1	IN THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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4	IN RE: INVESTIGATION:
5	Case No. 2003-00433 AN ADJUSTMENT OF THE GAS AND ELECTRIC RATES,
6	TERMS, AND CONDITIONS OF LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
7	DIDCIRIC COMPANI
8	and
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10	Case No. 2003-00434 AN ADJUSTMENT OF THE ELECTRIC RATES, TERMS, AND
11	CONDITIONS OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY
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15	SWORN STATEMENT
16	OF
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The sworn statement of DAVID C. BROWN,
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     taken in the offices of Goldberg & Simpson,
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     3000 National City Tower, 101 South Fifth Street,
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     Louisville, Kentucky, on Wednesday, the 10th day of
     August, 2005, at approximately 10:05 a.m.
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                           EXAMINATION
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     BY MR. GOLDBERG:
                     Would you state your name, please.
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              Q.
                     David C. Brown.
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              Α.
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                     All right, sir. And your business
              Q.
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     address?
                     1800 Aegon Center, 400 West Market,
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             Α.
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     Louisville, Kentucky.
                     Okay. And your occupation?
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              Q.
                     I'm an attorney with Stites &
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              Α.
     Harbison.
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                     Okay. And I presume the address you
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     gave me was the address of Stites & Harbison.
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              Α.
                     That's correct.
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              Q.
                     Okay. And how long have you been a
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     lawyer?
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              Α.
                     Since 1964.
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                     Okay. You are familiar, I take it,
              Q.
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with the Public Service Commission?

A. Yes.

- Q. Okay. And I take it you have
 represented people in front of the Public Service
 Commission before?
 - A. I have represented companies.
 - Q. Okay. Thank you. With regard to that, did you have occasion to represent the Kroger Company before the Public Service Commission related to two rate cases filed in 2003?
 - A. Yes, I did.
 - Q. Okay. Tell me what you recall generally prior to the actual filing of the case, which I'm representing to be end of December 2003, what your participation was.
 - A. I had none.
 - Q. Okay. When did you first become involved in representing Kroger as it relates to the rate cases? And let me further represent the rate cases as being 00433 -- that's the LG&E rate case -- and 00434, the KU case.
 - A. I received a -- a call from the Kroger Company sometime during the first of the year -- I can't recall when -- asking if I would be available to represent them in the case. I said yes.

Okay. Had you represented Kroger 1 Q. before? 2 Α. I had not. 3 Okay. Before the Public Service 0. 4 Commission? 5 6 Α. I had not. I trust you were retained then 7 0. sometime in the winter of 2004? 8 This was '05. '04, you're right. 9 No. I'm sorry. It would probably have been January, 10 11 maybe February. And for your reference, the dates, 12 0. timeframewise, or complaint is -- not complaint, rate 13 cases are filed late December 2003. First informal 14 conference is April 28, 2004. And the hearings occur 15 beginning May 4th, 5th, 6th and 12th. 16 Correct. I recall that. 17 Α. All right. Now, using that as a 18 Q. timeframe, we've established when you were retained. 19 Tell me upon behalf of Kroger Company what you did 20 between the time you were retained and the first 21 22 informal conference, April 28, 2004. 23 Α. We prepared data requests to the companies seeking information that was relevant to 24 our position. Obviously reviewed data requests that 25

the commission asked. The usual types of things you would do to prepare for a hearing. We -- we were a minor player in the case. Kroger was a single issue intervener. They were interested in a particular aspect of the case and were not interested in participating in a wholesale fashion.

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- Q. All right, sir. Did you provide any expert testimony on a prefile basis?
- expert and on two or three issues. And in that -- in that timeframe we approached Mr. Riggs, who is counsel for the utilities, about -- about our interest -- Kroger's interest in the case which had to do with a particular type of tariff they wanted to talk to the company about. It was called a time-of-use tariff. There was no such tariff on file, and that conversation did take place. And ultimately prior to April 28th, the company and Kroger entered into or agreed to enter into a -- basically a stipulation or a settlement of the -- of the case whereby Kroger would basically go away.
- Q. Was the demand issue that you've talked about, is that an issue related to revenue requirement or an issue related to rate design, or do those terms mean anything to you?

