 Q 4 We did -- we did predict that, and we told the 5 Q Okay. Mr. Dougherty, I'm showing -- we've got 5 A 6 chief engineer that was likely to happen, and it 6 Exhibit 2659 on the screen, and we've -- you've 7 7 previously talked about the idea that the So if you are planning for a drought that you Ogallala is a distance away? 8 O 8 9 don't know -- you don't know when they start, do 9 A Correct. 10 you? That -- that you're already tapping into the 10 O Smoky and Big Creek, the alluvium, and you've --11 A You do not. 11 12 Q And you don't know when they're over, right? they're not adequate? 12 13 A Correct. Correct. 13 A **14** Q It rains a little bit, I mean, we saw a -- an 14 O And there is -- there isn't -- there isn't a 15 exhibit where it rained 7 inches during a 15 very good -- we talked about Kanopolis drought and the Smoky didn't recover very downstream and Wilson and Waconda and Cedar 16 16 quickly even then? 17 Bluff and they're all -- there are all problems 17 18 A That's correct. 18 with each one of those -- one of those 19 O In fact, we're looking at it here, it's 19 reservoirs, right? 20 Exhibit 255, figure 3 where in July, June or 20 A Correct. July of 2013 you had like a 7-inch rain and it So if you're -- if you're Garden City or Ulysses 21 21 Q 22 helped for a day or a few -- a week or two or a 22 or Colby and you've got access to irrigation 23 short period of time and then the decline 23 rights close by, it doesn't take 20 years? continued on down, correct? Theoretically not, those cities could increase 24 24 A 25 A That's correct. their overall water rights in smaller amounts 25

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1		knowing that they could extend the circle	1		have had to. So, therefore, I don't know what's
2		further in subsequent years to expand those	2		going to happen in the future, but we need to
3	_	amounts.	3		know that we have enough water to satisfy our
4	Q	Are there any water sources like the R9 Ranch	4		demands during a drought and allow for future
5		within 35 miles of Hays or Russell that you	5		growth.
6		could obtain or buy, even by condemnation,	6		We are one of the few communities in Kansas
7		6756 acre-feet of water?	7		that are growing, and we have aspirations of
	A	Not that I'm aware of.	8		continued growth. And we would like to have
9	Q	Okay. And would you be aware of it if there	9		water to support that continued growth, but I
10		were?	10		don't know what that growth is going to be, and
11		I believe so.	11		so, therefore, I don't know what the water needs
12	_	Because?	12		may be 50 or 75 years into the future.
13		Because we probably would have studied it.	13	_	And you don't know what what the consequence
14	Q	And as shown on Exhibit 1343, you've done	14		of I mean, there are predictions about what
15		extensive studies, right?	15		the consequences of a multidecadal drought are?
16		Correct.	16	A	Right, and for the for the City of Hays, a
17	Q	So when Mr. Lee was asking you about reasonable	17		multidecadal drought will result in our water
18		needs and you were talking about reasonable-need	18		sources combined producing a maximum of
19		limitations, without placing any time limits on	19		480 acre-feet a year, which is one-fourth, less
20		it or time constraints, I mean, now that what	20		than one-fourth of our current water usage,
21		I'm asking about is what your needs are with	21		which is a humanitarian crisis.
22		respect to timing, and you you've said that		Q	So is it fair to so can you tell me how much
23		you need to buck up your existing sources in the	23		you need from this from this transfer based
24		short run, but in the long run you may need and	24		on what you've just told us?
25		you the full boat, the full 4800 acre-feet,	25	A	We need 6,756 acre-feet of water, subject to the
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1		is that what you're telling us?	1		48,000 acre-feet on a ten-year rolling average.
	A	Correct.	2	_	Now, Mr. Lee asked you about need and how much
	Q	And is that because of some projected need based	3	_	you really need, and I'm assuming, and I
4		on anything like population and timing?	4		probably shouldn't do that, but I'm assuming
	Α	It is could you restate that?	5		he's well, I'm not assuming, I know that he
6	Q	Well, it's not a very good question. You know	6		wants to he is suggesting that you need less
7	_	that I mean, you've watched the news and	7		than this 4800 acre-feet. Assume for a moment
8		you've read the expert reports here and you know	8		that that there is an approval of the
9		that we're dealing with a climate climate	9		transfer for something less, what happens to the
10		significant changes in climate and that the	10		balance of those water rights?
11		prospects of a decadal drought, a ten-year	11	A	I don't know what happens. They become
12		drought or multidecadal drought are out there	12		temporarily unusable. We we bought Hays
13		and you don't know when it's coming. And so	13		and Russell bought an asset, and after
14		with that in mind, how much what is your	14		conversion to consumptive use and subject to the
15		need?	15		ten-year rolling average, we have on average
16	$\mathbf{A}$	We don't know what our future need is. Hays and	16		4800 acre-feet of sustainable water rights. And
17		Russell's water sources are inadequate now.	17		what Hays and Russell need is the ability to
18		Hays and Russell's water sources in let me	18		know those water rights will be there in the
19		qualify that, during times of drought they are	19		future for future generations to use if we make
20		inadequate. Russell is actually having issues	20		a hundred and some million dollar investment in
21		might now but we are in an executional drought	0.1		the near future. That's what we need

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We have forced our residents into some of

the most stringent water conservation measures

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So do you need a -- do you need a engineer or

professional other than your profession to tell

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1	A	I don't believe so. The Hays and Russell	1		statement, his actual statement, it was
2		governing bodies made the decision to move	2		correctly reported in the newspaper except when
3		forward, so I think they determined the need	3		they cut it, comma, Mayor Schwaller said, or
4		based off of their citizenry.	4		something to that effect, comma, and then went
5	Q	But they based it on more than just that, they	5		on with the quote, that "now" got dropped?
6		based it on studies of the aquifer, the studies	6	A	It did.
7		of their of their current of engineering	7	Q	So is it in fact, in your deposition, you
8		and hydrological studies of the current your	8		said, yes, I agree with the statement that we
9		current sources?	9		don't need the full amount now?
10	A	Of course. I want to clarify my citizenry	10	A	Correct.
11		comment, they did it with the consent of the	11	Q	And you still agree with that?
12		citizenry.	12	_	Correct.
	Q	Sure.	13	O	Jami, can you pull up well, let me well,
	A	They did it based off of the fact that they have	14	`	yeah, can you pull up the application, please,
15		been living through our water issues for	15		the Exhibit 1.0, the amended water transfer
16		decades.	16		application, and go to Bates page 11. I hope I
	Q	And it's not based on just some guess, I mean,	17		can find my notes here.
18		you have you have a Aquifer Health Index that	18		So, Mr. Dougherty, this this is the
19		tells you about the ability of your current	19		first amended change application or first
20		sources to produce water, I mean, you know a lot	20		amended water transfer application that was
21		about your existing sources, don't you?	21		filed shortly after the Master Order was issued?
	A	Correct.	22	A	Correct.
	Q	Jami, can you play that video?	23		And you've reviewed it before?
24	_	Mr. Dougherty, I'm going to represent to	24	_	I have.
25		you that this we're going to play a short	25		I'm going to direct your attention to the Bates
		you am use group to pull a second			88 7
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1	time frames, which is appropriate for most	1		application that Mr. Lee provided you that shows
2	growing municipalities, principally because most	2		the projections into the future, correct?
3	are close to alternative sources that can meet	3	A	Correct.
4	their short-, medium-, and long-term needs.	4	Q	The next section, it talks about projected water
5	Unlike most other cities, the Hays and	5		needs, I mean, that's the subject of the next
6	Russell must look far afield to find reliable	6		section?
7	water sources.	7	A	It is.
8	Because obtaining long-term financing for	8	Q	Would you read that next section, please.
9	the project is unlikely if the 6,756 acre-feet	9	A	The chief engineer has found that the project
10	of water for municipal use that is available	10		will provide a long-term supply of water to the
11	from the R9 Ranch could not be accessed without	11		Cities, is expected to have a design life of at
12	the chief engineer's approval, he indicated	12		least 50 years, and to be productive even
13	included an objective method to increase the	13		longer. While it is likely the Cities will
14	quantity of water that could be used as needs	14		provide municipal water to other communities,
15	increase based on actual and projected	15		the Cities do not have commitments to or from
16	population changes, the reasonable needs of	16		the owners of the other public water supply
17	additional users, and other measurable indices.	17		systems at this time.
18	The reasonable-need limitations are set out	18	Q	Let's scroll up a little bit here.
19	in the Master Order and discussed in more detail	19		MS. BUCK: UP or down?
20	in paragraphs (s) and (z).	20	B	Y MR. TRASTER:
21 Q		21	Q	Down, I'm sorry. Go ahead.
22	chief engineer ultimately issued a Master Order	22	A	The Kansas Water Appropriation Act limits
23	that had that dealt with this whole issue of	23		appropriation rights to the reasonable needs of
24	reasonable projected needs capping the	24		the appropriators. DWR regulations reflect that
25	quantities that could be used based on Water	25		requirement when changing irrigation water
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1	Appropriation Act requirements, correct?	1		rights to municipal use.
2 A		2	Q	So I'm not sure we need what's following but
3	is a ceiling that the Cities have to adhere to.	3		let's look at that, refresh my recollection.
4	It is a limitation on the Cities' sources	4		Yeah, go ahead.
5	combined, but it is a hard ceiling that gives	5	A	The Master Order and the change approvals
6	the Cities room to grow into before they have to	6		establish reasonable-need limitations for Hays
7	ask to modify that reasonable-needs number.	7		and for Russell that limit each City's municipal
8 Q	And it's based on 2 percent growth, right?	8		use from the R9 water rights when combined with
9 A	It is.	9		the City's use of water from all other sources.
10 Q	And that's you would agree that's pretty	10	Q	So the rest of that looks like text you've
11	aggressive?	11		already kind of read?
12 A	That is very aggressive, but I would also add	12	A	Correct.
13	that we have been at this process now for almost	13	Q	About 20- to 40-year time frames, the fact that
14	ten years, and we need wiggle room in order to	14		it doesn't it doesn't really it doesn't
15	know that we don't get just enough water to get	15		it's difficult for Hays and Russell to comply

- know that we don't get just enough water to get 15 by for possibly a year or two and then have to 16
- 17 spend ten years and millions of dollars in
- regulatory costs in order to pursue another 18
- 19 just-in-time source of water.
- 20 Q Okay. Jami, can you go to page 48, Bates
- 21 page 48 of the -- of Exhibit 1? And scroll up,
- 22 I think.
- 23 So this is -- I'm showing you the --
- that -- the page I mentioned, and it -- this is 24
- 25 the portion of the mas -- of the transfer

- it's difficult for Hays and Russell to comply 15
- with that. 16

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- So let's scroll -- I want to see more --
- scroll up, I guess. Down, then. I mean, I want 18
- 19 to see -- so I don't know where we were, I lost
- 20 my place. Okay. So yeah.
- 21 There's a paragraph here, you've already
- talked about financing being difficult. So 22
- 23 beginning with that paragraph, for these
- reasons, go ahead. 24
- For these reasons, the chief engineer has agreed 25 A

Page 370 Page 372 1 that DWR's traditional method to determine 1 drought having a 2 percent chance of occurrence. 2 reasonable needs of municipal users is not 2 The legislature has recognized the appropriate in this case and that a longer 3 3 importance of an adequate water supply of 4 planning horizon is necessary. 4 potable water in numerous provisions, including 5 Q And it goes on to talk about that he put in 5 those dealing with rural water supply districts, 6 reasonable-need limitations that are based on 6 rural water districts, water supply and 7 7 objective standards, right? distribution districts, public wholesale water 8 A Correct. 8 supply districts, the State Water Plan Storage 9 Q Please go to 40 -- is this -- where did I -- 48 9 Act, and the extensive authorities and powers is where I want to be, I think. Get to the conferred on the Cities to develop and operate 10 10 public health section, please, if that helps public water supply systems. 11 11 12 you. Sorry, Jami, I thought I had it written 12 O I think that's fine. You said that this is an down. There we go, thank you. What page is existential issue for Hays and Russell? 13 13 14 this? 42. 14 A Correct. 15 Do you see the section here with the title 15 Q And is that, at least, part of the reason why, 16 what we just read? Public Health and Welfare Impacts? 16 17 A I do. 17 A It is. Can you read that, please. 18 O Is -- is your request for 6756.8 acre-feet, 18 O 19 A Approving the proposed transfer will have limited to 4800 acre-feet on a rolling average 19 20 obvious and significant positive impacts on the 20 basis, is that a reasonable request in your 21 public health and welfare of the Cities, their 21 mind? 22 surrounding areas, and on the State as a whole, Yes, it is a very reasonable request. 22 A 23 and no negative impacts. 23 O Is it unreasonable? No, it is a reasonable request. The Cities of 24 Kansas law does not directly define the 24 A 25 phrase public health and welfare. Use of the 25 Hays and Russell bought an asset on the open

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1 phrase throughout the state and federal law indicate that the term has broad applicability 2 3 and general meaning, but at a minimum the term refers to conditions that impact human, animal, 4 5 and plant health.

> Kansas public policy favors ensuring that individuals and communities have an adequate water supply in order to maintain and improve the public health and welfare.

The legislature has stated that proper utilization and control of the water resources of the state requires comprehensive planning. The State's long-range objectives for management, conservation, and development of the waters of the state include development of sufficient supplies of water to meet the anticipated future needs of the people of the state, including specifically the public health and general welfare. Scroll on, I'm not sure -- go ahead.

17 18 19 20 Q 21 A The legislature requires that water resources 22 planning include design and -- the legislature 23 requires that water resource planning include 24 designing municipal water systems to provide an 25 adequate water supply to meet the needs during a

market, and those asset -- that asset contains 1 2

water rights which are governed by ownership

3 rights. The City of Hays and Russell have the

right to put those water rights to use like 4

5 every other water right owner. The Cities of

6 Havs and Russell need to know that those water

7 rights are going to be available for future

8 generations when they are needed when the

9 investment is made.

> The Cities of Hays and Russell have the right to utilize water like every other city in the State of Kansas does. There seems to be this idea that we should only be able to use a little bit of our water rights because we don't need more water. That flies in the face of Kansas water law. If an irrigator buys a water right, an irrigation water right, they have the right to use that water right any way they so choose. If they want to grow alfalfa, if they want to grow corn, if they want to grow soybeans, they have the right to do that; they don't have an entity chattering in the background saying, you don't need to grow corn, you should just grow wheat because you could use less water or you should irrigate grass because

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	1		it'll take less water. Nobody says that because	1		that you need more water but you don't have
	2		they have a right to use that water right.	2		something that says this is how much water we
	3		Hays and Russell should be afforded the	3		need, fair?
	4		ownership responsibilities and duties that all	4		PRESIDING OFFICER: Mr. Lee, can you
	5		other water right owners in the state have, and	5		use the microphone there?
	6		they should be afforded to use water like every	6		MR. LEE: Sorry.
	7		other city in the State of Kansas does.	7		PRESIDING OFFICER: Thank you.
	8	Q	Should they also be entitled to the to	8	A	I can't tell you a specific report for a
	9		exercise their rights in the order of priority?	9		specific point in time that says you need this
	10	A	That's correct.	10		much water at this point in time.
	11	Q	So that if if taking 4800 acre-feet of water	11	B	Y MR. LEE:
	12		from the R9 Ranch in Edwards County is going to	12	Q	And in terms of the in terms of the R9
	13		impair, create regional impairment, which water	13		project, clearly the City of Hays purchased and
	14		rights should be limited or cut off?	14		then sold part of it to Russell, there's no
	15	A	I know it's not proper to correct your attorney,	15		question that you own the real estate, but
	16		but I don't think our 4800 acre-feet would	16		you're not under the impression that you own the
	17		create reasonable impairment. Our	17		water, are you?
	18		4800 acre-feet could possibly be part of a	18	A	We own the water rights, the State of Kansas
	19		regional impairment, and if the regional	19		owns the water.
	20		impairment is determined, there are methods that	20	_	Right, so you recognize that distinction?
	21		the Division of Water Resources has, laws and	21		I do.
	22		regulations dealing with the regional	22	Q	So you can, and I'm talking in terms of what's
	23		impairment, and there are water rights that	23		physically possible, you can remove on an annual
	24		could possibly be shut off to deal with that	24		basis whatever volume of water you wish up to
	25		regional impairment. They won't be us.	25		the 4800 TYRA limit, right?
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	1		Our water rights are not the most junior	1	A	Subject to the total cap of 6,756 acre-feet
	2		water rights down there. There are a lot of		Q	Right.
	3		water rights junior to ours. And so if there is		Ā	of water which is a consumptive use number.
	4		a future determination of regional impairment	4	Q	Sure, right. So you indicated, and I think
	5		and an attempt to administer the area in order	5		candidly in response to Mr. Traster's questions,
	6		to resolve that impairment, I'm not worried	6		you don't know what future population growth
	7		about our water rights being shut off. In fact,	7		will be?
	8		the water rights around us can reduce their	8	A	Correct.
	9		water rights by 30 percent and get on board with	9	Q	And you don't know of I guess, to my
	10		what Hays and Russell is doing and then we can	10		knowledge, there are no contractual agreements
	11		talk about future declines.	11		that exist between Hays and/or Russell and any
	12	Q	I stand corrected. No further questions.	12		other city to purchase water if this transfer is
	13	A	Thank you.	13		approved?
	14		<b>MR. COLE:</b> No questions.	14	A	We have a contractual agreement with Russell as
	15		PRESIDING OFFICER: All right.	15		part of the joint interlocal agreement that
	16		Mr. Lee?	16		spells out Russell's procurement of water via
	17		<b>MR. LEE:</b> Your Honor, I would have a	17		this project.
	18		few, if the Court can if the tribunal	18		Yes.
	19		can accommodate that. Thank you.	19	A	We do not have any contractual arrangement with
	20			20		other cities.
	21	_	RECROSS EXAMINATION	21	Q	Okay, that's that's my understanding.
	22		Y MR. LEE:	22		MR. TRASTER: Excuse me, I am going
	23	Q	Mr. Dougherty, as I understood your responses to	23		to interpose an objection here. Your
	24		Mr. Traster, I think we are still in the same	24		Honor, in response to to Mr. Cole's
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place we were in the sense that you're saying