- 1 A. Rate design only.
- Q. Okay. Does it deal with issues
 related to use of electricity during certain periods
 of the day?
 - A. Yes.

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- Q. Okay. Using our time line, April 28, 2004, as the first informal conference, am I understanding that you were resolved -- "you" being Kroger -- with issues related to the rate cases prior to April 28, 2004?
- A. I believe so. I believe that we presented the commission at the prehearing conference on the 28th with the fact that we had entered into a stipulation and would present it to the commission for approval during the rate case. Whether we had whether the parties had signed it, I'm not sure. But I think we did present that to the commission.
- Q. Okay. In between the filing of the complaint and April 28, 2004, did you have opportunity to communicate directly with any of the staff of the Public Service Commission on the particular case?
- A. Yeah. I don't -- I don't recall any.

 I don't get up there that much. I was not in a case

 at the commission during that time. The only person

I would have communicated with would be Mr. Raff, and 1 I don't recall that I did. 2 Okay. Do I take it, then, you had no 3 Q. contact with any of the commission members during --4 That's correct. 5 Α. -- that period of time? Ο. 6 That's correct. 7 Α. Okay. Have we discussed all activity Q .. 8 you had on these rate cases up until April 28, 2004, 9 that you recall? 10 That's -- that's the sum and 11 Right. Α. 12 substance of it. It was a normal preparation for a rate case. And ultimately this particular party, 13 Kroger, agreed to withdraw its testimony. And the 14 companies agreed to introduce a time-of-use tariff on 15 16 an experimental basis. Okay. And all that was done prior to 17 0. April 28, 2004. 18 Α. The agreement was made before that, 19 20 yes. 21 Q. Okay. It was subject to commission approval. 22 Α. Of course. Did you have 23 Q. communications with any of the members of KIUC prior 24 to April 28, 2004, that you recall? 25

- A. Well, I had communication with Mike

 Kurtz prior to April 28th on matters unrelated to

 this case, and with respect to this case.
 - Q. Okay. Any other interveners other than KIUC? Mr. Kurtz is counsel for KIUC.
 - A. Right. Mr. Riggs for the companies, and I don't believe I spoke with anyone else.
 - Q. Fair enough. Did you come to the commission, make an appearance on April 28, 2004?
 - A. I did.

- Q. Okay. That was the informal conference. Tell me what you recall of the informal conference and that day's events.
- A. The only thing I really recall was the fact that I presented the stipulation -- the agreement to make the stipulation to the commission.

 I don't have a recollection -- and I have not reviewed my notes. I don't have a recollection of anything else. Generally there would be a review of the cases and timeframes and discussion about how long it would take and how much cross-examination people had, et cetera.
- Q. Okay. Do you have a recollection of having had any discussions with any members of the staff on that day?

I do not. 1 Α. Okay. And when you say you presented 2 Q. your agreement with LG&E/KU, do I -- am I 3 understanding you took a written document and -- or LG&E/KU took a written document and filed it at the 5 6 commission on that day? I don't recall whether we filed 7 Α. anything or not. 8 9 Q. Okay. I know that Mr. Riggs and I advised 10 Α. the commission. We may have had a stipulation in 11 draft form or in final form. But whatever it is, 12 it's on the record. And that's what I recall the --13 my -- my part of the -- of the April 28th pretrial 14 15 conference. The stipulation was such that at that point we would not be an active participant in the 16 17 case. All right, sir. I will represent to 18 Q. you that on April 29th and April 30th -- and 19 April 30th is Oaks Day -- that there were discussions 20 between the interveners and LG&E and KU. 21 Did you 22 participate in those discussions? 23 Α. I did not. Okay. Did -- were you in 24 0.

communication with LG&E and KU with regard to those

1 discussions on April 29th or April 30th? I received a phone call from someone, 2 Α. 3 and I don't recall what day it was, but that there had been a meeting between the attorney general, KIUC and maybe the staff. And again, I haven't looked 5 back to see my notes, but I recall there was a --6 there were settlement talks about the whole case, and 7 that my -- my recollection is that there was no 8 9 agreement reached, but there were some pretty solid discussions. 10 Okay. You have no recollection of who 11 Q. 12 actually called you to communicate that? 13 My guess was that -- my guess was -is that it was Mike Kurtz, but I couldn't be for 14 15 sure. Did you have a recollection --16 Q. 17 Α. It could be Mr. Riggs. Okay. Could it have been Mr. Boehm? 18 Q. 19 Α. No, I don't think so. 20 Fair enough. And do you have a Q. 21 recollection that you received the call prior to the hearings that were scheduled the next week? 22 Oh, yes. 23 Α. 24 Okay. And again, for reference Q. 25 purposes, the first date of hearing was May the 4th,

which would have been Tuesday of the following week.

Do you have a recollection you received this phone

call prior to that?

A. Yes.

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Q. Okay. Any other communications from any of the parties that you recall, or the staff, prior to May the 4th?

A. Yes. I'm sure I had discussions with Mr. Kurtz probably on Monday following up the phone call and trying to understand what was happening in the case.

Q. Okay. Did you get any clearer understanding on the 3rd?

A. I probably did, but I don't recall. I mean, I knew going up there on Tuesday that there were the possibilities of settlement. I didn't know -- I don't recall knowing precisely what the procedure was going to be when the case opened.

It was a type of situation where our stipulation was not dependent on what the overall case did. We had a separate, stand-alone stipulation with the company, and we were going to present it and not participate in the case.

Q. Okay.

A. So whether there was a settlement or

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     was not a settlement of the overall case was of
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     interest to me, but academically only.
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     Mr. Kurtz, did you have any other conversations with
     any party or the staff prior to May the 4th, that you
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     recall?
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                    I was at the racetrack on a Friday, I
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     think, and I got -- I recall talking to somebody.
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     was either Mr. Kurtz --
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                    That would have been Friday,
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     April 30th, Oaks Day?
                    I think -- I think so, yes.
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     have been Thursday. I don't recall. I have a
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     recollection of wanting to call Richard Raff to find
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     out what was going to happen on Tuesday. I don't
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     recall whether I did or I didn't, but I very well
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     could have.
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             Q.
                    All right.
                    If he says I did, I'm sure I did.
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                    Other than a possible call to Mr. Raff
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     and the conversation we've talked about, it sounds
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     like two conversations, one on -- sometime over the
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     weekend and one on Monday with Mr. Kurtz -- do you
     recall any others?
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1 0. Okay. May the 4th, first date of the 2 hearing. Tell me what you recall about the first day of the hearing, May the 4th. 3 I recall being up at the commission 4 prior to the time of the -- of the hearing, and there 5 being discussion of -- of continuing settlements 6 among the parties. And I think I'm right on this. 7 Again, I have not gone back to check, but I believe we opened the case and advised the commission -- I 9 say "we" -- Mr. Riggs, on behalf of the companies, 10 advised the commission that we'd like time -- that 11 they would like time to continue the settlement 12 discussions. This was after appearances were made, 1.3 and the commission granted that time. The parties 14 15 went back into the side room there together, and 16 there were discussions. Okay. When you said "side room," 17 0. 18 hearing room 2? Α. I think so. 19 20 Okay. Q. It's right behind on the right as 21 Α. you're facing the bench. 22 23 All right. Were all parties, to your Q. knowledge, present during those discussions in 24

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hearing room 2?

1 Α. I don't recall. I know at one point 2 the Department of Defense lawyer was hooked in by 3 telephone, as I recall. 0. Okav. Α. But whether all the parties were 5 6 there, I have no idea. 7 Were you actively participating in the 0. 8 discussions or merely there as an observer? 9 Mainly observing. Α. 10 Q. Okay. Did you have an opportunity to 11 observe the staff and their participation in the 12 conversations of May the 4th? 13 They were there. And Mr. Raff was 14 there. And there was another person, and I don't recall. It could have been Aaron Greenwell. 15 don't --16 17 0. Do you know Mr. Isaac Scott? Yes. It was Isaac Scott, It was not 18 Α. 19 Mr. Greenwell. 20 Q. Do you know Mr. Jeff Shaw? 21 Α. No. I might recognize him, but the 22 name doesn't ... 23 Fair enough. Okay. Did you have an Q. 24 opportunity to observe the role the staff was playing 25 in these discussions?