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1	question was about whether or not the	1		you just a couple minutes here, Mr. Lee, to
2	quantity could be reduced based on the	2		go on with that, but then otherwise when
3	interest of the State as a whole, and these	3		you present your case, you want to get into
4	questions we've established that that	4		more of that there and make some argument,
5	I mean, that is the statute. And it seems	5		make sure you have some things lined up
6	to me that this discussion about need and	6		where you can show me where there's some
7	how much is needed is not really relevant	7		support for that in what I'm allowed to
8	given the fact that the statute says I	8		address.
9	mean, none of these questions go to the	9		MR. LEE: So thank you, Your
10	interest of the State as a whole, at least	10		Honor.
11	as I'm understanding them. And I want to	11		Y MR. LEE:
12	just interpose that objection for the		Q	The you were shown portions of the WTA
13	record.	13	_	application by Mr. Traster during your redirect,
14	PRESIDING OFFICER: So your	14		do you recall?
15	objection is that the		A	Correct.
16	MR. TRASTER: Relevance.		Q	Who wrote the WTA application?
17	PRESIDING OFFICER: Relevance for		_	I believe David Traster authored that.
18	the need, okay. Do you have a response to		Q	Are you aware of of any citizen of Hays that
19	that, Mr. Lee?	19	•	has moved to Hays on the expectation that the
20	MR. LEE: Well, Your Honor, there	20		WTA transfer will be approved?
21	will be certainly information that will be		A	I'm not aware of that.
22	provided to you on this issue of the		Q	And when you say in your testimony that what
	relative balance of interest to the State,	23	_	I take to mean that you think the City is being
23 24	but part of that obviously is is there a	24		treated unfairly in some sense of not being able
25	need, I mean, that's what the regulations	25		to do what it wants with its water rights, you
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1	talk about, that there is a requirement to	1		understand there's a distinction between most
2	show what the projected need is, so to say	2		water right owners and those who have to go
3	it's not relevant, I think, is more than a	3		through the WTA process, are you not?
4	stretch.	4	A	I do.
5	MR. TRASTER: And I would just add	5	0	So that is, in fact, an added burden for someone
6	that the regulations that he's referring to		_	
-	that the regulations that he stelenting to	6		who's looking to transfer water more than
7	<u> </u>	6 7		who's looking to transfer water more than 35 miles?
7 8	are requirements for a complete transfer	7		35 miles?
8	are requirements for a complete transfer application, but they do not they're not	7 8	A	35 miles?  There are a series of statutes that govern the
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1	Mr. Buller is going to take that witness.	1		but I was a real estate broker for many years,
2	MS. LANGWORTHY: Your Honor, may I	2		as well as a business owner for a number of
3	request a short five-minute restroom break	3		years.
4	between witnesses?	4	Q	And over the course of your employment in those
5	PRESIDING OFFICER: Yes.	5		positions, were they all in the City of Hays,
6	MS. LANGWORTHY: I apologize.	6		Kansas?
7	PRESIDING OFFICER: Yeah, let's go	7	A	They were.
8	ahead and take five minutes here. We'll	8	Q	Other than a real estate broker and agent, have
9	come back and pick back up in five minutes.	9		you done anything else in your professional
10	We'll just leave everything on and in place	10		career?
11	here.	11	A	Well, I was a owner of a couple of technology
12	(Thereupon, a recess was taken;	12		companies and partner in another technology
13	whereupon, the following was had.)	13		company over that through 1990 through 2005
14	PRESIDING OFFICER: Mr. Williams is	14		and then have kind of been in and out of the
15	your next witness, then; is that correct?	15		real estate business since 1977.
16	MR. BULLER: Correct, Your Honor.	16	Q	And were those companies that you mentioned all
17	PRESIDING OFFICER: All right.	17		located in the City of Hays?
18	MR. BULLER: The City calls the	18	A	Most of them were, one was located in Salina,
19	City of Hays calls Doug Williams to the	19		Kansas.
20	stand.	20	Q	Okay. During your involvement with that
21	PRESIDING OFFICER: All right. Good	21		particular company, were you a resident of the
22	afternoon, Mr. Williams. Your testimony	22		City of Hays?
23	will be under oath subject to the perjury	23	A	Yes, I've been a resident of the City of Hays
24	laws of the State of Kansas. Would you	24		virtually all my life.
25	please raise your right hand.	25	Q	Okay. What are your duties as executive
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1	DOUG WILLIAMS,	1		director of Grow Hays?
2	having first duly sworn or affirmed, was	2	A	Well, Grow Hays is the economic development
3	examined and testified as follows:	3		organization for Ellis County, and we are
4		4		charged with promoting the economic development
5	PRESIDING OFFICER: All right. You	5		within the county. My role is to we have a
6	may proceed, Mr. Buller.	6		total of four employees, including myself, so I
7	MR. BULLER: Thank you, Your Honor.	7		oversee the day-to-day activities of the
8		8		operation. I also work with city, county, other
9	DIRECT EXAMINATION	9		organizations in the implementation of economic
10	BY MR. BULLER:	10		incentives or the recruitment of businesses to
11	Q Good afternoon, Mr. Williams, and thank you for	11		the community, the expansion of businesses in
12	joining us today. Please state your name for	12		the community, as well as creation of businesses
13	the record.	13		in the community.
14	A My name is Doug Williams.	14	Q	So you work with prospective businesses thinking
15	Q And state your business address, sir.	15		about moving to the City of Hays?
16	A My business address is 219 West 10th Street in	16	A	We do.
17	Hays, Kansas.	17	Q	And you work with new entities that are thinking
18		18		about creating businesses in the City of Hays?
19	A I'm currently the executive director of Grow	19	A	Yes.
19	A 1 m currently the executive director of Grow	19	A	Yes.

Hays.

**21** Q And how long have you been in that position?

22 A I started that position January 1st of 2019.

January 1st of 2019?

Okay. What was your employment before

25 A Well, that's varied over a long period of time,

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Yes.

24 A It's all in Ellis County.

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And you work with existing companies that are

25 Q Okay, thank you. And you mentioned something I

looking to grow in the City of Hays?

23 Q Okay. But it's all in the City of Hays?

Page 386 Page 388 1 would like to clarify, do you work with technology. What did your dad do for a living? governing bodies? Is that true? 2 Q 2 3 A We do. 3 A My dad was a real estate broker and later a real 4 Q Okay. Explain that, please. 4 estate appraiser. 5 A Well, we receive about 60 percent of our funding 5 Q And was he a real estate broker and appraiser in from governing bodies, primarily the City of 6 6 the City of Hays? 7 Hays and the County of Ellis, also the -- and 7 A Yes. 8 also the City of Ellis, as well as City of 8 O What about your mom? 9 Victoria. The other 40 percent of our funding 9 A My mom was a travel agent. comes from the private sector. But in our Also in the City of Hays? 10 10 Q normal day-to-day capacity we work extensively Also in the City of Hays. 11 11 A 12 with the local governments implementing programs **12** Q Let's talk about your education just briefly. that are -- whether it be for housing or for 13 13 A Okav. industrial revenue bonds, for manufacturers, or 14 14 Q I assume you weren't in -- you weren't being 15 whatever the case might be. educated or a student when you were an infant 15 Okay. And we asked you to come and testify not in Hays, so is it correct to say that all of 16 Q 16 17 today in support of this water transfer, 17 your education experience has been in the City correct? of Hays? 18 18 19 A You did. It has been, I attended kindergarten through 19 A high school, graduated from Hays High School in 20 O Okay. And the basis of your testimony is to 20 21 kind of give an account from a local, 21 1975, attended Fort Hays State for a couple on-the-ground resident of -- long-term resident vears, and determined that that was not for me 22 22 23 of Hays, is that roughly --23 and entered the real estate business. 24 A That's true --When you were at Fort Hays State, did you have a 24 Q 25 Q Yeah. 25 point of emphasis in schooling, or was it Page 387 Page 389 1 A -- very long-term. general ed? And you came today of your own choice, right? **Just business primarily --**2 A 3 A I did. 3 Q Okay. 4 Q Not being paid anything, correct? 4 A -- general ed and business. 5 Q And you've worked in the real estate business 5 A No. 6 Q Okay. You mentioned this, but how long have you 6 roughly since 1977? 7 been a Hays resident? 7 A Off and on, yes. 8 A Well, I'm 66 years old, I was born in Hays, had 8 Q Did you work with your dad? 9 a couple years as an infant where my parents 9 A Initially I did. relocated but moved back when I was 3 years old, **10** Q How did you like having your dad as a boss? 10 We got along pretty well surprisingly, we really 11 and I've been there ever since. So since about 11 A 1960, I believe, is when we moved back to Hays, didn't have many clashes so it went fine. 12 12 and I've been a resident since that time. 13 Q And as a real estate agent, did you work in 13 And you've been a resident continuously since real -- I'm sorry, residential, commercial, or **14** O 14 15 about 1960; is that right? 15 both, explain that, please. 16 A That's correct. Worked in both. Initially, it was just 16 A primarily residential, but then later on and in 17 Q And in your professional career in Hays -- as a 17 18 Hays resident, it mostly sounds like it's been 18 later years I had a heavy emphasis on commercial 19 in the real estate business; is that --19 as well, I found that more interesting. But 20 A Lots and lots of real estate activity in one 20 always did some residential and then the emphasis did move to commercial later in my real form or another, either ownership or brokerage, 21 21 22 that -- those type of things, been involved in 22 estate career. 23 both construction, new construction, lots of 23 Q Talk, if you would, about any experience that 24 different aspects of it, but very -- a strong 24 you have in public service, service on boards, 25 emphasis in real estate, as well as some 25 committees, things of that nature.

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Page 390 Well, I was -- I'm a two-time president of the 1 2 Hays Board of Realtors, recipient of the Realtor 2 3 of the Year award two times; if you stay around 3 4 long enough, that -- that happens, they rotate 4 5 you through again. And received a public 5 drought. 6 service award from the Board of Realtors. 6 7 7 Haven't had a whole lot of other civic activity 8 and that type of thing. Long-time member of the 8 9 Chamber of Commerce and those type of things but 9 not a whole lot of other civic activity. 10 10 11 Q 11 have to kind of condition them on what the --Okay, thanks. Talk briefly, if you would, about 12 conservation measures that are in place, water 12 13 conservation measures that are in place from the 13 14 perspective of a resident, a long-term resident 14 15 of the city. 15 16 A Well, you know, there are a lot of water 16 17 conservation efforts that the City of Hays has 17 18 put forth, whether it be for proactive use of 18 low-flow toilets, low-flow showerheads, those

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1 place. If you -- if you're an excessive user, 2 the cost gets more -- higher and higher 3 progressively, and it does discourage excess 4 water usage. So have a lot of experience with

the -- with the City's policies and quite 6 familiar with getting the knock on the door and 7 finding out that there's water running down the

type of things, or punitive things like fining

you if you're letting the water run down the

gutter during the wrong time of day and that

And so -- and also another way is in the --

the billing system with which the City has in

8 gutter and it's not supposed to be. 9 Q Have you ever received a ticket for --

Just warnings so far. 10 A

kind of thing.

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**11** O Okay. Is it your experience, and talk about, if 12 you can, conservation measures in place before

13 1991 versus after 1991, if you have a specific

14 understanding or recollection.

15 A Well, certainly, you know, I was -- I was in the real estate before and after 1991, and -- in the 16

real estate business, and, you know, it became

17 18 much more, oh, in the forefront, I mean, we

19 became much more aware, people became much more

20 conscious of water usage and water conservation.

21 Prior to that, it -- I don't recall there 22 being a lot of emphasis on that, with the

exception of maybe the -- in the late '80s when

24 we had a economic, kind of a meltdown in our 25

community. Part of that was driven by a

drought, you know, the farm economy was really

bad and there was kind of an ag crisis in

western Kansas, and some of that, at least in

our county, was driven by poor crops due to

But after 1990 or '91 when those measures were put in place, it becomes very top of mind when you live there as to the conservation

efforts that exist. And as a Realtor, many

times, you know, new people move to town, you

what the rules are because they may come from a

place where there aren't those types of

conservation methods in place, and you've got to

make sure they understand or they're going to

get the knock on the door. But also understand

there are things they can -- if they got a leaky

toilet or something like that, they can put a

19 new one in and get a nice portion of it paid for

20 by the City because of some of these -- these

21 conservation methods.

**22** O As a real estate agent, I imagine you've had an 23 opportunity to show properties to prospective

24 purchasers. Is that fair?

25 A Absolutely.

1 O And have, over the course of your career, have

you had occasion, mainly after 1991 when the 2

3 conservation practices were implemented, did you

4 have an opportunity to show prospective

5 purchasers properties when those purchasers were

6 from outside of Hays that you had to educate?

7 A Many times, many times.

8 O And walk us through that -- that conversation,

9 you know, just in general terms. I know each

10 one is unique, but in general what would the

11 conversation go like?

In general, you know, you have to make sure they 12 A

understand that it's a different set of rules in 13

our community and that -- that we take 14

conservation very seriously in Hays and in our

county as a whole. And so you would -- you

17 would want to make sure they understood the

18 limitations on when they could water their lawn,

19 you want to make sure that they understood that

20 there were low-flow showerheads and low-flow

21 toilet rebates and those type of things

22 available, that if they're going to put in a new

23 yard that they have to put in warm-season -- you

24 know, low water usage grasses, those type of

25 things.

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And people are -- I think today people are more conscious of that because water issues are -- we're not unique in that respect in many parts of the country, but over the last 30 years that has evolved. But at that -- you know, early on they -- they were not aware of those type of things and they needed to understand that. So part of my job as a real estate broker was to make sure that they had a clear understanding of that. In as positive a way as you could spin it, I guess, from that standpoint because it -- it does have kind of a negative

- 12 13 connotation associated with it. 14 Q Talk about that a little bit, if you would, the 15 pos -- the inclination to put a positive spin 16 when you're showing properties to prospective 17 purchasers, why would you do that and what -what -- explain that a little bit if you could? 18 19 A Well, you know, I think we want to portray,
- 21 positive image of your community, and I think 22 we've got a great story to tell, always have 23 had, but there are situations where they need to understand that. You don't want them to have a 24 25 bad experience and get surprised by something.

especially as a Realtor, you want to portray a

1 triggering event for something like that?

- 2 A Well, I think it's obviously the meter reading
- and the usage that has occurred. I've owned 3
- 4 rental properties and that type of thing where 5
  - I'll get a call and they'll say, you know, your
- 6 water usage tripled or quadrupled last month and
- 7 you're going to get a bill for 300 bucks, or 8
  - something like that.

9 And you -- it's great to get the

call 'cause you know you've got a problem, but 10 you go down and you find out that a tenant maybe

11 12 had a stool that was running and they paid no

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attention to it because they weren't paying the water bill, they didn't understand how much 14

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water can run through a stool in a month's time.

And so -- but I found the City to be very -- that they're very accommodating in that, they -- they are proactive in that, they call

you, they tell you about it. Doesn't mean your 19 20 bill is going to be any less necessarily because

21 you did use that amount of water, but they -they've been very proactive in doing that. And 22

23 I think as technology has improved, they have a

greater ability to know when something like that 24

25 is going on.

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So in -- in as positive a way as possible, 1 you just have to explain that in the summertime 2 we have some rules that we have to follow and 3 that, you know, they've got to be cautious about 4 5 when they water, make sure that if they have a 6 sprinkler head or something like that that is 7 not draining properly that they don't have water 8 running down the gutter because there could be

And we have a pretty good neighborhood police force all over the community that's more than happy to call you in if you got water running down the gutter because they can't do it and they figure that you shouldn't be able to either. And so -- but that's the -- that's the balance that you -- you try and put together is promoting your community, yes, but making sure they understand there are rules they have to

- 19 20 Q Have you ever as a resident of Hays received a call from the city water utility advising you 21 22 that you have particularly high water use that 23 month?
- 24 A I have.
- 25 Q What are -- what is the scenario, what's the

- Based on your description of your discussions 1 O
  - with tenants and prospective purchasers, it
- 3 sounds like you, at least, and, if you know, the
- residents of Hays do a lot of educating each 4
- 5 other when it comes to water use. Is that fair?
- 6 A I think that's fair, I think we have a very
- 7 strong conservation mindset in the community,
- 8 and -- with a few exceptions, and there's always
- 9 going to be exceptions. But by and large, I
- think people realize that -- that we have a 10
- 11 challenge in the area of water and that we're
- good stewards of the water that we do have. 12
- 13 Q You mentioned water rates, explain the water
- 14 rate structure of Hays and the escalating costs
  - that you can incur from the perspective of
- somebody who has to pay those bills. 16
- Well, I don't understand it completely, I 17 A
- 18 understand the consequences; I don't understand
- 19 exactly, but I do know it's based on usage. And
- 20 a household is -- has base use of X amount of
- gallons per month, and then when you go over 21
- 22 that, you pay a little bit higher rate; and when
- 23 you go over that, you pay a little bit higher,
- and it escalates fairly rapidly. And if you get 24
- into high, high usage, it can -- it can get 25

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1		-		things we do.
1	quite expensive.  Now, they do have programs and policies in	1		<u> </u>
2	place, if you're putting in a new yard, you can	2	_	scroll back up and let's try to zoom in on that
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4	register with the City so that you aren't	4		paragraph there. A little bit more. Okay,
5	penalized while you're trying to get a yard	5		that's enough.
6	going, or something. But, otherwise, it's a	6		Mr. Williams, it's probably difficult for
7	pretty progressive it gets expensive.	7		you to read that, right?
8 Q		8		It's more than difficult.
9	rate structure during normal times, does that		Q	Okay. I'm going to read it to you, okay?
10	rate structure become even more progressive		<b>A</b>	Okay.
11	during drought, if you know?		. Q	Grow Hays, formerly the Ellis County Coalition
12 A	,	12		for Economic Development, was founded in 1988
13	know the answer to that.	13		during a period in which the County experienced
14 Q		14		a downturn in the ag and oil industry, as well
15	than that tenant situation, have you ever been	15		as the loss of a major employer.
16	the recipient of a particularly high water bill?	16		Mr. Williams, did you are you the person
17 A	, ,	17		who wrote that?
18	when you fill a swimming pool and that kind of		A	I believe I am.
19	thing, you can see the jump. And as I say, as		Q	Okay. Jami, if you would, please pull up
20	you get higher, it jumps faster, and so I have	20		Exhibit 2679. Now, Jami, please zoom into the
21	experienced a couple of those.	21		section right around 1990. A little bit more.
22 Q		22		There you go.
23	you've ever had?	23		Mr. Williams, I direct your attention to
24 A	,	24		Exhibit 2679, this is a drought plot, it shows
25	was that leaky toilet scenario, and I think that	25	5	the various droughts that have occurred in Ellis
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1	was \$400, or something like that.	1		County over the years, and I want to direct your
2 Q		2		attention to this to this little spot right
3	'cause you mentioned you had to educate	3		before 1990. Do you see that, sir?
4	prospective purchasers about warm-season grass,		. A	
5	what did you mean by that?		Q	
6 A	•	6	_	orange portions of Exhibit of that time line
7	lawns, and they they promote and even, I	7		indicate drought.
8	think they've got some financial incentives to	8	<b>A</b>	Okay.
9	planting a warm-season grass that's going to be	9		And earlier in your testimony you mentioned that
10	low water use grass. And they encourage people	10	_	drought was, in part, related to that ag and oil
11	to change over their existing lawn that might be	11		downturn that that you went through in the
12	bluegrass or something that takes a lot of water	12		late '80s, and based on what we just read from
13	to a low water usage type grass and they give	13		your Grow Hays website, it looks like that was
14	some financial incentives to do so. I'm not	14		around the time that the Ellis County Economic
15	100 percent sure exactly what they are, but I	15		Coalition for Economic Development I probably
16	know they encourage that both by saying that's	16		mangled that.
17	what they'd like you to do but also financially.		' A	Now you know why we changed our name.
18 Q			3 Q	So and I understand that there were a number
19	Jami, if you could go to the growhays.com	19	_	of reasons why that organization formed, but
20	website and put that up on the screen, if you	20		but did drought have something to do with that?
21	would.		. A	
22	Mr. Williams, can you identify what's being	22		agricultural portion of that
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shown on screen right now?

24 A Well, I think that's our website where we talk

about our organization, our programs and the

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23 Q Sure.

24 A -- the downturn in the ag business. There were

other factors as well, even in the ag industry,

Page 402 Page 404 1 but you couple a downturn ag with a downturn oil 1 Q There were a myriad number of factors that 2 industry, because Ellis County is very -- we're resulted in that perfect storm as you -- as 2 the number one oil-producing county in the 3 you've said, right? 3 4 state, and then with the closing of the Baxter 4 A That's correct. 5 Travenol plant, all of those together kind of 5 Q The drought was part of it? 6 A It -- it played a role, certainly in the ag 6 created that perfect storm, but the drought 7 business, and I think probably in people's played a role. 7 8 Q Sure. And then, you know, moving forward it 8 attitudes. 9 looks like there's slightly more mild but still 9 Q Jami, if you would go back to the website. And down here exceptional drought in the early just for the record, that URL is 10 10 11 1990s. Do you recall that? https://www.growhays.com/about-us/. 11 12 A I do. 12 In the late '80s and early '90s, can you And you mentioned earlier that the conservation 13 O 13 recall Hays losing out on any commercial program in the City of Hays really started 14 14 opportunities, business opportunities? 15 around that time. Was that conservation program 15 A Well, in that time frame, Cessna was looking at a result of that early '90s drought? an expansion, and Hays was one of the finalists 16 16 17 A In part, yes, based on my recollection. 17 in that expansion that they were going to do. Sure. So if you know, in the late '80s and 18 And they ultimately chose Independence, Kansas 18 O 19 really in the early '90s, right before the as the recipient of that. I don't know what the 19 20 conservation program was enacted, what was the 20 exact reasons were that they chose Independence, 21 feeling in Hays, what was the -- what was the 21 but we always wonder, you know, did water play a general sentiment, if you can -role in that because it's always that cloud over 22 22 23 A Well, it was, in my 66 years, it was as bad a 23 our head and many times you don't know. time as I've ever seen, you know, it was a bad, You know, we talk about the opportunities 24 24 25 bad time. The -- most of the financial 25 we lose because of our water situation. I worry Page 403 Page 405 institutions failed, lots and lots of real as much about the opportunities that we didn't 1 1 ever know we had a chance to play in because 2 estate was foreclosed upon and liquidated 2 through the Resolution Trust Corporation. And 3 3 they just don't -- we don't even get the you've got to be old enough to even remember opportunity because they look at our situation 4 4 what the Resolution Trust Corporation was, but 5 5 and say, that -- that isn't going to fit for us 6 it was a government agency that took over the 6 or we're not going to take that risk. But 7 7 assets of banks and then liquidated those Cessna was one of those that looked at our 8 assets; and there was lots and lots of that 8 community seriously and then opted to go 9 going on in our community, and it was -- it was 9 elsewhere. just a really bleak time. 10 Q And they went to Independence, you say? 10 11 And that's when this group of local 11 A 12 businesspeople got together, the heads of Did that -- did that -- was that an airplane **12** O 13 hospital and the local utility and the banks manufacturing plant? 13 that were still left, and formed -- recognized 14 14 A 15 that we needed more diversity in our local 15 O How many jobs approximately? economy, that we -- we had to do something, we I think it was -- I think it was 4 or 500 jobs. 16 16 A 17 And a -- and a construction project, I presume, couldn't be this vulnerable. Even though this 17 Q 18 was kind of a perfect storm, we were still not 18 of some kind? 19 as diversified as we needed to be, and they 19 A Yeah, I think they were making small aircraft. 20 formed the Ellis County Coalition for Economic 20 They later closed that plant because of some of Development as an organization to promote the liability laws with small aircraft, or 21 21 22 economic development in the county. 22 something like that, I can't remember for sure 23 Q Now, you're not testifying that that was all 23 'cause it was in Independence, I didn't pay that much attention, but I don't think the plant 24 because of drought, right? 24 25 A No. 25 exists anymore.

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1	. Q	They should have chose Hays?	1		available to us. And so they, I think, have
	À	•	2		either relocated either in Salina or Colby, I'm
3	Q	•	3		not sure what they've done yet, but that would
4		lost the Cessna opportunity solely because of	4		be one. We also have this discussion with
5	;	water, right?	5		others who are looking at expansion and things,
	A		6		and, you know, water is always a consideration.
7	_		7	Q	It sounds like the lack of an adequate water
8		water played could have played a role or did	8		supply has inhibited the economic opportunities
9		play do you remember having any conversations	9		that Hays has had?
10	)	at the time about whether water played a role in	10	A	I believe it has. I have direct evidence of it,
11		the loss, you know, in that?	11		and then as I said I believe we are overlooked
	: A	•	12		in some cases simply because we don't have
13		process so I don't know. Had I been in the role	13		adequate water supply. When I look at I get
14		I'm in today, I would have been very much	14		the comparison all the time, why can't we be
15		involved in that. But at that point in time I	15		more like Kearney, Nebraska? Well, if you look
16		was fighting for my own life in the local	16		at it, they're both located on an interstate,
17		economy that we had, and so I don't know if	17		they're college towns, college about the same
18		if anybody ever mentioned water or if that was a	18		size, regional hub, that kind of thing. What's
19		consideration. Somebody would know but it	19		the biggest difference? They got a river that
20		wouldn't be me.	20		runs through there, they've got water, which
21	_		21		allows them to raise corn and that kind of
	A		22		thing, and it just changes the economic picture.
23	_		23		And I believe if we had an adequate water supply
	A		24		and it wasn't a huge issue, we would have
	Q		25		experienced a lot more growth than we have.
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1	. A	Yes.	1	Q	And you may not know, but I take it I mean,
2	Q Q	Well, moving beyond Cessna, do you have any	2		'cause Hays has a river that flows through it,
3	3	knowledge or experience with other commercial	3		Big Creek.
4	Ŀ	opportunities that Hays lost because of water?	4	A	Yeah.
5	A	Certainly in the job I have now, I have talked	5	Q	But but I if you know, I mean, is
6	;	to various companies who have expressed an	6		Kearney is the river that runs through
7	,	interest or we have attempted to recruit to our	7		Kearney susceptible to drought the same way that
8	3	community, and one of the first things we have	8		the Smoky Hill and Big Creek are at Hays?
9	)	to ask is what's your water usage, because	9	A	Not at the same level, based on my understanding
10	)	that's a significant factor in their ability	10		of it. You know, they have they have the
11		to or our ability to service them.	11		Ogallala beneath them and the river and they
12	2	And in particular, one western Kansas	12		have irrigated corn and things that we just
13	}	feedlot owner wanted to put a relatively small	13		cannot do in our community. So a difference
14	Ŀ	packing plant, was interested in locating in	14		there. And there's others, I don't want to
15	;	Hays, was a Fort Hays graduate and wanted to	15		blame it all on water that we haven't grown at
16	;	come back, he loves our community, and, you	16		the same rate that Kearney has, but at the root
17		know, the first question I asked him was, well,	17		of things, it's a it's a big difference
18	}	what's your water usage, and he told me, about	18		maker.
19	)	350,000 gallons a day, and this is a small	19	Q	Do you know whether the City of Russell has
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packing plant.

Well, I wasn't 100 percent sure, but I

Crispin, and they quickly informed me that that

just isn't going to work in the environment we

have now, with the water resources we have

called, I believe, Toby and I called Jeff

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efforts. I am going to assume that they do

because I -- their water issues are the same as

ours for the most part, but I'm not familiar

21 A I am not familiar with Russell's conservation

with them specifically.

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1 Q	And in some ways, at least, Russell being	1	community for the next 50 to 100 years, I really
2	downstream is even in a little rougher spot than	2	do.
3	Hays	3	We have we have such a good story to
4 A	Yes.	4	tell in our community, we've got a four-year
5 Q	is that what you would think too?	5	university, we got a interstate highway that
6 A	That would be my observation, but I'm I'm not	6	goes right by, we've got a great regional
7	sure how that works.	7	medical center, we're the number one
	What is life like in Hays during serious	8	oil-producing county in the State of Kansas, and
_	drought? Think back to		yet that one thing that always hangs over our
9	•	9	head is that water issue. And this could
10	Jami, could you pull up Exhibit 2679?	10	
11	Think back to the drought of 2011, 2012,	11	this could alleviate that, and I think it makes
12	2013, do you recall that drought?	12	a huge difference.
	I do. I do.	13 Q	Did the drought of 2011, '12, '13 cause stress
14 Q	What was life like in Hays during the peak of	14	in your personal life?
15	that drought?	15 A	You know, not so much my personal life as the
16 A	Well, it was pretty challenging, lots of dead	16	one in 1988 and '89, '90, but it it does
17	yards, lots of heat. I mentioned it before and	17	you know, the whole outside lawn, plants and
18	I would be I wouldn't be doing my duty if I	18	trees that die and that type of thing, there's
19	didn't say that our slogan at that time was if	19	always a little bit of stress associated with
20	it's yellow, let it mellow, if it's brown, flush	20	that. I don't want to act like that's life and
21	it down.	21	death, but it just contributes to the overall
22 Q	Okay.	22	stress of an already hot summer.
23 A	And that's really not the recruiting slogan	23 Q	What if the fear of no water coming out when you
24	we're going to put on our Grow Hays recruiting	24	turn the spigot came true, would that be life
25	brochure, but it it's a challenging time.	25	and death?
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1	money back for a long time through, I believe,	1	very much top of mind, but it's on people's
2	the sales tax and has raised a fair amount of	2	minds all the time, and I think they recognize
3	money. Obviously the costs have escalated a	3	the value. I think that's one of the reasons
4	lot, and it's going to be more than what we have	4	why we do such a good job of conservation is
5	put back. I think we'll probably see some	5	because people recognize the importance of it.
6	escalation of rates at some point in time, and	6 Q	
7	depending on how much that is, it could be	7	this water transfer proceeding is not a cheap
8	problematic or not.	8	deal, is it, for Hays?
9	But based on some of the numbers I'm I'm	9 A	Not at all.
10	thinking that they would be, I don't think	10 Q	But the City is making that investment, right?
11	it's I don't think it's that significant.	11 A	The they are making that investment, along
12	But it is a price we're going to have to pay.	12	with Russell.
13	You know, what's the price of doing not doing	13 Q	Sure.
14	something? You know, that's far in excess of	14 A	And I I applaud the previous commissions who
15	what the monthly water bill might go to.	15	bought the ranch, you know, they had the
16 Q	What is the value of obtaining the ranch as a	16	foresight to do that, and someday it will pay
17	water supply, what is that how would you	17	dividends.
18	value that?	18 Q	
19 A	Well, I think that's virtually impossible to	19	water supply is has immeasurable value to
20	measure because or to value because it's	20	you, how would you estimate the value of Hays
21	immeasurable. I mean, that's like saying I	21	Regional Medical Center to Hays, to the region,
22	know every year Fort Hays State does a community	22	and even to the State of Kansas?
23	impact economic deal and they talk about the	23 A	Very valuable, particularly to the region and to
24	value of Fort Hays State to our community, and	24	Hays. And that that chart that was up this
25	you can put a you can quantify that at some	25	morning with the pull factor showing Hays in the
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1	level; there's a lot of intangibles there, but	1	top five of pull factor all the time, a
2	you can quantify it; the same with the hospital.	2	sustainable water supply isn't just about Hays,
3	But water in a community when you know water is	3	it's about the region 'cause Hays is very
4	basically the lifeblood of the community and	4	important to the region, and people count on
5	existential in keeping that community, it's	5	Hays for medical care, they count on Hays for
6	pretty hard to put a value on that. But it	6	for education, for shopping, and those type of
7	it's just very, very high.	7	things. And so it's important to everybody in
8 Q	As a lifelong resident of Hays, do you have an	8	western Kansas that that we are successful
9	understanding or an opinion about whether other	9	and that we have sufficient water to make sure
10	residents of Hays agree with your valuation of	10	we are successful. So all of those things are
11	obtaining the ranch for a water as a water	11	important.
12	supply?	12 Q	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
13 A	I think most people do. I think I have kind of	13 A	Well, they're doing a pretty good job so far.
14	a unique perspective as a lifelong resident but	14 Q	Same question as to Fort Hays State, what's the
15	also as the executive director of Grow Hays, the	15	value of Fort Hays State to the region in which
16	economic development director, so I have a	16	Hays sits?
17	better understanding of the economic impact.	17 A	
18	But I believe people understand very much the	18	when they do their study, but I think that

importance of it.