Well, certainly I did. I mean, I was 1 Α. 2 there. Did you form an impression as to --3 Q. I don't have an impression about particular roles. I -- I recall during the day --5 б and it was during the day -- the entire day, if not 7 into the evening -- that there were discussions in the rooms by various parties, and there were 9 discussions outside the rooms by various parties with respect to the issues. It was a normal type of 10 11 multiparty settlement discussions. 12 Q. Okay. Just for the record, your best 13 remembrance of this, who were the parties that were collectively known as the interveners? 14 15 Α. Well, Dennis Howard for the attorney 16 general. 17 Was Ms. Blackford with him also? Q., I think so. 18 Α. Okay. Do you have a recollection 19 Q. 20 there were two persons from the attorney general's 21 staff? 22 Α. I know both Betsy and Dennis, and I --23 it sticks in my mind that Dennis was the primary 24 advocate, but I think they were both there most of 25 the time. Mr. Kurtz and Mr. Boehm for KIUC. There

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were one or two consumer groups, one from Lexington
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     and a Legal Aid person from Louisville, whose names I
     do not know. There were the -- there were counsel
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     for the steel company in Eastern Kentucky --
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                     Yes. North American Stainless had
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     several people there. The Department of Defense was
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             The environmental cabinet was there through
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     counsel. Mr. Riggs and several of his colleagues
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     were there for the company. I'm sure there were
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     others.
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                    Actually you got them all.
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             Α.
                    Okay. Good.
                     The only one I think you didn't get --
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             Q.
     you mentioned them before and I assume they were
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     there -- was the KIUC folks.
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                     Yes, I mentioned them.
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             0.
                     Okay. What was your understanding
     what KIUC was?
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                     Well, I know KIUC is a consortium of
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     industrial customers that are interested in utility
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     matters.
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                    And they were represented by Mr. Boehm
     and Mr. Kurtz?
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                     That's correct.
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1 ο. As it relates to David Brown, do you recall any conversations with the staff on May the 2 3 4th? Other than chitchat, good mornings, Α. I may have had some, but I don't recall that. 5 no. All right. You mentioned North Q. 6 American Stainless. Did you have a recollection or 7 understanding that their issues were being discussed 8 9 separately from the main group? Well, I knew they had a particular 10 Α. issue that did not apply to the other interveners 11 12 over and above the revenue requirements of the case. Other than that, I don't have any recollection of it. 13 Okay. Physically, do you have a sense 14 Q. 15 that they were in another room discussing their 16 issues different than the main group discussing rate 17 case issues? Yes, I think so. 18 Α. 19 Q. Okay. And in your recollection, did 20 those discussions get reported back to the main group 21 during the course of time? 22 My recollection is that all Α. 23 discussions were reported back to the main group. 24 All right. Any other breakout groups, Q. if we can use that term, other than North American

Stainless that you recall? 1 Jon, I don't recall. I'm sure there Α. 2 could have been, but I don't recall. 3 Fair enough. Anything else you recall 4 0. about the events of May the 4th? That would have 5 been the first hearing date. 6 Other than the lateness of the hour, Α. 7 not really. I remember it did go -- one of the days 8 went beyond dinnertime. 9 Focusing in on the first All right. 10 0. day, did you have an understanding that all the 11 interveners had reached agreement by the end of the 12 day, May 4th, with LG&E and KU on all issues? 1.3 Either that day or the next. 14 Okay. Let's deal with the next day, 15 Q. 16 May the 5th, also a date that was originally 17 scheduled for hearing. Α. Yes. 18 Okay. Were you in attendance on May 19 Q. the 5th? 20 I was. 21 Α. Take me through what you recall 22 Ο. Okav. of the second day of the hearings, the chain of 23 24 events. 25 Α. The days run together. I do recall

leaving the commission offices on a night -- it may have been the first day or the second day -- and that all the parties had pretty much agreed to all the Whether that was the 4th or the 5th, I can't issues. Δ And I recall going up to Frankfort, recall. believing that we were going to work on the final documents, final stipulation, and that there had been

agreement in principle by everyone.