I look on social media when we make an

there will be some say, yeah, but we don't have

and that kind of thing. So it's top of mind

with people. Obviously during a drought it's

enough water for that, but what about the water,

announcement we are doing something, inevitably

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that quantifies the financial impact. It

cultural aspect. And so it's almost

25 Q Is it your understanding that Fort Hays State

doesn't quantify the -- the social and the

immeasurable, I think, it's extremely important,

and it's part of what makes western Kansas what

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1	plays an important role in keeping western	1		the community that they know what's going on and
2	Kansas kids at home?	2		that they know what projects we're working on.
3 A	Yes, they do.	3	Q	Jami, if you could turn to page 9 of that
4 Q	Why do you say that?	4		document. And zoom in on the paragraph, that
5 A	Well, I think it for one they offer the most	5		top paragraph, the business recruitment
6	cost-effective education you can get and so	6		paragraph, if you would.
7	and it's it's away from home but it's close	7		Mr. Williams, I'm going to read this to
8	to home for kids to be able to go to. We're in	8		you.
9	a good, safe community that parents don't have	9	A	Okay.
10	to worry too much about what their kids are	10	Q	Business recruitment remains the single-most
11	doing, and they get a great education for a	11		challenging objective for Grow Hays, with
12	great price. So I think Fort Hays plays a	12		workforce shortages, high land and housing
13	critical role, and they're just a very valuable	13		costs, regional depopulation, and in the recent
14	resource to our community.	14		pandemic, recruitment of large employers or
15 Q	How would quality of life in Hays change when	15		retail establishments is challenging. That
16	the ranch is brought online?	16		being said, Grow Hays is actively engaged in
17 A	Well, I think it I think it takes that cloud	17		several projects that address the recruitment
18	away that that kind of hangs over us all the	18		challenge. Does that sound familiar?
19	time. I don't know that that our community	19	A	Sounds very familiar.
20	will change their habits that much, but it it	20	Q	Did you write that?
21	does allow us to recruit other businesses that	21	A	I did.
22	might have a hesitation otherwise. It allows	22	Q	Water PACK's expert quotes that paragraph in his
23	maybe people to plant maybe a little bit more	23		report
24	yard, just to have a better overall attitude	24	A	Okay.
25	about things, so I think I think there's some	25	Q	in arguing that lack of an adequate water
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1	real positives from that standpoint just with	1		supply really has nothing to do with Hays'
2	with attitude and perception of the community.	2		future growth opportunities, and that paragraph
3 Q	Mr. Williams, I'm not going to keep you on the	3		doesn't mention water, does it?
3 Q 4	stand very much longer, I want to ask you about		A	It does not.
5	two more things.		Q	Is the lack of a water supply, the lack of a
6 A	Okay.	6	Q	sufficient water supply relevant to the business
7 Q	Jami, pull up the 2023 Grow Hays operations	7		recruitment challenges that you have identified
8	plan.	8		in that paragraph, Mr. Williams?
9	Mr. Williams, do you recognize this		A	It is.
10	document?	10		But you don't mention the lack of a water supply
11 A	I do.	11	Q	there, do you?
12 Q	Did you write this document?	12	Δ	I don't.
13 A	Most of it.	13		Why not?
13 A	Okay. Jami, if you would can you describe	14	_	Well, primarily because this is a one-year
15	this document, please.	15		report, you know, it's over a one-year period of
16 A	Well, this is our this is primarily our	16		time basically; it says '23 and '24, but it's
17	operations plan which we present to the	17		it's designed to cover the '24 budget year, and
18	governing bodies each year, as well as our	18		we're not going to address our water challenge
19	investors, just to tell them what we're going	19		in 2024. We can address we are addressing
20	what we're doing and what our projects are and	20		housing and we will address housing, and we can
21	where our focus is. It's also a little bit of a	21		address workforce when you address housing, the
22	marketing document it's a marketing document	22		ability to recruit people. And so that's one
23	for us to those entities because they fund us,	23		reason why it's not in there is because it's
24	and we want to make sure they understand that	24		it's a longer, broader issue than just a
25	they're getting their money's worth but also to	25		one-year problem.
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1	The other reason is that we don't want to	1		And really, you know, I know we're here
2	brag about the fact that we have a water	2		about water, and that's really the only thing
3	challenge when other people are seeing this and	3		not the only thing, but it's the main thing that
4	that type of thing. I think I think an	4		stands in the way of us and and a lot more
	employer can come into a community and recruit			growth than we've been able to experience thus
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6	people, even if it's from other businesses, but	6	_	far.
7	if we give them a sense of fear because we may		Q	Mr. Williams, thanks for coming down and taking
8	not have adequate water, that means we may not	8		time out of your day to help us. I have no
9	even get to engage with them. So that would be	9		further questions at this time.
10	the other reason that it's not mentioned in	10		PRESIDING OFFICER: All right.
11	there.	11		Mr. Cole?
12 Q		12		MR. COLE: Yes, thank you.
13	contention that water has nothing to do with	13		
14	those business recruitment challenges?	14		CROSS-EXAMINATION
15	MR. LEE: Your Honor, I would object	15	B	Y MR. COLE:
16	to that characterization, that's not what	16	Q	Mr. Williams, my name is Ken Cole, and I
17	the report says; it says water is not the	17		represent the City of Russell, and I just have a
18	only challenge, not that it's not a	18		few questions.
19	challenge.	19	A	Okay.
20	PRESIDING OFFICER: Response?	20	Q	You indicated in your direct testimony that you
21	MR. BULLER: Yeah, he will have an	21		were active in residential sales as a Realtor?
22	opportunity to address that with his expert	22	A	Yes.
23	report. I disagree with that	23	Q	Are you still active in that area?
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2 Hays?	mey from communices other than	2		of drought. Does that sometimes pit neighbors
3 A They are.		3		against neighbors?
	could get to the point where you		A	Well, I think there are occasions when the
	that housing stock enough, would you	5		tattletale impact is creates a little stress
_	ux of people?	6		in a neighborhood, if you've got the
7 A I believe		7		neighborhood gutter Nazi that's calling in and
	believe that the rate of growth of the	8		saying that so-and-so has got water running down
-	of Hays is actually being depressed,	9		their gutter and that type of thing, things that
	e people don't want to live there but	10		wouldn't exist if we didn't have these these
	Instruction has not kept up?	11		restrictions, but nonetheless you see some of
	rt of it, yes.	12		that.
_	that are building housing, the things	13	Q	And that's things that people maybe that didn't
	talked about, the limitations that	14	_	live in the community wouldn't even realize that
•	because they of the limitations	15		it was a cost to the community, correct?
	ne uncertainty of water, do you know,	16		True. I mean, I think we're a pretty hearty
	n in the construction business, if	17		bunch so we deal with the hand we're dealt with,
_	s someone's decision to build	18		you know, droughts have become a little bit of a
19 residential	housing?	19		way of life out there. But the consequences of
20 A I can't sp	eak to any particular situation where	20		those droughts and the stress that they can
21 somebody	has questioned building residential	21		bring along and that type of thing is very real.
22 housing be	ecause of the water situation. We're	22	Q	So if Hays could secure a reliable, adequate
23 in a mark	et right now where in a particular	23		source of supply, would it be your position that
24 developme	ent on the east side of Hays, we've had	24		those concerns among the public, those
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2	Kearney in a negative respect because Hays	2	_	you're not left with the wrong impression, I
3	doesn't have water?	3		want to show you a part of the direct testimony
4	PRESIDING OFFICER: I'll overrule	4		of one of our experts that was referred to by
5	the objection, allow the question.	5		the City's counsel. That's on the screen now.
	A That's certainly part of it.	6		I can read it for you
7	BY MR. COLE:		A	Okay.
8	Q Do you know whether Kearney has more	8		I can see you're squinting. But the question
9	industrial	9	Ų	that's asked, and this is direct, written
				testimony, the question's asked, What are the
10 11	and and a greater industrial community	10 11		actual growth rates of the Cities of Hays and
	than than we do.	12		Russell?
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13		13		And the answer is, Over the last four
14	upon the use of water than Hays does?	14		decades growth for Hays has averaged about 0.65
15	/ <b>3</b>	15		percent per year with slower growth,
16	assumption.	16		0.29 percent per year, between 2010 and 2020.
17		17		Russell has experienced a continuously declining
18	you.	18		population since 1980. This slower declining
19	PRESIDING OFFICER: All right.	19		growth is unlikely attributed to water
20	Mr. Lee?	20		availability solely but most likely influenced
21	MR. LEE: Thank you, Your Honor.	21		by various factors. So to the point of my
22	PRESIDING OFFICER: I guess before	22		objection
23	we start in with another another	23		Right.
24	attorney's questions, does anybody need a	24	Q	they don't blame that all on something else.
25	break before we start this?	25		Do you know who Mason Ruder is?
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1	students in rural Kansas. And then he says,	1		County; is that right?
2	Economic impact of these demographic changes is		Α	That's correct.
3	nothing less than devastating to our rural	3		Okay. Let me show you some data, if I may.
	Kansas economy.		_	This is from the Kansas Department of
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5	So as to those three bullet points, those	5		Agriculture, and I know that's really hard for
6	are probably things you agree with, it sounds	6		you to see, but the it shows that and this
7	like, from your testimony?	7		is 2017 data, it shows 603 farms accounting for
8 A	We we suffer from all of those, yes.	8		501,699 acres, \$65 million and change in crop
9 Q	Okay, okay, thank you. We think from what we	9		and livestock sales in 2017. So would I be
10	have read, and there's some some document to	10		correct that probably cumulatively is the
11	support that, but we think that Hays is somewhat	11		largest industry in Ellis County?
12	limited in terms of the actual physical space it	12	A	I would have to look at the oil industry and
13	has for commercial development. Would that be	13		compare those two because I that may be, but
14	fair?	14		I think the oil industry would be right there
15 A	I I don't know that I would agree with that;	15		with it.
16	I'd have to know in what context somebody was	16	Q	Okay. But at least in comparison to any
17	saying that.	17		stand-alone business in Hays that would be
18 Q	Well, we can we can show a document, and if	18		significantly larger; is that right?
19	you don't agree with it, I promise I won't hit		A	What was that top number?
20	you. So this is, as you can see, a memo, it's		Q	65 million.
21	from Mr. Dougherty and it's dated April 5th of		A	Well, the hospital, I think, is about a \$250
22	2018 and he says, under the heading of	22		million operation and
23	background, There's a limited amount of		Q	Okay, fair enough, fair enough. The you
24	developable land in and adjacent to the City of	24	_	mentioned the concept of pull factor during
25	Hays that is conducive for retail, commercial,	25		your your testimony. My understanding of
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2		opposed to dollars that just would be spent	2		Mountain front range area. And then it says,
3		within the community.	3		business activity in Hays last year was robust.
	Q	But that is as a percentage, right?	4		Is that is that accurate?
		I believe that's right, yes.		A	Yes.
	Q	Okay. You also mention that there are what	6		Okay. It says that 17 new businesses or
7		sound like a number of folks who are looking to	7		acquisitions were opened in the community, and I
8		move to Hays but there's insufficient housing	8		presume that's correct, right?
9		stock to support that. Is that did I hear	9	A	Yes.
10		that correctly?	10	Q	Okay. And that the trend continues into the new
	A	We have a shortage of housing relative to what	11	_	year with five more in the process that will
12		we need.	12		open in the next 60 to 90 days, correct?
13	Q	Okay. Okay. Well, let me let me show you	13	A	Yes.
14	_	were you made a presentation, which I'm sure	14	Q	Okay. And then also it's reported that you said
15		you recall, to the, I think to the Hays City	15	_	there are retail developers actively looking at
16		Commission in January 2023 talking about	16		the community, including a couple of big-box
17		economic prospects essentially. Do you recall	17		retailers, and, again, correct?
18		that?	18	A	Yes.
19	A	I do.	19	Q	Okay. So I think that is all of that that we
20	Q	Let me show you a newspaper article, you can	20		have highlighted. So the at least based on
21		tell us if it's accurate or not.	21		this indication, economically things in this
22	A	Okay.	22		period of time are are you're feeling good
23	Q	The this is from the Hays Post, Mr. Williams,	23		about. Is that a fair statement?
24		that was dated January 29th, 2023, it reports on	24	A	It is a fair statement.
25		your appearance, I think, the week prior to	25	Q	Okay. Thank you, I don't have anything else,
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1		that?	1		Mr. Williams, thanks for your time.
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2	they buy cars, they buy trucks, they send their	2		before. So there will be more Hays
3	kids to school, so they	3		witnesses to be called
4 Q	Groceries?	4		PRESIDING OFFICER: That's fine.
5 A	Yes.	5		MR. COLE: Okay. Call Brad Wagner.
6 Q	Gasoline?	6		PRESIDING OFFICER: All right. And,
7 A	Yes.	7		Mr. Wagner, I'll swear you in, but just for
8 Q	Restaurants?	8		our court reporter need to make sure we
9 A	All of the above.	9		have you spell your name so she can get
10 Q	And if this water transfer doesn't go through	10		that correct.
11	and the Cities don't get the water, you	11		THE WITNESS: Okay.
12	mentioned that it could represent an existential	12		PRESIDING OFFICER: Can you please
13	crisis in the event of a significant drought,	13		raise your right hand, your testimony will
14	remember that?	14		be under oath subject to the perjury laws
	I do.	15		in the State of Kansas.
16 Q	And those farming families and that are	16		in the State of Kansas.
17	surrounding Hays, north of Hays, the folks who	17		BRAD WAGNER,
18	are competing who that Kearney is	18		having first duly sworn or affirmed, was
19	competing with	19		examined and testified as follows:
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22	liable to go to Kearney for their groceries or	22		ahead and spell your name for the court
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24	cars, for everything that they rely on Hays for,	24		THE WITNESS: It's Brad, B-R-A-D,
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2 A I graduated from Russell High, went to college	2	times we could not do that.
3 at Fort Hays State.	3 Q	Did your family take pride in its yard as you
4 Q In Hays?	4	were growing up?
5 A In Hays.	5 A	They did. It was important to my dad, we had
<b>6</b> Q And did you receive a degree there?	6	bluegrass, we fertilized it and we watered it
7 A I have a bachelor's in finance.	7	when we were able to.
8 Q And you indicated that you lived in Russell for	8 Q	Okay. And were you able to do that throughout
9 sometime, is that all your life?	9	your youth?
10 A All my life.	10 A	We really, for the most part, we were. Again,
11 Q So your parents, are they from Russell?	11	there were there were a couple of times that
12 A My my mother grew up in Russell, my father	12	I remember not being able to water, but somehow
grew up in Otis, Kansas, not too far away, but	13	we were able to put enough water on the grass
they both spent their adult lives in Russell.	14	that we were able to sustain it. They they
15 Q Okay. And did any of your mother's family have	15	had that type of lawn until probably the last
family from Russell?	16	ten years or so before it finally went to native
17 A My mother my mother grew up in Russell, her	17	grass.
parents lived there for an extensive period of	18 Q	Okay. Other than that, the lawn-scaping, is
19 time.	19	there other things that come to your mind as far
20 Q Okay. So having been in Russell for all of your	20	as what your experiences are with respect to the
21 life and probably knowing the history of Russell	21	use of water?
for generations before that, what can you tell	22 A	Yeah, there's you know, we talked about the
me about the subject we're here about, and	23	drought that occurred around 2011, '12, '13, in
that's water, availability of water for the City	24	through there. Russell has been under
of Russell?	25	continuous water restrictions for more than ten
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1 A Yeah, sometimes it's talked about this being a	1	years, and we have different levels, and I can't
2 crisis that's developed more recently, but my	2	tell you exactly what the levels are and what
3 experience is from my youngest memories, you	3	the restrictions are, but I do know the most
4 know, Russell was frequently under water	4	restrictive one bans any outdoor use of water,
5 restrictions during the summertime. My my	5	and Russell has been under that numerous times.

6 dad worked in the oil field, he was gone from 7 7:00 in the morning till 7:00 at night, so I 8 took care of the yard, I was the one that mowed 9 the grass, and I was the one that would usually 10 water it. And I know that there were many times 11 that we could only water on our trash days, and 12 that was -- that was true when I was young. 13 Q So that was a limitation on watering, and now you're talking about before you even graduated 14 15 from high school? That's correct. 16 A 17 Q And you graduated when? 18 A In '78.

So, I mean, I do remember times that outdoor

And at that time, I don't even think Russell had

a commercial car wash; I mean, if you wanted to

watering was banned at that time also, I

remember not being able to wash the car.

6 And I think a lot of people around Kansas 7 would be shocked to know that there are times 8 it's unlawful to use a faucet on the outside of 9 your house to water a plant or a garden, I think 10 that would come as a shock to a lot of people, 11 but it's reality in Russell. Again, not all the 12 time; when we are at that level of restriction, you cannot water anything outside. 13 14 O And do the citizens of Russell generally accept 15 these limitations and restrictions? They do most -- you hear very little complaints 16 A 17 about water restrictions as far as like when 18 it's not so strict that you just have to water 19 on a certain day and that you can only water 20 early in the morning or late at night, we accept 21 that. But when you get to the point where you 22 can't water a tree or you can't water a garden, 23 that really hits home, that -- that to me is a 24 definition of a water crisis. Everybody has a different definition, but 25

Okay.

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Okay. Go on.

Page 450 Page 452 1 I'll give you an example. A couple years ago, I 1 O And you have at least access to a private well; 2 have a shed that I put up that's kind of a man 2 is that correct? cave, a place to hang out in retirement, and I 3 A Yes, that was one of the appeals when I bought 3 4 wanted to plant some trees. And I'm 63 years 4 the property was that those properties in our 5 old, so I wasn't going to buy a little sapling, little neighborhood actually do have fescue 5 6 I bought the biggest trees you can buy because I 6 grass and it's green, and it was something that 7 7 want to get some shade from these trees during was a source of pride for me when we first 8 my lifetime. And so that's a couple thousand 8 bought the home. 9 dollars. And I had to have a plan in place for **9** Q Okay. The well that you're talking about, does how am I going to water these trees if we go on it serve more than one house? 10 10 11 level 4 water restriction. There are -- there are four different households 11 A 12 And so my plan is, you know, I've got rain 12 that use that well. barrels at my house where you can actually And are you limited on its use? 13 13 O We have certain days that we can each use it. 14 capture the water that comes out of the 14 A 15 downspout in these tanks, and you have that and 15 Q Okay. Its quality, what can you use it for? 16 then I'd have to have a way to transport those 16 A It's okay for irrigating grass. It contains a 17 from where I live, where I capture the water to 17 lot of dissolved solids. I mean, if you get it 18 my shed so I can hook up a garden hose and water 18 on the window of your residence, you have to --19 the tree. But you have to have a plan like that the only way to get it off is with a razor 19 20 in place or you can potentially lose your trees. 20 blade. And you have to be very careful. If you 21 Q So the shed that you have, is it located at your 21 water a plant and get it on the leaves, you can residence? 22 actually kill a plant. But if you put it 22 23 A It's not at my residence, no, that's correct. 23 directly on the ground and it soaks in, it's And do you know folks that have had to just sit usable for watering a lawn or something like 24 Q 24 25 and watch during these times of drought and let 25 that. Page 451 Page 453 1 Q Okay. Now, since your retirement, have you got things die? 1 Yes, if you don't have a plan -- we talked about involved in some of the local activities? 2 A 2 this in Hays, but it is legal to use gray water. 3 3 A I actually ran for city council, and I started And so for people that don't know what that is, my term in just this last January. 4 4 5 it's okay to capture bath water or to have some 5 Q Okay. 6 container in the shower with you and capture 6 A I serve on the hospital board, and I'm on the 7 water like that, and that water could be used 7 board of directors of the local community 8 outside. That'll work for some potted plants, theater. 8 9 but it's not a viable option for watering a **9** Q Okay. And being on that -- well, aside from 10 large tree or, you know, some bigger use like your recent activity with the city council, do 10 11 watering a large garden. 11 you have any prior experience with the City as And have you done that at times? 12 it relates to its water issues? 12 Q 13 A I have done that at times. 13 A I'm not sure if I understand your question. Now, the home you live at now, how long have you 14 O 14 Q Did you once serve on the public --15 lived at that home? 15 A Oh, ves, I'm sorry. Russell and Hays had a We moved in in 2000. public wholesale water district, I believe it 16 A 16 Okay. And you lived somewhere else in Russell was number 15, and I was asked to serve on that 17 Q 17 18 for several years prior to that? 18 board in the '90s. And the board was -- we met 19 A That's correct. 19 regularly through the early 2000s, and it was 20 O While you have a shed at a different location 20 our responsibility to research other possible that you talked about what you had to do for water sources for Russell and Hays. 21 21 22 watering there, the place that you live, like 22 And I believe it was an organization that 23 there are a few places in Russell that have 23 even had some -- had their own assets, had some 24 private wells; is that correct? 24 money, and I believe even had a director at one 25 A That's correct. time that was paid. And we did spend 25

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1	considerable time researching other water	1 Q	Now, Russell, as I'm sure you know having lived
2	sources, but ultimately each of them was found	2	there, for years was dependent upon the
3	to either have an inadequate amount of water or	3	agricultural and oil industry
4	had water quality issues that were would be	4 A	Correct.
5	too expensive to treat.	5 Q	correct?
6 Q	_	6 A	That is correct.
7	rights of the R9 Ranch, do you recall if that	7 Q	Aside from those two major industries, can you
8	ever came before the district while you were	8	think of any other industry up until maybe the
9	still on	9	last 20 years that provided the economic engine
10 A	Yes, I do remember I was on the board at the	10	for our community?
11	time that the water ranch was acquired.	11 A	Really there wasn't. The only other significant
12 Q	Okay. So that would have been in, what, the mid	12	employers are governmental, school district,
13	'90s?	13	hospital, city, county. Otherwise, we were very
14 A	In the mid '90s, yeah.	14	dependent on ag and oil, which really meant that
15 Q	When do you recall when the last time you	15	we were very subject to booms and busts.
16	actually participated in a meeting with that	16	Hearing Mr. Williams talk about what happened in
17	board?	17	the '80s is very familiar to me.
18 A	It would have been probably somewhere around	18 Q	When you say booms and busts, what do you mean
19	2003, '4, '5, somewhere in through there.	19	by that?
20 Q	Were there still at that time active	20 A	There were times when I when I grew up in the
21	considerations of alternative sources?	21	'70s, some of you may recall, and I think it was
22 A	We really felt like at that point that we had	22	1973, that the Arab Oil Embargo happened; it was
23	exhausted any any option that was viable, and	23	the first time that OPEC really exerted their
24	so once we had acquired the rights to the ranch,	24	influence, and oil went from \$3 a barrel to \$6 a
25	it just seemed like this is this is what we	25	barrel in a short period of time. And that
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1	have to pursue. We all knew it wasn't it	1	meant that although that hurts as far as fuel
2	wasn't what we wanted to do because we all knew	2	getting more expensive, when you're from a place
3	how costly it would be not only to go through	3	like Ellis County or Russell County that
4	the legal process to be able to use the water,	4	produces a lot of oil, actually we saw a benefit
5	but then if that gets approved, the process of	5	from that. I mean, there were boom times in
6	building and doing all the consulting work and	6	Russell growing up; I didn't know that in the
7	putting all the infrastructure in place, we all	7	'70s, but it was a good time.
8	knew that was a very a very high bar to get	8 Q	And then when oil or commodity prices on the
9	over, but we reached the conclusion that there	9	farm went down, what happened?
10	just was no other option.	10 A	Yeah, we saw the flip side of that in the '80s
11 0	In your mind in what you've experienced in your	11	when oil crashed. My wife and I hought a home

- **11** O In your mind, in what you've experienced in your 12 life as well as your professional career, do you
- 13 have an opinion as to whether the City of
- 14
- Russell does have a water issue that it needs to
- 15 address through the R9 Ranch?
- I don't see how -- I don't see how we can not do 16 A
- 17 this. I mean, as a person that serves on the
- 18 city council, it would be irresponsible for us
- 19 not to pursue this option to -- to develop water
- 20 from the R9. When we've already experienced a
- level of restriction that you can't use water 21
- 22 outside, I think it's, again, it's just
- 23 irresponsible for us not to pursue this option.
- I think we are obligated to, and I think the 24
- 25 future of Russell depends on it.

- 11 when oil crashed. My wife and I bought a home
- 12 in 1985 in Russell, paid \$52,000 for it, and a
- 13 year later, the notice I got for valuation from
- the County showed 30,000 on that house. 14
- **15** O Okay. And the point I'm getting to is we now
- have some industries in Russell that's in our 16
- 17 industrial park, correct?
- 18 A Correct.
- 19 O And you're familiar with those industries?
- 20 A I am. I'm not an expert, but I'm familiar with them. 21
- 22 Q Some will criticize Russell because of the
- 23 amount of water it takes to -- for those
- 24 facilities to exist and operate in our
- 25 community, correct?

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1	A	That's true, that's true.	1	A	To me the benefits far outweigh the cost. I
2	Q	Are you generally familiar with what the demands	2		realize it's difficult to provide the water they
3		are from those industries?	3		need, but they provide such a great economic
4	A	I know that our wheat gluten facility and our	4		benefit to us.
5		ethanol facility use large quantities of water,	5	Q	Do you know do you know if they have a
6		but I also know that they provide, I believe in	6		business plan to expand?
7		the area of 100 jobs, and for a community of	7	A	I do know that they would very much like to
8		4,500 people a business that provides 100 jobs	8		expand, but we can't responsibly commit to them
9		is a big deal.	9		that we can give them the water that they would
10	Q	And you're getting ahead of me, but that was my	10		need to do that, and so I feel quite certain
11	_	next question, so any community, anybody has to	11		that their expansion hinges on whether or not
12		look at something when they're looking at this	12		we're allowed to transfer water from the R9 to
13		as a cost versus benefit kind of analysis?	13		Russell.
14	A	Right.	14	Q	So you're saying it's your understanding that
15		So the critics would stand out there and say the	15		that expansion is dependent upon Russell being
16		cost is too great; if you're on water	16		able to provide additional water?
17		restrictions, that's 'cause you let that factory	17	A	It's my belief that that is true.
18		in, right?	18	O	Okay.
19		Yes, and I'm sure there are people that feel	19	_	And and it's rare that in Russell you would
20		that way, but you really don't hear you don't	20		have such a clear business opportunity and an
21		hear a lot of grumblings about that. I think we	21		opportunity to expand and offer more jobs.
22		all realize that if you want our community to	22		Excuse me. And so for us to see the opportunity
23		survive and thrive, economically we've got that	23		that's there and know that we may or may not be
24		business, we're committed to it.	24		able to make good on it is very difficult.
25		The boom and bust economy that Russell had for	25	O	So if that were to occur and if Russell then got
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2		PRESIDING OFFICER: do you have	2		stayed?
		some questions?			Correct.
3		MR. LEE: Yes.			
4					And you indicate it's no longer a boom and bust
5		PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay.	5		economy, I think?
6		GD 0 GG	6		I believe it's much more stable.
7		CROSS-EXAMINATION	7		Okay. Thank you, no other questions.
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9	Q	Mr. Wagner, good afternoon.	9		PRESIDING OFFICER: All right.
10	A	Good afternoon.	10		Ms. Langworthy, anything?
11	Q	I'm Charles Lee, I'm one of the lawyers with Lee	11		MS. LANGWORTHY: No questions, Your
12		Schwalb that represents Water PACK and Edwards	12		Honor.
13		County, and I've got a few questions for you in	13		PRESIDING OFFICER: All right.
14		light of your testimony.	14		Mr. Cole?
15	A		15		MR. COLE: Nothing further.
16		And I sort of, I guess, want to start at the	16		PRESIDING OFFICER: All right.
17	•	back end. You were talking about the ethanol	17		Thank you, Mr. Wagner.
18		plant and expansion, right?	18		THE WITNESS: Thanks for the
19	Δ	Correct.	19		opportunity.
20		Who's the who's the president or president,	20		PRESIDING OFFICER: I think the
	Ų	slash, owner of the ethanol plant?			other witnesses that you indicated
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22	A	It's it's a company called PureField	22		potentially testifying today were
23	_	Ingredients, I believe.	23		Mr. Quinday and Randy Baker?
24	Q	Okay. And is that someone who is local to	24		MR. COLE: Yes, he's not here, he
25		Russell?	25		won't be testifying.
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2		I was the chief of police.	2		wholesale district water wholesale district
	Q	At the City of Russell?	3		that the Cities had. Do you recall that
	Ā	In the City of Russell.	4		testimony?
5		And do you recall how long you were employed		A	Yes.
6	V	there?		Q	And in listening to that testimony, was there
7	A	From 1997 until 2012.	7	_	anything there that that you found that you
	Q	Okay. So did you move to Russell in 1997?	8		might disagree with?
	A	Yes.		A	No.
10		And just briefly summarize what you had done		Q	Okay. You might speak up a little bit still.
11	~	prior to that time.	11	_	Okay. So with that, we're probably going I'm
12	A	I was in the United States Army for eight years,	12		not going to spend a lot of time on the things
13		and then before that I was in college for a	13		that he talked about but we will some, and one
14		while and then worked on a ranch.	14		of those is, you know, this the reason we're
15	0	During your time in the Army were you deployed?	15		here is water and the water availability to the
16	_	Yes.	16		City of Russell and to the City of Hays.
17		And where were you deployed?	17		Mr. Dougherty had testified in detail on at
18	_	In 1990 and '91 for Desert Storm and Desert	18		least three sources that Russell has that are
19	11	Shield in 1990 and 1991 I was in Desert Storm	19		somewhat in common with Hays, and that would be
20		and then in 1995 in Operation Enduring Democracy	20		Cedar Bluff?
21		in Haiti as a United Nations international		A	Uh-huh.
22		police monitor.		Q	And can you just for the record briefly describe
23	$\circ$	And what is your educational background?	23	_	what Russell's rights there are?
24		I have a undergraduate degree in leadership at		A	We have 2,000 acre-feet of water
25	11	Fort Hays State University and currently	25		2700 acre-feet of storage but up to
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2		available water in Cedar Bluff, and there are	2	_	Y MR. COLE:
3		priorities for who can use the water and when.	3	_	I thought my eyesight was better. So we're
4		And in times of drought, that number is reduced	4		looking at Cities' Exhibit 2619, are you
5		proportionately by those water rights, so we	5		familiar with that?
6		don't always have 2,000 acre-feet of water	6	A	Yes.
7		available.	7	Q	Can you describe I don't know if you folks
8	Q	And actually if there's not precipitation or	8		can see that, can you describe what that
9		rain, is there a reduction on just by shear	9		depicts?
10		evaporation?	10	A	It's the rural water transmission lines that
11	A	Correct.	11		runs from the Pfeifer wellfield in the lower
12	Q	Do you know how many times Russell has called	12		left-hand corner up to the City of Russell in
13		for a release of the water?	13		the upper right-hand corner, and about
14	A	Since I've been there at least twice.	14		two-thirds of the way along the yellow line as
15	Q	And do you know whether that was a rather	15		you're moving from left to right is the Big
16	_	controversial matter with respect to the people	16		Creek intake.
17		that use the lake and live in that area?	17	Q	Now, co-counsel is more technologically advanced
18	A	Yes.	18	_	than I, so I will just go here and show down
19	Q	The testimony from Mr. Dougherty was that by and	19		here, is this the Pfeifer area?
20		large, while Russell may own that right, it	20		Yes, that's the Pfeifer wellfield.
21		effectively can't benefit from that. Would that	21	_	Okay. And there's red dots here that show the
22		be a fair characterization of his testimony?	22	_	wells in Pfeifer?
	A	Yes.		A	Correct.
24	Q	And do you agree with that?	_	Q	And those are collection wells?
25	_	Yes.		A	Well
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1	Q	Given that, does that play into Russell's	1	Q	You've got they're a group of wells that
2	~	stewardship of this water right in the sense	2	_	collect
3		that it doesn't just use it or waste it?		A	Yes.
	A	Correct. We don't just release it every year		Q	And then we have a transmission line, which is
5		when we have an opportunity because it would be	5	_	depicted in yellow?
6		wasteful, the City of Russell wellfield would		A	Yes.
7		not benefit from it unless the conditions were		Q	And it says it's an 18-inch line?
8		just right.	8	_	Yes.
9	Q	And is that the approach that generally the City	9		Okay. And that line as depicted in the exhibit
	Ų	of Russell takes in managing all of its water	10	Ų	shows that it goes all the way from Pfeifer to
10		resources?			· ·
11			11		the City of Russell?
12		Yes.		A	Correct.
13	Q	R9 Ranch, do you have any reason to believe that		Q	Do you know how far that is?
14		would be any different?		A	• •
	A	No.		Q	
	Q	Another common water source with the City of	16		Creek?
17		Hays is Big Creek?		A	Correct.
18		Yes.		Q	And it shows here Big Creek pump station?
19	Q	Okay.	19	A	Yes.