And then I recall a phone call coming in that morning from Mr. Howard who said, "There's a problem," and that he was meeting with the attorney general and that he did not have agreement or that he did not think he would have agreement, which took us by surprise.

- Q. Do you remember that Mr. Howard was present when he made that announcement or was he on the phone?
- A. I think he was -- I think the initial indication came by telephone. And it was either a telephone call made by Betsy or by Dennis, and I can't recall which. And then subsequently he was -- he or she came to the office and confirmed that there was no agreement.
- Q. And when you say "the office," you mean the Public Service Commission offices?

A. That's correct.

- Q. So that I'm clear on this, your first recollection was that there was an agreement and that Mr. Howard was calling in to say that there was no longer an agreement?
 - A. That's correct, basically.
- Q. Okay. And that would have been the first understanding that you had that the agreement that had been reached was no longer being agreed to by the attorney general.
- A. Yes. And I can't recall whether the agreement -- the disagreement or the -- the decision not to agree was only revenue requirements or whether it was all of the issues. It was not a disagreement with the Kroger stipulation. That's all I can remember.
- Q. Okay. Let me see if I can refresh your memory a little bit on this. Did you develop sometime, either on May 4th, 5th or 6th, the understanding that the attorney general was at issue over revenue requirements related to electricity?
- A. Yes. There was an agreement on the revenue requirement. There is initial agreement with respect to the revenue requirement of both LG&E and KU.

1 0. Okay. And when you learned that the 2 attorney general was no longer in agreement, did you have an understanding that he was still in agreement 3 on all other issues, i.e., rate design, rate allocation and revenue requirement as relates to gas? 5 Well, that's the way it came out, and Α. 6 I can't recall initially whether he backed out of the 7 entire verbal agreement or just the revenue 8 requirement piece. 9 10 Q. Okay. It could have been either. 11 Α. Were you surprised? 12 Q. 13 Α. Yes. Okay. On that same day that you 14 Q. learned, I presume Mr. Howard subsequently came to 15 the group at the Public Service Commission offices 16 17 and made the same representation, that there was no 18 longer an agreement? 19 Α. That's correct, and that would have 20 been the second day. It wasn't the first day. could have been the third day, but I think it was the 21 22 second day. Do you have a recollection of the 23 Q. attorney general coming to the Public Service 24

Commission offices?

Yes, I do. 1 Α. Q. Okay. And what day would that have 2 been? 3 I think, Jon, it was the second day. 4 Α. 5 Okay. And do you recall a private Q. conversation between the attorney general and some of 6 the parties dealing with the issue of agreement or 7 not agreement? 8 The attorney general being Mr. Stumbo 9 himself? 10 11 Yes, mm-hmm. Q. No, I don't recall Mr. Stumbo having 12 Α. any conversations with anyone. 13 Q. 14 Okay. 15 I remember his sitting there and being 16 in attendance. I don't remember his talking to 17 anybody. 18 Ο. Okay. Do you remember a press conference that he held at the offices of the Public 19 20 Service Commission? I remember hearing about it, but I did 21 22 not observe it. 23 Fair enough. Okay. After the parties Q. learned the attorney general was not in agreement, 24 25 what course of action did the parties take?

Well, we advised -- we went back on Α. 1 the record at some point and advised the commission. 2 And at some point then asked the commission for more 3 time to try to put the deal back together, the 4 discussions back together. 5 Okay. It's my -- it's been my 0. 6 understanding that there was testimony given on both 7 the 4th and the 5th on those days while negotiations 8 were also ongoing. Was that your recollection also? 9 And let me rephrase that, make it clear, that on both 10 of those days, in addition to negotiations, there was 11 also testimony taken by the Public Service 12 Commission. 1.3 Well, they certainly were on the 14 record. I don't recall whether a witness was put on 15 16 by the company or not. 17 0. Okay. I -- I don't recall that. I didn't 18 Α. think that was the case. 19 20 Okay. On either the 4th or the 5th, Q. first and second day? 21 I just don't recall that. 22 Α. Fair enough. Okay. Do you remember 23 Q.