20 MR. COLE: And, actually, Your

Honor, I'm going to go get a couple 21

22 exhibits here, if I may.

23 PRESIDING OFFICER: All right.

MR. COLE: May I approach with the 24

exhibits, Your Honor? 25

20 Q

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23 Q So from Big Creek, while those lines come almost

from Big Creek into the City of Russell?

And then again, I think it shows the green line

24 together, they're actually separate lines into

25 town?

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1	A	Correct.	1		a surface water right, I'm assuming that it
	Q	Is there a reason for that or do you know?	2		doesn't get clear down to the bottom of the
	A	Yes, we have two water treatment plants, one of	3		river?
4		those is an EDR plant, or electrodialysis		A	No, it does not.
5		reversal, and it can only treat groundwater, not		Q	Do you know approximately how high it is off the
6		surface water, so we cannot mix those in one	6	_	bottom of the river?
7		transmission line.		A	Not how high but at this level of Big Creek, we
8	Q	So the pipeline from the Smoky River, the longer	8		cannot use the intake.
9	`	line, that would go or can go to the EDR plant?	9	Q	So what's being depicted here with that pool of
10	A	Correct.	10	_	water at the low head dam, it's your testimony
11	Q	And then the other line, Big Cedar	11		that at that point, that's not a usable source?
12	A	Big Big Creek.	12	A	Correct.
13	Q	Or, excuse me, Big yeah, Big Creek, goes to,	13	Q	Exhibit 806, please. Is that the intake?
14		is it what we call plant A?	14	A	Yes, on the left is the intake structure.
15	A	Yes, which is a water softening plant.	15	Q	Okay. And, again, what's depicted there, would
16	Q	Okay. And the water softening plant, can it	16		the City be able to produce that?
17		treat either water source?	17	A	No.
18	A	Yes.	18	Q	Let's go to Exhibit 800. Are you familiar with
19	Q	But the EDR can treat only water from the Smoky?	19		this exhibit?
20	A	Correct, only groundwater.	20	A	Yes, that's what we refer to as the Pfeifer
21	Q	Only groundwater, okay. I do have some exhibits	21		wellfield, and that's the Smoky Hill River. And
22		now, 805. Jon, this is I'm going to show you	22		if you look off in the distance, you can see a
23		Cities' Exhibit 805, are you familiar with that?	23		white line; that is actually the bridge that we
24	A	Yes.	24		cross coming from Pfeifer correction, from
25	$\circ$	Did you take that photograph?	25		Victoria into Pfeifer.
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1		what this is?		A	· ·
3		Same same area but I'm about 100 to 150 yards farther to the west from where I was previously	3	Q	Now, there has already been, excuse me, some testimony on the reliability of these two river
4		standing when I took the other photograph.	4		sources?
	Q	Okay. Taken the same day?		A	
	A	Yes.	6		
	Q	Is there any or do you recall, is there any	7	_	similar to the City of Hays in the Smoky River
8	_	moisture at all, a pooling of water at all in	8		in the sense that it's groundwater, correct?
9		that riverbed at this time?	9		Correct.
	A		10	_	
	Q		11	_	Creek?
	_	For the yes.	12	A	
	Q	And if we look at Cities' Exhibit 2679, you'll	13	Q	And how does that differ?
14	_	notice there that there is a spike in that time		À	
15		period?	15	Q	And their's is groundwater?
16	A	Yes.	16	_	I believe so.
17	Q	Reflecting a drought?	17	Q	And then as things go, if someone were to lose
18	A	Correct.	18		production from that source, what would first be
19	Q	Exhibit 802, please. And, again, what does this	19		lost, production from surface water or
20		exhibit depict?	20		groundwater?
21	A	This is of the Smoky Hill River, but I am	21	A	The surface water.
22		standing on a bridge at U.S. 183 near the town	22	Q	And, again, not to be overly repetitive of what
23		of Schoenchen near Hays wellfield; their	23		we've heard before, but Mr. Dougherty testified
24		wellfield is right in that area, but I'm looking	24		that both of these sources can be unreliable at
25		towards the east towards our wellfield at	25		times, particularly in times of drought?
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1		Pfeifer.		A	
	Q	Okay. When was that photograph taken?  I believe that one was taken in February of		Q	·
	A	2013.	3 4		testimony on the various periods of drought and the effects it had on those water sources?
4	Q	803. Are you familiar with this photograph?		A	
				_	City of Russell would be similar, would it not?
7	A	Yes, it looks like the same area, but I'm looking at the other direction.	6	Q A	
	Q	Okay. And did you take that photograph?	8		up much quicker.
	A	Yes.	9	_	
	Q	Do you recall when?	10	_	Big Creek source, are there other threats to
	A	It would have been the same as the other, would	11		that source?
12		have been February of 2013.		A	Contamination.
	Q	Okay. And is that looking toward the Hays		Q	
14		wellfield?	14		It's open, there's no protection along the Big
	A	Yeah, that'd be looking towards the west.	15		Creek, as far as I've been all the way to Cedar
	Q	And then I think the last is 804. Is this still	16		Bluff. So you have cattle, we've had algae
17	•	the Smoky or, excuse me. Yes, the Smoky	17		blooms that have happened, and luckily just down
18		River?	18		from our intake an oil well lead line broke and
19	A	Yes.	19		leaked into there.
20	Q	And what is this?	20	_	
21	A	That'd be directly south of the City of Ellis.	21		business in Russell County?
22	Q	And where is the City of Ellis in relation to	22	A	Yes.
23		Hays?	23	Q	•
24	A	It's to the west of Hays.	24		largest oil producing Ellis County is the
25	$\cap$	Do you know approximately how for?	2 -		largest producing county in the state?

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1 A	Yes.	1	unable to use it. And then the Smoky Hill
2 Q	And there is production all along the Smoky	2	wellfield or the Pfeifer wellfield is
3	River, is there not?	3	susceptible to drought where the wells do not
4 A	Yes.	4	recharge as quickly during a drought as they do
5 Q	So when you talk about a threat of contamination	5	during a normal time of precipitation.
6	from that industry, in what way would it be a	6 Q	
7	threat, what is the threat?	7	testified to, purchased an interest in the R9
8 A	If there was contamination from an oil well or a	8	Ranch some years ago?
9	saltwater disposal well, we would not be able to	9 A	•
10	use the water, we couldn't treat it.	10 Q	
11 Q	Okay. Has that happened to date?	11 A	Yes.
12 A	No.	12 Q	Do you know whether the City's plans at the time
13 Q	You had indicated just a moment ago, though,	13	of purchase and continue to date is to use that
14	that there was a close call?	14	as a water source for the City?
15 A	Yes.	15 A	
16 Q	Can you describe for the record what that was?	16 Q	And is part of the reason for that or the reason
17 A	Just on the opposite side of that low head dam	17	for that because our existing water sources are
18	that you was one of the exhibits, there was a	18	not as reliable as we need?
19	lead line from a an oil well that broke and	19 A	Correct.
20	was leaking into Big Creek.	20 Q	You or recently, actually, the City of
21 Q	Okay. And it went downstream?	21	Russell experienced some stress and concerns
22 A	Yes.	22	with respect to its water source because one of
23 Q	And while by and large Hays has been a good	23	its plants was being worked on; is that correct?
24	neighbor, there is always the threat that	24 A	Correct.
25	something could happen there that could	25 Q	Can you tell tell us, just summarize what
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	during that time frame we were able		Q	During the time that generally you would be
• .	reek for about two weeks and	3	V	producing Big Creek?
4 two days.	reck for about two weeks and		A	Correct.
-	at unusual to have an algae bloom at		Q	So you were required to go to the Smoky?
6 that time of the	_		A	Correct.
7 A Yes.	ino your i		Q	And that was a period of time of some five
	our knowledge, had it ever	8	~	months that ordinarily you would have used Big
9 happened bef	_	9		Creek?
	algae blooms before but only in the	10	A	Yes.
	ver in the winter, to my knowledge.	11		What challenge did that create?
	the significance in using the City	12	_	Just using our wellfield, trying to meet demand,
-	vater sources efficiently to	13		also not having plant A available because of the
	uring the fall and winter months?	14		cleaning that was necessary because of the
-	e Big Creek as often as we can to	15		algae, and there was a period there that the EDR
	of the wells, but we have to	16		plant went down, that we had to shut down our
	se based on whether we're in drought	17		industrial customers, and it was a critical
18 or not. We l	have 820 acre-feet of water rights	18		24 hours until we could get it back up.
19 at Pfeifer, ar	nd then in, I believe in 2013 or	19	Q	When you say shut down, do you mean completely
	easing a well, so we have	20		shut down?
21 862 acre-fee	t of water rights. But that alone	21	A	Turn off the water, yes.
	h to meet our current demands, so we	22	Q	And did they cooperate with that?
23 have to use l	ooth manage them so we can have	23	A	Yes, they always have, yeah. We during this
24 enough water	er.	24		period that we were unable to use Big Creek and
25 Q And you typ	ically use the Big Creek supply when	25		were relying solely on our wellfield, we asked
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1 it's obviously	flowing?	1		our industrial customers to limit their
2 A Correct.		2		consumption to no more than 400,000 gallons a
3 Q 'Cause that's	the only time it's available?	3		day, which they did voluntarily, which helped us
4 A Correct.		4		significantly.
5 Q And, historic	eally, if there is a issue with	5	Q	Right. And the concern with the Smoky River is
6 being able to	produce from Big Creek, that is	6		that you I mean, your rights there not
7 when?		7		only is the water supply limited but the rights
8 A Usually from	n Mother's Day to Labor Day. If we	8		are limited, correct?
9 can get wate	r past Mother's Day it's a good	9	A	Correct.
10 sign.		10	Q	As you were producing there early in the year,
11 Q Okay. So th	e risk for the City's water	11		was there the chance that you may run out of
_	s to try to use as much as it can	12		water rights at Smoky?
_	ek prior to Mother's Day because you	13	A	Yeah, we projected that we could run out as
14 may lose it		14		early as June, but with the industrial
15 A Correct.		15		customers' reduction, we projected we'd run out
<b>16</b> Q after that?		16		of water rights by August.
	y on the wellfield for the entire	17	_	By August?
	en demand is the highest.	18		Yes.
19 Q Right. And	if you're using Big Creek, then you	19	Q	And were you able to work through this problem?

21 A Correct.

-- wellfield?

Correct.

when?

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22 Q

24 Q

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can reserve the Smoky --

So the algae -- or so the algae bloom occurred

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20 A We submitted term permits to the Division of

Water Resources to transfer 500 acre-feet of

water rights from Big Creek to five wells on the

Smoky Hill River. Our intent, even though we applied for these five term permits, our intent

is still to use Big Creek as much as possible,

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1	but if something were to happen to Big Creek	1	growth. And a town of 44, 4500, when you get 30
2	where it becomes unreliable, whether it dries up	2	people to move in, that's quite a bit. We're
3	or contamination, then we can we have that	3	getting a lot of young people move back, to the
4	buffer for 2023 to use Pfeifer.	4	point that housing is very limited and rentals
			-
5 Q	* · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	5	are there's a wait list.
6	manager that this caused a substantial amount of	6 Q	Waiting list for rentals?
7	heartburn 'cause you weren't sure how you were	7 A	Yes.
8	going to cover	8 Q	You had indicated earlier that you have three
9 A	Yes, yeah.	9	children, are they all adults?
10 Q	the production?	10 A	Yes.
11 A	Yes. Yeah, a lot of planning, what can we do	<b>11</b> Q	Did they move away?
12	and how can we do it.	12 A	No, they all live in Russell.
13 Q	So this is just one example of what can happen	13 Q	And so far as you know, are they wanting to
14	with your existing sources?	14	continue to make their home there?
15 A	•	15 A	Yes.
16 Q		16 Q	Has there been any local activities or action
17	R9 Ranch, would this have been a problem?	17	taken to try to address the housing issues in
	<u>*</u>		•
18 A		18	Russell?
19 Q		19 A	Yes, there's the City was working with a
20	reduce their operations?	20	developer on a, trying to think, a 30-unit
21 A		21	development which would be in the center part of
22	was down, but, no, we would not.	22	town. There's also the rehabilitation of a
23 Q	Kind of skipped ahead to our water sources	23	historic hotel downtown into seven loft style
24	because they are in common with Hays, but I want	24	apartments, and quite a few of the downtown
25	you to tell tell us a little bit about	25	businesses have converted their upstairs into
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2 Q		2		blow-down but when the membranes are backwashed
3 A		3		during the process.
4 Q			Q	And I know we're a long way from this, but is it
5	exploration drilling but then a lot of service	5		your understanding that if the transfer is
6	companies servicing existing wells?	6		approved and that R9 Ranch water reaches the
7 A	Correct.	7		City of Russell that the EDR plant can treat
	The largest larger employers within the	8		that?
8 Q	county would be?		A	Yes.
9 10 A	PureField Ingredients, Russell Regional		Q	This is Cities' Exhibit 2653, are you familiar
	Hospital, and probably Russell County.		_	with this?
11		11		
12 Q	•		A	Yes, it's the water conservation plan for the
13 A		13		City.
14 Q			Q	And did you participate in helping draft this?
15	Russell have?	15		Yes.
16 A	- ·	16	_	It's dated November 15, 2022?
17 Q	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	17		Correct.
18	municipal water system, and you told us that	18	Q	Do you know whether there were conservation
19	there's two plants?	19		plans on file prior to this?
20 A			A	Yes. We update it every year. I should say we
21 Q	1 '	21		review it every year, and if there are any
22	plant?	22		changes, we take it to the governing body for
23 A	,	23		their approval.
24 Q	•		Q	Okay. And is that conservation plan filed
25	and surface water?	25		somewhere?
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1	respect to your rate schedules?	1 Q	And we'll probably talk a little more about
2 A	Yes.	2	this, but at this point do you have anything to
3 Q	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	3	add as far as those types of conservation
4	here in the last day or so?	4	measures that were taken?
5 A	Yes.	5 A	They've just been for many years, the
6 Q	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	6	residents of Russell have had mandatory
7	recall whether that was the most recent copy of	7	conservation measures that they've been subject
8	our rate schedule?	8	to, and I can relate to Mr. Wagner's testimony
9 A	* *	9	that having rain barrels at my house, two of
10	from 2014. We've updated the rate schedule for	10	them, trying to keep a tree alive; and the house
11	water in 2021.	11	we currently live in, we lost three trees,
12 Q	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	12	full-grown trees because we weren't able to
13	we go. Oh, okay. So this is a portion of our	13	water them enough.
14	city code that deals with the water utility,	14	And I think the the one that I notice is
15	right?	15	that in times of drought and when those
16 A		16	mandatory restrictions are in place that the
17 Q	And then if we can scroll down more, there will	17	the mood of the community changes, it's a little
18	be some rate schedules. There we go.	18	bit angry because they understand
19	Can you just summarize for the record what	19	conservation, they've lived that for as long as
20	those rate schedules do?	20	they've lived there, but when you tell them they
21 A	We have rate schedules for residential,	21	just can't use water at all or they can't wash
22	commercial, and industrial customers. For	22	their vehicle, even on their own driveway or
23	residential and commercial customers, they have	23	they start to get a little angry. They
24	a customer charge, and then they are charged	24	understand but they
25	more as they consume more water. So for	25 Q	During times of drought, '12, '14, whatever it
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2	also load a water tank up with effluent and use	2	for that case, to reduce lost water.
3	it to trickle to trees on the city right-of-way	3 Q	On average, do you know approximately how many
4	to try to keep those alive, especially on Main	4	calls the clerk's office will make to customers
5	Street, so they've done a lot.	5	a month?
6 Q	Okay. Is there we've heard about the City of	6 A	On average, they make 150 calls a month to
7	Hays' programs on low-flow showerheads, does the	7	customers.
8	City of Russell have any programs like that?	8	MR. COLE: I've been handed a note
9 A	Yes, we borrowed from the City of Hays and give	9	that says it's 5:00, I don't know if you
10	away low-flow showerheads to customers. We also	10	want to us to continue or I know your
11	will give a rebate to customers who replace an	11	question is probably how long do I got? I
12	old water hog toilet with one that uses a	12	don't I have some more, I would say I'm
13	WaterSense label, which used to be 1.6 gallons a	13	about half through.
14	flush but is now 1.28 gallons a flush. But we	14	PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. Well, we
15	will give them a \$50 rebate to encourage them to	15	can go ahead and go off the record, we
16	change.	16	don't need to have all of this transcribed
17 Q	Has there been anything at city hall that you've	17	here.
18	done to try to conserve water?	18	(Thereupon, a recess was taken;
19 A	As far as the usage at city hall, no, but we do	19	whereupon, the following was had.)
20	have a policy where during the billing system	20	PRESIDING OFFICER: All right. I
21	when the meters are read, the billing clerk and	21	think we have everybody back here, so we
22	the city clerk go through every bill and will	22	can go ahead and go back on the record,
23	look for any abnormal usage, and if they find	23	we'll let Mr. Cole continue with his
24	any abnormal usage, they will call that customer	24	questioning.
25	and say, hey, you know, you used X amount when	25	MR. COLE: Thank you.
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1	you normally use this and there might be a	1 B	Y MR. COLE:
2	problem. And we have discovered quite a few		I want to pull up Cities' Exhibit 1-54. And,

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- 3 leaking toilets or water lines. Our system also
- will alarm if a water meter has water running 4
- 5 through it for seven continuous days.
- 6 O You say your system will alarm, what system is
- 7 that?
- 8 A We have an automated meter reading system, so we
- 9 don't have to have a meter reader go out and
- read each meter. It comes in by signal and 10
- 11 15-minute increments we're getting updates on
- 12 what that is. And if you have the two net
- 13 system up, which the billing clerk does, also
- the cashier and the city clerk, you'll see a 14
- 15 flashing red alarm, and that could be a leak
- alarm, which is the one I just explained, it 16
- 17 could be tied to our electrical utility or it
- 18 can actually be a theft or tamper alarm.
- 19 O Were these programs put in place in the last few
- 20 years?
- 21 A Yes.
- **22** O Were they, in part, in response to the droughts
- 23 that the City has went through?
- 24 A Yes. We had AMI for our electric utility for
- 25 quite a few years. The city council decided to

- I want to pull up Cities' Exhibit 1-54. And,
- Jon, are you familiar with this, it says it's a
- water supply study?
- Yes, can you tell me the date? 5 A
- 6 O It is December of 2014.
- 7 A Yes.
- **8** Q And were you city manager at that time?
- 9 A
- 10 O Okay. And this, actually this -- this water
- 11 supply report was referenced in the intervenor's
- trial brief, I believe; is that correct? 12
- 13 A Correct.
- **14** O Yeah. Well, I just want to go through it a
- 15 little bit. Do you recall what the purpose of
- this study was? 16
- 17 A To review water source options for the City.
- 18 O Okay. And if we go to page 1 of the report. I
- 19 don't know if you can see that, but it lists
- 20 eight different items. There we go. Can you
- see that? 21
- 22 A Yeah.
- **23** O Okay. And is it your understanding that this
- 24 study reviewed those different projects?
- 25 A Correct.

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1 Q Okay. And with the with the exception of one	1 A	The Saline River alluvial water and
that it noted, this number 3, the Saline River	2	desalination.
alluvial water and desalination project, the	3 Q	Okay. So this report was done in 2014?
4 other seven, are you familiar with those?	4 A	
5 A Yes.	5 Q	And have you reviewed that report as relates to
6 Q And are those projects that had been undertaken	6	that project?
7 in previous years?	7 A	Yes.
8 A Yes, with the exception of 7 and 8, and those	8 Q	Okay. And what generally was the suggested
9 were projects that were brought forth by a local	9	project there?
10 resident.	10 A	To build a wellfield along the Saline River
11 Q Okay. And this report summarized, is it your	11	alluvial. They used some test well data from
understanding this report summarized these	12	2006
various alternatives and options?	13 Q	When you say they used, that would be Bartlett &
14 A Yes.	14	West?
15 Q Okay. Are you able to go through there by line	15 A	Bartlett & West. We received some test well
item and tell us, you know, what your take was	16	data from U.S. Energy Partners, which was the
on each of those projects?	17	name of PureField at that time. They had
18 A 1 and 2 are the use of the Cedar Bluff	18	drilled test wells in 2006 due to a lack of
19 Reservoir, the difference is is where the water	19	water and us not being able to supply what they
20 would be transferred to. The Cedar Bluff is	20	needed.
21 determined not to be a reliable source because	21 Q	
22 it's not drought proof, has a lot of	22	own?
evaporation, so at times of drought and lack of		Correct.
24 rain its levels drop quickly.	24 Q	And the Saline River, where does it run in
25 Q And and actually Mr. Dougherty testified to	25	relation to the City of Russell?
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2	:	allow us to. And desalination, our EDR plant	2	continues, those wells on the alluvium don't
3	;	can take a lot of solids but it's not set up for	3	recharge as quickly.
4	:	desalination. Desalination is more for a RO	4 (	2 So the Smoky is limited to what your rights are
5	;	system.	5	there, and Big Creek, while you have a lot of
6	Q	Now, you did actually follow up with some wells;	6	rights, it may or may not be producible
7	,	is that correct?	7 A	
8	A	Yes.	8 (	
	Q	Test wells?	9 A	, 1 , 1
10	Α		10	unreliable.
11		some areas along the Saline River, it was not	11 (	•
12	1	the areas that were recommended by Bartlett &	12	acre-feet a year?
13		West but were some areas that were recommended	13 A	,
14		by RMA Engineering, a geologist that they had	14 (	
15		hired, and we drilled some test wells. We were	15 A	,
16		able to find pockets of large volumes of water,	16	from all sources is 1,841.33 acre-feet a year.
17		but the chlorides were 12 to 30,000, and where	17 (	
18		we could find good water, there was no quantity.	18	how both of these sources can be unreliable at
	Q	The numbers of chlorides don't mean too much to	19	times, correct?
20		me, but when you compare that to your well 12	20 A	
21		that you're able to treat, what's the comparison	21 (	
22		there?	22	things
	A	I believe it's 700s, which is still considered	23 A	
24 25		to be brackish, anything above 400 is, but anything above 7 to 800 is just it's	24 ( 25	2 conditions? As a city manager and in a sense in charge of helping provide the City of Russell
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1		terrible, terrible water.	1	with a secure water source, do you feel
2	Q	This was what?	2	obligated to find a some type of a an
3	Α	Some of them were 12,000, 14,000, one was	3	additional or supplemental or redundant source
4	:	32,000.	4	for these these water sources because they
5	Q	So did that basically conclude that search as	5	are so unreliable?
6	;	well?	6 A	,
7	Α	Yes. Yes.	7	sufficient for our needs now.
8	Q	What generally is the City of Russell's water	8 (	
9	)	rights in the sense that we, you know, can	9	for our needs now, what do you mean by that?
10		produce so many acre-feet at our two sources?	10 A	
	. <b>A</b>	We can we have water rights that far exceed	11	used, I believe it says 1434 or 35 acre-feet of
12		what we can produce. On the Smoky Hill	12	water, and that was before the restrictions
13		wellfield, we can produce 820 acre-feet a year	13	started in 2006, that drought period. And then
14		with those wells combined. We also have the	14	the restrictions that we've been through since
15		well that we are leasing that adds an additional	15	then up until now, that dropped our water
16		61.99 acre-feet. And then we have 1767	16	consumption down to an average of 1,000, maybe
17		acre-feet of surface water rights on Big Creek.	17	1,050 acre-feet a year. But when we're so if

23 customers to not be restricted. 24 Q And we'll get into this a little more later, but

don't die or we can allow our industrial

we were not in restrictions because we have an

adequate source of water, then we could provide

our customers -- not restrict our customers and

actually you have a customer now that you've had

they can use water to make sure their trees

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Page 514 Page 516 1 to allow another water supply company come in to months. be able to support their business --2 Q And, again, it's talking about some history of 2 3 A Correct. the City, history of the water service, and 3 **4** Q -- is that correct? 4 would you agree with that? 5 A Yes. 5 A Yes. **6** O And who is that? 6 Q If we could go to page 8. It's the third --7 A PureField Energy. it's right above the bold print there, that 7 8 Q Yeah. 8 is -- if you can read that first sentence of 9 A We -- we've allowed Post Rock Rural Water 9 that paragraph? District to supply PureField with water, I 10 A No, I can't see it. 10 believe they can supply them up to 11 Q Okay. Be all right if -- there we go. 11 12 200,000 gallons per day, and that helps us allow 12 A Because the purpose of this study is to help them to stay in business while we're still identify a water source adequate to keep the 13 13 protecting what we do have. 14 14 City out of water conservation measures, the 15 Q And do you know at present whether, if need be, 15 focus needs to be in the peak year of water whether Post Rock could supply any more than consumption, which was 2004. 16 16 17 that? 17 O Right, stop there. Okay. So what do you No, they could not. understand from Bartlett & West's water supply 18 A 18 **19** Q Okay. And are you able to see that, Jon? study that they were making through that 19 20 A Yes. 20 statement there? **21** Q Okay. Would you be able to read that first 21 A That years after 2004 when the City customers were highly restricted to their use that you 22 paragraph? 22 23 A The City also faces another critical issue with 23 should not use that data to base future needs their water supply. Even if the water rights because of the restrictions that were put in 24 24 25 were not restricted by DWR, the City would 25 place. So they're suggesting that you use the Page 515 Page 517 struggle supplying water for an extended time data pre all the restrictions being put in 1 1 during hot summer months because of a lack of place, which would be 2004. 2 2 water in the region. The Big Creek intake 3 Q Right. And from that, I think they reached a 3 typically has little water available because the conclusion which is on page 10. Test you again 4 4 Big Creek frequently runs dry. The Pfeifer 5 5 if you can read that? 6 wellfield is capable of supplying the water 6 A Can you zoom in just a little bit more, please. 7 demand for a short duration but could be Okay. Assuming the water usage returns to the 7 8 permanently damaged if the demand increases too average demand of 1.3 million gallons a day 8 9 9 established in 2004 and assuming a linear growth So that's talking about your existing supply or of 378,000 gallons every ten years for 30 years, 10 Q 10 summarizing some of the concerns? the average day demand in 2045 would be 11 11 Correct. 2.5 million gallons a day. The 2.5 million 12 A 12 Would you agree with that? 13 gallons a day average water usage would produce 13 Q a total annual water demand of 895 million 14 A 14 15 O Okay. And then I think the second paragraph 15 gallons a year, 2,748 acre-feet. talks about some restrictions, could you read 16 O Let me stop you there. So the projection --16 17 there's been testimony earlier today about 17 18 A The City's been able to manage the two main 18 studies projecting future water use, future 19 water sources effectively, but they have also 19 water needs. Is that what you understand this 20 been highly restricted over the last 12 years as 20 report here is doing? the City has endured several water warnings and 21 21 A Yes. 22 water emergencies. The ability to develop a new 22 Q And correct me if I'm wrong, what they're saying 23 water supply would increase the City's 23 is if you've paid for a population and project a capability of being able to sustainably supply 24 24 future water need, and particularly if it's a 25 all customers with water even during the summer population that has experienced water shortages 25

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1		with restrictions, with mandatory restrictions,	1		or water warnings?
2		that you should look to the year where there was		A	Yes.
3		none of those restrictions, which they have		Q	Can you tell me a little bit about that, what
4		done?	4	_	are those different stages?
	A	Correct.		A	A water watch is voluntary conservation. It's
6	Q	Which they're saying is 2004?	6		when we have hit 75 percent of our production
	A	Yes.	7		capability or that the wells, a number of wells
	Q	Correct?	8		have reached a certain distance from the screen
	A	Yes.	9		of the well. The second
10		And then they have also within this report		Q	Okay. Let me stop you there.
11	`	determined some type of a growing need, even		_	Okay.
12		though, as I recall their study, they're showing		Q	So one of the triggers is when the wells, which
13		a zero growth of population in the city?	13	_	would be the Smoky Hill River wells, right?
	A	Correct, they are not using population as a		A	Yes.
15		factor, they said zero growth.	15	Q	Reach a static level?
16	Q	Okay. And based on that, they're saying by 2045	16	_	Yes.
17		that may be your need	17	Q	Within a certain distance from the screens?
18	A	•	18	A	Correct.
19	Q	2748 acre-feet?	19	Q	And so static level is what?
20	A	Correct.	20	A	Static level is the water level when it's not
21	Q	Okay. They're also suggesting what they call a	21		being pumped.
22		peaking factor of 1.5?	22	Q	Okay.
23	A	Yes.	23	A	When you're pumping the water, then you have the
24	Q	Do you know what that is?	24		drawdown level, and that's how far it's being
25	A	From reading that, they're just taking that	25		pulled down.
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1		during 2006, we would take three years' average	1		are reduced to 75 percent of their average
2		and of the preceding three years, take that	2		monthly consumption.
3		average of what they used, and then multiply	3	Q	And, again, the City does the calculation and
4		that times the 75 percent, and that's all they	4		provides those numbers to the industries?
5		would be allowed to use for the month.	5	A	Yes.
6	Q	Okay.	6	Q	And the industries are the ethanol plant?
7		MR. BULLER: Your Honor, the Zoom	7	A	Ethanol plant and the wheat gluten plant.
8		appears to have crashed.	8		Purina is also an industry, but their water
9		PRESIDING OFFICER: Looks like Zoom	9		consumption is very minor.
10		is still up, just the camera here on this	10	Q	Okay. And we haven't talked much about Purina,
11		one is we can go off the record. Sorry.	11		but what do they do?
12		(Discussion held off the record.)	12	A	They make animal feed ingredients. They don't
13		PRESIDING OFFICER: All right. We	13		make the final product but the ingredients that
14		can go back on the record now.	14		go into it.
15	B	Y MR. COLE:	15	Q	But they are part of that industrial complex out
16	Q	Okay. And I think when we went off we were	16		there?
17		talking about some city resolutions restricting	17	A	Correct.
18		water usage, and the next one I want to go to is	18	Q	And is when these are in effect, does the
19		Exhibit 2602. And, again, the resolution number	19		City have a means by which to monitor that
20		would indicate what to you, Jon?	20		consumption?
21	A	It was the 23rd resolution adopted in 2012.	21	A	For the industrial customers?
22	Q	Okay. And the format of these, at least at the	22	Q	Yes.
23		beginning, is just a summary of prior	23	A	Yes, the meters are checked every day.
24		resolutions, is it not?	24	Q	And by and large do you get compliance?
25	A	Correct.	25	A	Oh, yes.
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2		let's see what that the significance of this.	2		several resolutions in the record, and rather

- Can you go through those restrictions?
- 4 A Again, the waste of water is prohibited. The
- outdoor watering of private/public grounds is 5
- prohibited.
- 7 Q Okay. I want to stop you a second. That was
- what Brad Wagner testified to earlier, was it 8
- 9 not?
- Yes. 10 A
- **11** O And that is a complete prohibition?
- 12 A
- 13 Q There's no exceptions?
- No exception. Well, there's exception for 14 A
- 15 commercial growers in the -- on their commercial
- premises. 16
- 17 Q All right. And the next one?
- 18 A Outdoor watering for filling or refilling
- 19 residential above- and below-ground swimming
- 20 pools is prohibited.
- 21 Q Okay.
- 22 A Can't wash your vehicles, boats, or trailers on
- 23 residential or public property or the washing of
- the exterior of the building or structure is 24
- 25 prohibited. And the industrial customers again

- than go through all of those, I would just note 3
- the exhibit numbers as 2245, which I think we 4
- looked at, 2600, 2602, 2611, 2613, 2617, 2623, 5
- 6 2626, and 2650. In addition to those, as I
- 7 noted earlier, we discovered there were some
- 8 resolutions that were not included in the
- 9 exhibit packet.
- Yes. 10 A
- 11 O And those generally covered the years 2006 and
- 12 2007?
- Yes. 13 A
- 14 O And 2011?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 O Okay. And those, should anyone want them to be
- 17 produced, we would happily do so.
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 O Okay. Let's talk about these industrial
- customers. You've indicated that the Land 20
- O'Lakes is not a -- or is that Purina? 21
- 22 A Purina is part of Land O'Lakes, yeah.
- 23 Q Okay. It's not a major user?
- 24 A Of water, no.
- 25 O But the other plants do?