anything else about the events of May the 5th, second

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Second day? Again, I believe it was a
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     long day, and the parties continued discussions.
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     I know how the discussions came out, but I don't
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     recall much in between.
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                     Staff had the same role on the second
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     day as it did on the first day, as best you could
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     tell?
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                     Yes.
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                     Okay. No difference?
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             Α.
                     No.
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                     Did you have any conversations on the
     second day with any member of the staff other than
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     salutations?
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                     Not that I recall other than hellos.
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                                  Third day, May the 6th,
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                     All right.
     were you in attendance?
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                     I was.
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                     Okay. Do you have a recollection of
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     Mr. Raff on the record in the hearing room before the
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     commissioners making a statement that he had
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     overheard the attorney general in a radio address
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     alleging that ex parte, collusive and/or
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     inappropriate behavior had taken place as part of
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     these proceedings?
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     generally of that whole chain of events.
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     was the third day, and I accept that -- that there
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     was a statement by Mr. Raff, a rather vigorous
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     statement, that this accusation had been made, and he
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     was making a denial of that. And at some point the
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     commission asked all counsel whether there was any
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     collusion that they were aware of. And one by one we
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     went up and responded.
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                     Okay. You personally responded?
                    As I recall.
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             Α.
                     Okay. Did you notice whether or not
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             Q.
     the representatives of the attorney general
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     responded?
                     My -- my recollection is everybody
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     responded negatively --
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                     Okay.
             Ο.
                     -- including the attorney general.
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                     All right. When you say "negatively,"
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             Q.
     that no ex parte, collusive or inappropriate behavior
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     had occurred.
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                     That's correct.
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Okay. Anything else you remember
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             Q.
     about May the 6th, the third day?
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                    The third day? I recall Mr. Howard
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     being at some point, whether it was the second or the
     first or the third day, somewhat embarrassed by the
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     turn of events. And my sense was that he clearly
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     felt that he had authority to agree to the terms
     and -- and was somewhat upset that it turned out the
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     other way.
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                    Okay. And you don't remember which
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     day that was, but it was one of the three days --
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                    I would guess it was the day that he
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     called in and said that he could not make the
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     agreement.
                    Okay. Do you recall that the
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     agreement in question was an agreement as to
     electricity revenue requirement?
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                     The initial agreement?
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                    Yes.
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                            And am I correct that the
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                    Okay.
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     initial agreement, as you knew it, was for
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     a $105 million increase on the revenue requirement --
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                     That sounds about right.
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                     Okay. Did you subsequently have an
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understanding that the attorney general was proposing
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     something less than $105 million?
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                    Yes.
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                     Do you know what that number was?
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                     I don't recall.
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                     Fair enough. Am I correct that the
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             Q.
     end of May 6th, all the testimony had been put into
     the record and the parties had come to as much
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     agreement as they were going to come to?
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     your recollection of the events?
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                     I recall that there was a period of
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     time -- I guess it was between the 6th and the final
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     day -- when testimony was taken between the attorney
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     general and the company on revenue requirements.
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     don't recall exactly what transpired between that.
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     I'm not sure if that's your question, but I'm ...
                     Let me focus this for you as best I
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             Q.
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     can --
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             Α.
                     Okay.
                     -- because I'm dealing with it every
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             Q.
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     day.
                     May 4, 5 and 6, negotiation and
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     testimony is ongoing at the Public Service
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     Commission. No more testimony is put in the record,
     as I understand it, after May the 6th.
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May 12th date when the parties are together,
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     statements are made on the record, a document is
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     presented, but there is no agreement on revenue
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     requirement. Is that -- on electricity, because of
     the attorney general's position. Is that pretty much
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     the way you recollect it?
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                    Yes. You refreshed my recollection.
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             Α.
     It was the third day, then, that there was testimony
 8
     taken on revenue requirements. I was there at that
 9
     time. I was confused about the dates. And by that
10
     time all the other interveners had withdrawn their
11
     testimony and did not participate.
12
                    Meaning they were in agreement --
1.3
             Ο,
             Α.
                    Yes.
14
                    -- on all terms?
15
             Q.
                     It was simply a revenue requirement
16
             Α.
     that was being litigated between the attorney general
17
     on the one hand and the utilities on the other.
18
             Q.
                     Fair enough.
19
                     I was thinking that was on the 12th,
20
             Α.
     but I stand corrected.
21
                     Okay. Is that -- that does -- it is
22
     consistent with your memory that all that occurred on
23
     4, 5, and 6 and the 12th was not about taking
24
25
     testimony?
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- A. Yes. And for the life of me, I can't remember what the 12th was about now.
 - Q. My understanding from the others is it simply was the agreement which had been reached on all other issues, other than revenue requirements and electricity, was submitted to the Public Service Commission because it had to be approved, and obviously the controversy was still ongoing as to revenue requirement on electricity.
 - A. Yes.

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- Q. Okay. All right. Now, between -- so that we have that whole week in focus, did you have any conversations with the staff other than salutations, hello, et cetera, on May 4, 5, 6 or 12?
- A. I had no conversations on my own with them. I do recall a breakout session with the attorney general and with KIUC and with the staff, I believe, Mr. Raff. And I don't recall whether that was the second day or the third day on issues -- on an issue.
- Q. All right. Now, when you say "breakout session," a settlement discussion in hearing room 2, correct?
- A. Actually, we went into another conference room.

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1
             Q.
                     Okay.
                     It was a smaller group, and I think it
 2
             Α.
     was -- it was a meeting that the attorney general
 3
     wanted to -- had something to discuss, that both KIUC
 4
     and Kroger had some interest in.
 5
                     And was this subsequent to the report
 6
              0.
     that the attorney general was no longer in agreement
 7
     or --
 8
 9
              Α.
                     Yes.
                     -- before?
10
              0.
                     Okay. Subsequent.
11
                     Yes.
12
             Α.
1.3
                     All right.
              Q.
                     It was -- it was the -- it was toward
14
              Α.
     the end of those discussions.
15
                     Were those discussions reported to the
16
              Q.
     full group, I take it?
17
18
              Α.
                     Yes.
19
              Q.
                     Okay.
20
                     I would say so.
              Α.
21
                     Other than that discussion, any other
              Q.
     discussions where you participated with the staff?
22
                     I don't recall being involved in any
23
              Α.
     discussions with the staff other than that one
24
25
     conference.
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All right. And do I take it that at
 1
              Q.
 2
     no time have you ever discussed any of these rate
 3
     cases or any matters related to them with any member
     of the commission?
 5
              Α.
                     That's correct.
 6
              Q.
                     All right. June the 30th, the
     commission issues its ruling, which is still not
 7
 8
     final.
 9
              Α.
                     Right.
10
                     Between May the 12th and June 30th,
              Q.
11
     did you have any discussions with any member of the
12
     staff about the cases?
                     I don't believe so. I don't recall
13
              Α.
14
     any.
1.5
              Q.
                     And I take it also no discussion with
16
     any member of the commission for that --
17
              Α.
                     That's correct.
18
                     -- period of time.
              Q.
                     That's correct.
19
              Α.
20
              Q.
                     Okay.
21
              Α.
                     As far as I was concerned, it was a
22
     done deal.
23
              Q.
                     Okay.
24
                     The Kroger stipulation had been
25
     accepted. That was my interest.
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In your observation, because you were
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             Q.
     there on all hearing days and the informal
2
     conference, did you observe any conduct which you
 3
 4
     thought was -- violated ex parte communication rules,
     as you know them, or was collusive or inappropriate?
 5
 6
             Α.
                     Absolutely not.
 7
                     MR. GOLDBERG: Okay. Fair enough.
     That's all I have, Mr. Brown.
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 9
                     THE WITNESS:
                                   Thank you.
                     MR. GOLDBERG: Thank you. Appreciate
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11
     it much.
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                     (STATEMENT CONCLUDED AT 10:45 A.M.)
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