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1 A	Yes.	1	Q	All the wheat do you know how much wheat they
2 Q	Do you know so there are two separate	2	`	use?
3	plants	3	A	23 million bushels a year.
4 A	Yes.	4	Q	
5 Q	is that correct?	5		the ethanol plant?
6 A	Correct.	6	A	It's in the wheat gluten facility.
7 Q	Can you tell us about, a little bit about what	7	Q	Just the wheat gluten?
8	each of them produces?	8	A	Yes.
9 A	The wheat gluten facility takes wheat and	9	Q	23 million bushels?
10	produces into wheat protein, referred to as	10	A	Yes.
11	gluten. Then the starch that is starch	11	Q	Where does that come from?
12	water, which is a by-product of that, is sent	12	A	According to PureField, all Kansas farmers.
13	over to the ethanol plant which uses it to	13	Q	Any from Edwards County?
14	produce ethanol.	14	A	,
15 Q		15		I don't know if it's an actual Edwards County
16	gluten plant, was that of these two plants,	16		farmer, but, yes, they purchase from the co-op.
17	was that the first plant that was built?	17	Q	Is the wheat gluten plant, is it a big water
18 A	Yes.	18		user?
19 Q	•	19	A	Of the two combined, it only uses 5 percent of
20 A	1994.	20	_	the water. The ethanol uses 95 percent.
21 Q	Okay. And so it takes in wheat to be	21	Q	Tell us about the ethanol plant, when was it
22	processed	22		built?
23 A	Yes.	23		In 2006, I believe.
24 Q	is that correct?	24	_	And what does it do?
25 A	Yes.	25	A	It produces ethanol, which is a grain alcohol,
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2 A 3 4 Q 5 6 7 A 8 9 Q 10 11 A 12 Q 13 A	Do you know if it processes any other grain?  I'm sure it takes in milo, but I don't know what percentage of each.  Okay. And you've described that it breaks down the wheat gluten from the starch; is that correct?  The starch is a by-product of their wheat gluten process.  Do you know what the wheat gluten is, do you know what that's used for?  It's used for food food products.  Okay.  I'm sure there's other reasons, but PureField	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	Q A Q	it is used it's mixed with gasoline to improve I guess reduce the amount of gasoline that goes into an automobile.  Do you know where PureField sells most of its ethanol?  Most of its ethanol is sold in California because this facility has the lowest carbon footprint for its ethanol product, which is in high demand on the West Coast.  So the ethanol plant, you have indicated it must use approximately 95 percent of the demand from those  From the two combined, yes.
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2 A 3 4 Q 5 6 7 A 8 9 Q 10 11 A 12 Q 13 A 14	Do you know if it processes any other grain?  I'm sure it takes in milo, but I don't know what percentage of each.  Okay. And you've described that it breaks down the wheat gluten from the starch; is that correct?  The starch is a by-product of their wheat gluten process.  Do you know what the wheat gluten is, do you know what that's used for?  It's used for food food products.  Okay.  I'm sure there's other reasons, but PureField goes into the brand of Heartland, and they are the largest producer of wheat gluten in North	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15	Q <b>A</b> Q Q	it is used it's mixed with gasoline to improve I guess reduce the amount of gasoline that goes into an automobile.  Do you know where PureField sells most of its ethanol?  Most of its ethanol is sold in California because this facility has the lowest carbon footprint for its ethanol product, which is in high demand on the West Coast.  So the ethanol plant, you have indicated it must use approximately 95 percent of the demand from those  From the two combined, yes.  So how much generally, and I understand that it probably varies, does it not?
2 A 3 4 Q 5 6 7 A 8 9 Q 10 11 A 12 Q 13 A 14 15	Do you know if it processes any other grain?  I'm sure it takes in milo, but I don't know what percentage of each.  Okay. And you've described that it breaks down the wheat gluten from the starch; is that correct?  The starch is a by-product of their wheat gluten process.  Do you know what the wheat gluten is, do you know what that's used for?  It's used for food food products.  Okay.  I'm sure there's other reasons, but PureField goes into the brand of Heartland, and they are the largest producer of wheat gluten in North America.	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16	Q <b>A</b> Q Q	it is used it's mixed with gasoline to improve I guess reduce the amount of gasoline that goes into an automobile.  Do you know where PureField sells most of its ethanol?  Most of its ethanol is sold in California because this facility has the lowest carbon footprint for its ethanol product, which is in high demand on the West Coast.  So the ethanol plant, you have indicated it must use approximately 95 percent of the demand from those  From the two combined, yes.  So how much generally, and I understand that it probably varies, does it not?  Yes, on average, they would use 700,000 gallons
2 A 3 4 Q 5 6 7 A 8 9 Q 10 11 A 12 Q 13 A 14 15 16 17 Q	Do you know if it processes any other grain?  I'm sure it takes in milo, but I don't know what percentage of each.  Okay. And you've described that it breaks down the wheat gluten from the starch; is that correct?  The starch is a by-product of their wheat gluten process.  Do you know what the wheat gluten is, do you know what that's used for?  It's used for food food products.  Okay.  I'm sure there's other reasons, but PureField goes into the brand of Heartland, and they are the largest producer of wheat gluten in North America.  At this plant?	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17	Q <b>A</b> Q Q	it is used it's mixed with gasoline to improve I guess reduce the amount of gasoline that goes into an automobile.  Do you know where PureField sells most of its ethanol?  Most of its ethanol is sold in California because this facility has the lowest carbon footprint for its ethanol product, which is in high demand on the West Coast.  So the ethanol plant, you have indicated it must use approximately 95 percent of the demand from those  From the two combined, yes.  So how much generally, and I understand that it probably varies, does it not?  Yes, on average, they would use 700,000 gallons of water a day, but that's not what we provide
2 A 3 4 Q 5 6 7 A 8 9 Q 10 11 A 12 Q 13 A 14 15 16 17 Q 18 A	Do you know if it processes any other grain?  I'm sure it takes in milo, but I don't know what percentage of each.  Okay. And you've described that it breaks down the wheat gluten from the starch; is that correct?  The starch is a by-product of their wheat gluten process.  Do you know what the wheat gluten is, do you know what that's used for?  It's used for food food products.  Okay.  I'm sure there's other reasons, but PureField goes into the brand of Heartland, and they are the largest producer of wheat gluten in North America.  At this plant?  Yes.	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18	Q <b>A</b> Q Q	it is used it's mixed with gasoline to improve I guess reduce the amount of gasoline that goes into an automobile.  Do you know where PureField sells most of its ethanol?  Most of its ethanol is sold in California because this facility has the lowest carbon footprint for its ethanol product, which is in high demand on the West Coast.  So the ethanol plant, you have indicated it must use approximately 95 percent of the demand from those  From the two combined, yes.  So how much generally, and I understand that it probably varies, does it not?  Yes, on average, they would use 700,000 gallons of water a day, but that's not what we provide them because we don't have the capability or
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1		was?	1	Q	And their source is Kanopolis Lake?
	A	Well, I don't remember that time, but they have		A	Yes.
3		a planned expansion that having the availability		Q	And, in fact, this was one of the potential
4		of water now is a major factor.	4	~	alternative options that Mr. Dougherty testified
5	_	Right. The previous one when they wanted to do	5		to?
6	_	some renovations and expansion, we couldn't	6	A	Yes.
7		supply them, what came out of from that?	7	Q	And concluded it was not a viable option,
8	A	They were still able to expand, and what they	8	`	correct?
9		did is invested in process changes and	9	A	Correct, yes.
10		technology to reduce the amount of water	10	Q	The infrastructure that they have to provide
11		consumed. For the wheat gluten side, they	11		PureField its water, do you know whether they
12		reduced their water need 24 percent per pound of	12		can provide any greater volume than that?
13		product. So when they did expand, we saw a	13	A	No, they cannot.
14		negligible increase in their water demand from	14	Q	And why is that?
15		us.	15	A	They're restricted by the size of their
16	Q	Is it your understanding that these two	16		transmission line and their treatment capacity.
17		facilities are, if not the most efficient	17		There were times that we would have authorized
18		facilities in the United States, at the top?	18		them to provide more, but Post Rock said, we
19	A	Yes.	19		can't, we just can't produce and deliver that
20	Q	And I know it's because I don't ask the question	20		much.
21		very well, but at some point we had to go	21	Q	Well, we're a water supplier, we want to sell
22		outside of the city to provide a supplemental	22		water, why would we say, you guys go ahead and
23		water source to the industries?	23		supply it?
	A	Correct.	24	A	To allow the industry to continue to invest in
25	Q	And who is that supplemental source?	25		the community and contribute to the State's
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	A	Post Rock Rural Water.	1		economy but also to protect our water sources
2	Q	Post Rock Rural Water. And now this those industries are within	2		economy but also to protect our water sources that we have 'cause they're fragile and
2	Q	Post Rock Rural Water.  And now this those industries are within the city limits, are they not?	2		economy but also to protect our water sources that we have 'cause they're fragile and unreliable.
2 3 4	<b>Q A</b>	Post Rock Rural Water. And now this those industries are within the city limits, are they not? Correct.	2 3 4		economy but also to protect our water sources that we have 'cause they're fragile and unreliable.  We didn't have it to give, we didn't have it to
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2 3 4 5 6	Q A Q	Post Rock Rural Water.  And now this those industries are within the city limits, are they not?  Correct.  And because of that, the City of Russell has the right to be the sole supplier of water to those	2 3 4 5 6	Q <b>A</b>	economy but also to protect our water sources that we have 'cause they're fragile and unreliable.  We didn't have it to give, we didn't have it to provide, right?  What's that, the water?
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2 A	Yes.	2	Ā	Fuel.
3 Q	Do you know what the payroll is?	3	Q	Pays fuel tax?
4 A	Yes, \$10 million.	4	Ā	
5 Q	A year?	5	Q	•
6 A	A year.	6		think would be the State would recognize some
7 Q	Do you know what the employment is?	7		benefit from that through tax revenue both from
8 A	A little bit more than 100. I would say	8		employees and from sales
9	probably 120.	9	A	Yes.
10 Q	You recall the testimony of Brad Wagner on his	10	Q	would it not?
11	perception of the influence the industry has had	11	$\mathbf{A}$	Yes.
12	on the economy of Russell?	12	Q	What is the projected expenditure for the
13 A	Yes.	13		proposed expansion of the gluten plant?
14 Q	Do you agree with him?	14	$\mathbf{A}$	\$300 million.
15 A	Oh, yes.	15	Q	\$300 million?
16 Q	What's the value of the plant as it exists now	16	$\mathbf{A}$	Correct.
17	as the value of its exports?	17	Q	Twice what this project is projected to cost?
18 A	\$250 million.	18	$\mathbf{A}$	Correct.
19 Q	How much how many pounds of wheat gluten is	19	Q	Is that \$300 million going to be spent in
20	produced presently?	20		California?
21 A	I believe 75 million.	21	A	No, it'll all be spent here.
22 Q	Under its plan for expansion, how much would be	22	Q	Kansas?
23	produced?	23	$\mathbf{A}$	Yes.
24 A	Double to 150 million pounds.	24	Q	I'm sorry but I've done so much jumping around,
25 Q	Do you know how much more grain would be	25		I've got to find myself now.
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1	Α	Correct.	1		There's other elements that go into that, is
	Q	a year?	2		there not?
	A	•		A	Yes.
4		them with what they need now because Post Rock		Q	And what would those some of those be?
5		is supplying them with some of that.	5		Well, the economy or the demand for that type of
	Q	Okay. So this is Cities' Exhibit 1788, and I'll	6		industry, electric rates, the availability of
7	_	represent to you that it is a water supply study	7		finding employees, housing.
8		from Wilson & Company that goes all the way back	8	_	Okay. And are those all items that you're
9		to 1967 when we were studying it, okay? And of	9	_	working on?
10		interest to me is in the conclusion remarks, the	10		Yes.
11		paragraph that says general, could you read		Q	And the power itself, which is and it would
12		that, please.	12	_	be a significant power requirement; is that
	A	Russell needs Russell needs industry in order	13		correct?
14		to keep its young people at home after		A	Yes.
15		graduation from high school and college.		Q	And that's something that the City will supply
16		Industrial development is somewhat dependent on	16	_	as well?
17		a firm water supply, as well as on the attitudes		A	Yes.
18		and energies of the civic leaders. In order to	18		The ultimate test, I think, here is first
19		grow as a normal city should grow, Russell must	19	_	consideration is what would be the benefit to
20		consider its water supply to be of prime	20		the State if this transfer is not approved, can
21		importance. In this study, it has been assumed	21		you tell me what benefits will accrue to the
22		that Russell will continue to grow in the future	22		State by disapproving the transfer?
23		as it has in the past. It may take considerable	23		The benefits to the State is the economic impact
24		effort to accomplish this goal.	24		that the City of Russell
	Q	Do you agree with that, that for the City of	25		That would be the benefits if it's approved,
23	Q	Do you agree with that, that for the city of	23	Q	That would be the benefits if it's approved,
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1		Russell to grow, to have opportunities for its	1		right?
2		citizens, to bring its kids back to the	2	A	Yes.
3		community, it needs industry?	3	Q	What if it's not approved?
4	Α	Yes.	4	A	There are no benefits to the State, it would
5	Q	And we've heard some testimony, we'll hear more	5		actually be the opposite. You would lose
6	_	testimony, about the stagnant growth of the	6		investment into the State, the this expansion
7		population in Russell. Is that what we need to	7		won't happen, which means that they won't buy
8		do?	8		additional grain from Kansas farmers, they won't
9	A	Yeah. Yes.	9		export, and at some point, they may decide that
10	Q	What is the condition of Russell now as far as	10		we'll go somewhere else.
11	_	population?		Q	What will be the benefit if this transfer is
	A	I've noticed just from observation that we have	12	_	approved?
13		more families moving in, younger kids that have	13		The continued economic impact to the entire
14		graduated college or went to a trade school,	14		state from the City of Russell, the region, and
15		have moved off and are now coming home.	15		the industrial customers that they have with
	Q	We actually are fortunate we have high-speed	16		their employment, the taxes they pay, the
17		internet, do we not?	17		ancillary jobs that they have, such as the truck
	A	Yes.	18		drivers, the benefit to the farmers and ranchers
	Q	And we've had that for a few years?	19		that take their by-product and use it to feed
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Quite a few years, yeah.

from home?

Yes.

**21** Q And that's brought people in that actually work

The recommendation up here said that industrial

is somewhat dependent on a firm water supply.

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their cattle.

The benefits to the citizens of Russell?

22 A A more stable, would not be as subject to the

cyclical ups and downs of oil and agriculture.

The industrial park and those customers have

smoothed out the ups and downs of ag and oil,

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       which has allowed our community to -- we're not
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       growing up until recently, but we have not
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                                                                   SEDGWICK COUNTY
       declined as much as other communities.
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                                                                            I, Nancy L. Rambo, a Certified Shorthand
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       Other than economic conditions, would you expect
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                                                                   Reporter, within and for the State of Kansas, do
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       the quality of life to improve if we had a
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                                                                  hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and
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       secure, reliable water source?
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       Yes, the -- the community has been placed
                                                                   time and place hereinbefore set forth.
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       through restrictions on and off for -- since
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       2006 and the community is not going to, with
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                                                                   or employee or attorney or counsel of any of the
       this additional water, forget to be good
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       stewards of the resource they have, but you will
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                                                                   attorney or counsel, nor am I financially
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       have people that will be able to do things as
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       simple as planting a garden, which may seem
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       simple but when you're going outside and
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       planting a garden, you're outside, you're being
                                                                   Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas, this 2nd day of
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       healthy, and that's quality of life.
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              MR. COLE: I don't have any other
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         questions.
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                                                                                      NANCY L. RAMBO, R.P.R., C.S.R.
Registered Professional Reporter
Certified Shorthand Reporter
              PRESIDING OFFICER: All right.
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         Well, we will take this, then, as our time
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         to break for the day, and when we resume in
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         the morning, we'll come back at 9:00 and
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         we'll pick up with the other parties'
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         questioning of Mr. Quinday.
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            All right. So we're adjourned for the
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